STATE OF NEW MEXICO



ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

DIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 2040 S. PACHECO SANTA FE. NEW MEXICO 87505 (505) 827-7131 May 1, 1996

<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> <u>RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-594-835-144</u>

Mr. Chuck Badsgard, V.P. Sunco Trucking Water Disposal Company P.O. Box 443 Farmington, New Mexico 87499

RE: NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND CIVIL PENALTY Sunco Water Disposal Facility

Dear Mr. Badsgard:

On March 3, 1993, Sunco Trucking Water Disposal Company (Sunco) was issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) from the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) for disposal of oil in the area authorized for disposal of shale solids only, a violation of OCD Rule 711 and Sunco's permit conditions.

On February 2, 1996, Sunco was issued a second NOV from the OCD for accepting non-exempt waste for disposal, a violation of OCD Rule 711 and Sunco's permit conditions. Sunco was informed in the NOV that future violations will subject Sunco to the penalties provided in the New Mexico Oil and Gas Act (Section 70-2-31 NMSA 1978 as amended).

On April 10 ,1996, the OCD audited the monitoring records submitted by Sunco. Absent from the records were Hydrogen Sulfide (H_2S) measurements taken around the berm of the disposal pond as required by the permit. The OCD was informed by Sunco that these measurements were not taken during the past three years as required by the permit.

 H_2S is a toxic material that can result in a serious public health threat. Monitoring for H_2S is required at waste management facilities for early detection and treatment for source elimination for the protection of public health.

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Section 70-2-31 of the Oil and Gas Act provides for penalties of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each violation of the N.M. Oil and Gas Act or any provision of any rule or order issued pursuant to that Act. Each day of violation constitutes a separate violation. Sunce has violated the conditions of its rule 711 permit for the past three (3) years (1095 days). For this continuing violation, the (OCD) is hereby assessing a civil penalty of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) against Sunce Trucking Water Disposal. Payment shall be made to the "State of New Mexice" by certified check, bank draft, or other guaranteed negotiable instrument, and mailed or hand delivered to Mr. Rand Carroll, Legal Counsel, New Mexice 011 Conservation Division, 2040 South Pacheco, Santa Fe, New Mexice 87505.

Sunco has a right to request a hearing before the Division. A request for hearing should be filed with the Division within thirty (30) days after receipt of this notice.

Sincerely, eMay William J Director

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