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INSPECTIONS & DATA



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS
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December 17, 1997

Mr. Peyton Carnes
S&J Water Station
P.O. Box 2249
Wichita Falls, Texas 76307

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Re: S & J Water Station
NE of Lovington, NM

Dear Mr. Carnes:

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) has recently visited the above referenced site and noted the following deficiencies:

1. The net on the pit had been removed.
2. There was crude oil and produced water being stored in pit.
3. The NMOCD cannot find where this pit was permitted or exempted as a permanent waste storage pit.
4. There appears to have been past spills around the tanks. The NMOCD does not have record of these spill events.

Please provide the NMOCD with the following information within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

1. A commitment to replace the net to protect migratory birds and remove all fluids from pit within 24 hours after emergency situations.
2. Provide NMOCD a completed Pit Inventory Form, (enclosed) and any documentation as to how this pit was permitted, along with construction details. Please send original and one copy to the NMOCD Santa Fe, office address shown on form and one copy to the NMOCD District I.
3. Complete C-141 for all past leaks and spills that have not been reported. (C-141 forms enclosed)

If you require any further information or assistance please do not hesitate to call (505-393-6161) or write this office.

Sincerely Yours,

Wayne Price-Environmental Engineer

cc: Chris Williams-NMOCD District I Supervisor
~~Roger Anderson-Environmental-Bureau-Chief, Santa Fe, NM~~
Gary Wink/Jack Griffin- NMOCD District I.

attachments- cc of C-141's forms, Pit Inventory Form.