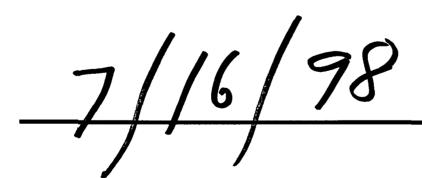
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ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 2040 S. PACHECO SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87505 (505) 827-7131

July 16, 1998

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT NO: Z-235-437-315

Mr. Tony Savoie Texas-New Mexico Pipe Line Company P.O. Box 1030 Jal, New Mexico 88252

RE: REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN STEVENS PROPERTY

Dear Mr. Savoie:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed Texas-New Mexico Pipe Line Company's (TNMPLC) November 24, 1997 "REMEDIATION ACTION PLAN, TEXAS - NEW MEXICO PIPELINE COMPANY, STEVANS PROPERTY, SEC 14-T21S-R37E, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO" which was received by the OCD on April 15, 1998. This document contains the results of TNMPLC's assessment of the extent of soil contamination resulting from a crude oil pipeline spill at TNMPLC's Monument No. 8 Site located in Unit O, Section 19, Township 19 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico. The document also contains recommendations for remediation of soil areas with elevated levels of petroleum contaminants.

The OCD approves of the recommendations contained in the above referenced document with the following conditions:

1. TNMPLC will submit a final remediation report upon completion of the soil excavation, sampling and disposal actions. The report will be submitted to the OCD Santa Fe Office for approval with a copy provided to the OCD Hobbs District Office.

2. TNMPLC will notify the OCD at least 48 hours in advance of scheduled activities such that the OCD has the opportunity to witness the events and split samples.

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Please be advised that OCD approval does not relieve TNMPLC of liability if the remedial actions fail to adequately remediate contamination related to TNMPLC's activities, or if contamination exists which is outside the scope of the work plan. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve TNMPLC of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state or local laws and regulations

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 827-7154.

Sincerely,

William C. Olson Hydrologist Environmental Bureau

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