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March 25, 1999

Mr. William C. Olson
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2040 South Pacheco Street
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Re: Closure Report
TNM-95-54
Section 36, Township 17S, Range 34E
Lea County, New Mexico
Job No. 710006-1

Dear Mr. Olson:

This letter is provided in response to your letter dated February 22, 1999. Your letter stated that the report did not include benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes (BTEX) concentrations from the base of the excavation nor from the blended soils which were used to backfill the excavation, therefore, OCD cannot issue closure approval at this time.

Texas - New Mexico Pipe Line Company (TNMPL) believes the soil boring that was previously advanced within the backfilled soil of the excavation is representative of the existing soil conditions at the excavation bottom and within the blended backfill soils. Samples were obtained continuously from the ground surface to bottom of the boring and field screened using a photoionization detector (PID). All of the PID readings were below instrument detection limits (ND). A selected sample from the soil boring at the interval consistent with the bottom of the excavation was submitted for laboratory analyses and exhibited BTEX and TPH concentrations below closure levels. The PID and laboratory results from the soil boring are presented in the previously submitted closure report and on the attached FIG. 3.

Based on this data, TNMPL requests your reconsideration of closure approval and that you grant closure status for this site. Please call me at (210) 680-3767 if you have any questions or need additional information.

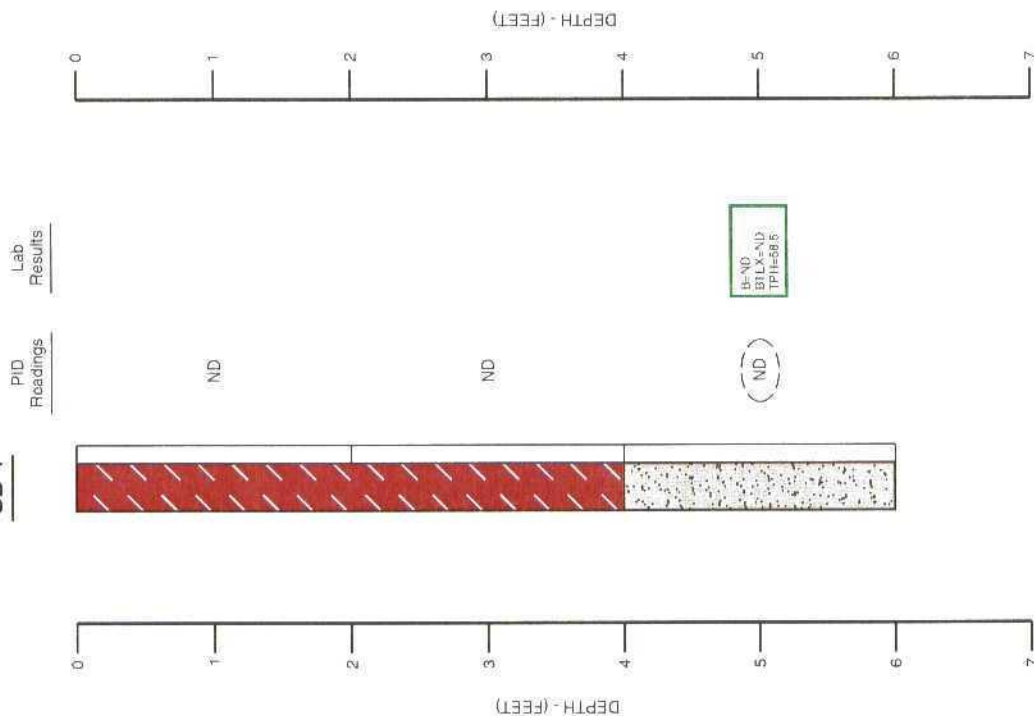
Respectfully,

Theresa Nix
Project Manager

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cc: Marc Oler; Equilon
Tony Savioe, Equilon
Chris Williams, OCD Hobbs

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Clay (CL), sandy, rod, moist.



Sand (iSi): clayey, pink to tan, moist.



indicates the depth interval from which a soil sample was selected and prepared for field head-space and/or laboratory analysis.



indicates sample selected for laboratory analysis.

Benzene Concentration (mg/kg)

Total BTEX Concentration (mg/kg)

Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon Concentration (mg/kg)

PID = Head-space readings in ppm obtained with a photoionization detector.

ND = Indicates the concentration was below laboratory detection limits.

NOTES:

1. Soil boring was drilled on March 17, 1997.
2. No ground water was encountered during boring advancement.
3. The lines between material types shown on the profile log represent approximate boundaries. Actual transitions may be gradual.
4. The depths indicated are referenced from the ground surface.



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Mr. Tony Savoie
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P.O. Box 1030
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RE: CLOSURE REPORT
TNM-95-54 SPILL SITE

Dear Mr. Savoie:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed Texas-New Mexico Pipe Line Company's (TNMPLC) January 29, 1999 "CLOSURE REPORT, TNM-95-54, SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 17S, RANGE 34E, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, JOB NO. 710006-1" which was submitted on behalf of TNMPLC by their consultant KEI. This document requests closure of remedial actions resulting from a crude oil pipeline spill at TNMPLC's TNM-95-54 site.

The remedial actions taken to date appear satisfactory. However, the report does not contain the final benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene (BTEX) contaminant concentrations from the base of the excavations nor the final BTEX contaminant concentrations of the blended soils which were placed back in the excavation. Therefore the OCD cannot issue closure approval at this time and closure of the remedial actions is **denied**. The OCD will reconsider issuing closure approval upon receipt of the above missing information.

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

Sincerely,

William C. Olson
Hydrologist
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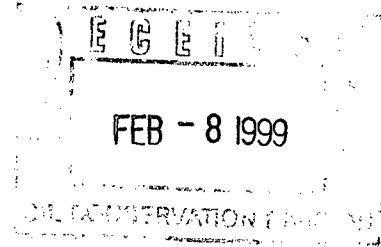
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January 29, 1999

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Lea County, New Mexico
Job No. 710006-1

Dear Mr. Savoie:

Transmitted with this letter is the closure report for the Texas-New Mexico Pipe Line (TNMPL) site TNM-95-54 located near Buckeye in Lea County, New Mexico.

Please contact me at (210) 680-3767 if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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