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May 16, 2006

Wayne Price
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Environmental Bureau
1220 South St. Francis Blvd.
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Alexander Farms/Case #1R0434

Dear Mr. Price,

As per our conversation on Thursday, May 11, 2006, it is my understanding that the OCD is going to investigate the chloride contamination at Alexander Farms, in McDonald, New Mexico.

As of this date, I have previously provided you with all of the information contained in my files. I am requesting that you copy me with any and all correspondence that you may have with Paladin Oil Company and that you give my client reasonable opportunity to participate in all future sampling events.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

HEIDEL, SAMBERSON, NEWELL, COX & McMAHON

By:


Patrick B. McMahon

PBM:jo

pc: Dean Alexander

Price, Wayne

From: Price, Wayne
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2005 3:31 PM
To: Patrick B. McMahon (E-mail)
Cc: Eddie Seay (E-mail); Williams, Chris; Anderson, Roger; Sanchez, Daniel
Subject: Alexander Farms New OCD Case # 1R0434

Dear Mr. McMahon:

OCD is in receipt of your letter dated January 31, 2005 requesting OCD to investigate groundwater contamination on the Alexander Farms located in NW/4 Section 2, Township 14 South, Range 37 East, NMPM. OCD has assigned this project case number of 1R0434 as "Alexander Farms". Please refer to this case number on all future correspondence. OCD apologizes for the time delay concerning this project. Unfortunately we lost one of key members of the Santa Fe team and generally are short handed in the districts. I assure you this agency is very concerned about the states groundwater protection.

Please be advised that OCD has performed some preliminary investigation work. Our District office has collected groundwater samples and one of our field inspectors reviewed the well files for some of the closest wells near the Alexander Farm. Our preliminary work has not been complied and I will try to pull that together for your review. I have reviewed your letter and while we acknowledge there is "salts and TDS" that exceed the groundwater standard, they are very low compared to what we normally find when Oil field activities such as produced water is found. Also, it is my understanding that no hydrocarbons were observed.

I do know that the groundwater in this area has been pumped down extensively and it is normal for chlorides and TDS levels to rise in farming areas. So at this time we actually do not know if this site is being impacted by any oil and gas activities.

In order to assist our activities please submit to this office all available information that your consultant has performed to date. Once we receive that we will put together an action plan within 30 days if deemed warranted.

Sincerely:

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Re: **Alexander Farms** 10004153
NE/4 of Section 2, Township 14 South, Range 37 East NMPM

Dear Wayne,

Please be advised that this firm represents Mr. Dean Alexander regarding the above-referenced matter. Mr. Alexander has identified chloride contamination in his groundwater under the property at issue.

In September of 2003, Mr. Alexander identified chloride contamination at 600ppm and forwarded this information to Mr. Larry Johnson. (A copy of the September 2003 report is attached hereto). In July of 2004, Mr. Alexander sampled the same well and discovered chloride levels at 960ppm. This information was forwarded to Mr. Johnson by letter. (A copy of that letter and the July 2004 results are attached hereto). As of today's date, Mr. Johnson has failed to contact me regarding this matter. In addition, I am aware of no action taken by Mr. Johnson to address this serious situation.

Enclosed for your review are additional sample results and a map identifying the contaminated well and two additional sample points. The map identifies the contaminated water well in the northeast quarter of section two and is marked as #1. A second water well, marked as #2, in the northwest quarter of section two is also identified. Chloride levels in water well #2 are 104ppm as of October 2004. A third water well, marked as #26, located in Section 26, Township 13 South, Range 37 East, was sampled in January 2005. Chloride levels in #26 are 67ppm.

Letter to Wayne Price
NMOCD
Re: Alexander Farms
NE/4 S2, T14S, R37E
January 31, 2005
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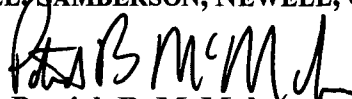
As you can see from the enclosed map, there is considerable oil and gas activity, including numerous injection wells, in Section 35. I am writing this letter to you to request that your office immediately begin an investigation into this matter. In addition, I am requesting that you provide me with a copy of all correspondence generated in this matter and reasonable notice of all future sampling events. Lastly, I am renewing my request that you provide to me, in writing, a detailed explanation of what actions the local OCD office has taken in regard to this matter to date.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR
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FAX TO:

Receiving Date: 01/20/05
Reporting Date: 01/24/05
Project Owner: ALEXANDER
Project Name: ALEXANDER SECTION 26 WATER WELL
Project Location: McDONALD, NM

Sampling Date: 01/20/05
Sample Type: GROUNDWATER
Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT
Sample Received By: BC
Analyzed By: AH

LAB NUMBER	SAMPLE ID	Na (mg/L)	Ca (mg/L)	Mg (mg/L)	K (mg/L)	Conductivity (μ S/cm)	T-Alkalinity (mgCaCO ₃ /L)
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ANALYSIS DATE:	01/21/05	01/21/05	01/21/05	01/21/05	01/21/05	01/21/05
H9490-1 SECTION 26 WW #1	67	73	14	9.78	529	192
Quality Control	NR	58	54	4.90	1322	NR
True Value QC	NR	50	50	5.00	1413	NR
% Recovery	NR	116	108	98.0	93.6	NR
Relative Percent Difference	NR	3.1	3.8	0.8	0.7	NR
METHODS:	SM3500-Ca-D	3500-Mg E	8049	120.1	310.1	

Cl ⁻ (mg/L)	SO ₄ (mg/L)	CO ₃ (mg/L)	HCO ₃ (mg/L)	pH (s.u.)	TDS (mg/L)
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ANALYSIS DATE:	01/21/05	01/21/05	01/21/05	01/21/05	01/21/05	01/21/05
H9490-1 SECTION 26 WW #1	68	107	0	234	6.34	576
Quality Control	970	50.33	NR	961	7.02	NR
True Value QC	1000	50.00	NR	1000	7.00	NR
% Recovery	97.0	101	NR	96.1	100	NR
Relative Percent Difference	4.0	0.2	NR	1.6	0.1	1.4
METHODS:	SM4500-Cl-B	375.4	310.1	310.1	150.1	160.1


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Receiving Date: 10/13/04
Reporting Date: 10/18/04
Project Owner: ALEXANDER
Project Name: ALEXANDER FARMS
Project Location: NOT GIVEN

Sampling Date: 10/13/04
Sample Type: GROUNDWATER
Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT
Sample Received By: BC
Analyzed By: BC/AH

LAB NUMBER	SAMPLE ID	TPH (mg/L)	CI (mg/L)
ANALYSIS DATE:		10/15/04	10/14/04
H9235-1	AF #2	<1.0	104
Quality Control		29.4	1050
True Value QC		30.0	1000
% Recovery		97.9	105
Relative Percent Difference		4.2	2.9

METHODS: TPH-EPA 600/4-79-020 418.1; CI-Std. Methods 4500-CI⁺B

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<p>J.M. OEG Teague (memo Jr. et al. of opt.) no term</p> <p>F.J. Darglader</p> <p>Tenneco Kukui, Inc. 1/2 3-18-99</p> <p>27</p> <p>Shell, 1/2 M.I. J.D. Doran (S)</p>	<p>Tenneco Kukui, Inc. 1/2 3-18-99</p> <p>Tenneco Kukui, Inc. 1/2 4-1-2001 V-4845 275 90</p> <p>Rand Paulson State TD11950 DIA1-19-98 State</p>	<p>Tenneco 5-26-97 Pomeroy Farm. Ltd. Partnership 1/2 M.I. Joe B & J.D. Doran</p> <p>Foreste, Houston State TD13495 DIA10-30-53 Kukui, Inc. 1/2 Tenneco 9-1-98 V-4192 78 33 State</p> <p>Kukui, Inc. 1/2 Tenneco 4-27-97 A-26-97 Pomeroy Farm. Ltd. Partnership 1/2 M.I. J.D. Doran</p>	<p>Rand Paulson Oil 1/2 Tenneco 9-1-98 V-4192 78 33 State</p> <p>BTA, et al</p> <p>Cotton Pet. Lowe & Co. TD12547</p> <p>Ventura Lowe TD6300</p> <p>Bahlburg (Cabot) Lowe 11-8</p> <p>Larry Lowe</p>	<p>Sullivan & Co. 2-28-98 7-31-97 6-26-98 James McCrory</p> <p>Bahlburg Expl, et al</p> <p>Sullivan & Co. Lowe TD12800</p> <p>Forest Lowe TD12840 DIA1-6-54</p> <p>(Forest) Lowe TD13145 Paladin C1026-51</p> <p>(wo) Lowe Larry Lowe</p> <p>25</p>	<p>J.M. Huber 6-11-88 5-30-88 W. Newkumet 4-7-89</p> <p>T.R. & R.T. Sawyer, et al, M.I. David Fortin, et al, (S)</p> <p>KING</p> <p>James McCrory</p>
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<p>4073 Ac 4 4080 Ac 3 4086 Ac 2 4093 Ac 1</p> <p>Rand Paulson Oil 1/2 Tenneco 7-1-98</p> <p>Amerada Hobbs TD11754 DIA6-23-53</p>	<p>4034 Ac 4 4116 Ac 1</p> <p>Kukui, Inc. 1/2 Tenneco 2-1-99</p> <p>V-4372 95 33</p>	<p>4040 Ac 2 4143 Ac 1</p> <p>Manzano Hum Point (P/B) 1-5</p> <p>St. (B.H.) 1</p> <p>V-5839</p> <p>ARCO Reed TD12864</p>	<p>4160 Ac 4 4182 Ac 3 4207 Ac 2 4274 Ac 1</p> <p>AN-SON Corp. McCrory Cany. Disc. F272</p> <p>J.R. McCrory</p>	<p>4073 Ac 4 4080 Ac 3 4086 Ac 2 4093 Ac 1</p> <p>Rand Paulson Oil 1/2 Tenneco 2-10-98</p> <p>O.W. McWhorter, Jr. Tr. 1/4 M.I. H.L. Lowe, et al, M.I.</p>	<p>Texaco H.B.P. TD10715 DMA9-9-53</p> <p>Read E. Stevens So King (Pubco) TD18,100 TD2000</p> <p>State M.I. So King Extn</p>

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August 18, 2004

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Larry Johnson
Oil Conservation Division
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**Re: Alexander Farms
NE/4, Section 1, Township 14 South, Range 37 East, NMPM**

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Please be advised that this firm represents Mr. Dean Alexander regarding the above-referenced matter. Mr. Alexander has identified chloride contamination in his groundwater under the property at issue.

In September of 2003, Mr. Alexander received a report that identified high chloride levels in his groundwater. At that time chlorides were 600ppm. Mr. Alexander spoke to you about this matter and forwarded to you a copy of that report (a copy of which is attached hereto for your convenience). I have attached a copy of analytical results from a sampling event that took place in July of 2004. As you can see, chlorides have increased by more than fifty (50%) percent from September 2003 to July 2004. In addition, TDS has increased by one thousand ppm.

This problem has had and continues to have adverse effects on Mr. Alexander's farming operations. I am requesting that you provide to me, in writing, a detailed explanation of what actions you have taken in regard to this matter to date. In addition, I am requesting that you commence further investigation of this matter in a timely and diligent manner.

Please feel free to contact me regarding arrangements to sample Mr. Alexander's groundwater. I look forward to discussing this matter with you.

Letter to Larry Johnson
Oil Conservation Division
Hobbs, New Mexico
August 18, 2004
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Sincerely,

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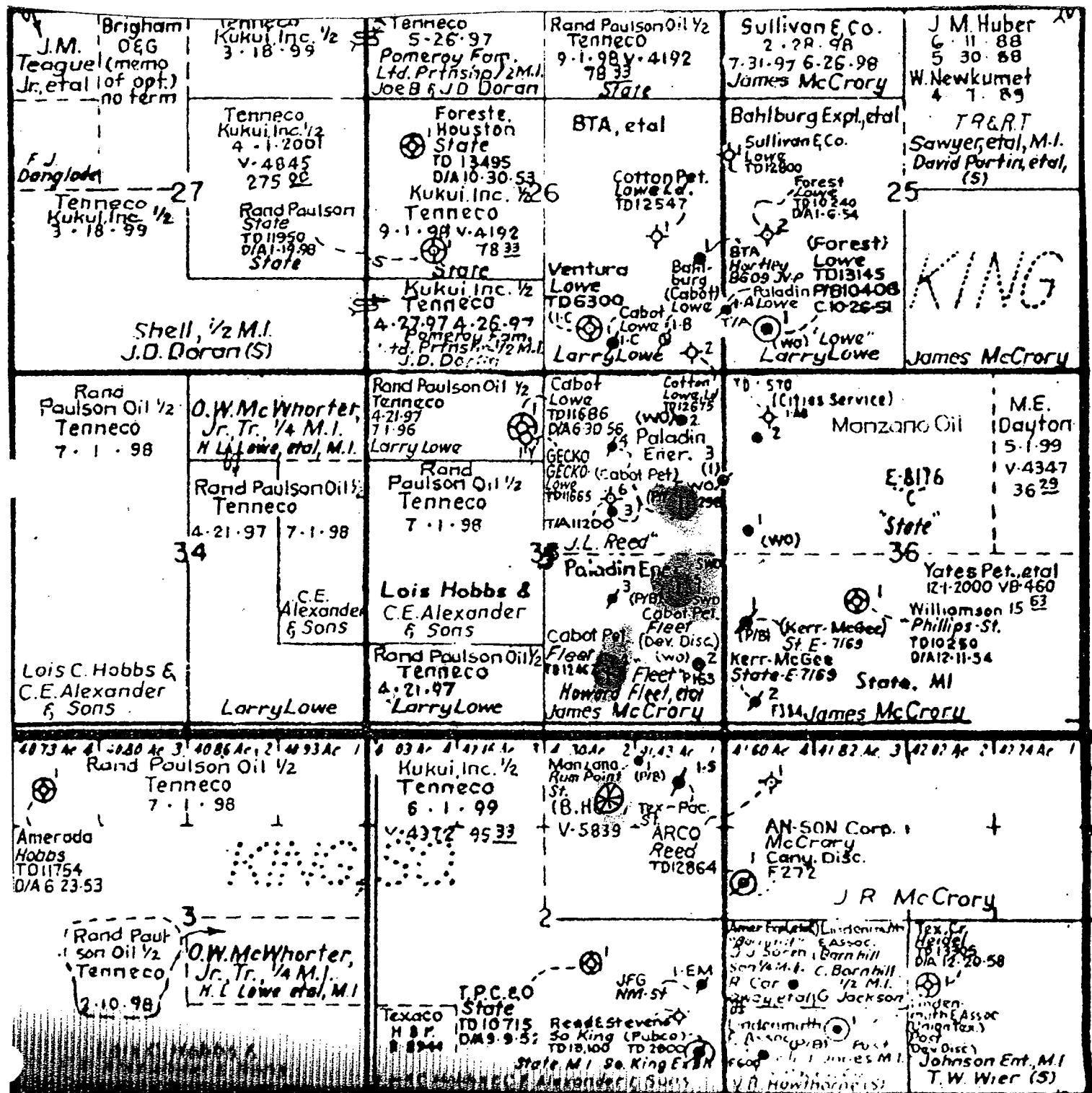
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SEND TO:

ALEXANDER FARMS
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CLIENT NO: 99999

GROWER:

SAMPLES
SUBMITTED BY:



IRRIGATION WATER ANALYSIS REPORT

DATE: 09/04/03

PAGE: 1

SAMPLE ID.	LAB NO.	Sodium meq/liter Na	Calcium meq/liter Ca	Magnesium meq/liter Mg	Carbonate meq/liter CO ₃	Bicarbonate meq/liter HCO ₃	Chloride meq/liter Cl	(E.C.) Conductivity mmhos/cm	pH	Copper ppm Cu	Iron ppm Fe	Manganese ppm Mn	Zinc ppm Zn
WATER	53763	13.1	6.7	2.2	<1	3.8	16.9	2.26	7.3				
		Na ppm	Ca ppm	Mg ppm	CO ₃ ppm	HCO ₃ ppm	Cl ppm						
WATER	53763	301	135	27	<1	232	600						

SAMPLE ID.	Phosphorus ppm P	Potassium ppm K	Nitrate ppm NO ₃	Sulfate ppm SO ₄	Boron ppm B	TOTAL Dissolved Solids ppm	adj. S.A.R.	Comments:
WATER	0.47	4	10.20	114	0.43	1446	6.18	
This report applies only to the sample(s) tested. Samples are retained for a maximum of thirty days after testing. A & L PLAINS AGRICULTURAL LABORATORIES, INC. <i>E.A. Coleman / CF</i> By: E. A. COLEMAN, PhD								



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FAX TO:

Receiving Date: 07/15/04
Reporting Date: 07/16/04
Project Owner: D. ALEXANDER
Project Name: ALEXANDER FARM
Project Location: McDONALD, NM

Sampling Date: 07/15/04
Sample Type: GROUNDWATER
Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT
Sample Received By: AH
Analyzed By: HM

LAB NUMBER	SAMPLE ID	Na (mg/L)	Ca (mg/L)	Mg (mg/L)	K (mg/L)	Conductivity (μ S/cm)	T-Alkalinity (mgCaCO ₃ /L)
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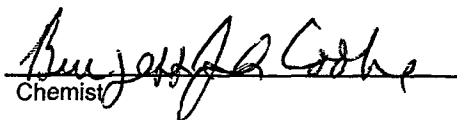
ANALYSIS DATE:	07/15/04	07/15/04	07/15/04	07/15/04	07/15/04	07/15/04	07/15/04
H8918-1 ALEXANDER WW #1	485	174	31	7.33	3547	172	
Quality Control	NR	40	52	4.87	1322	NR	
True Value QC	NR	50	50	5.00	1413	NR	
% Recovery	NR	80	104	97.4	93.6	NR	
Relative Percent Difference	NR	2.0	6.0	5.8	0.7	NR	


METHODS:	SM3500-Ca-D	3500-Mg E	8049	120.1	310.1		
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Cl ⁻ (mg/L)	SO ₄ (mg/L)	CO ₃ (mg/L)	HCO ₃ (mg/L)	pH (s.u.)	TDS (mg/L)
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ANALYSIS DATE:	07/15/04	07/15/04	07/15/04	07/15/04	07/15/04	07/16/04
H8918-1 ALEXANDER WW #1	960	98	0	210	7.56	2466
Quality Control	990	50.67	NR	976	7.01	NR
True Value QC	1000	50.00	NR	1000	7.00	NR
% Recovery	99.0	101	NR	97.6	101	NR
Relative Percent Difference	1.0	4.9	NR	2.2	0.4	1.4

METHODS:	SM4500-Cl-B	375.4	310.1	310.1	150.1	160.1
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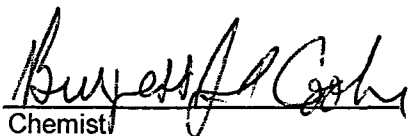
Receiving Date: 07/15/04
Reporting Date: 07/24/04
Project Owner: D. ALEXANDER
Project Name: ALEXANDER FARM
Project Location: McDONALD, NM

Analysis Date: 07/22/04
Sampling Date: 07/15/04
Sample Type: GROUNDWATER
Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT
Sample Received By: AH
Analyzed By: AH

LAB NUMBER SAMPLE ID TPH
(mg/Kg)

H8918-1	ALEXANDER WW #1	<1.0
Quality Control		9.53
True Value QC		10.00
% Recovery		95.3
Relative Percent Difference		2.2

METHOD: EPA 418.1


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7/24/04
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FAX TO:

Receiving Date: 07/15/04
Reporting Date: 07/29/04
Project Owner: D. ALEXANDER
Project Name: ALEXANDER FARM
Project Location: McDONALD, NM

Analysis Date: 07/29/04
Sampling Date: 07/15/04
Sample Type: GROUNDWATER
Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT
Sample Received By: AH
Analyzed By: AH

LAB NUMBER SAMPLE ID Br⁻
(mg/L)

H8918-1	ALEXANDER WW #1	1.21
Quality Control		3.00
True Value QC		3.00
% Recovery		100
Relative Percent Difference		0.7

METHOD: Standard Methods 4500-Br⁻B

Amy Hill
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7/29/04
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