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# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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June 1, 2006

Mr. Daniel Bryant  
Plains Marketing, L.P.  
P.O. Box 3371  
Midland, TX 79702

RE: Soil Remediation Plan for the Plains Vacuum to Jal 14: Mainline #3  
Plains EMS Number 2003-00117  
Unit Letter A, Section 35, Township 21 South, Range 37 East  
NMOCD File Number 1R-0455

Dear Mr. Bryant:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) has received and reviewed the above plan submitted, on behalf of Plains Marketing, L.P. (Plains), by Premier Environmental Services, Inc. This plan is hereby approved with the following understandings and conditions:

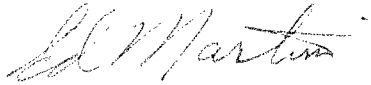
1. Plains will effect excavation of soils around the exposed portion of the pipeline. Such excavation will follow the horizontal limits as shown in Figure 2 of the plan, and be not less than five (5) feet deep, instead of the three (3) feet proposed in Section 5.2 of the plan.
2. The base of the resulting excavation will be properly prepared as described in Section 5.1 of the plan.
3. Plains will install a 20-mil HDPE liner in the bottom of the resulting excavation.
4. Plains will backfill with stockpiled soil that contain less than 1,000 mg/Kg TPH. Confirmation samples will be taken from the stockpiled soil as described in Sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the plan.
5. Plains will continue groundwater monitoring and product recovery at the site.
6. Plains will prepare a 2006 Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report detailing the activities at the site and reporting groundwater sampling results and cumulative product recovery amounts, by quarter. This report will be submitted to the NMOCD Santa Fe office by April 1, 2007.

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NMOCD approval does not relieve Plains of responsibility should its operations at this site prove to have been harmful to public health or the environment. Nor does it relieve Plains of its responsibility to comply with the rules and regulations of any other governmental agency.

If you have any questions, contact me at (505) 576-3470, or (505) 690-2365, or [ed.martin@state.nm.us](mailto:ed.martin@state.nm.us)

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edwin E. Martin".

Edwin E. Martin  
Environmental Bureau

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NMOCD, Hobbs