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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION



BRUCE KING  
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January 26, 1994

POST OFFICE BOX 2088  
STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504  
(505) 827-5800

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-667-241-898**

President  
Saulcon Construction  
P.O. Box 657  
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

**RE: JOHNNY REID UNPERMITTED DISPOSAL SITE  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Dear Sir:

On July 26, 1993, the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) sent you correspondence by certified mail requesting information related to the illegal transportation and disposal of oil field waste at the unpermitted Johnny Reid disposal site located in the SW/4, NW/4 of Section 23, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. The OCD has a record of Saulcon Construction receiving this correspondence. To date the OCD has received no reply from your company.

The OCD considers your failure to respond an admission that Saulcon Construction was involved in the illegal transportation of oil field wastes to this site for disposal.

Upon review of the correspondence from other parties in this case and a site inspection, the OCD has approved the closure of the unpermitted Johnny Reid disposal site located in the SW/4, NW/4 of Section 23, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

The OCD would like to remind Saulcon Construction that the **transportation** and disposition of all oil field wastes associated with any well site must be authorized by the OCD. Failure to receive authorization for the transportation and/or disposal of oil field wastes is a violation of OCD rules and the New Mexico Oil and Gas Act. The site location, waste content and transporter information provided by the responsible parties regarding disposal activities at this unpermitted facility will remain on file with the OCD. Further violations could subject Saulcon Construction to civil penalties.

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In order to avoid future occurrences of this nature, it is incumbent upon Saulcon Construction to contact the OCD to receive approval for the transportation and disposition of any oil field wastes associated with an oil and gas well site or sites.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 827-5812.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roger C. Anderson".

Roger C. Anderson  
Environmental Bureau Chief

xc: Ray Smith, OCD Artesia District Office



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ARTESIA DISTRICT OFFICE

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MEMORANDUM

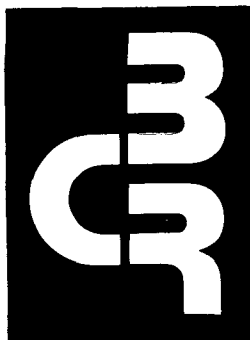
TO: Bill Olsen

FROM: Ray Smith

SUBJECT: Closure of Johnny Reed Pit, Loving NM

DATE: January 26, 1994

As per our conversation 1/25/94, I did talk to Wade Alexander with Bird Creek Resources about closing the pit. He plans to spread the reserve pit cuttings that have been hauled in, roll in the sides of the pit and cover the material with dirt.



## Bird Creek Resources, Inc.

1412 S. Boston, Suite 550  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119  
(918) 582-7713  
Fax: (918) 560-4958

August 5, 1993

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department  
Oil Conservation Division  
310 Old Santa Fe Trail  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Attention: Mr. Roger C. Anderson  
Environmental Bureau Chief

Re: Unpermitted Disposal Site  
Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

In response to your letter of July 26, 1993, this is to advise that the drilling pits from following wells were disposed of at the Johnny Reid site:

WELL NAME:	Caviness Paine #2
OPERATOR:	Bird Creek Resources, Inc.
DESCRIPTION:	SE/4 SE/4, Section 15-23S-28E, Eddy County, New Mexico
MATERIAL TYPE:	Drilling mud, drill cuttings, cement residue and top soil
VOLUME:	528 yards
TRANSPORTER:	H & H Excavating 3411 Derrick Road Carlsbad, NM 88221
DATES TRANSPORTED:	December 18, 19 and 28, 1990

WELL NAME:	Chaves #1
OPERATOR:	Bird Creek Resources, Inc.
DESCRIPTION:	NW/4 NE/4, Section 15-23S-28E, Eddy County, New Mexico
MATERIAL TYPE:	Drilling mud, drill cuttings, cement residue and top soil
VOLUME:	616 yards
TRANSPORTER:	H & H Excavating 3411 Derrick Road Carlsbad, NM 88221
DATES TRANSPORTED:	December 20 & 29, 1990 and January 14, 16 and 17, 1991

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WELL NAME: RGA #3  
OPERATOR: Bird Creek Resources, Inc.  
DESCRIPTION: SW/4 SW/4, Section 14-23S-28E. Eddy  
County, New Mexico  
MATERIAL TYPE: Drilling mud, drill cuttings, cement  
residue and top soil  
VOLUME: 484 yards  
TRANSPORTER: H & H Excavating  
3411 Derrick Road  
Carlsbad, NM 88221  
DATES TRANSPORTED: December 28 & 29, 1990 and January 14, 16  
and 17, 1991

WELL NAME: Ogden #1  
OPERATOR: Bird Creek Resources, Inc.  
DESCRIPTION: NE/4 NE/4, Section 7-24S-28E, Eddy  
County, New Mexico  
MATERIAL TYPE: Drilling mud, drill cuttings, cement  
residue and top soil  
VOLUME: 440 yards  
TRANSPORTER: H & H Excavating  
3411 Derrick Road  
Carlsbad, NM 88221  
DATES TRANSPORTED: January 16, 17, 18 and 19, 1991

WELL NAME: Queen #1  
OPERATOR: Bird Creek Resources, Inc.  
DESCRIPTION: NE/4 NE/4, Section 22-23S-28E, Eddy  
County, New Mexico  
MATERIAL TYPE: Drilling mud, drill cuttings, cement  
residue and top soil  
VOLUME: 612 yards  
TRANSPORTER: H & H Excavating  
3411 Derrick Road  
Carlsbad, NM 88221  
DATES TRANSPORTED: February 18, 19, and 28, April 12 and  
June 7, 1991

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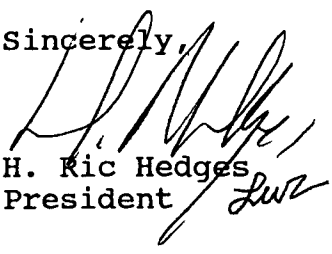
WELL NAME: Pardue Martin #2  
OPERATOR: Bird Creek Resources, Inc.  
DESCRIPTION: NW/4 SW/4, Section 2-23S-28E, Eddy  
County, New Mexico  
MATERIAL TYPE: Drilling mud, drill cuttings, cement  
residue and top soil  
VOLUME: 726 yards  
TRANSPORTER: H & H Excavating  
3411 Derrick Road  
Carlsbad, NM 88221  
DATES TRANSPORTED: May 18, 19 and 20, 1993

We do not find any documentation showing authorization to transport or dispose of oilfield wastes at the Johnny Reid site. I have been advised by our field personnel that they were unaware that such authority was required and they were under the impression that the Johnny Reid site was permitted.

We regret any inadvertent violations and stand ready to take the necessary steps to remedy this situation.

If you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
H. Ric Hedges  
President

# H & H Excavating

Ralph Hood (505) 785-2147



P.O. Box 3024  
3411 Derrick Road  
Carlsbad, N.M. 88221-3024  
Office - (505) 236-6077  
FAX - (505) 236-6082



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August 5, 1993

State of New Mexico  
Energy , Minerals, and Natural Resources Dept.  
Oil Conservation Division  
Roger C. Anderson  
Environmental Bureau Chief  
P O Box 2088  
Santa Fe Land Office Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

RE: Your letter 7-26-93 - Certified # 0-667-242-362

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Pursuant to your letter, listed below is your required information concerning our company transporting oilfield waste to Mr. Johnny Reid's disposal facility.

OPERATOR: Birdcreek Resources, Inc.

LEASE NAME: Caviness Paine

WELL NUMBER: 2

LEGAL LOCATION: SE/SE 4 Sec. 15 Twnshp 23 S Range 28 E Eddy County, NM

REQUESTED BY: B.K. Energy--810 S. Cincinnati # 110--Tulsa, OK 74119

Agent for Birdcreek Resources, Inc.

VOLUME: 528 yards

TYPE: Drill cuttings, cement residue, drilling mud and top soil.

DATES TRANSPORTED: 12-18-90, 12-19-90, 12-28-90.

OPERATOR: Birdcreek Resources, Inc.

LEASE NAME: Chavez

WELL NUMBER: 1

LEGAL LOCATION: NW/NE 4 Sec. 15 Twnshp 23 S Range 28 E Eddy County, NM

REQUESTED BY: B.K. Energy--810 S. Cincinnati # 110--Tulsa, OK 74119

Agent for Birdcreek Resources, Inc.

VOLUME: 616 yards

TYPE: Drill cuttings, cement residue, drilling mud and top soil.

DATES TRANSPORTED: 12-20-90, 12-26-90, 12-27-90, 12-28-90.

OPERATOR: Birdcreek Resources, Inc.

LEASE NAME: R.G.A.

WELL NUMBER: 3

LEGAL LOCATION: SW/SW 4 Sec. 14 Twnshp 23 S Range 28 E Eddy County, NM

REQUESTED BY: B.K. Energy--810 S. Cincinnati #110--Tulsa, OK 74119

Agent for Birdcreek Resources, Inc.

VOLUME: 484 yards

TYPE: Drill cuttings, cement residue, drilling mud and top soil.

DATES TRANSPORTED: 12-28-90, 12-29-90, 1-14-91, 1-16-91, 1-17-91.



OPERATOR: Birdcreek Resources, Inc.  
LEASE NAME: Ogden  
WELL NUMBER: 1  
LEGAL LOCATION: NE/NE 4 Sec. 7 Twnshp 24 S Range 28 E Eddy County, NM  
REQUESTED BY: B.K. Energy--810 S. Cincinnati #110--Tulsa, OK 74119  
Agent for Birdcreek Resources, Inc.  
VOLUME: 440 yards  
TYPE: Drill cuttings, cement residue, drilling mud and top soil.  
DATES TRANSPORTED: 1-16-91, 1-17-91, 1-18-91, 1-19-91.

OPERATOR: Birdcreek Resources, Inc.  
LEASE NAME: Queen  
WELL NUMBER: 1  
LEGAL LOCATION: NE/NE 4 Sec. 22 Twnshp 23 S Range 28 E Eddy County, NM  
REQUESTED BY: B.K. Energy--810 S. Cincinnati #110--Tulsa, OK 74119  
Agent for Birdcreek Resources, Inc.  
VOLUME: 612 yards  
TYPE: Drill cuttings, cement residue, drilling mud and top soil.  
DATES TRANSPORTED: 2-18-91, 2-19-91, 2-28-91, 4-12-91, 6-7-91.


OPERATOR: Birdcreek Resources, Inc.  
LEASE NAME: Pardue Martin  
WELL NUMBER: 2  
LEGAL LOCATION: NW/SW 4 Sec. 2 Twnshp 23 S Range 28 E Eddy County, NM  
REQUESTED BY: Wade Alexander  
Birdcreek Resources--1400 S. Boston #550--Tulsa, OK 74119  
VOLUME: 726 yards  
TYPE: Drill cuttings, cement residue, drilling mud and top soil.  
DATES TRANSPORTED: 5-18-93, 5-19-93, 5-20-93.

H & H Excavating has no documentation which shows authorization to transport or dispose of oilfield waste at the Johnny Reid site. ALL orders given to H & H Excavating were verbal.

Mr. Anderson, let me assure you that at no time did H & H Excavating have any knowledge that we were required by the OCD to obtain permission to transport this waste. We were doing as we were instructed to do. We truly regret that we did not have better knowledge.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call (505) 236-6077.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Hood  
Co-Owner

EH:sf

xc: OCD Artesia Office

# RB OPERATING COMPANY

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
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July 29, 1993

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601 MARIENFELD, SUITE 102  
MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701  
OFFICE: 915-682-0095  
FAX: 915-682-3017

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
Roger C. Anderson  
P.O. Box 2088  
State Land Office Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

RE: Certified Letter No. P-667-242-360 Concerning Unpermitted Disposal Site in Eddy County, N.M.

Dear Sir,

This letter contains the information you requested in your letter concerning the oilfield waste RB Operating disposed into a pit owned by Johnny Reed located in the SW/4,NW/4 of Section 23, Township 23 South, Range 28, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

In general there were four (4) wells located on the Reed ranch that we took the dry drill cuttings from and deposited into Mr. Reed's pit. These wells were drilled with closed pit systems (no reserve pits) to preserve sensitive farmland and pasture that we were drilling on.

All the wells were drilled and completed from March- July 1990 and only dry cuttings (no fluid) were deposited in the pit during that time frame. The material was hauled in all 4 cases by M&M Rental Tools located at 5600 W. Carlsbad Highway, Hobbs, New Mexico, 88240.

We (RB Operating Co.) did not believe it was necessary to notify the OCD at the time because the cuttings that were deposited in Mr. Reed's pit were dry and did not contain any hazardous chemicals in reportable amounts. The cuttings were placed there at Mr. Reed's request.

Below is a listing of wells with legal descriptions, volume and type of waste, and the dates of removal.

## SOUTH CULEBRA BLUFF "23" Well No. 4

Unit Letter E	Waste:	Dry Drill Cuttings
894' FWL, 1890' FNL	Volume:	120 cubic yards
Sec. 23, Twp. 23S, Rge. 28E	Date Removed:	3-25-90
Eddy County, New Mexico		

## SOUTH CULEBRA BLUFF "23" Well No. 5

Unit Letter D	Waste:	Dry Drill Cuttings
Sec. 23, Twp. 23S, Rge. 28E	Volume:	120 cubic yards
540' FNL, 611' FWL	Date Removed:	4-8-90
Eddy County, New Mexico		

## SOUTH CULEBRA BLUFF "23" Well No. 6

Unit Letter C	Waste:	Dry Drill Cuttings
Sec. 23, Twp. 23S, Rge. 28E	Volume:	120 cubic yards
678' FNL, 2170' FWL	Date Removed:	5-22-90
Eddy County, New Mexico		

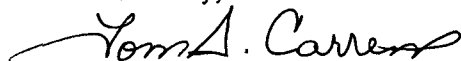
SOUTH CULEBRA BLUFF "23" Well No. 12

Unit Letter H  
Sec. 23, Twp. 23S., Rge. 28E  
2140' FNL, 400' FEL  
Eddy County, New Mexico

Waste: Dry Drill Cuttings  
Volume: 120 cubic yards  
Date Removed: 7-7-90

I believe this letter answers all the questions that you had and if I can be of further assistance please let me know. Our phone number is (915) 682-0095.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom S. Carrens". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Tom S. Carrens  
Drilling/ Production Supervisor



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JUL 28 1993

Odessa, Texas

President  
RB Operating Company  
601 N. Marienfield, Suite 102  
Midland, Texas 79701

**RE: UNPERMITTED DISPOSAL SITE  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Dear Sir:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has been informed that RB Operating has disposed of oilfield wastes at an unpermitted oilfield waste disposal facility operated by Mr. Johnny Reid and located in the SW/4, NW/4 of Section 23, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Pursuant to 70-2-12.B.(21) NMSA 1978, authority is vested in the OCD to make rules and regulations "to regulate the disposition of non-domestic wastes resulting from the exploration, development, production or storage of crude oil or natural gas to protect public health and the environment". According to OCD Rules and Regulations the transportation and disposition of all oilfield wastes associated with any well site must be authorized by the OCD. The OCD has no record of RB Operating requesting or receiving approval to transport or dispose of oilfield wastes at this location.

Therefore, RB Operating is hereby required to provide the OCD with the following information related to the above referenced facility:

1. The lease name, well number and legal location of wells from which oilfield wastes were removed for disposal at the Johnny Reid site.
2. The volume and type of waste removed from each well site.
3. The dates on which these wastes were removed from each well site for disposal.

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4. The name and address of the company or individual that transported the wastes from each site.
5. Any documentation which shows authorization to transport or dispose of oilfield wastes at the Johnny Reid site.

Please provide the above required information to OCD by August 6, 1993.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 827-5812.

Sincerely,

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Roger C. Anderson  
Environmental Bureau Chief

xc: OCD Artesia Office



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Saulcon Construction  
P.O. Box 657  
Carlsbad, NM 88220

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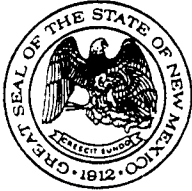
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July 14, 1993

Mr. Roger C. Anderson  
Environmental Bureau Chief  
State Land Office Building  
P.O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

RE: Unpermitted Disposal Site  
Reply to Certified Letter #667-242-158

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Early in 1990 RB Operating Company notified me that they were going to drill 4 oil wells in N/2 S23-23-28. All of these wells were in irrigated farmland that I own and operate. RB Operating agreed to use steel tanks to contain the mud and water if I would provide a place to move the waste to. I have a plot of land that is very rocky and there is an rock quarry that was used in the 1950 for road construction in the area here. RB Operating drilling officials inspected the pit and it was decided that it was adequate to use to place the material in. RB Operating used the pit to place 4 wells into. As drilling spread onto farms around mine, Bird Creek Resources drilled several wells on farms North and West. However, the tailings from these wells were put in plastic lined pits in the ground and then moved as the material dried.

H & H Excavating moved the material for Bird Creek Resources and Saulcon Construction moved the materials for RB Operating.

The Water table stands at apporximately 60 feet. None of the wells in these area are used for human consumption. Tests by NMSU made in the 1980's indicated that this water is unfit for irrigation. However, we do use it to supplement irrigation water from the Pecos River. The Pecos River flows to the South about 1.5 miles to the East of the pit in question. The nearest public water supply is the City of Loving wells approximately 10 miles west of here.

RB Operating has conducted water tests and that information is available from their Environmental Department at Midland Texas. They are using some of the wells listed as test sites.

1. 8" irrigation well ownly by Johnny Reid 300 feet west
2. 2 Domestic wells (inoperative at present) owned by Edwin Collins, 126 Donaldson Farm Road, Loving, NM  
Used only for grass yard and livestock.

3. 8" irrigation well owned by Dorothy Queen, East Ash Road, Loving NM, 800 feet West.
4. 2 Domestic wells owned by Johnny Reid, approximately 1,000 feet N.E. of pit, used only for grass, trees and livestock.
5. 1 Domestic well owned by Claude Estes, 221 E. London Road, Loving NM, used for garden, grass and trees, 1900 feet North.

List of Companies Involved

1. RB Operating Company  
601 N. Marienfield, Suite 102  
Midland, Texas 79701
2. Bird Creek Resources  
1412 S. Boston, 550  
P.O. Box 21470  
Tulsa, OK 74119
3. H & H Excavating  
P.O. Box 3024  
Carlsbad, NM 88220
4. Saulcon Construction  
P.O. box 657  
Carlsbad, NM 88220

I might add that at no time prior to receiving your call, was I ever aware that I was in violation of any regulations. All of the companies involved assured me that the waste could be put in my pit without any problems. I assumed that OCD knew from the beginning that the material was being moved and knew where it was going. In May 1993, Mr. Dean Strickland of H & H Excavating told me he had OCD (Artesia) approval to move a pit to my pit if it came from private land and was going on to private land.

Respectfully,

*Johnny L. Reid*

Johnny Reid  
745-2956



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June 28, 1993

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CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT NO. 667-242-158

Mr. Johnny Reid  
245 E. London Rd.  
Loving, New Mexico 88256

Re: Unpermitted Disposal Site

Dear Mr. Reid:

On June 23, 1993 the Director of the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) was notified of an unpermitted oilfield waste disposal facility located in the SW/4 NW/4, Section 23, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. On that same day the OCD Artesia District office ordered you, as operator of the facility, to cease accepting wastes.

Pursuant to 70-2-12.B.(21) NMSA 1978, authority is vested in the OCD to make rules and regulations "to regulate the disposition of non-domestic wastes resulting from the exploration, development, production or storage of crude oil or natural gas to protect public health and the environment:". OCD Rule 711 (enclosed) requires oilfield surface waste disposal facilities to be permitted prior to operation. Your facility is unpermitted and has been accepting drilling wastes in violation of OCD Rules.

In order to evaluate the impacts of your operation, you are required to provide the following information to the OCD:

1. A list identifying all wastes received at the facility.
2. A list identifying all generators, with addresses, that disposed of any wastes at the facility.
3. A list identifying all transporters that hauled any wastes to the facility.
4. Water quality information at the facility. This will include the depth to ground water, the ground water quality, the distance to and public and/or private water wells and the distance to the nearest surface water body.



Mr. Johnny Reid  
June 28, 1993  
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If you feel the site is appropriate for oilfield waste disposal , you must apply for a permit to construct and operate the facility. If it is determined by the OCD that the site is not appropriate for the disposal of oilfield wastes, the OCD may require removal of the wastes and remediation of the site.

Please provide the above required information to the OCD by July 9, 1993.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 827-5812.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Roger C. Anderson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Roger C. Anderson  
Environmental Bureau Chief

xc: OCD Artesia Office



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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING OR CONVERSATION

☒ Telephone ☐ Personal

Time 1530 hrs.

Date 6/23/93

Originating Party

Ray Smith - OCD Artesia

Other Parties

Bill Olson - Envir. Bureau

Subject

Illegal Disposal Facility

Discussion

Artesia Office received report of illegal facility approx 1-2 miles east of Loving in unit E sec 23 T23S R28E operated by a rancher named Johnny Reid Home phone - 745-2956 cell phone - 369-2649

He called him and told him to cease accepting wastes

He went to inspect site.

Mr. Reid is disposing of drilling muds in a couple of ~~one~~ acres caliche pit. He estimated approx 75-100 loads in pit. He took pictures of site

Conclusions or Agreements

He will send pictures and inspection report to us ASAP

We will send Mr. Reid compliance letter

Distribution

RCA

Signed

Bill Olson



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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Roger Anderson  
FROM: Ray Smith  
SUBJECT: Calachie Pit Unit E Sec. 23 T23S R28E  
DATE: June 30, 1993

On June 23, 1993 I drove to Loving, NM to check out report of drill pit cuttings being hauled into and dumped in an old calachie pit. I found from 75 to approximately 100 loads of drill pit cuttings.

This pit is located on land belonging to Mr. Johnny Reid of 245 E. Landon Road, Loving, NM. His phone number is 745-2956.

I include with this report a map and photos.

RS/js  
Enclosure





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Bluff # 23-4  
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