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RETURN RECEIPT NO. 7000-1670-0012-5357-8116

Mr. Rodney Bailey
Texaco Exploration & Production, Inc.
500 N. Lorraine
Midland, Texas 79701

**RE: CASE #1R0255
J.R. PHILLIPS #2 TANK BATTERY SITE
MONUMENT, NEW MEXICO**

Dear Mr. Bailey:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed Texaco Exploration & Production, Inc.'s (Texaco) May 24, 2001 "GROUNDWATER ASSESSMENT REPORT, TEXACO EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION INC., J.R. PHILLIPS TANK BATTERY #2, SE/4, NW/4, SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, MAY 24, 2001" which was submitted on behalf of Texaco by their consultant Larson & Associates, Inc. This document contains the results of Texaco's investigation of the extent of ground water contamination related to a former emergency pit at the J.R. Phillips #2 Tank Battery south of Monument, New Mexico. The document also contains a proposal for further ground water monitoring at the site.

The above referenced monitoring proposal is approved with the following conditions:

1. Ground water from the monitoring wells shall also be analyzed for concentrations of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene (BTEX).
2. Texaco shall 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.

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

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 476-3491.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Olson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Will" and last name "Olson" clearly distinguishable.

William C. Olson
Hydrologist
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xc: Chris Williams, OCD Hobbs District Office
Mark Larson, Larson & Associates, Inc.



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May 3, 2001

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Dear Mr. Bailey:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed Texaco Exploration & Production, Inc.'s (Texaco) April 20, 2001 "REQUEST FOR EXTENSION, TEXACO EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION INC., J.R. PHILLIPS # 2 TANK BATTERY SITE, SE/4, NW/4, SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO" which was submitted on behalf of Texaco by their consultant Larson & Associates, Inc. This document requests an extension of the deadline from April 23, 2001 to May 25, 2001 for submission of a report on Texaco's recent investigation of ground water contamination at the J.R. Phillips #2 Tank Battery south of Monument, New Mexico.

The above-referenced request is approved.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (505) 476-3491.

Sincerely,

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