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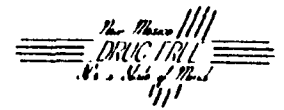
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July 16, 1992

Amoco Production Company
Attn. Buddy Shaw
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Farmington. NM 87401

RE: Closure of Blow Pits on the Jicarilla District of the Carson National Forest

Dear Mr. Shaw:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division has no objections to Amoco closing the blow pits on six wells located within the Valencia Canyon Unit (wells #1, #2, #11, #12, #35 and #43). The six wells have been inspected in the field and have relatively light contamination which can readily be remediated on location by thin spreading and/or aeration. Head space sampling to determine that volatile hydrocarbon contamination levels are less than 100 ppm will be regarded as sufficient to clear material for backfilling.

The OCD Environmental Bureau requests that Amoco submit a general pit closure plan for review. An approved pit closure plan may be utilized by the operator to determine the correct applicable procedures for closing pits. With an OCD approved pit closure plan in place the operator will provide a closure schedule to OCD to facilitate random inspections.

Yours truly,

Denny G. Foust
Environmental Geologist

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XC: OCD Environmental Bureau
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U. S. Forest Service
Jicarilla Ranger District
Gobernador Route
Blanco, NM 87413

Attn: Phil Settles

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Unlined Pits - Closure Plan

This will confirm our earlier field tour in June. Amoco requests that the following pits be approved for closure due to lack of contamination and soil type:

<u>Location Name</u>	<u>Pit Type</u>
Valencia Canyon Unit #1	Blow Pit
Valencia Canyon Unit #2	Blow Pit
Valencia Canyon Unit #11	Blow Pit
Valencia Canyon Unit #12	Blow Pit
Valencia Canyon Unit #35	Blow Pit
Valencia Canyon Unit #43	Blow Pit

We have also attached a pit assessment for all Amoco wells on the Carson Forest. Amoco would like to proceed with closure of the balance of blow pits and separator pits. Please call if you have any questions (326-9219). By copy of this letter, Amoco also requests approval and/or input from the BLM and NMOCD. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

B. D. Shaw

B. D. Shaw
Environmental Coordinator

BDS/slb

Attachment

cc: Bureau of Land Management - Attn: Bruce Davis
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Attn: Denny Foust ✓

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VALENCIA CANYON UNIT
ANALYSIS OF PIT CONTAMINATION

KEY: B-BLOW PIT S-SEPERATOR PIT T-TRANSPORTER PIT

DEGREE OF CONTAMINATION (VISUAL)

1-SEVERE

2-MODERATE

3-LIGHT

#35	B-3 (OPEN)	S-3	T-3
#43	B-3 (OPEN)	S-3	T-3
#26	B-1	S-3	T - NO PIT
#25	B-3	S-2	T-2
#24	B-1	S-3	T-1
#14	B-1	S-1	T-1
#9	B-1	S-1	T-1
#3	B-2	S-3	T-3
#13	B-1	S-3	T-3
#2	B-1 (OPEN)	S-1	T-3
#1	B-3 (OPEN)	S-3	T-3
#11	B-1 (OPEN)	S-1	T-3
#12	B-1 (OPEN)	S-1	T-NO PIT
#16	B-1	S-1	T-1
#8	B-3	S-3	T-NO PIT
#4	B-2	S-2	T-NO PIT
#20	B-1	S-1	T-1
#19	B-1	S-1	T-NO PIT
#5	B-2	S-1	T-NO PIT
#17	B-2	S-2	T-NO PIT
#15	B-2	S-2	T-NO PIT
#7	B-2	S-2	T-NO PIT
#40	B-2	S-2	T-NO PIT
#10	B-1	S-1	T-1
#45	B-1	S-1	T-3
#77	B-3 (COVERED)	S-2	T-2