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June 2, 1995

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. Z-765-962-686

Mr. Mark McCool
MW Petroleum (c/o Apache Corporation)
304 N. Behrend
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

RE: PIT CLOSURE
Jicarilla Evaporation Pond

Dear Mr. McCool:

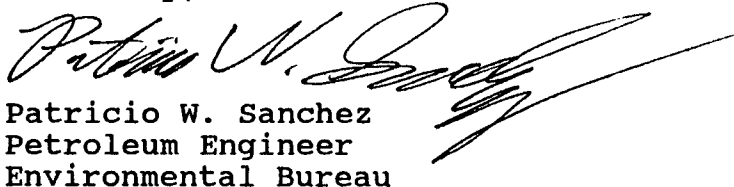
The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has completed a review of MW Petroleum April 20, 1995 "Remedial Activities for the Closure of the Jicarilla Evaporation Pond" which was submitted on behalf of MW Petroleum by their consultant INDIAN Fire and Safety, Inc. This document contains the results of MW Petroleum's closure of a lined evaporation at MW Petroleum's facility located at 2850' FNL and 1500' FEL, Section 23, T25N, R4W, NMPM Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

The closure actions taken to date are satisfactory. However, the OCD cannot issue final closure approval for the pond until remediation of the stockpiled soils on the bioremediation cells is complete. Therefore, the OCD requests that MW Petroleum provide the OCD with:

1. The proposed final disposition of the stockpiled soils upon completion of bioremediation.
2. The acceptable criteria that MW Petroleum is using in regards to TPH and BTEX on the Bioremediation cells.

If you have any questions, please call me at (505) 827-7156.

Sincerely,


Patricio W. Sanchez
Petroleum Engineer
Environmental Bureau

xc: Denny Foust

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February 10, 1995

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. Z-765-962-641

Mr. Mark McCool
MW Petroleum (c/o Apache Corporation)
304 N. Behrend
Farmington, NM 87401

**RE: Closure Plan Approval
Jicarilla Evaporation Pond
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. McCool:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the MW Petroleum closure plan dated 10-6-94 signed by Mr. McCool. The NMOCD shall approve the closure of the MW Petroleum Jicarilla evaporation pond located at 2850' FNL & 1500' FEL, Section 23, T25N, and R4W. The conditions outlined below shall serve as basis for approval of the pit closure process already underway at your Jicarilla evaporation pond.

1. All wastes shall be disposed of at an OCD approved facility.
2. MW will document any/all contaminant levels in the soils under the pit liner area.
3. MW will submit a final closure report by June 9, 1995 so that OCD may approve the closure process as being final. This report shall include result from all sampling activities and the actions taken to complete the pit closure.
4. All original documents concerning the closure process shall be sent to the Santa Fe OCD office, with copies provided to the Aztec district OCD office.

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Note, that OCD approval does not relieve MW of liability should it later be found that contamination exists which is beyond the scope of this work plan. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve MW of responsibility for compliance with any other Federal, State, Tribal or other local laws and/or regulations. If you have any questions regarding this matter feel free to call me at (505)-827-7156.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricio W. Sanchez", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Patricio W. Sanchez
Petroleum Engineer, Environmental Bureau OCD

XC: Aztec District office