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RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-269-269-276

Ms. Laurie A. Cocharo
Central Resources, Inc.
2600 Mellon Center
1775 Sherman St.
Denver, Colorado 80203-4313

RE: FINAL SAN JUAN BASIN PIT CLOSURE REPORTS

Dear Ms. Cocharo:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has completed a review of Central Resources, Inc (CRI) January 13, 1997 correspondence, 3 "PIT REMEDIATION AND CLOSURE REPORTS" with January 2, 1997 dates and 3 "PIT REMEDIATION AND CLOSURE REPORTS" with June 21, 1996 dates (submitted by former well operator Giant Exploration & Production Co).

The pit remedial activities conducted at the sites listed below are satisfactory. However, according to the reports, onsite landfarming and/or composting actions are still continuing at the sites. Subsequently, the OCD cannot issue final closure approval at this time and approval of closure actions at these sites is **denied**. Please resubmit final closure reports for these sites upon completion of the landfarming and/or composting activities. The final reports will include the results of the soil remediation levels achieved, the laboratory analyses and associated quality assurance/quality control data and the disposition of the remediated soils.

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| 1. Candado #23 (Separator pit) | Unit B, Sec. 09, T26N, R07W. |
| 2. Horseshoe Gallup Unit (Emergency pit) | Unit O, Sec. 19, T31N, R16W. |
| "A" Battery | |
| 3. Horseshoe Gallup Unit (Skim pit) | Unit O, Sec. 19, T31N, R16W. |
| "A" Battery | |
| 4. Marsha Bingham #1 (Separator pit) | Unit ?, Sec. 09, T26N, R07W. |
| 5. Marsha Bingham #1 (Separator pit) | Unit ?, Sec. 09, T26N, R07W. |
| 6. NE Hogback Tank Battery (Tank pit) | Unit ?, Sec. 10, T30N, R16W. |

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To simplify the approval process for both CRI and OCD, the OCD requests that CRI submit all future pit closure reports only upon completion of all closure activities including onsite landfarming or composting of contaminated soils. The reports should include the completed form and all pertinent information related to the extent of contamination, the results of the soil remediation levels in the pits and landfarms, all laboratory analyses and associated quality assurance/quality control data and the disposition of all remediated soils.

If you have any questions, please call me at (505) 827-7154.

Sincerely,



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