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RETURN RECEIPT NO. 7001-1940-0004-3929-7136

Mr. James P. Struhs
Williams Field Services
187 County Rd. 4980
Bloomfield, New Mexico 87413

**RE: CASE #3R0305
BLANCO WASH DRIP PIT
SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Dear Mr. Struhs:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed Williams Field Services' (WFS) May 17, 2000 "BLANCO WASH DRIP PIT REMEDIATION AND CLOSURE REPORT". This document contains the results of WFS's soil and ground water remediation activities for an unlined pit at the Blanco Wash Drip pit site located in Unit J, Sec. 31, T27N, R08W, San Juan County, New Mexico. The document requests closure of the site since ground water at the site has been remediated to below New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) standards as demonstrated in 4 consecutive sampling events.

The pit closure/remediation activities are approved on the condition that that the monitor wells are plugged and abandoned by cutting the casing off below ground surface and filling the annulus from bottom to top with a cement grout containing 3-5% bentonite.

Please be advised that OCD approval does not relieve WFS of responsibility if remaining contaminants are found to pose a future threat to surface water, ground water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve WFS of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, tribal or local laws and regulations. If you have any questions, please call me at (505) 476-3491.

Sincerely,

William C. Olson
Hydrologist
Environmental Bureau

cc: Denny Foust, OCD Aztec District Office
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