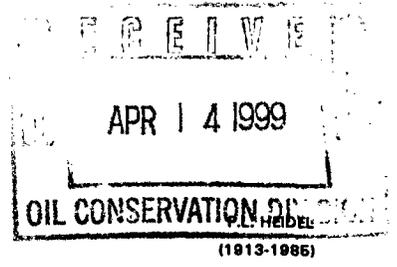


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DATE: April 7, 1999
TO: O.C.D., Hobbs / Attn: Donna Williams
Re: Fred B. Cooper Ranch - Jal, NM
Equilon Pipeline Co. - Demand Letter

- PER YOUR REQUEST/PER OUR DISCUSSION
- FOR YOUR INFORMATION/RECORDS
- FOR YOUR REVIEW
- REVIEWED AND APPROVED
- PLEASE RETURN ENDORSED COPY/COPIES
- PLEASE REVIEW, SIGN AND RETURN TO THIS OFFICE
- PLEASE HAVE YOUR SIGNATURE NOTARIZED
- SHORT MESSAGE:

If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

HEIDEL SAMBERSON NEWELL & COX

By 
for: Lewis C. Cox, III

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Equilon Pipeline Co.
ATTN: Hamp Kerby
P.O. Box 1910
Midland, TX 79702

CERTIFIED MAIL Z 186 747 862

Re: Fred B. Cooper Ranch / Jal, NM

Dear Mr. Kerby:

This firm represents Sam Cooper, who requested that we contact you on his behalf concerning oilfield clean up on the above referenced Cooper property. The property which is involved is described as follows:

1. Township 24 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M.,
Lea County, New Mexico:

The East Half (E/2) of Section 18;
The West Half (W/2) of Section 19

2. Township 24 South, Range 36 East, N.M.P.M.,
Lea County, New Mexico:

All of Section 14;
The Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section 13;
The Northeast Quarter (NE/4) and
the North Half of the
Southeast Quarter
(N/2 SE/4) of Section 23;
The North Half (N/2) and the East Half
of the Southeast
Quarter (E/2 SE/4) of
Section 24.

Your company has, for many years, conducted substantial oil & gas exploration and production activity upon the above described land. Your activities resulted in an accumulation of oil spills, oilfield debris and other contamination which requires clean up.

Mr. Cooper informs me that your company has repeatedly assured him that the area would be cleaned. This cleaning process was supposed to commence no later than mid-February, 1999. As yet, nothing has been done. Demand is hereby made upon Equilon Pipeline Company to immediately begin the clean up, or provide a date certain by which such process will be started. Considering the delays which have already occurred, Mr. Cooper would expect that the clean up will be started no later than April 30, 1999, and will be completed within a reasonable time thereafter.

A response to this letter is required within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If clean up has not commenced within said fifteen (15) days, or a reasonable commencement date has not been provided within the same time period, Mr. Cooper will take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the cleaning of the property is performed.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

HEIDEL SAMBERSON NEWELL & COX

By 
Lewis C. Cox, III

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cc: Sam Cooper
O.C.D., Hobbs, NM