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December 29, 1999

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. Z-274-520-750

Mr. Don Hillis
Fasken Oil and Ranch, Ltd.
303 West Wall Ave., Suite 1800
Midland, Texas 79701-5116

RE: FELMONT COLLIER SITE

Dear Mr. Hillis:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed Fasken Oil and Ranch, Ltd's (FORL) October 30, 1999 correspondence titled "FELMONT COLLIER SITE". This document contains the results of FORL's recent investigations of the extent of soil contamination related to a former blowdown pit at the Felmont Collier Site. The document also contains a work plan for remediation of contaminated soils.

The above referenced work plan is approved with the following conditions:

1. FORL shall periodically sample the backfilled soils for concentrations of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylene and total petroleum hydrocarbons to demonstrate that the proposed remediation levels have been met.
2. FORL shall submit a final closure report documenting the remedial actions taken. The report shall be submitted to the OCD Santa Fe Office by February 29, 2000 with a copy provided to the OCD Hobbs District Office.
3. FORL shall notify the OCD at least 48 hours in advance of the scheduled activities such the OCD has the opportunity to witness the events and split samples.

Please be advised that OCD approval does not relieve FORL of liability if the remedial actions fail to adequately protect ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve FORL of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state or local laws and regulations.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Will Olson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "W" and "O".

William C. Olson
Hydrologist
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xc: Chris Williams, OCD Hobbs District Supervisor
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October 30, 1999

Mr. Bill Olson
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2040 S. Pacheco
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re; Felmont Collier Site

Dear Bill:

Please find enclosed a Site Assessment and a proposed Work Plan for the Felmont Collier site in Lea County, New Mexico prepared for us by Safety & Environmental Solutions, Inc. of Hobbs, New Mexico. Mr. Bob Allen has spoken to you in regard to this site and the work that has progressed there to this point.

We look forward to the opportunity to work with in the completion of this project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at our office at 915-687-1777 or Bob Allen or Beth Aldrich at Safety & Environmental Solutions, Inc. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Don Hillis

Production Superintendent

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cc: Bob Allen/Beth Aldrich, SESI

**Work Plan
Felmont Collier Site
Fasken Oil and Ranch, Ltd.**

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Purpose

The purpose of this work plan is to cause the closure of the old pit area at the Felmont Collier Site located in Section 9, Township 11S, Range 33E, Lea County, New Mexico. This plan will allow closure in a manner that will protect the population, environment and groundwater of the area surrounding the subject location.

The state of New Mexico water well database has two water well listings within this section at 41.41' and 45.84'. The wells are listed as follows:

11S.33E.09.142424	19960123	41.41
11S.33E.09.44424	19810213	45.84

Background

In September 1999, Fasken Oil and Ranch engaged the services of Safety and Environmental Solutions, Inc. to complete all necessary sampling and testing of the old pit area at the Felmont Collier site in order to delineate the vertical and horizontal extent of contamination.

Two (2) test borings were drilled at depths of 8' and 9' respectively when it was determined that further delineation was necessary. The area was excavated to a final depth of 34' through approximately 3' of sandstone. The analytical results have been previously reported to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division in the report dated October 25, 1999, *Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd. Site Assessment Felmont Collier Site*. The results of this assessment revealed the vertical extent of contaminated soils no deeper than 34' at the subject site.

Knowledge of process indicates that the material in this area would be exempt oil field waste.

Method

Fasken Oil and Ranch proposes to excavate and remove the impacted soils to a depth of 34'. The excavated area would then be leveled with clean soils and a 20ml liner would be installed in the excavated area. An additional 3' of clean soils would then be placed upon the liner and the remaining impacted soils would be blended to a TPH level of less than 5000ppm and placed on top of the clean soils in a mounded configuration with the center of the mounded area close to the pre-existing grade. A second liner would then be placed over the soils in an umbrella pattern to facilitate the runoff of any rainwater. The lined area would then be filled with clean soils and contoured back to the existing grade. The affected areas would then be seeded.