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Lonnie Ross
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Dear Lonnie,

Enclosed are the following documents for the Gooch's Tank Service Site:

- 1) Site Discovery form,
- 2) Preliminary Assessment Narrative Report,
- 3) PA Scoresheets

NMED recommends that no further action under Superfund be taken on this site. This recommendation is based primarily on the minimal threat to surface water, air and soil exposure pathways and a small number of targets for all pathways. There is potential for migration of hazardous substances from the site via the groundwater pathway due to shallow depth to groundwater and moderate to high permeability of the unsaturated zone. At present, there is no evidence of a release of contaminants to groundwater from the site.

The New Mexico Oil and Gas Act of 1978 gives jurisdiction for the environmental regulation of oil field service companies to the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) of the New Mexico Department of Energy and Minerals. NMED recommends that future action at the site be taken by the OCD. NMED suggests that future action include: sampling the waste pile on-site so that the possible threat to groundwater can be evaluated, sampling groundwater to determine if groundwater has been impacted, and ultimately removing the pile in order to ensure that groundwater is not degraded.



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If you have any questions regarding this submittal, fell free to call me at (505) 827-0078 or Susan Morris (505) 827-2890.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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