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RETURN RECEIPT NO. Z-765-962-539

Mr. Neal Stidham
Shell Oil Products Company
P.O. Box 2099
Houston, Texas 77252-2099

**RE: PIT CLOSURE
HOBBS CRUDE STATION
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Dear Mr. Stidham:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has completed a review of Shell Oil Products Company's (SOPC) December 12, 1995 "CLOSURE REPORT, SHELL PIPE LINE CORPORATION'S HOBBS PIT, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO". This document contains the results of SOPC's investigation and remediation of contamination related to the former use of an unlined oilfield waste disposal pit at SOPC's Hobbs Crude Station.

The pit closure actions as contained in the above referenced document are approved with the following condition:

1. The former pit area will be backfilled and mounded with clean soil such that runoff or runoff from precipitation will not accumulate over the pit area.

Please be advised that OCD approval does not relieve SOPC of liability should remaining contaminants pose a future threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve SOPC of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state or local laws and/or regulations.


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

Sincerely,

William C. Olson
Hydrogeologist
Environmental Bureau

xc: Jerry Sexton, OCD Hobbs District Supervisor
Wayne Price, OCD Hobbs Office

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