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**Price, Wayne**

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**From:** Price, Wayne  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 19, 2002 10:36 AM  
**To:** 'Leo.Gaston@usa.conoco.com'  
**Cc:** 'Suzanne.P.Holland@conoco.com'  
**Subject:** Conoco Lockhart B-12 OCD Case # 1R0298

**Contacts:** LEO Gatson

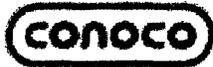
Dear Mr. Gatson:

The OCD is in receipt of Conoco's letter dated April 26, 2001 with the attachments ETGI "Preliminary Site Investigation Report" dated March 2001 and the Rhino "Pit Capping Chronological Report" dated March 23, 2001. Please note OCD sent an E-mail to you on March 07, 2001 requesting that Conoco address certain site characteristics. The report indicated there is no groundwater beneath the site, the location is on remote privately owned range land and the topo map supplied did not reveal any bodies of water in close proximity.

The OCD hereby approves of the closure of this pit.

Please be advised that NMOCD approval of this site does not relieve Conoco Inc. of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, NMOCD approval does not relieve Conoco Inc. of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

CC: MR. BILL McNEILL



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April 26, 2001

Dear Mr. Price

Please find enclosed Ground water boring diagrams and the excavation and closure of Lockhart B12 site SENW Sec 12-Ts19s-R38e (OCD Case # 1R0298). I am also sending copies of this same information to the local OCD office in Hobbs NM. in sure of Field Inspector E.L. Gonzales.

This project followed the pre-approved work plan and closure procedure.

Please forward any questions or concerns to me.

Leo Gatson Conoco Inc.  
1410 W County Rd  
Hobbs, NM 88240  
(915) 686-5427 or (505) 391-3128

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leo Gatson".

Leo Gatson  
Conoco Inc.  
Sr. Field SHEAR Specialist  
Hobbs – Val Verde OU

## Price, Wayne

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**From:** Price, Wayne  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 08, 2001 10:20 AM  
**To:** 'Gatson, Leo'  
**Cc:** Wink, Gary; 'Loftus, Thomas A. III'; 'Goates, R. Neal'  
**Subject:** Conoco Inc. Lockheart B-12

CC of letter sent to McNeill Ranch.



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**RETURN RECEIPT NO. 3771 7149**

Mr. William F. McNeill  
McNeill Ranch  
P.O. Box 1058  
Hobbs, N.M. 88241

Re: Letter Dated February 28, 2001 Conoco Inc. Pit Closure site Section 12,  
Township 21 South, Range 38 East.

Dear Mr. McNeill:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) is in receipt of your letter dated February 28, 2001 concerning the Conoco Inc. pit closure site know as Lockhart B-12 and requesting that your input to be considered. Please find enclosed an E-mail correspondence from OCD to Conoco Inc. requiring them to supply additional information to demonstrate that any remaining contaminants will not pose a threat to present or foreseeable beneficial use of fresh water, public health and the environment.

OCD is appreciative of your comments and will copy you on the closure activities.  
If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 505-476-3487.

Sincerely;

Wayne Price-Pet. Engr. Spec

Cc; OCD Hobbs Office  
Conoco Inc.

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