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Mr. Ed Martin
NM Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Environmental Bureau
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

**RE: Plains All American Pipeline, Mescalero Ridge Release Site (Ref. #2001-10917)
UL-I, NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 17, Township 19 S, Range 35 E
Latitude N 32° 39' 25" and Longitude W 103° 28' 21"
Lea County, New Mexico**

IR-1109

Dear Mr. Martin:

On July 29, 2004, Environmental Plus, Inc. (EPI), on behalf of Plains All American Pipeline, submitted Site Closure Documentation to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) documenting the successful remediation of the above referenced site. On August 25, 2004, the site closure documentation was approved, with the condition that the site be "re-vegetated." The seeding of native range grass constitutes the final closure activity at this site, which this letter documents.

Site Background

The site is located in Lea County, New Mexico at latitude N 32° 29' 25" and longitude W 103° 28' 21" at an elevation of approximately 3,829 feet above mean sea level. On March 15, 2001, approximately 25 barrels of crude oil was released. EPI was retained to delineate and remediate hydrocarbon impacted soil. The site was excavated, with the impacted soil stockpiled on site, until a land treatment area was established adjacent to the remediation area. A water quality monitor well was installed, and both the land treatment area and monitor well were sampled for contamination on a regular basis. Remediation activities achieved all NMOCD remedial goals. For further background information, please refer to Plains All American "Site Closure Documentation" Mescalero Ridge, Ref. #2001-10917, July 29, 2004.

Field Work

On September 9, 2004, EPI personnel were on site to seed the above referenced remediation site. The soil was prepared and the seed drilled with a combination drill/roller packer. Approximately 3.25 acres was seeded with BLM #2 seed consisting of 56.88% pure live seed (PLS) Little Bluestem (*Schizacharium scoparium*) grass, drilled at a rate of 8 pounds PLS per acre. Final closure activity at this site was accomplished with the conclusion of seeding.

Conclusion

The information provided in this letter documents the seeding of the Mescalero Ridge site, located in UL-I, Section 17, Range 35 East, Township 19 South, Lea County, New Mexico. Closure activity at this site concluded with seeding. Based on past and current documentation, EPI, on behalf of Plains All American Pipeline, submit that remedial activities performed at this site have achieved all NMOCD remedial goals, as well as land owner requirements and request that no "further action is required"

ENVIRONMENTAL PLUS, INC.

Mr. Ed Martin
7 June 2005

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Iain Olness or me at (505) 394-3481 or via e-mail at iolness@hotmail.com.

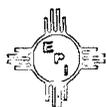
Sincerely,

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Environmental Scientist

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Mr. Jeff Dann, Plains All American Pipeline, Houston
Mr. Cody Morrow, New Mexico State Land Office, Sante Fe
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Mr. Ed Martin
NM Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Environmental Bureau
1220 South St. Francis Drive
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Re: Site Closure Documentation Plains All American Pipeline Mescalero Ridge #2001-10917
UL-I Section 17 T19S R35E, Lea County, New Mexico
Land Owner: Sam Bruton

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Dear Mr. Martin:

Environmental Plus, Inc. (EPI), on behalf of Ms. Camille Reynolds, Plains All American Pipeline, submits for your consideration this *Site Closure Documentation* for the above-referenced site. This report documents the delineation of the vertical and horizontal extents of hydrocarbon contamination at the site, the excavation and land treatment of the impacted soil and the backfilling of the excavation with clean soil purchased from the property owner. The excavated soil was land farmed on-site with contaminant concentrations achieving an average TPH concentration of 174 mg/Kg, and average total BTEX concentration of <0.1 mg/Kg and an average benzene concentration of <0.02 mg/Kg. The completion of this project is consistent with the initial C-141 and Remediation Plan submitted to the NMOCD on March 2001. EPI, on behalf of Plains All American Pipeline, therefore requests that the NMOCD consider the information included in this report and issue a "No Further Action" letter for the site.

All official correspondence should be addressed to:

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Midland, TX 79706

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr. Ben Miller or me at EPI's office or at (505) 390-0288 or (505) 390-7306, respectively. Ms. Camille Reynolds of Plains All American Pipeline can be contacted at (505) 393-5611.

Sincerely,

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