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Mr. Stephen Weathers
Duke Energy Field Services
P.O. Box 5493
Denver, Colorado 80217

**RE: Excavation Closure Approval
Duke A-14 Excavation
Duke Energy Field Services**

Dear Mr. Weathers:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) received the Excavation Closure Report for the pipeline excavation located in UL-M of Section 10, Township 18 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. The closure report, dated February 26, 2003, was submitted by your consultant, Environmental Plus, Inc. on behalf of Duke Energy Field Services. **Based upon the information provided in the Excavation Closure Report the site is hereby approved for closure.**

This OCD decision does not relieve Duke Energy Field Services of liability should operation of the pipeline result in contamination of surface waters, ground waters or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve Duke Energy Field Services of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state or local laws and regulations.

If you have any questions regarding this matter feel free to call me at (505)-476-3489.

Sincerely,

W. Jack Ford, C.P.G.
Environmental Engineer
Environmental Bureau, OCD

cc: OCD Artesia District Office
Mr. Pat McCasland, Environmental Plus, Inc.



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RETURN RECEIPT NO. 3929 9451

Mr. Stephen Weathers
Duke Energy Field Services
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Denver, Colorado 80217

**RE: Excavation Closure Plan
Duke A-14 Excavation
Duke Energy Field Services**

Dear Mr. Weathers:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) received the Excavation Closure Plan for the pipeline excavation located in UL-M of Section 10, Township 18 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. The workplan, dated January 27, 2003, was submitted by your consultant, Environmental Plus, Inc. on behalf of Duke Energy Field Services. **The Excavation Closure plan is hereby approved, with the following conditions:**

- A copy of all of the workplan shall also be provided to the OCD Artesia District Office to the attention of Mr. Mike Stubblefield and notification provided to Mr. Stubblefield at least 48 hours prior to commencement of work.
- All of the items listed in the workplan, dated January 27, 2003, from Environmental Plus, Inc. on behalf of Duke Energy Field Services shall be adhered with during the Excavation Closure process.
- Upon completion of the project a final report for the closure of the excavation shall be submitted to the Santa Fe OCD office for approval within 30 days of final closure.

Note, that OCD approval does not limit Duke Energy Field Services to the work proposed should it later be found that contamination exists which is beyond the scope of this plan, or if Duke Energy Field Services has failed to completely define the extent of contamination. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve Duke Energy Field Services of responsibility for compliance with any other Federal, State, or other Local Laws and Regulations.

Mr. Stephen Weathers
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February 4, 2003
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Jack Ford', written in a cursive style.

W. Jack Ford, C.P.G.
Environmental Engineer
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