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July 18, 2000

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO: 5051-3334

Mr. Buddy Shaw
BP Amoco
200 Amoco Court
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

RE: GROUND WATER REMEDIATION CLOSURE
GALLEGOS CANYON UNIT #93 E WELL SITE
SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Dear Mr. Shaw:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division has reviewed BP Amoco's March 24, 2000 "BP AMOCO (FORMERLY AMOCO PRODUCTION COMPANY), GROUNDWATER MONITORING REPORT - PERMANENT CLOSURE REQUESTED, GALLEGOS CANYON UNIT (GCU) #93E, UNIT L, SEC 36, T29N, R12W, NMPM, SAN JUAN COUNTY NEW MEXICO" which was submitted on behalf of BP Amoco by their consultant Blagg Engineering, Inc. This document requests closure of the site ground water remediation and monitoring activities since ground water has been remediated to below New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) standards as demonstrated in at least 4 consecutive sampling events.

The OCD approves of the closure of the pit/ground water remediation activities, as contained in the above referenced document, with the following condition:

1. BP Amoco shall plug and abandon all site monitoring wells by either pulling the casing or cutting the casing below the surface and filling the hole or casing to the surface with a cement grout containing 3-5 % bentonite

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

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (505) 827-7154.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William C. Olson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "William" being the most prominent.

William C. Olson
Hydrologist
Environmental Bureau

xc: Denny Foust, OCD Aztec District Office
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