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**GENERAL
CORRESPONDENCE**

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February 27, 2001

Mr. Bill Olson
 New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
 2040 South Pacheco
 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

RE: Conoco Groundwater Report Summary

On behalf of Conoco *On Site Technologies Limited Partnership*, is submitting the enclosed 2000 Annual Groundwater report for Ten (10) sites.

LOCATION NAME	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDATION
Farmington B Com 1	Unit H, S 12, T29N, R12W	WSP-1 still has high BTEX, all other at or below NMWQCC standards, continue monitoring of WSP #1
Nell-Hall#1	Unit M, S 07, T30N, R11W	Continue to monitor as required in NMCOD letter dated September, 1998
Farmington C Com 1	Unit L, S 15, T29N, R13W	Continue to monitor as required in NMCOD letter dated September, 1998
Farmington B Com 1E	Unit O, S 15, T29N, R13W	Free product is still present in MW-1. Sampling stopped at this time IAW NMOCD direction, more aggressive recovery program being investigated.
Salmon # 1	Unit P, S 30, T29N, R11W	DG#2 still has high BTEX, Continue monitoring in accordance with NMOCD letter dated September, 1998.
San Juan 28-7#126	Unit M, S 1, T27N, R7W	Research is being done to complete and submit the Pit closure forms and final reports
San Juan 28-7#219	Unit N, S 20, T28N, R7W	Research is being done to complete and submit the Pit closure forms and final reports
S&K1	Unit L, S 29, T29N, R11W	Research is being done to complete and submit the Pit closure forms and final reports
San Juan 28-7#19	Unit G, S 25, T28N, R7W	research is being done to complete and submit the Pit closure forms and final reports
San Juan 28-7#47	Unit A, S 20, T28N, R7W	Research is being done to complete and submit the Pit closure forms and final reports
Farmington Com #1	Unit P, Sec 11, T29N, R13W	Monitoring wells and piezometer plug and abandoned IAW NMOCD Letter dated December 13, 2000
Shephard & Kelsey #1E	Unit D, Sec. 29, T29N, R11W	Monitoring wells plug and abandoned IAW NMOCD Letter dated December 14, 2000

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Conoco Inc.
Summary of 1999 Ground Water Monitoring
On Site Technologies, Ltd.

February 27, 2001

If there are any questions or concerns on this matter, feel free to contact me at (505) 325-5667.

Thank you for your time and considerations.

Respectfully submitted,



Larry Trujillo, CHMM
Environmental Specialist
On Site Technologies Limited Partnership

CC:

Gary Ledbetter, SHEAR, Conoco Inc., 3315 Bloomfield HWY, Farmington, NM 87401
John Cofer, Sr. Environmental Specialist, Conoco Inc., 3315 Bloomfield HWY, Farmington, NM 874
Denny Foust, NMOCD 1000 Rio Brazos, Aztec, NM 87410
Bill Liess, BLM 1235 La Plata HWY, Farmington, NM 87401
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NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS
& NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505
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September 28, 1999

Ms. Shirley Ebert
Conoco, Inc.
10 Desta Dr., Suite 100W
Midland, Texas 79705-4500

RE: FINAL SAN JUAN BASIN PIT CLOSURE REPORTS

Dear Ms. Ebert:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed Conoco's August 9, 1999 "CONOCO GROUNDWATER REPORT SUMMARY" which was received by the OCD on September 11, 1999. This document which was submitted on behalf of Conoco by their consultant On Site Technologies, Ltd. requests the status of approval of the corrective actions at a number of pit sites in the San Juan Basin.

A review of the case files on these sites shows there have been recommendations from On Site Technologies to Conoco that Conoco seek closure of the remedial actions at some of the sites. However, the OCD has no record of receiving any closure requests from Conoco. If Conoco wishes to seek closure of the pits at these sites, Conoco will need to submit a completed OCD "Pit Remediation and Closure Report" form for each site. The report should include the results of all soil and ground water remediation actions and information on the current operator of the site.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William C. Olson".

William C. Olson
Hydrologist
Environmental Bureau

xc: Denny Foust, OCD Aztec District Office
Larry Trujillo, On Site Technologies, Ltd.

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August 9, 1999

Mr. Wm. "Bill" Olsen, Hydrologist
NMOCD

2040 S. PACHECO ST
Santa Fe, NM, 87505

RE: Conoco Groundwater Report Summary

On behalf of Conoco Inc., *On Site Technologies Limited Partnership* requests a status of approval for the corrective actions on the following list of well locations.

LOCATION NAME	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDATION
RECOMMEND	CONTINUED	MONITORING
Farmington B Com 1	Unit H, S 12, T29N, R12W	WSP-1 still has high BTEX, all other at or below NMWQCC standards, continue monitoring of WSP #1
San Juan 28-7#19	Unit G, S 25, T28N, R7W	Continue monitoring, BTEX levels still above NMWQCC standards
San Juan 28-7#47	Unit A, S 20, T28N, R7W	Continue monitoring, BTEX levels still above NMWQCC standards
Nell-Hall#1	Unit M, S 07, T30N, R11W	Continue to monitor as required in NMCOD letter dated September, 1998
Farmington C Com 1	Unit L, S 15, T29N, R13W	Continue to monitor as required in NMCOD letter dated September, 1998
Farmington B Com 1E	Unit O, S 15, T29N, R13W	Continue to monitor as required in NMCOD letter dated September, 1998
Salmon # 1	Unit P, S 30, T29N, R11W	DG#2 still has high BTEX, Continue monitoring in accordance with NMOCD letter dated September, 1998
RECOMMEND	CLOSURE	
San Juan 28-7#126	Unit M, S 1, T27N, R7W	4 quarters of sampling below NMWQCC standards, recommend closure
San Juan 28-7#219	Unit N, S 20, T28N, R7W	4 quarters of sampling below NMWQCC standards, recommend closure
S&K1	Unit L, S 29, T29N, R11W	4 quarters of sampling below NMWQCC standards recommend closure.
Farmington Com 1	Unit P, S 11, T29N, R13W	Contamination level in MW 1 below OCD action levels for the last four quarters, MW2 and MW3 historically have not had any contamination above NMWQCC standards. Recommend closure of the location.
S&K1E	Unit D, S 29, T29N, R11W	4 quarters of sampling below OCD action levels recommend closure.

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August 9, 1999

Recommendations listed above were included in the 1997 and 1998 Conoco Annual Ground Water Reports. Please advise *On Site* and Conoco of NMOCD's approval, as we are only scheduling the sites requiring continued monitoring.

If there are any questions or concerns on this matter, feel free to contact me at (505) 325-5667.

Thank you for your time and considerations.

Respectfully submitted,



Larry Trujillo CHMM
Senior Environmental Technician
On Site Technologies Limited Partnership

CC:

Shirley Ebert, SHEAR, Conoco Inc., Farmington Office
Neal Gostas, Sr. Environmental Specialist, Conoco Inc.



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Letter of Transmittal

ENVIRONMENTAL BUREAU
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

ATTENTION:

DATE: February 17, 1999

Mr. Bill Olson
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.
2040 South Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

RE: Conoco's 1998 Annual Groundwater Report

Dear Mr. Olson:
On behalf of Conoco *On Site Technologies Limited Partnership*, is submitting the enclosed 1998 Annual Groundwater report for ten (10) sites.

Number of Originals	Description
1	Shephard & Kelsey #1E Unit D, Sec. 29, T29N, R11W
1	Shephard & Kelsey #1 Unit L, Sec. 29, T29N, R11W
1	Salmon #1 Unit P, Sec. 30, T29N, R7W
1	Nell-Hall #1 Unit, M, Sec 7, T30N, R11W
1	San Juan 28-7-19 Unit G, Sec. 25, T28N, R7W
1	San Juan 28-7-47 Unit A, Sec. 20, T28N, R7W
1	Farmington Com #1 Unit P, Sec 11, T29N, R13W
1	Farmington B Com #1 Unit H, T29N R13W
1	Farmington C Com 1 Unit L, Sec. 15, T29N, R13W
1	Farmington B Com 1E Unit O, Sec 15, T29, R13W

Thank you,

Larry Trujillo
Sr. Environmental Technician

CC:

Shirley Ebert
Neal Goates
Denny Foust
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June 5, 1998

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. Z-235-437-284

Ms. Shirley Ebert
Conoco, Inc.
3315 Bloomfield Hwy.
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

**RE: GROUND WATER INVESTIGATIONS
SAN JUAN BASIN PIT CLOSURES**

Dear Ms. Ebert:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has completed a review of Conoco, Inc.'s (Conoco) February 4, 1998 "CONOCO'S 1997 ANNUAL GROUNDWATER REPORT" which was received by the OCD on February 27, 1998. This document, which was submitted on behalf of Conoco by their consultant On Site Technologies, Ltd., contains the results of Conoco's investigation, remediation and monitoring at 12 unlined oil and gas production pit sites with resulting ground water contamination.

Upon a review of the above referenced documents, the OCD has the following comments and requirements:

1. The data in the reports for the sites listed below show that the complete extent of ground water contamination has not been determined. The OCD requires that Conoco complete the definition of the extent of ground water contamination at these sites pursuant to Conoco's prior approved ground water investigation and remediation plan for the San Juan Basin.

- Farmington B Com #1 Unit H, Sec. 12, T29N, R12W.
- Farmington C Com #1 Unit L, Sec. 15, T29N, R13W.
- Farmington Com #1 Unit P, Sec. 11, T29N, R13W.
- Nell-Hall #1 Unit M, Sec. 07, T30N, R11W.
- Salmon #1 Unit P, Sec. 30, T29N, R11W.

2. The ground water metals data for the site listed below shows that the concentrations of barium, chromium and lead in ground water are above the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) ground water standards. The OCD requires that Conoco conduct additional metals sampling at this site

- Farmington Com #1 Unit P, Sec. 11, T29N, R13W.

Ms. Shirley Ebert
June 5, 1998
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3. Some of the report site maps do not show the former locations of the pits, the excavated areas nor the locations of all monitor wells (former and current) . The OCD requires that Conoco include this information in future reports.
4. Some of the reports do not contain quarterly ground water potentiometric maps. The OCD requires that Conoco's future reports include ground water potentiometric maps for each sampling event. The maps will be created using the water table elevation in all site monitor wells.
5. Some of the report summary tables do not contain the results of all past water quality sampling. It is difficult for the OCD to evaluate remedial progress at a site without this data. The OCD requires that Conoco's future reports include summary tables that contain the results of all past and present water quality sampling.

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

Sincerely,



William C. Olson
Hydrologist
Environmental Bureau

xc: Denny Foust, OCD Aztec District Office
Larry Trujillo, On Site Technologies, Ltd.

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Oil Conservation Division

Letter of Transmittal

ATTENTION:

DATE: February 4, 1998

Mr. Bill Olson
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

RE: Conoco's 1997 Annual Groundwater Report.

REMARKS:

Dear Mr. Olson:

On behalf of Conoco, *On Site Technologies Limited Partnership*, is submitting the enclosed 1997 Annual Groundwater report for the twelve (12) sites

We are sending you:

No. Originals	No. Copies	Description
1		Farmington B Com 1, Unit H, Sec. 12, T29N, R12W
1		San Juan 28-7-19, Unit G, Sec. 25, T28N, R7W
1		San Juan 28-7-47, Unit A, Sec.20, T28N, R7W
1		San Juan 28-7-126, Unit M, Sec.1, T27N, R7W
1		San Juan 28-7-219, Unit N, Sec. 20, T28N, R7W
1		Shephard & Kelsey #1, Unit L, Sec. 29, T29N, R11W
1		Nell-Hall #1, Unit , Sec. 1, T30N, R11W
1		Farmington Com #1, Unit P, Sec. 11, T29N, R13W
1		Farmington C Com #1, Unit L, Sec. 15, T29N, R13W
1		Farmington B Com #1E, Unit O, Sec. 15, T29N, R13W
1		Salmon #1, Unit P Sec. 30, T29N, R11W
1		Shephard & Kelsey 1E, Unit D, Sec. 29, T29W, R11W

SIGNATURE:



Larry Trujillo
Sr. Environmental Technician

cc:

Denny Foust
Shirley Ebert
Neal Goates



Conoco, Inc., Midland Division
Exploration and Production, North America
10 Desta Drive, Suite 100W
Midland, Texas 79705-4500

January 28, 1998

Attn.: Mr. Neal Goates, Senior Environmental Specialist

RE: Revision to Remediation Summary
Farmington Com #1
Unit P, Sec. 11, T29W, R13W, NMPM
San Juan County, New Mexico

Project No: 4-1372

In On Site Technologies' remediation report dated January 16, 1998, there is an error in the text. This error came to light through the efforts of Mr. Denny Foust of New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. In the text of the report it was reported that contaminated soils excavated from the site were transported to Envirotech's Landfarm Number Three. Mr. Foust pointed out that the contaminated soils were transported to Envirotech's Landfarm Number Two.

Please make note of this error and attach this correspondence to the original report. We are sorry for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

If there are any questions or concerns about this matter, feel free to contact Myke Lane or myself at (505) 325-5667.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Larry Trujillo
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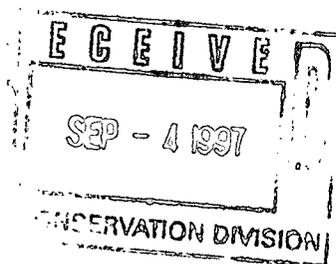
Shirley Ebert, Conoco Farmington Office
Bill Olson, NMOCD Santa Fe Office
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September 2, 1997

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
Attn.: Mr. William C. Olson
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RE: Clarification of "Substantial Risk to the Public" at the Farmington Com #1

Dear Mr. Olson:

In our letter to you of August 22, 1997, in Item 2, we cited "substantial risk to the public" as a concern related to the remediation of the Farmington Com #1. Upon reflection and after communication with Mr. Denny Foust of the NMOCD Aztec office, we realized that term could be misinterpreted.

By way of clarification, the concern is that the heavy equipment and truck traffic associated with a remediation by excavation could pose a physical hazard to the general public who use the park and adjacent roadway. The usage of the park and pathways is especially heavy during the summer and early fall with considerably less traffic in late fall and early winter.

For that reason, in concurrence with Merrion Oil, the current operator, we have requested the extension for the soils remediation at the Farmington Com #1 location.

We hope that the information above meets with your approval. We will keep you and Mr. Denny Foust of your Aztec office advised of our progress on the Farmington locations. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at (505) 324-5813.

Sincerely,


C John Coy
Field SHEAR Specialist
CONOCO, Inc.

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August 22, 1997

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
Attn.: Mr. William C. Olson
2040 S. Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

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Verbal approval given to
John Coy voice mail
William Olson

RE: NMOCD Letter Dated July 28, 1997 Regarding Conoco's Annual Pit
Closure Summary and Ground Water Impacts

Dear Mr. Olson:

In response to and acknowledgement of the referenced letter, we offer the following item by item discussion and progress report.

1. General Conditions
 - a. Ground water sampling conducted after August 10, 1997 will include analysis for cations/anions and RCRA metals from the well at the source on each location. If a sheen is noted, the water will also be analyzed for Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH). If the well at the source exhibits results above regulatory limits, additional wells at the location as well as future sampling events will be analyzed for those parameters. The results of these analyses will be included in subsequent annual reports.
 - b. A comprehensive ground water remediation plan and long term ground water monitoring plan will be submitted to NMOCD as required by October 10, 1997.
 - c. Future annual ground water reports will be submitted to NMOCD by March 1 of each year. Each site will be treated as a separate case and information presented will include:
 - i. A summary of ground water remediation and monitoring activities for the prior calendar year.
 - ii. A summary table of all past and present ground water quality analytical results with copies of laboratory analytical results for samples taken during the prior calendar year.
 - iii. An updated site map showing the locations of relevant features (i.e. well head, pits, former pits, monitor wells, etc.)
 - iv. A quarterly ground water potentiometric map.
 - v. A geologic log and well completion diagram for each monitor well.

2. Status report of remedial actions for the Farmington Com #1, Farmington C Com #1, and Farmington B Com #1E; ground water remediation work plan for the Farmington B Com #1:

Conoco, Inc. has contracted with On Site Technologies Limited of Farmington, NM to determine a scope of work, solicit bids, procure and supervise a qualified excavation and hauling subcontractor to remove the impacted soils delineated in the April, 1997 Investigation Reports for each site. However, On Site has experienced considerable difficulty obtaining responses from contractors due to the intense level of activity in the San Juan Basin. Two bids have now been received and a contractor, Consolidated Constructors, selected based on both price and timely availability of equipment. Even so, due to prior commitments, that contractor cannot mobilize until after August 29, 1997. On Site plans to commence work on the Farmington C Com #1 and then the Farmington B Com #1E as soon as the contractor's schedule permits pending access permission from an adjacent landowner outside the C Com #1 location fence.

In addition to the difficulty of obtaining a contractor, we are aware that Merrion Oil, the current operator of these locations, has requested an extension until November, 1997 on the Farmington Com #1 based on a substantial risk to the public due to the proximity of the location to a City-owned public park and recreation area.

For the reasons given above, we request that an extension be granted for the soils remediation at the Farmington C Com #1, and Farmington B Com #1E until September 30, 1997 and at the Farmington Com #1 until the November date requested by Merrion Oil.

Furthermore, on the Farmington B Com #1 where the soil remediation has been completed, another ground water sample event is due in mid-September. We believe that the information from that event will be very helpful in developing an effective ground water remediation plan for the B Com #1. Additionally, the analyses specified in Item 1.a. have not been performed at this location and will be run on the September samples.

Regarding ground water remediation work plans, we request that extensions be granted for each site as noted below:

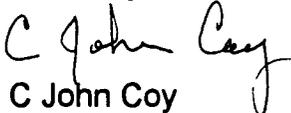
Farmington Com #1	November 30, 1997
Farmington C Com #1	October 10, 1997
Farmington B Com #1E	October 10, 1997
Farmington B Com #1	October 10, 1997

3. Status of the Sheperd & Kelsey #1E (Separator pit)

On August 19, 1997, On Site Technologies advanced four test holes, using a direct-punch probing system, in the area of the separator pit at the Shepard & Kelsey #1E for the purpose of determining the extent of ground water contamination. Soil samples were taken at the soil/water interface at approximately five feet below ground surface. Field headspace results for those samples ranged from 0.0 to 5.9 units. Cobbles were encountered at eight to ten feet below surface. Monitoring wells were installed in the two test holes with the highest headspace readings of 2.9 and 5.9 units. The wells were then developed and, the next day, sampled. The existing monitor well (MW 1) in the pit proper was also purged, tested for pH and conductivity, and sampled. MW 1 is being analyzed for BTEX, API Water suite, Total RCRA Metals, and Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons. Samples from MW 2 and MW 3, the new wells, are being analyzed for BTEX only as directed. A report delineating the extent of ground water contamination at this location will be prepared upon receipt of laboratory analytical results.

We hope that the information above meets with your approval and adequately addresses the requirements delineated in your letter of July 28, 1997. We will keep you and Mr. Denny Foust of your Aztec office advised of our progress on the Farmington locations. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at (505) 324-5813.

Sincerely,



C John Coy
Field SHEAR Specialist
CONOCO, Inc.

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Myke Lane, Cindy Gray, On Site Technologies

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August 12, 1997

Mr. Bill Olsen
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
2040 S. Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

**Re: Request for Delay in Contamination Cleanup
Farmington Com #1
Section 11, T29N, R13W
San Juan County, New Mexico**

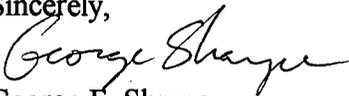
Dear Mr. Olsen:

A deadline of August 29th has been set by the NMOCD for Conoco Inc. to complete the subject cleanup. Merrion, as current operator of the well, requests that this deadline be moved back to November 14, 1997. The following reasons are submitted for this request:

- 1.) The well is in the Animas Park, the only entry point on the southside of Farmington's pristine Riverine Park. Pedestrian volume is high through this public access point up until the leaves fall in mid-October. Merrion is concerned that any significant excavation activity will be a safety concern and certainly will create a public relations mess during a high traffic period of the year. As the current operator of the well, Merrion will likely bear the brunt of any public outcry.
- 2.) The contamination has likely been there for many years. The source of the contamination (earthen pits) has been eliminated. Therefore, there will be no significant impact by delaying cleanup for a few months.
- 3.) Conoco has been working diligently on all of the contamination sites, and has indicated they will likely be able to comply with the deadline on all the other sites.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


George F. Sharpe
Manager - Oil & Gas Investments

xc: Denny Foust - OCD, Aztec
John Coy - Conoco, Inc.
SSD, TGM



State of New Mexico
ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

STATE OF
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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING OR CONVERSATION

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<u>Originating Party</u>	<u>Other Parties</u>
Connie Denning - Merriam O&G	Bill Olson - Envir. Bureau

Subject
 Farmington Comm #1 - GW Contamination Notification
 Farmington "C" Comm #1

Discussion
 Merriam purchasing above properties from Conoco
 Site, assessment shows GW ground water contamination at
 both sites
 Sale's agreement will have Conoco with liability for clean up

Conclusions or Agreements
 Requested legal locations, she will provide

Distribution
 Farmington Comm #1 File
 Farmington "C" Comm #1 File
 Danny Foust - OCD After

Signed



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Other Parties

(915) 686-5488

Bill Olson - Envir. Bureau

Neal Gortas - Conoco

Subject

Discussion

Ground Water contamination at Farmington B Com #1
 located in Unit H sec 15 T29N R3W
 near Meadowview Trailer Park

Conclusions or Agreements

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Signed

Bill Olson

Bill Olsen



CONOCO CORPORATION DIVISION
Interoffice Communication

ISS NO 100 8 52
To Meadow View Mobil Home Park Residents
From John Andersen
Date October 11, 1996
Subject Residents Meeting

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As you are aware, Conoco owns and operates the gas well and gathering system located next to Meadow View Mobil Home Park. The Farmington B Com #1 well was drilled in the mid 1960's, and a gathering system was installed to transport the gas shortly thereafter. Conoco acquired the properties in 1991, and has operated since that time. Conoco has been operating other properties in the San Juan Basin for nearly 50 years.

Since acquiring the property, Conoco has installed several safety devices along the system, and implemented a pipeline operating and maintenance plan. An example of some of the plan's requirements are to patrol the system and perform leak surveys routinely. We comply with all requirements and have a safe and sound operation. We pride ourselves on safety and truly believe that it is a key element in running a successful business.

Conoco would like to extend an invitation to all Meadow View Mobil Home Park residents to meet at the Farmington B Com #1 well location on October 19, 1996 at 9:00 am. Conoco personnel will meet you at the well location entrance, guide you through the facility, and explain the operation and safety systems.

An important goal for Conoco is to be a good neighbor. We hope to understand your concerns, answer any questions you might have, and leave with a mutual understanding, as good neighbors would. We would like to thank you in advance for your time.

Sincerely,

John Andersen
Sr. Production Foreman
San Juan Operations

Bill Olson

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APRIL 20, 1992

RE: Conoco Farmington B Com #1, H-15-29N-13W, Unreported Oil Spill

On March 19, 1992, this Dakota gas producer was placed on compression for the first time, lowering the back pressure on the well to essentially zero from approximately 300 psi. The production tank was gauged on the 19th showing four feet of remaining volume or approximately 56 barrels. Production from this well varied from 2 to 17 barrels per day of hydrocarbons. The well apparently surged and unloaded drowning the separator which allowed all produced fluids to be dumped to the tank. The tank was overflowing when discovered by L. C. Bob Williams, Production Operator for Conoco, about 4:00 PM on Friday March 20, 1992. Mr. Williams immediate superior Randy K. Thille, Head Production Operator for Conoco, arrived on the location and noted the spill. Mr. Williams then went on days off and the contract pumper for the Farmington B Com #1 returned from days off, Steve Randolf of Specialty Services. Mr. Thille was on location and had seen the spill according to Mr. Williams. On Saturday March 21, 1992, Giant hauled 118 barrels of oil and a vacuum truck was called out by the HPO. Approximately eight barrels of oil were recovered from the fire walls and placed in the production tank. Fifty-six barrels of water were hauled to Hicks Disposal Well by C J Water Haulers. The production tank at Farmington B Com #1 was steam cleaned on March 23, 1992. On April 6, 1992 a crew headed by Ray Tolson from Property Management and Consulting cleaned up oil within the firewalls using a backhoe and hauled off three to six yards of contaminated material. With no authorized disposal site, Property Management hauled the material back to the wellsite on April 7, 1992, attempting to remediate the material on site. Subsequent odors caused Grace Morris of the Meadows Trailer Court (327-6929) to report the spill to Conoco and the Environmental Department. ED notified Charles Gholson on April 7, 1992, and Charles made a subsequent inspection April 7, in the PM. Denny Foust first visited the site at 8:00 AM on April 8, 1992. The area within the firewalls, approximately 25' X 50' was saturated through the gravel, some oil had bled through the firewalls and there was oil staining on most of the remaining location. Dan McCoy and Denny Foust agreed the material from within the firewalls was to be removed to Envirotech, the separator pit had 2" of oil to be vacuumed, the tank was to be emptied and inspected and the separator was to be moved. Ernie Busch observed these operations. About 300 yds of contaminated material were taken to Envirotech's landfarm. The oil was treated at another location before being sold under verbal authorization from Charles Gholson (see C-126). Conoco has subsequently reset the production tank and separator with maximum safety in mind. The spill was probably a mixture of oil and water and was at least 2" deep within the firewalls or a minimum of 35 barrels. Due to the close proximity of the separator burner to the firewalls we are extremely lucky no fire was ignited due to vapors from the spilled oil.

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