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August 14, 2000

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. 5051-3464

Mr. Scott T. Pope
El Paso Field Services
614 Reilly Ave.
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

**RE: MARY ACKROYD #1 WELL SITE
PIT CLOSURE REQUEST
SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Dear Mr. Pope:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed El Paso Field Services (EPFS) May 23, 2000 "REQUEST FOR CLOSURE OF THE MARY ACKROYD #1". This document contains the results of EPFS's recent monitoring of contaminated ground water related to the closure of an unlined oil and gas production pit at the Mary Ackroyd #1 site located in Unit J, Section 18, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico. The documents also requests closure of the site based on the remediation and monitoring actions taken to date.

The final pit closure, soil remediation and ground water activities conducted at Mary Ackroyd #1 well site are approved.

Please be advised that OCD approval does not relieve EPFS 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 EPFS of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, local or tribal laws and regulations.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Olson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "W".

William C. Olson
Hydrologist
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xc: Denny Foust, OCD Aztec District Office



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March 13, 1998

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. Z-235-437-245

Ms. Sandra D. Miller
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Farmington, New Mexico 87499

RE: FINAL SAN JUAN BASIN PIT CLOSURE REPORTS FOR GROUNDWATER SITES

Dear Ms. Miller:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has completed a review of El Paso Field Services (EPFS) November 5, 1997 "REQUEST FOR CLOSURE OF ELEVEN GROUNDWATER LOCATIONS" and the accompanying July 1997 "SAN JUAN BASIN PIT CLOSURES, SAN JUAN BASIN, NEW MEXICO, PIT CLOSURE REPORT". These documents contain the results of the closure of 11 unlined oil and gas production pits in the San Juan Basin at which ground water was encountered.

The OCD's review of the above referenced documents is addressed below:

A. The pit closure, soil remediation and ground water activities conducted at the sites listed below are **approved**.

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| 1. McGrath #1 (Drip pit) | Unit F, Sec. 07, T30N, R11W |
| 2. NM Com G#1 (Drip pit) | Unit P, Sec. 36, T30N, R10W |
| 3. Johnston Federal #3A (Dehy pit) | Unit I, Sec. 12, T30N, R09W |
| 4. Gallegos Canyon Unit #188E (Dehy pit) | Unit B, Sec. 30, T29N, R12W |
| 5. Gallegos Canyon Unit #145E (Dehy pit) | Unit D, Sec. 26, T29N, R12W |
| 6. Jacquez #3 (Drip pit) | Unit E, Sec. 25, T30N, R09W |
| 7. Anderson Gas Com A#1 PC (Drip pit) | Unit C, Sec. 28, T29N, R10W |
| 8. 2C-22 #1 Line Drip (Line drip pit) | Unit N, Sec. 35, T24N, R06W |
| 9. Mae Gail Com #1 (Dehy pit) | Unit E, Sec. 24, T29N, R11W |
| 10. Salazar G 34-1 (Drip pit) | Unit K, Sec. 34, T25N, R06W |

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- B. The closure report for the site listed below shows that there were no ground water samples taken from the source area of contamination at the pit. Monitor wells were only installed a distance from the pit area. Therefore, the OCD cannot issue final closure approval at this time and approval of closure actions at this site is **denied**. The OCD requires that EPFS determine the contaminant concentrations in ground water at the pit source area pursuant to their previously approved ground water investigation plan. The OCD will reconsider issuing final closure approval when the report is resubmitted with the results of these ground water analyses.

1. Mary Ackroyd #1 (Drip pit)

Unit J, Sec. 18, T30N, R11W.

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
Bill Liess, BLM Farmington District Office
Mike Matush, New Mexico State Land Office



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August 6, 1997

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-410-431-203

Mr. Ricky D. Cosby
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RE: SAN JUAN BASIN GROUND WATER REPORTS

Dear Mr. Cosby:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed El Paso Field Service's (EPFS) June 2, 1997 "SEMI-ANNUAL EL PASO FIELD SERVICES PIT PROJECT GROUND WATER REPORT". This document contains EPFS's a listing of San Juan Basin pit closure sites at which EPFS has encountered ground water and a proposal to modify the reporting schedule for ground water cases from semi-annual to annual.

The above referenced proposal is approved with the following conditions:

1. EPFS will submit the annual reports on investigation/remedial activities to the OCD by December 1 of each respective year. The reports will present the information on each site as a separate case. Each case will contain:
 - a. A description of all investigation remediation activities which occurred during the past year including conclusions and recommendations.
 - b. Summary tables of all past and present laboratory analytic results of ground water quality monitoring including copies of the past years laboratory data sheets and associated quality assurance/quality control data.

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- c. A site map and a quarterly water table elevation map using the water table elevation of the ground water in all monitor wells.
- d. A geologic log and completion diagram for each monitor well.
- e. The disposition of all wastes generated.
- f. Isoconcentration maps for contaminants of concern at the site (ie. benzene, BTEX, chloride, TDS, etc.).

Please be advised that OCD approval does not relieve EPFS of liability if contamination exists which is beyond the scope of the work plan; if the activities fail to adequately determine the extent of contamination; or if the activities fail to adequately remediate or monitor contamination related to EPFS's activities. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve EPFS of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state or local laws and/or regulations.

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Sincerely,



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