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Mr. William C. Olson
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
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Subject : Closure Plan for Mobil Thomas #1 Dehydration Pit, San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Olson:

El Paso Natural Gas Company(EPNG) plans to close an inactive dehydration pit located near Bloomfield, New Mexico. The dehydrator was shutdown many years ago. The pit does not have any visibly hydrocarbon stained soil at the surface. The existing pit is approximately 10 feet wide and 15 feet long.

The assessment to determine the lateral and vertical extent of contamination will be performed pursuant to NMOCD " Guidelines for Surface Impoundment Closure". The visually contaminated soil will be excavated to groundwater and horizontal extent practicable.

EPNG will transport contaminated soil to Envirotech's landfarm facility located off Highway 44. A specific area will be set aside at Envirotech's facility for EPNG soil. Envirotech will be responsible for spreading, disking and analyzing the soil at the landfarm according to NMOCD requirements.

Pit bottom and side samples will be analyzed for Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons by the EPA Modified 8015 Method and Purgeable Organic Contaminants by EPA Method 8020. Prior to backfilling the pit, EPNG will contact NMOCD for a field inspection. EPNG will fill the pit with clean sandy soil.

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As a final step in the closure of the pit, EPNG will contour the backfilled area to avoid ponding, control runoff and erosion. A report containing the results of the closure will be submitted NMOCD within 60 days of completion of the closure activities.

Upon your approval, EPNG plans to begin pit closure in January 1993. If you have any questions, please call me at (505) 599-2176.

Sincerely,



Anu N. Pundari
Sr. Compliance Engineer

cc: Mr. David Hall(EPNG)
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