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July 18, 2001

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. 3771-7460

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

RE: 2000 SAN JUAN BASIN ANNUAL GROUNDWATER REPORT

Dear Mr. Pope:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed El Paso Field Services (EPFS) February 26, 2001 "2000 PIT PROJECT ANNUAL GROUNDWATER REPORT". This document contains the results of EPFS's 2000 monitoring and remediation of contaminated ground water related to the closure of unlined oil and gas production pits at 36 sites in the San Juan Basin. The documents also requests closure for 6 of the sites based on the remediation and monitoring actions taken to date.

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

A. Final pit closure approvals for the sites listed below were previously issued by the OCD on April 3, 2001.

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| 1. | Charlie Pah #2 (Drip pit) | Unit B, Sec. 12, T27N, R09W |
| 2. | K-51 Line Drip (Drip pit) | Unit A, Sec. 34, T26N, R06W |
| 3. | Mesa CPD (Drip pit) | Unit E, Sec. 04, T29N, R14W |
| 4. | Sheets Well #2 (Drip pit) | Unit H, Sec. 28, T31N, R09W |
| 5. | Turner A#1 Pit #1 (Dehy pit) | Unit K, Sec. 34, T31N, R11W |
| 6. | Turner A#1 Pit #2 (Drip pit) | Unit K, Sec. 34, T31N, R11W |

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B. The final pit closure and ground water activities at the sites listed below appear satisfactory. However, the reports do not include a completed pit remediation and closure form which contains the results of all soil remediation actions. The OCD cannot issue final closure approval until EPFS submits this information.

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| 1. | Ohio C Government #3 (Dehy pit) | Unit P, Sec. 26, T28N, R11W |
| 2. | Anderson GC A#1 (CH) (Dehy pit) | Unit C, Sec. 28, T29N, R10W. |

C. A review of the annual ground water reports for the sites listed below shows that the extent of ground water contamination in excess of WQCC standards at these sites has not been defined or the sites do not contain permanent downgradient ground water monitoring points. The OCD requires that EPFS install additional ground water monitoring wells at these sites to monitor and determine the extent of ground water contamination pursuant to their previously approved ground water investigation plan.

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| 1. | Hammond #41A | Unit O, Sec. 25, T27N, R08W |
| 2. | James F Bell #1E | Unit P, Sec. 10, T30N, R13W |
| 3. | K-27 Line Drip | Unit E, Sec. 04, T25N, R06W |
| 4. | K-31 Line Drip | Unit N, Sec. 16, T25N, R06W |
| 5. | Lateral 0-21 Line Drip | Unit O, Sec. 12, T30N, R09W |
| 6. | Lindrith B#24 | Unit N, Sec. 09, T24N, R03W |
| 7. | Miles Federal #1A (CH) | Unit F, Sec. 05, T26N, R07W |
| 8. | State Gas Com N#1 | Unit H, Sec. 16, T31N, R12W |

D. At the sites listed below where EPFS states that there is possible ground water contamination related to the operators activities, the OCD requests that EPFS work cooperatively with the operator to investigate and remediate contaminated ground water.

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| 1. | Canada Mesa #2 | Unit I, Sec. 24, T24N, R06W |
| 2. | Fields A #7A | Unit E, Sec. 34, T32N, R11W |
| 3. | Fogelson 4-1 Com #14 | Unit P, Sec. 04, T29N, R11W |
| 4. | Gallegos Canyon Unit Com A #142E | Unit G, Sec. 25, T29N, R12W |
| 5. | Johnston Federal #4 | Unit H, Sec. 33, T31N, R09W |
| 6. | Johnston Federal #6A | Unit F, Sec. 35, T31N, R09W |
| 7. | Knight #1 | Unit A, Sec. 05, T30N, R13W |
| 8. | Sandoval Gas Com A #1A | Unit C, Sec. 35, T30N, R09W |
| 9. | Standard Oil Com #1 | Unit N, Sec. 36, T29N, R09W |

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If you have any questions, please call me at (505) 476-3491.

Sincerely,

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William C. Olson
Hydrologist
Environmental Bureau

xc: Denny Foust, OCD Aztec District Office
Bill Liess, BLM Farmington District Office
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February 17, 2000

Mr. William C. Olson
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
2040 S. Pacheco
Santa Fe, NM 87504

RE: Corrected Request for Extension for 2000 Pit Project Annual Groundwater Report

Dear Mr. Olson:

Please except this request for extension with the dates corrected to reflect the current year.

The pit project annual groundwater report is due to you on March 1, 2000. Pursuant to our February 8, 2000 telephone conversation, El Paso Field Services (EPFS) hereby requests a one-month extension to the submittal date. EPFS will submit the pit project annual report to your office by April 3, 2000.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact me at (505) 599-2124.

Sincerely,

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Scott T. Pope P.G.
Environmental Scientist

xc: Mr. Denny Foust, NMOCD - Aztec

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February 8, 1999

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2040 S. Pacheco
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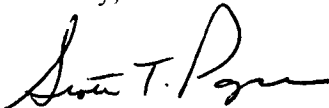
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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2040 S. PACHECO
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July 9, 1998

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. Z-235-437-308

Mr. B.D. Shaw
Amoco Production Company
200 Amoco Court
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

RE: SAN JUAN BASIN PIT GROUND WATER SITES

Dear Mr. Shaw:

Information in El Paso Field Services (EPFS) recent annual ground water monitoring report shows the presence of shallow ground at some well sites operated by Amoco Production Company (Amoco). Disposal activities at EPFS pits on these locations have resulted in contamination of shallow ground water. These sites also apparently have former unlined production pits operated by Amoco, some of which appear to be contributing to ground water contamination seen in EPFS monitoring wells.

Due to the presence of ground water contamination at these sites and the apparent commingling of contaminated waters from EPFS's former unlined dehy pit and Amoco's former unlined production pits, the OCD requests that Amoco cooperate with EPFS to investigate and remediate contaminated ground water at the sites listed below:

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| 1. Coldiron Com A#1 | Unit K, Sec. 02, T30N, R11W. |
| 2. Fields A #7A | Unit E, Sec. 34, T32N, R11W. |
| 3. Gallegos Canyon Unit Com A #142E | Unit G, Sec. 25, T29N, R12W. |
| 4. Sandoval Gas Com A #1A | Unit C, Sec. 35, T30N, R09W. |

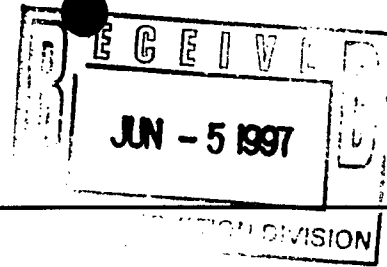
If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 827-7154.

Sincerely,

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William C. Olson
Hydrologist
Environmental Bureau

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Sandra D. Miller, El Paso Field Services
Bill Liess, BLM Farmington Office



Bill Olson
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Date: June 2, 1997

Subject: Semi-Annual El Paso Field Services Pit Project Groundwater Report

Mr. Olson,

El Paso Field Services (EPFS) has encountered groundwater at various locations while investigating and or remediating exempt hydrocarbon unlined pits. The enclosed list includes all locations which are in this category. Please find enclosed, the locations and status of each individual pit.

These pits are being remediated according to the "EPFS Remediation Plan for Groundwater Encountered During Pit Closure Activities" dated November 29, 1995.

EPFS requests that future reports for this project be submitted on a yearly basis to begin December 1, 1997 which will include soil boring logs, monitoring well completion diagrams, analytical data, groundwater elevation data, any risk analysis and type of remediation method.

For questions regarding this report please contact Ricky Cosby at (505)599-2158.



Ricky D. Cosby
Compliance Specialist

cc: Denny Foust - Aztec District

El Paso Field Services
Pit Project Ground Water Report

Location/Line Name	LTR	Sec	TN	RO	Monitor Status	Well Status	Depth to GW	Product Contam
MCGRATH #1	F	07	30	11	+1	GW encountered during drilling activities, MW results below standards, Develop Closure Plan	17'	No
Mae Gail Com #1	E	24	29	11		PZ1 in center of pit below standards. All other samples below standards. Develop Closure Plan	0.5'-6'	No
NM COM G1	P	36	30	10		MW1 was removed during site re-excavation, PZ1 installed with samples below standards. Develop Closure Plan.	17'-18'	No
MARY ACKROYD #1	J	18	30	11		Geoprobe samples all below standards. Develop Closure Plan.	3'-6'	No
JACQUEZ #3	E	25	30	09	-1	MW1 removed during re-excavation. 3 piezos and 1 probehole around pit all below standards. Operator has placed a production tank over the pit location. Develop Closure Plan.	13'-15'	No
SALAZAR G 34-1	K	34	25	06	+1	MW1 results all below standards. Develop Closure Plan.	35'	No
ANDERSON GAS COM A#1 PC	C	28	29	10		PH4 in center of pit is below standards. All of PH's around pit below standards. Develop Closure Plan.	5'-9'	No
GALLEGOS CANYON UT 145 E	D	26	29	12		PZ1 in center of pit below standards.	6'-9'	No
JOHNSTON FEDERAL #3A	I	12	30	09	+1	Develop Closure Plan. 4 clean quarters.	67.5'	No
FLORANCE #1	J	08	30	11	+1	MW1 installed 05/07/97.	14'	No
DE-NA-HAZ-ZA #1	D	18	26	08	+1	MW1 installed 05/08/97.	14'	No
Ramenta Et Al #1	J	13	27	09	+1	Develop and sample MW1.	5'-9'	No
HAMMOND 41 A	O	25	27	08	+1	MW1 installed 05/05/97.	15'-24'	No
VALDEZ GAS UNIT A #1E CH	G	24	29	11	-1, +1	MW1 installed 05/07/97. Develop and sample MW1.	11'-12'	No

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Location/Line Name	LTR	Sec	TN	RG	Monitor Status	Well Status	Depth to GW	Product Level
GALLEGOS CANYON COM A142E	G	25	29	12	+1	MW1 Developed and sampled 03/10/97. Evaluate Data.	13'	No
GALLEGOS CANYON UT D#160	I	27	29	12	+1	MW1 Developed and sampled 03/10/97. Evaluate Data.	19.1'	No
HARRINGTON #1	M	31	27	07	+1	MW1 Developed and sampled 04/02/97. Evaluate Data.	13'	No
Turner A1 "PM" (Pit #2)	G	34	31	11	+1	MW1 Developed and sampled 03/12/97. Evaluate Data.	2.3'--2.5'	No
TURNER #1A (Pit #1)	K	34	31	11	+1	Same as Above	5'	No
SAN JUAN 28-8 UNIT #79 MV	M	11	27	08	+1	MW1 Developed and sampled 04/14/97. Evaluate Data.	30'	No
KNIGHT #1	A	05	30	13	+4	Installed Oxegenate Socks 11/25/96. Geoprobe 02/25/97. Evaluate Data.	22'-25'	No
Ohio C. Govt. #3	P	26	28	11		Install MW1 and sample quarterly.	6'-16'	No
NICKLES #1	K	11	31	13	+1	MW1 Developed and sampled 03/28/97. Evaluate Data.	12'-15'	No
BUD-DOS-PAH #1	M	19	26	08		Soil Boring 02/19/97. Operator has placed a compressor over excavated pit area. Evaluate Data.		No
SANCHEZ GAS COM B#1	G	28	29	10	+1	MW1 Developed and sampled 03/11/97. Evaluate Data.	13'	No
GE-ELE-GU-LITHE #2	L	07	26	08		Soil Boring 02/20/97. Operator has placed a compressor over excavated pit area. Evaluate Data.	6'-9'	No
JOHN CHARLES #8	B	13	27	09	+1	MW1 Developed and sampled 03/13/97. Evaluate Data.	13'	No
CANDADO 23 MV	B	09	26	07	+1	MW1 Developed and sampled 04/16/97. Evaluate Data.	19'	No
							6'-9'	No

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Location/Line Name	ITR	Sec	TN	RG	Marker	Well Status	Depth to GW	Product Level
GALLEGOS CANYON UNIT 188E	B	30	29	12	+1	MW1 Developed and sampled 04/03/97. Evaluate Data.	3'-5'	No
JOHNSON #1E	P	21	31	13	+1	MW1 Developed and sampled 03/28/97. Evaluate Data.	3'-9'	No
MILES FEDERAL #1E	N	05	26	07	+1	MW1 Developed and sampled 04/02/97. Evaluate Data.	13.5'-30'	No
TRUJILLO GAS COM A#1	C	28	29	10	+1	MW1 Developed and sampled 04/03/97. Evaluate Data.	3'-9'	No
ANDERSON GAS COM A#1 CH	C	28	29	10	+1	MW1 Developed and sampled 03/11/97. Evaluate Data.	5'-9'	No
TRUNK D LINE DRIP (LOOPD8)	F	20	28	08	+1	MW1 Developed and sampled 03/31/97. Evaluate Data.	10.8'-24'	No
K-31 LINE DRIP	N	16	25	06	+1	MW1 Developed and sampled 04/18/97. Evaluate Data.	18'-24'	No
K-17 LINE DRIP	C	26	27	08	+1	MW1 Developed and sampled 03/31/97. Evaluate Data.	17.8'-27'	No
TRUNK 28 DRIP X-1	J	01	27	11	+1	MW1 Developed and sampled 03/11/97. Evaluate Data.	6'-10'	No
Trujillo Gas Com #1 PC	M	21	29	10		Install MW1	4'	No
OHIO C GOVERNMENT #3 TD	P	26	28	11		Install MW1	6'-16'	No
LINDRITH B #24	N	09	24	03		Install MW1	21'-27'	No
K - 51 Line Drip	A	34	26	06		Install MW1	10'	No
Mesa CPD	C	04	29	14	+1	Install well points around pit and sample. MW1 needs 3 more clean quarters.	3'-6.5'	No
STANDARD OIL COM #1	N	36	29	09	+1	Install well points on four sides of pit to establish gradient.	20.89'	No
W.D. HEATH B#5	M	31	30	09	+1	Install well points on four sides of pit to establish gradient.	30'-36'	No
CANYON LARGO UNIT 304	C	11	24	06	+1	Install downgradient well points and sample.	17.5'-18'	No

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Location/Line Name	LTR	Sec	TN	RG	Monitor Status	Well Status	Depth to GW	Protect Level
K-27 LINE DRIP	E	04	25	08	+1	Establish gradient with well points.	40'	No
LAT 0-21 LINE DRIP	O	12	30	09	+1	Establish gradient with well points.	33'-36'	No
Trunk D loop Line Drip	I	33	28	08	+1	Establish gradient with well points.	33'-36'	No
Bisti Flare Pit	C	21	12	26		Establish GW gradient	15'	No
LAT L-40 LINE DRIP	H	13	28	04	+1	Install downgradient well points and sample.	40'	No
HAMNER #9	A	20	29	09	+1	Establish gradient with well points.	29'-31'	No
GARTNER LS #7	K	26	30	08		NMOCD Closure Approved	NA	No
HAMMOND FED #1	L	25	27	08	+1	NMOCD Closure Approved	NA	No
BURROUGHS COM #1	H	36	27	08		NMOCD Closure Approved	NA	No
CLEVELAND #6	B	21	27	09	+1	NMOCD Closure Approved	NA	No
CHARLEY PAH 4	K	12	27	09		NMOCD Closure Approved	NA	No
GRACE PEARCE #1	O	22	29	11		NMOCD Closure Approved	NA	No
HAMMOND #7	G	26	27	08		NMOCD Closure Approved	NA	No
ONA MCGEE #1	P	04	30	11		NMOCD Closure Approved	NA	No
CUTLER #2	A	14	24	06		NMOCD Closure Approved	NA	No
LINDRITH UNIT #23	D	09	24	03		NMOCD Closure Approved	NA	No
GREEN COM #1	E	36	29	09		NMOCD Closure Approved	NA	No
HAMMOND FED #5	D	25	27	08	+1	NMOCD Closure Approved	NA	No
FLORA VISTA #1	F	22	30	12		NMOCD Closure Approved	NA	No
MARSHALL B #1J	O	14	27	09		NMOCD Closure Approved	NA	No
HAMMOND #92	O	25	27	08		NMOCD Closure Approved	NA	No
PRICE #3	A	15	28	08		NMOCD Closure Approved	NA	No

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Location/Line Name	LTR	Sec	TN	RG	Monitor Well Status	Depth to GW	Product Level
KRAUSE WN FEDERAL #1E	C	32	28	11	NMOCDC Closure Approved	NA	No
CANYON LARGO UNIT #298	A	03	24	06	NMOCDC Closure Approved	NA	No
ARGO #1E	N	18	27	10	NMOCDC Closure Approved	NA	No
CANYON LARGO UNIT #302	J	03	24	06	NMOCDC Closure Approved	NA	No
FEDERAL 6 #32 CH	G	06	26	07	NMOCDC Closure Approved	NA	No
SANCHEZ GAS COM C#1	A	28	29	10	NMOCDC Closure Approved	NA	No
VALDEZ #2	G	24	29	11	-1	NA	No
FEDERAL R #2	P	15	27	08	+1	NA	No
CANYON LARGO UNIT #336	C	24	25	06	NMOCDC Closure Approved	NA	No
CANDELARIA GAS COM C #1	C	27	29	10	NMOCDC Closure Approved	NA	No
HOWELL #3	C	03	27	08	NMOCDC Closure Approved	NA	No
LAT 2C-55 LINE DRIP	F	17	25	07	+1	NA	No
HORTON 1-E	H	28	31	09	+1	5.3'	No
LAT 3B-39	M	10	29	09	+1	31'-36'	No
JOHNSTON FEDERAL #4	H	33	31	09	+3	48.94'--50.38'	Yes
STATE GAS COM N #1	H	16	31	12	+4	75.66'--76.90'	Yes
COLDIRON COM A#1	K	02	30	11	+1	35.4'	Yes
JOHNSTON FEDERAL #6A	F	35	31	09	+4	40'-44.6'	Yes
JAMES F. BELL #1E	P	10	30	13	+4	23.5'-24.5'	Yes
CANADA MESA #2	I	24	24	06	+1	30'	Yes

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Location/Line Name	UTM	Sec	TN	RG	Monitor Status	Well Status	Depth to GW	Product Level
FIELDS A #7A	E	34	32	11	+4	Confirm groundwater gradient. Initiate product removal from MW4.	21.8'-28.8'	Yes
FOGELSON 4-1 COM #14	P	04	29	11	+1	Re-excavate site. Evaluate operators open pits as sources of contamination.	31'-36'	No
SANDOVAL GAS COM A 1A	C	35	30	09	+1	Refusal with Geoprobe. Re-excavate pit and re-install MW1.	35'	No
MILES FEDERAL 1A (CH)	F	05	26	07	+1	Evaluate Data. Sandstone refusal at 25'.	29'	Yes
SHEETS #2	H	28	31	09	+4	Sample Quarterly. Steady drop in B analysis through 4 quarters.	46.3'-50.31'	No
JENNAPAH #1	H	36	28	09	+1	Sample Quarterly. Develop and Sample MW1 03/13/97.	20'	No
FLORANCE C LS 7	F	30	28	08	+1	Sample Quarterly. Need 2 more clean quarters.	40'	No
GRAHAM #53	L	10	27	08	+1	Sample Quarterly. Need 3 more clean samples	28.33'	No
MILES FEDERAL 1 A MV	F	05	26	07	+1	Sample Quarterly. Need 2 more clean quarters.	27.8'	No
LAT. H-37 DRIP Y-3	F	01	31	13	+4	Sample Quarterly. Remove socks. 4 clean quarters with ORB socks.	24.5'-25'	No
2C-22 #1 LINE DRIP	N	35	24	06	+1	Develop Closure Plan. 4 clean quarters.	28.8'	No
2C-22 #3 LINE DRIP	G	13	24	06	+1	Sample Quarterly. Need 3 more clean quarters.	14'-24'	No
2C - 45 Line Drip	P	13	25	06	+1	Sample Quarterly. Need 3 more clean quarters.	42.2'	No
USSELMAN GAS COM #1	B	04	31	10	+1	Sample Quarterly. Need 2 more clean quarters	10'	No
Note:								
MW = Monitor Well								
PZ = Piezometer								
BH = Bore Hole								