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RETURN RECEIPT NO. 7001-1940-0004-7923-0698

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

**RE: CASE #3R248 - W.D. HEATH B-5 SITE
SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Dear Mr. Pope:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed El Paso Field Services (EPFS) May 3, 2002 "CLOSURE REQUEST FOR THE W.D. HEATH B-5". This document contains the results of EPFS's 2001 and early 2002 monitoring and remediation of soil and contaminated ground water related to closure of an unlined oil and gas production pit at the W.D. Heath B-5 site located in Unit M, Sec. 31, T30N, R09W, San Juan County, New Mexico. The document also requests closure of the site based on the remediation and monitoring actions taken to date, and proposes to plug and abandon the site monitoring wells.

The OCD approves of the final closure of the above-referenced site on the condition that EPFS plug and abandon all monitor wells by either pulling the casing or cutting the casing below the ground surface and filling the hole or casing annulus with a cement grout containing 3-5% bentonite. Please be advised that OCD approval does not relieve EPFS of responsibility 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 or local laws and regulations

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

Sincerely,

William C. Olson
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August 6, 1997

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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.

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

Sincerely,



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