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October 6, 2004

Mr. Darrell Moore  
Navajo Refining Company  
P.O. Box 159  
Artesia, New Mexico 88211

**RE: ABATEMENT PLAN AP-34  
NORTH MONUMENT 6 INCH GATHERING LINE  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Dear Mr. Moore:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed Navajo Refining Company's (Navajo) April 2, 2004 "ABATEMENT PLAN AP-34, NORTH MONUMENT 6-INCH GATHERING LINE, LEA COUNTY, NM". This document contains Navajo's proposed Stage 1 abatement plan proposal for investigation of the extent of contamination related to a crude oil pipeline spill at the North Monument 6-Inch Gathering Line located in Unit L, Section 30, Township 19 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

The OCD has determined that the above-referenced Stage 1 Abatement Plan Proposal is administratively complete. Before the OCD can complete a review of the Stage 1 proposal, the OCD requires that:

1. Navajo issue by October 21, 2004 the enclosed Stage 1 notice of publication in the Albuquerque Journal, Hobbs News Sun and Lovington Daily Leader pursuant to OCD Rule 19.G.(2).
2. Prior to issuing public notice, Navajo shall issue written notice of the Stage 1 proposal pursuant to OCD Rule 19.G.(1). A listing of "those persons, as identified by the Director, who have requested notification" pursuant to OCD Rule 19.G.(1)(d) can be found at [www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd/Bureaus/environm.htm](http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd/Bureaus/environm.htm).

3. Navajo provide the OCD with proof of publication and proof of written notice by November 5, 2004. Proof of notice shall include a map of the surface owners of record within one (1) mile of the perimeter of the site and shall identify compliance with each of the provisions of OCD Rule 19.G.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 476-3490.

Sincerely,



Roger C. Anderson  
Environmental Bureau Chief

RCA/wco

xc: Chris Williams, OCD Hobbs District Office  
Cody Morrow, NM State Land Office  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Regulations, the following Stage 1 Abatement Plan Proposal has been submitted to the Director of the Oil Conservation Division, 1220 St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, Telephone (505) 476-3440:

Navajo Refining Company, L.P., Darrell Moore, Environmental Manager, Telephone (505) 748-3311, 501 East Main St., P.O. Box 159, Artesia, New Mexico 88211-0159, has submitted a Stage 1 Abatement Plan Proposal for the North Monument 6-Inch Gathering Line Site located in Unit L of Section 30, Township 19 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Navajo Refining Company, L.P. operates a crude oil pipeline at the site. Petroleum contamination in excess of New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission standards has been observed in ground water at the site as a result of a spill of crude oil. The Stage 1 Abatement Plan Proposal presents the following activities: determine site geology and hydrogeology; conduct a registered water well search within a 1 mile radius of the site; install monitoring wells; collect ground water samples for laboratory analysis from each monitoring well; obtain depth to ground water measurements; calculate the ground water gradient and direction; survey all well locations by a professional land surveyor registered in the State of New Mexico; a monitoring and sampling plan for soils and ground water; preparation of reports; and, a schedule for implementation of all investigation and monitoring activities.

Any interested person may obtain further information from the Oil Conservation Division and may submit written comments to the Director of the Oil Conservation Division at the address given above. The Stage 1 Abatement Plan Proposal may be viewed at the above address or at the Oil Conservation Division Hobbs District Office, 1625 N. French Drive, Hobbs, New Mexico 87240, Telephone (505) 393-6161 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Prior to ruling on the proposed Stage 1 Abatement Plan Proposal, the Director of the Oil Conservation Division shall allow at least thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice during which written comments may be submitted.