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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. 7000-1670-0012-5357-8147

Mr. Mark B. Harvey
Williams Field Services
187 County Rd. 4980
Bloomfield, New Mexico 87413

RE: CASE #3R0304
ALBRIGHT #4 WELL SITE
SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Dear Mr. Harvey:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has completed a review of Williams Field Services' (WFS) July 2, 2001 "ALBRIGHT #4 DRIP PIT REMEDIATION AND CLOSURE REPORT". This document contains a "PIT REMEDIATION AND CLOSURE REPORTS" for an unlined pit in the San Juan Basin at which ground water contamination was discovered. The document requests closure of the site since ground water has been remediated to below New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) standards as demonstrated in 4 consecutive quarterly sampling events. The document also proposes to plug and abandon the site ground water monitoring wells.

The pit closure/remediation activities and proposed monitor well plugging and abandonment for the site listed below are approved on the condition that that the monitor wells are plugged and abandoned by cutting the casing off below ground surface and filling the annulus from bottom to top with a cement grout containing 3-5% bentonite.

1. Albright #4 (Drip pit) Unit F, Sec. 22, T29N, R10W.

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

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

Sincerely,

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

William C. Olson
Hydrologist
Environmental Bureau

xc: Denny Foust, OCD Aztec District Office
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