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July 20, 1998

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT NO. Z-235-437-317**

Ms. Kathy Juckes  
PNM Gas Services  
P.O. Box 4750  
Farmington, NM 87499

**RE: FINAL SAN JUAN BASIN PIT CLOSURE REPORTS**

Dear Ms. Juckes:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has completed a review of PNM Gas Services' (PNM) April 29, 1998 "OCD PIT CLOSURE REPORTS, 1ST REPORTING QUARTER 1998". This document contains "PIT REMEDIATION AND CLOSURE REPORTS" for 7 unlined pits in the San Juan Basin of Northwestern New Mexico.

Following is the OCD's review of the above referenced document:

A. The pit closure/soil remediation activities conducted at the sites below are **approved**.

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| 1. | Breech B #217 Drip (Drip pit) | Unit D, Sec. 14, T26N, R07W |
| 2. | Breech D #640 (Separator pit) | Unit A, Sec. 11, T26N, R06W |
| 3. | Breech F #545 (Dehy pit)      | Unit M, Sec. 35, T27N, R06W |
| 4. | Cozzens B#1 (Dehy pit)        | Unit L, Sec. 19, T29N, R11W |
| 5. | Mangum #5E (Unknown pit)      | Unit G, Sec. 29, T29N, R11W |
| 6. | Sammons #2 (Separator pit)    | Unit G, Sec. 32, T30N, R12W |

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

B. The final pit remedial contaminant levels at the site listed below are well in excess of the OCD's recommended remediation levels. Due to the location of the site, the magnitude of the contamination and the potential for shallow ground water contamination the OCD cannot

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issue final closure approval and approval of closure actions at this site is **denied**. The OCD requires that PNM address the extent of the remaining contamination at this site and potential impacts on groundwater.

1. Sammons #2E (Separator pit)

Unit I, Sec. 32, T30N, R12W.

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

Sincerely,



William C. Olson  
Hydrologist  
Environmental Bureau

xc: Denny Foust, OCD Aztec District Office  
Bill Liess, BLM Farmington District Office  
Pat Hester, BLM Albuquerque Office



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March 3, 1998

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT NO. Z-235-437-239**

Ms. Maureen Gannon  
PNM  
Alvarado Square, MS 0408  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87158

**RE: GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION  
COZZENS B#1 WELL SITE**

Dear Ms. Gannon:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has recently reviewed Public Service Company of New Mexico's (PNM) November 12, 1997 "LATEST DEVELOPMENTS AT THE COZZENS B1 WELL SITE". This document contains a summary of PNM's investigation and remediation of soil and ground water contamination at PNM's Cozzens B#1 well site. The document also recommends installation and monitoring of an additional monitor well at the site pursuant to PNM's ground water management plan.

The above referenced recommendations are approved.

Please be advised that OCD approval does not relieve PNM of liability if the work plan fails to adequately monitor contamination related to PNM's activities. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve PNM of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, local or tribal laws and regulations.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William C. Olson".

William C. Olson  
Hydrogeologist  
Environmental Bureau

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