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Mr. Chester L. Deal
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**RE: GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION INVESTIGATION PLAN
LANDAUER #1, TEMPLETON #1E AND TRIBAL C#12 WELL SITES
SNYDER OIL CORPORATION**

Dear Mr. Deal:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has completed a review of the Snyder Oil Corporation's February 1994 "UNLINED SURFACE IMPOUNDMENT GROUNDWATER CONTACT PLAN" which was received by the OCD Santa Fe Office on March 21, 1994. This document contains Snyder Oil's proposed plan to investigate the extent of ground water contamination related to unlined production pit disposal practices at Snyder Oil's Landauer #1, Templeton #1E and Tribal C#12 well sites.

The above referenced investigation plan is approved with the following conditions:

1. Snyder Oil will provide OCD with a copy of all previous investigation reports which documented ground water contamination at the Landauer #1, Templeton #1E and Tribal C#12 well sites.
2. The OCD defers comment on the locations and construction details of the proposed monitor wells until the OCD reviews the results of the test pit investigations.
3. Snyder Oil will submit a report detailing the results of the test pit investigations to OCD by June 1, 1994. The report will include recommendations for installation of ground water monitor wells and a ground water sampling plan.

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Please be advised that OCD approval does not relieve Snyder Oil of liability if the investigation fails to completely define the extent of contamination related to Snyder Oil's activities. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve Snyder Oil of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state or local laws and/or regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 827-5885.

Sincerely,



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