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REMEDATION WORK PLAN APPROVAL - COTTON DRAW AJT FEDERAL NO. 1

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division District 2 Office is in receipt of your Form C-141 (Release Notification and Corrective Action) dated 12-30-05 which provides an outline for work to remediate the release at the Cotton Draw AJT Federal No. 1 (30-015-26630) and your letter providing additional details on the remediation dated 1-23-06.

Your proposed method of remediation (excavating and hauling contaminated materials) is approved for this release.

As we discussed by telephone on Friday, January 20, 2006, since work has already been completed on this release there remains only the final samples from the excavation to close the remediation. You had indicated that sampling was to take place on Tuesday, January 24, 2006 or Wednesday, January 25, 2006 and that you would notify me of the date and time. Since no notification has been received, please contact the NMOCD District 2 Office 24 hours prior to taking samples where samples may be submitted to the OCD.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and your efforts in helping to protect our environment and the infrastructure of the oil and gas industry.

Artesia OCD District Office