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From: Martin, William
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2003 7:49 AM
To: Foust, Denny; Perrin, Charlie
Subject: Re: NM&O Operating Rucker Lake SWD #2

Larry Hatley



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On 10/24/03, I inspected the above referenced facility in response to a landowners complaint about oil spills. I could find no evidence to support his claims. I talked with Mr. Caleb Post who previously operated this facility and he stated that there had been some tank runovers in the past due to equipment problems, but they had cleaned up the spills as evidenced by my inspection.

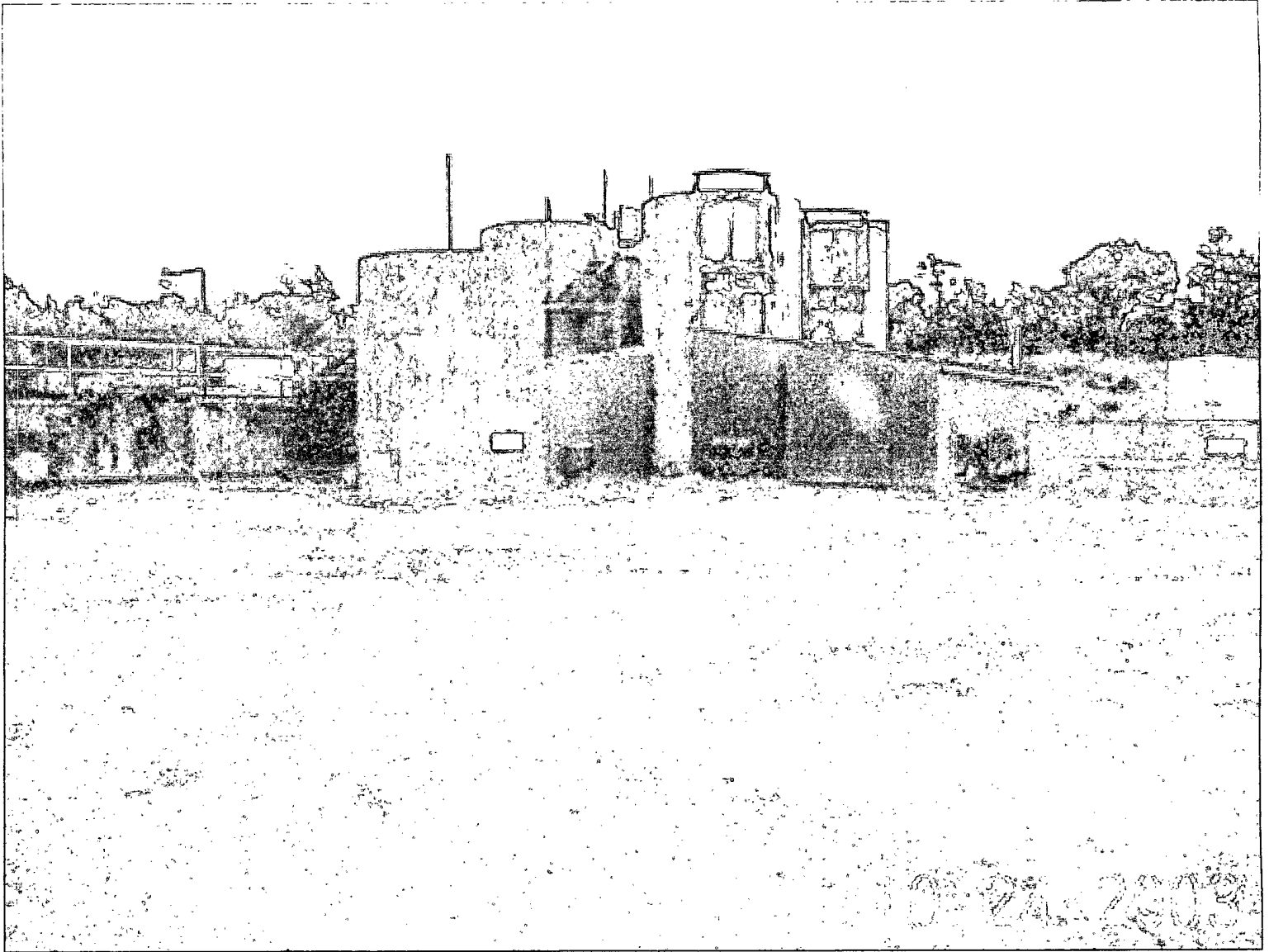
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Oct 20, 2003

Re: Rucker Lake #2 S24 25N 2W Lindrith, NM

Dear Sir or Madam:

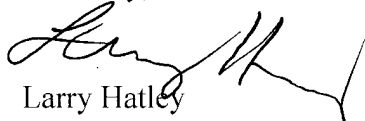
We are concerned about the continuing oil spills on the above referenced well location. On or about August 25, 2003, there was a large oil spill that ran down to the road, we were told that it was reported. We were also told that it would be cleaned up and instead only part was cleaned up and the other part was covered up with dirt. Then on or about October 11, 2003, there was more oil found standing on the north side of the location. Then again on or about October 18, 2003, there is oil standing on the ground by a portable tank with open piping. There is evidence of an attempt to cover the standing oil with dirt. We are especially concerned, because of our main water well within approximately 100 yards of your well. Our water well has been in use since the late 1950's.

Our second concern is the road condition. We have an arroyo below the well site, and the culverts were removed with the understanding that a bridge was to be installed and nothing has been done since the culvert removal. This arroyo is impassable in bad weather. The road is not ditched and crowned and is made impassable by heavy truck traffic during wet weather. There is a cattle guard that was damaged by your water trucks over two years ago that was supposed to be repaired and nothing has been done.

Our third concern is the existing unnecessary tanks and equipment on this location. You have moved additional trash and a damaged storage shed on the well location in just the past week. We can see no reason for its presence on the site. The existing equipment and tanks were supposed to be cleaned and painted.

Please respond to the above concerns as soon as possible. We would like to be kept informed of any ongoing activity on this location.

Sincerely,


Larry Hatley

Cc: Denny G. Foust, Oil Conservation Division, Aztec, NM