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RE: Illegal Pits in Northwestern New Mexico

To Whom It May Concern:

New Mexico Oil Conservation Order R-8952 (for the protection of migratory birds) became effective June 15, 1989 and states that all pits and open tanks more than 16' in diameter shall be screened, netted or covered.

On May 11, May 25, May 27 and June 8, 1993 field inspections conducted by Jackie Neckels revealed that the attached list of pits contained hydrocarbons. In order for these pits to be in compliance, you are hereby directed to remove all fluid or properly net these pits by September 20, 1993.

If you have any questions please feel free to call this office.

Sincerely,

*Dianna K. Fairhurst*

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Deputy Oil & Gas Inspector

xc: C-134 File  
Well File  
Jackie Neckels - BLM Farmington

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| Rincon 5-Y      | A-05-23N-06W                                                                                                                            | Inspected 5/11/93 |
| 1.              | Earthen pit off separator contains water, hydrocarbons and stained soil outside pit, no net.                                            |                   |
| Rincon #8       | C-06-23N-06W                                                                                                                            | Inspected 5/11/93 |
| 1.              | Earthen pit off production tank contains a puddle of liquid hydrocarbons and heavily stained soils inside and outside pit area, no net. |                   |
| 2.              | Earthen pit off separator almost full of hydrocarbons and soil outside of pit is heavily stained with traces of paraffin, no net.       |                   |
| Rincon #13      | G-01-23N-07W                                                                                                                            | Inspected 5/25/93 |
| 1.              | Earthen pit off separator contains water and paraffin skim, no net.                                                                     |                   |
| Largo Spur A #1 | L-18-24N-06W                                                                                                                            | Inspected 6/8/93  |
| 1.              | Earthen pit off production tank contains water and hydrocarbons, no net.                                                                |                   |
| Rincon 19-3     | E-19-24N-06W                                                                                                                            | Inspected 5/27/93 |
| 1.              | Large earthen pit off separator contains water, paraffin skim and spray cans, no net.                                                   |                   |
| Rincon #3       | A-30-24N-06W                                                                                                                            | Inspected 5/27/93 |
| 1.              | Earthen pit off separator contains water and hydrocarbon skim, no net.                                                                  |                   |
| Rincon #2       | G-30-24N-06W                                                                                                                            | Inspected 5/24/93 |
| 1.              | Earthen pit off separator contains water, hydrocarbons and weeds, no net.                                                               |                   |
| Rincon #15      | B-35-24N-07W                                                                                                                            | Inspected 6/8/93  |
| 1.              | Earthen pit off separator contains water and paraffin, no net.                                                                          |                   |