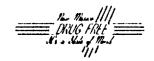


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January 19, 1993

Mr. Kenneth Beasley El Paso Natural Gas PO Box 1492 El Paso, TX 79978

RE:

Illegal Pits in Northwestern New Mexico

Texaco Fed State Com A #1, N-32-30N-11W (Dehydrator Pit)

Dear Mr. Beasley:

New Mexico Oil Conservation Order R-8952 (for the protection of migratory birds) became effective June 15, 1989 and states that <u>all pits</u> and open top tanks more than 16' in diameter shall be screened, netted or covered. Field inspections reveal that the above mentioned pit requires compliance.

Exceptions to the order may be requested for pits which do not generally contain hydrocarbons, by filing Form C-134. No requests for exceptions have been received in this office for this pit.

You are hereby directed to submit exceptions to this office by February 25, 1993. A C-134 has been enclosed for your convenience.

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

Sincerely,

Sliama K. Jaichurst

Dianna K. Fairhurst

Deputy Oil & Gas Inspector

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