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July 13, 1993

Anu N. Pundari
Senior Compliance Engineer
El Paso Natural Gas Company
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RE: Illegal Pits in Northwestern New Mexico
Lateral 5A-11 Line Drip, L-35-30N-14W
Amoco Neil #2-A, O-15-30N-11W
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Dear Ms. Pundari:

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 July 6 and July 7, 1993 field inspections conducted by Dianna Fairhurst and Charles Gholson revealed that the above mentioned pits contained hydrocarbons. In order for these pits to be in compliance, you are hereby directed to remove all fluid or properly net this pit by August 13, 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

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