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March 18, 1999

Mr. Gary Wink
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Handwritten:
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Copy for your Files
Wayne,
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Dear Mr. Wink,

On February 2nd and 3rd, Key Energy Construction conducted a surface clean-up operation at the Continental Water Station. Along with the weeds, rocks, etc., a small amount of surface dirt was included. This debris was hauled to a Key Energy, Inc. owned caliche pit to be buried. As is common in the area of the water station, the surface soil contains soot from an abandoned carbon manufacturing plant. After receiving notice from O.C.D. of a citizen's complaint of dumping and burying this debris, Key Energy obtained a sample of this soil and had an independent lab conduct a liquid (water) soluble test of this soot. The soot was found not to be soluble in water; therefore, not likely to be conducive to leaching. Key Energy also consulted with a reputable environmental consultant and his research could not turn up any known hazard of soot except for the possibility of a long term inhalation may cause damage to the lungs of some humans.

Key Energy, Inc. appreciates the concerns for the environment by citizens, as well as, governmental agencies. Please be assured that Key Energy, Inc. has a very strict environmental policy and promotes this policy to it's employees on a daily basis. After investigation of this complaint, Key Energy suggests that there is no basis or cause for further action to be taken.

Sincerely,

Bob Patterson

Environmental Representative