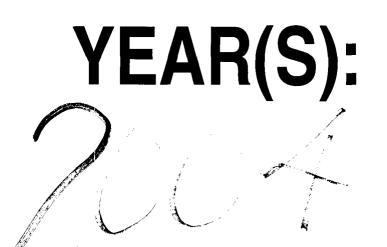
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NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

BILL RICHARDSON Governor Joanna Prukop Cabinet Secretary Acting Director Oil Conservation Division

June 4, 2004

Amerada Hess Corporation Attn: Samuel Small P.O. Box 840 Seminole, Texas 79360

Re: Abandon Battery Site Closure Approval NMGSAU Battery No. 67 (Chevon May Love) R-358 UL-O –Sec. 32-T19S-R35E

Dear Mr. Small:

The closure request referenced above submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) by Amerada Hess Corporation is **hereby approved**. According to the information provided, no further action is required at this time.

Please be advised that OCD approval of this plan does not relieve Amerada Hess Corporation of liability should their operations fail to adequately investigate and remediate contaminants that that threaten ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve Amerada Hess Corporation of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

If you have any questions or need any assistance please email: <u>psheeley@state.nm.us</u> or call: (505) 393-6161 x113.

Sincerely,

Paul Sheeley-Environmental Engineer Cc: Roger Anderson - Environmental Bureau Chief Chris Williams - District I Supervisor Larry Johnson - Environmental Engineer William Olson - Hydrologist