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Ms. Rachel Dunn
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**RE: FINAL PIT-REMEDICATION AND CLOSURE REPORTS
SAN JUAN BASIN VULNERABLE AREA**

Dear Ms. Dunn:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has completed a review of the Pit Remediation And Closure Reports for the following sites which were submitted to the OCD by Merrion Oil & Gas Corporation (MOGC) on June 15, 1994:

- Canada Mesa #4 Gallup; Unit A, Sec. 10, T24N, R6W
- Canada Mesa #4 Dakota; Unit A, Sec. 10, T24N, R6W
- Canyon Largo Unit #311; Unit F, Sec. 3, T24N, R6W
- Canada Mesa #4E Dakota; Unit F, Sec. 10, T24N, R6W
- Canada Mesa #4E Gallup; Unit F, Sec. 10, T24N, R6W
- Canada Mesa #2; Unit I, Sec. 24, T24N, R6W
- Fawkes #1; Unit P, Sec. 18, T29N, R13W

These reports document the results of closure of unlined pits at these locations as required pursuant to New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Order R-7940-C.

The soil remediation and closure actions, as documented in the above referenced reports, meet the standards in effect at the time of closure and are hereby approved with the following conditions:

1. MOGC will submit to the OCD for approval a BTEX and TPH analysis of representative samples of all excavated soils currently being remediated at each site upon completion of the soil remedial activities.

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2. MOGC will submit the proposed final disposition of all remediated soils to the OCD for approval.
3. The above information will be submitted to the OCD Santa Fe Office for approval with copies provided to the OCD Aztec Office.

Please be advised that OCD approval does not relieve MOGC of liability if remaining contaminants are found to pose a future threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve MOGC of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state or local laws and/or regulations.

If you have any questions, please call me at (505) 827-5885.

Sincerely,



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