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Chesapeake Operating  
5014 Carlsbad Highway  
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Reference: Benson Shugart Injection Line (BSWU 015) L-25-18s-30e API: 30-015-27712

Operator,

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division District II office (OCD) is in receipt of a closure proposal (report) for a remediation project at the above referenced site. The proposal indicates that chloride impacted soils have been removed to levels near 1300 mg/kg as confirmed by laboratory analysis. The report proposes to install a 20 mil polyethylene liner over the impacted area (excavation) to prevent downward migration of any remaining contaminants. The excavation will then be backfilled with clean materials.

At this time the OCD is accepting the proposal as presented with the following stipulations:

1. Notify the OCD 24 hours prior to installing liner.
2. Back fill materials must be conducive to natural plant growth for this site.
3. Contact BLM for any re-seeding that may be required.
4. Like approval by the BLM.

Please submit a form C-141 marked Final Report upon satisfactory completion of project.

Please be advised that New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) acceptance and/or approval of documents, proposals or work plans does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, NMOCD acceptance and/or approval does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, local laws and/or regulations.

If I can be of assistance in this matter, my contact information is listed below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Bratcher".

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