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REMEDIATION WORK - MALLARD HM NO. 2

Your letter dated January 16, 2006, has been received by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division District 2 Office. In this letter you assert that no further action is needed at the Mallard HM No. 2 (30-015-22052).

In order to close this remediation, samples will need to be taken and results submitted to the OCD. Please contact this office 24 hours prior to taking samples for site closure.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and your efforts in helping to protect our environment and the infrastructure of the oil and gas industry.

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Chris Beadle NM Oil Conservation Division District 2 1301 W. Grand Artesia NM 88210

RE: Mallard HM #2 FEE, 30-015-22052

Mr. Beadle:

The remediation plan approved on 12-05-05 was in place, but through a misunderstanding, the pumper, while doing normal "house-cleaning", picked up the soil at the above location.

This was known to the foreman or me, or it would not have happened.

The soil originated behind the tank battery in a historic spill, and was placed on plastic for in-situ remediation.

The depth was 6" to 8", and was 15'X25' in area.

There were no samples taken.

The amount of soil removed was 3 cubic yards, and was replaced with a like amount taken from the pasture and mixed with manure.

The soil that was removed was taken to CRI east of Carlsbad for disposal, and was accepted as RCRA exempt oil field waste.

It is my opinion that no further action is needed at this location.

Dan Dolan

Environmental Regulatory Agent