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B&W OIL COMPANY
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RE: INPROPER PIT CLOSURE
30-15-955 UT- J-25-18s-27e
ARTESIA METEX UT. #47

DEAR BILLY J. SMITH,

A FIELD INSPECTION MADE ON 7/15/2002 FOUND THE
SURFACE PIT AT THE ARTESIA METEX UT.#47 TO BE CLOSED.
THE REFERED TO PIT CLOSURE APPEARS NOT TO HAVE BEEN
CLOSED USING UNLINE SURFACE IMPOUNDMENT CLOSURE
GUIDELINES AND MAYBE IN VIOLATION.

PLEASE SUBMIT TO O.C.D. A REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN TO
CLOSE THE SURFACE PIT AT THE ARTESIA METEX UT. #47 OR
A WORKPLAN TO CLOSE THE PIT{ USING THE UNLINED SURFACE
IMPOUNDMENT CLOSURE GUIDELINES TO ASSIST YOU IN THIS
MATTER} AND BEGIN THE PROPER PIT CLOSURE ACTIONIS AS
REQUIRED, NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE LISTED
ON THIS LETTER.

IF I CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE PLEASE DO NOT HESTATE TO CALL ME
AT 505-748-1283 OR E-MAIL ME AT MSTBBLEFIELD@STATE.NM.US.

SINCERELY,

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