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B&W OIL COMPANY
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RE: 2ND LETTER REQUESTING PROPER PIT CLOSURE
J-25-18s-27e ARTESIA METEX UNIT #47

DEAR BILLY J. SMITH,

O.C.D. HAS NOT RECEIVED A RESPONSE FROM A LETTER SENT TO
B&W OIL COMPANY DATED 7/22/2002.

THIS REFERRED TO PREVIOUS LETTER REQUESTED THE SURFACE PIT LOCATED
AT THE ARTESIA METEX UNIT #47 WHICH WAS FOUND TO BE COVERED DURING A
FIELD INSPECTION BY O.C.D. COMPLIANCE OFFICERS BE PROPERLY CLOSED USING THE
GUIDELINES FOR UNLINED SURFACE IMPOUNDMENT CLOSURE GUIDELINES AS YOUR
GUIDE.

A WORKPLAN WITH A DETAILED LIST OF ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN TO PROPERLY
CLOSE THE SURFACE PIT LOCATED AT THE ARTESIA METEX UNIT #47 WAS REQUESTED
WITH A DEADLINE DATE OF 8/22/2002.

PROPER PIT CLOSURE ACTIONS WERE TO BEGIN NO LATER THAN 8/22/2002 AS STATED
IN THIS PREVIOUS LETTER.

PLEASE SUBMIT THE REQUESTED WORKPLAN TO PROPERLY CLOSE THE SURFACE PIT
LOCATED AT THE ARTESIA METEX UNIT #47 AND BEGIN PROPER CLOSURE ACTIONS
NO LATER THAN 9/16/2002.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUEST MADE IN THIS LETTER MAY INCLUDE FINES
AND/OR A SUSPENSION OF THE LEASE ALLOWABLE FOR THE ARTESIA METEX UNIT
WELL #47.

PLEASE GIVE O.C.D 24 HOURS PRIOR NOTICE BEFORE BEGINNING ANY PIT CLOSURE
ACTIONS AS REQUESTED IN THIS LETTER THEREFORE ALLOWING O.C.D. THE
OPPORTUNITY TO WITNESS ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSING THE SURFACE PIT REFERRED
TO IN THIS LETTER.

SINCERELY,

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