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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

20-015-00955

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 ACTIOINS 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](mailto:MSTBBLEFIELD@STATE.NM.US).

SINCERELY,

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