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B&W Oil Company
R-252 North Halderman Road
Artesia, N.M. 88210

RE: Request for Status of Required Pit Closure
Artesia Metex Ut. #47

Dear Billy J. Smith,

A field inspection made at the Artesia Metex Ut. #47 found the
Surface impoundment as required by O.C.D. has not been completed.

The excavated area of the surface impoundment has visible hydrocarbon
Contaminated soil in the south bank and will require additional excavation.

The removed contaminated soils are stockpiled to the east of the excavated
Area and will require landfarming or blending to reach the recommended
Remediation level for final closure.

After all contaminated soils are removed from the excavated pit area.
Soil samples will be required taken from bottom and sidewalls
which will be take to a credible lab to determine
the remaining TPH & B-Tex and Chlorides levels.

Please Continue the required pit closure actions as required by O.C.D. no later
than 15 days from The date listed on this letter.

Notifie N.M.O.C.D. when the requested pit closure actions as required in letter
Are to be taken

Notifie N.M.O.C.D. to witness any soil sampling events that are to be taken
To lab that O.C.D. may have the opportunity to witness.