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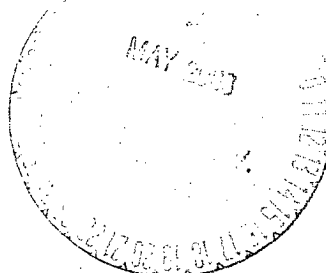
Director

Oil Conservation Division

April 25, 2003

Mr. Scott T. Pope
El Paso Field Services
614 Reilly Ave.
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

**RE: CASE #3R0228
OHIO "C" GOVERNMENT #3 DRIP PIT
SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**



Dear Mr. Pope:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed El Paso Field Services' (EPFS) April 15, 2003 "CLOSURE REQUEST FOR THE OHIO C GOVERNMENT #3". This document contains the results of remediation and monitoring of soil and ground water contamination related to EPFS' drip pit at the Ohio "C" Government #3 site located in Unit P, Section 26, Township 28 North, Range 11 West, San Juan County, New Mexico. The document also requests closure of the site remediation and monitoring actions.

The soil and ground water remediation activities are satisfactory and the OCD approves of the final closure of this site on the condition that EPFS plug and abandon all monitor wells by cutting the casing below the ground surface and filling the casing annulus with a cement grout containing 3-5% bentonite. Please be advised that OCD approval does not relieve EPFS of responsibility if remaining contaminants are found to pose a future threat to surface water, ground water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve EPFS of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state or local laws and regulations.

If you have any questions, please call me at (505) 476-3491.

Sincerely,

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