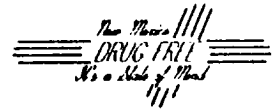




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RE: Illegal Pits in Northwestern New Mexico
Rincon 19-3, E-19-24N-06W (Production tank, dry no net)
Rincon #3, A-30-24N-06W (Production tank, dry no net)
Rincon #1, C-30-24N-06W (Separator pit, dry stain only no net)
Rincon #5-Y, A-05-23N-06W (Production tank, dry stain only no net)
Largo Spur A #1, L-18-24N-06W (Separator pit, dry no net)
Rincon #15, B-35-24N-07W (Production tank, wet soil only no net)
Rincon #36, J-36-24N-07W (2 pits-Production tank dry stain only and Separator pit with stained soil only, no nets)
Rincon #13, G-01-23N-07W (Production tank, dry no net)
Rincon #14, C-11-23N-07W (2 pits-Production tank dry and Separator pit stain with water only, no nets)

To Whom It May Concern:

New Mexico Oil Conservation Order R-8952 (for the protection of migratory birds) became effective June 15, 1989 and states that all pits and open top tanks more than 16' in diameter shall be screened, netted or covered. Field inspections on May 11, 24, 25, 27 on June 8, 1993 by Jackie Neckels of the BLM revealed that the above mentioned pits require compliance.

Exceptions to the order may be requested for pits which do not generally contain hydrocarbons, by filing Form C-134. No requests for exceptions have been received in this office for these pits.

You are hereby directed to submit exceptions to this office by July 23, 1993. If you have any questions please feel free to call this office.

Sincerely,

Dianna K. Fairhurst

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Deputy Oil & Gas Inspector

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C-134 File
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