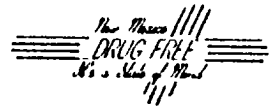




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February 15, 1993

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RE: Illegal Pits in Northwestern New Mexico
Trieb Fed 2E, B-33-30N-10W (Separator/Tank Drain pit)
Ohio 1-E, G-22-28N-11W (Tank Drain pit)
Phillips #2, P-22-28N-11W (Blow pit, Drip pit, Dehydrator pit)
Phillips #1-E, B-16-28N-11W (Tank Drain pit)
Redfern #4E, L-16-28N-11W (Separator pit, Tank Drain pit)
Lucerne B #1, I-17-28N-11W (Separator pit, Tank Drain pit)

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 October 5, 1992 and February 11, 1993 revealed that the 10 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 March 15, 1993. A C-134 has been enclosed for your convenience.

If you have any questions please feel free to call this office.

Sincerely,

Dianna K. Fairhurst

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Deputy Oil & Gas Inspector

xc: Well File
C-134 File
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