



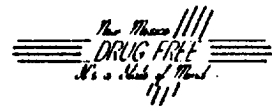
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February 17, 1993

Conoco, Inc.
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RE: Illegal Pits in Northwestern New Mexico
Reid #1, M-13-29N-12W (Tank Drain pit, 2 Dehydrator pits)
Maxey #1E, C-24-29N-12W (Tank Drain pit, Separator 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 and February 4, 1993 revealed that the 5 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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