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April 16, 1993

Ms. Shannon McMorris  
Meridian Oil Inc.  
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RE: Illegal Pits in Northwestern New Mexico  
MOI Riddle A #2, H-01-29N-09W (Abandoned Separator Pit)  
MOI Roberts #1, P-04-30N-11W (Separator Pit)  
MOI Nye #13, M-09-29N-10W (Tank Drain and Separator Pits)

Dear Ms. McMorris:

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 March 25, April 9 and April 14 revealed that the 4 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 May 17, 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

xc: Well File  
C-134 File  
Don Ellsworth - BLM Farmington