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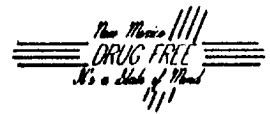
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Ms. Shannon McMorris
Meridian Oil Inc.
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RE: Illegal Pits in Northwestern New Mexico
SRC Tommy Bolack #1-M, M-01-30N-12W (Small Tank Drain)
SRC Tommy Bolack #1, J-01-30N-12W (Tank Drain)

Dear Ms. McMorris:

Field inspections on March 30, 1993 revealed that the above mentioned pits contained a form of hydrocarbon fluid. In a letter dated April 1, 1993, the NMOCD directed Meridian to remove all fluid or properly net these pits by April 30, 1993. In a letter dated April 16, 1993, Meridian informed the NMOCD that these pits had been cleaned and were ready for reinspection. On May 3, field inspections revealed that both tank drain pits contained water with an oil skim and remain out of compliance. Meridian is hereby directed to remove all fluid and properly net these pits by June 18, 1993.

Sincerely,

Dianna K. Fairhurst

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Deputy Oil & Gas Inspector

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