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RE: Wild Swede #1, H-6-30N-15W and West Water Federal #6-1, B-6-30N-15W

Dear sirs:

A number of housekeeping problems and violations existing on these two wells were discovered during my April 15, 1994 inspection.

The Wild Swede #1 well sign is illegible and has not been corrected when verbal requests have been made; this problem must be corrected. Green oil continues to be a problem around the wellhead and is in sufficient quantities to be considered waste. The stuffing box leak and/or other sources of green oil must be fixed. The production pit needs the corner posts anchored to keep out livestock grazing in the area. Discharge to this pit must cease by March 1, 1995; refer to OCD Order 7940-C. This pit is also in violation of OCD Order R-8952 because no C-134 exception for bird netting has been filed. The production tanks close proximity to a waterway of the United States presents sufficient risk to require berming; see OCD Rule 310.

The West Water Federal #6-1 production pit is not netted and has some floating paraffin in violation of OCD Order R-8952. The paraffin must to be removed from the pit and the pit netted or a C-134 filed. The production pit also needs to have its fence upgraded and rebuilt. There is sufficient green oil around the wellhead to be considered waste. The stuffing box leak and/or other sources for green oil must be fixed. There are gas bubbles rising around the wellhead. These bubbles may indicate a valve problem, bradenhead leak or casing leak. A proposed plan should be sent to the proper jurisdictional agencies to eliminate this gas leak.

If you have questions please contact me at 334-6178.

Yours truly,

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