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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 6

1445 ROSS AVENUE, SUITE 1200 DALLAS, TEXAS 75202-2733

August 9, 1991

REPLY TO: 6W-SE

Certified Mail #P 341 529 359 - Return Receipt Requested

Meridian Oil Company Post Office Box 4289 Farmington, New Mexico 87499

Re: Unauthorized Injection

Inventory No.: NM8000
Well No.: Ute No.1

Well No.: Ute No.1 Location: SW/4, Sec. 11, T 32N, R 14W

San Joan County, New Mexico

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Dear Sir:

Information provided by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division indicates that you are using the referenced well for fluid injection. Use of the well for fluid injection is prohibited by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations [40 C.F.R. §§144.11, 144.21(a), 144.26, 144.27(a), or 144.31(a)]. Therefore, you must immediately cease use of the well for underground injection of fluids and disconnect all injection pipelines leading to the well.

Before resuming use of the well for fluid injection, you must obtain an underground injection control permit from the EPA (40 C.F.R. §§144.11 and 144.31). Permit application materials are enclosed for your use.

Unauthorized injection violates the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. §300f et seq.). That Act provides for penalties up to \$25,000 per day of violation

We will be contacting you to discuss this violation and an administrative order, with penalties, for the violation. Please contact Mr. Ronald Van Wyk if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours

Myron O. Knudson, P.E.

Director

Water Management Division (6W)

cc: BLM, Farmington, New Mexico OCD, Santa Fe, New Mexico BIA, Albuquerque Area Office

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REPLY TO: 615-SE

tir. Grey Gazda Consco, Incorporated 3817 Northwest Expressively Uklanoma City, Oklanoma 75112

Injection Well Inspection Inventory No.: NM9005

Well No .: dicarilla No. 50-1

#E/4, Sec. JO, T 25N, R 4W Locationi

Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Dear Kr. Gazda:

On July 2, 1991, Mr. Richard Peckham inspected the referenced injection well. A report of his inspection and notice of inspection are enclosed for your records.

We identify the following items which need your immediate attention:

- 1. At the time of the inspection, annulus pressure was "O psig". Condition I.B.1. of the permit for the well requires that you agentain a positive pressure on the well annulus.
- 2. The inspection indicates that the well is located approximately 1850 feet from the north line of the quarter section and 1250 feet from the east line. The peruit application indicates that the well is located 915 feet from the north section line and 330 feet from the east line.

To become compliant with the underground injection control (UIC) permit for the well, you must complete the following within 45 days after receipt of this letter:

Conduct a pressure test of the casing-tubing annulus to desonstrate well mechanical integrity. Contact Ar. Richard Peckham at 241-655-7165 at least 15 days before testing the well to discuss test procedures. After passing a pressure test, apply and maintain positive annulus pressure as required by permit condition 1.8.1.

2. Send as corrected well location information.

Failure to couply with Federal GIC requirements, including permit menditions, violates the Safe brinking beter Act, as exended (42 U.S.C. JOOF at seq.). That het provides for penalties of up to 175,000 per day of violation.

Please contact hr. Pecaham of you need to discuss the inspection or vill program requirements.

Sincerely yours

Que Chavernia Chief UIC Permits and Chforcement Section (5k-SE)

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ELH: Farmington Area Office

SCO: Santa Fe Nh —

President: Jicarilla Apache Tribal Council