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Ms. Shannon McMorris
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RE: Illegal Pits in Northwestern New Mexico

Dear Ms. McMorris:

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Order R-8952 (for the protection of migratory birds) became effective June 15, 1989, and states that open tanks more than 16' in diameter and all pits shall be screened, netted, or covered.

The NMOCD has been informally requesting C-134's via fax for the attached list of pits since November 1, 1992, and Meridian has failed to respond to any of the deadlines. On March 17, 1993, this office received some of the C-134's requested. Field inspections reveal that the below mentioned pits still require C-134 compliance.

1. MOI, Rosa #59 GD, N-25-31N-06W (2 pits)
Inspected on 09/02/92, production pits.
2. SRC, Nye #11, D-01-30N-11W (1 pit)
Inspected on 11/18/92, separator pit.
On 03/17/93, MOI resubmitted C-134's for the dehydrator, blow and tank drain. These pits had already been approved.
3. SRC, Hubbard #3, A-15-32N-12W (2 pits)
Inspected on 10/22/92, blow and dehydrator pits.
On 03/17/93, MOI submitted a C-134 for only one of the two pits.
4. MOI, Fifield #800, H-05-29N-11W (2 pits)
Inspected on 02/04/93, abandoned separator and blow pits.
On 03/17/93, MOI responded that there were no pits on this location. On 03/22/93, I was informed by Ken Johnson/MOI that the separator pit had been closed and that a blow pit is still on location.

You are hereby directed to submit exceptions to this office by April 5, 1993.

Sincerely,

Dianna K. Fairhurst

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Deputy Oil & Gas Inspector

xc: C-134 File
Well File
Don Ellsworth - BLM Farmington
Keith Fine - MOI Safety

As of February 8, 1993:

Meridian Oil, Inc./Southland Royalty Co. Missing C-134's:

1. MOI, San Juan 32-9 #101, E-08-31N-09W (2 pits)
Inspected on 09/02/92, separator and tank drain pits.
2. MOI, Rosa 59 GD, N-25-31N-06W (2 pits)
Inspected on 09/03/92, 2 production pits.
3. SRC, Current #2, G-11-30N-11W (2 pits)
Inspected on 11/18/92, tank drain and separator pits.
4. SRC, Nye #11, D-01-30N-11W (1 pit)
Inspected on 11/18/92, separator pit.
5. SRC, Sunray C1A, D-01-30N-11W (1 pit)
Inspected on 11/18/92, blow pit.
6. SRC, Hubbard #6, N-15-32N-12W (1 pit)
Inspected on 10/22/92, blow pit.
7. SRC, Hubbard #3, A-15-32N-12W (2 pits)
Inspected on 10/22/92, blow and dehydrator pits.
8. MOI, Fee #5, A-05-30N-11W (1 pit)
Inspected on 01/04/93, separator pit.
9. MOI, Federal B #1, N-31-30N-11W (1 pit)
Inspected on 10/09/92 and 01/25/93, separator pit.
10. MOI, Federal Com #502, L-33-30N-11W (1 pit)
Inspected on 02/04/93, blow pit.
11. MOI, Fifield 800, H-05-29N-11W (2 pits)
Inspected on 02/04/93, abandoned separator and blow pits.