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Cc: Leking, Geoffrey R, EMNRD; 'Natalie.Gladden@usa.apachecorp.com'; 'Katie Jones'; Lara Weinheimer
Subject: Corrective Action Plan (1R-2498) Approval - Apache Walter Lynch Tank Battery Release Site

**RE: Corrective Action Plan for the Apache Corporation's
Walter Lynch Tank Battery Release Site
Unit Letter F, Section 1, T22S, R37E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico
Corrective Action Plan (1R-2498) Approval**

Dear Mr. Conder:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the Corrective Action Plan for the Walter Lynch Tank Battery Release Site, dated October 11, 2011 and has conducted a review of the plan. The plan indicates that Apache Corporation, Inc. (Apache) has substantially met the requirements of 19.15.29 NMAC (Rule 29; formerly, Rule 116) for a remediation plan. Therefore, the OCD hereby conditionally approves the plan for above-referenced site in accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC:

Apache must recover a sufficient amount of groundwater to remove the calculated amount of chloride as specified in the plan or to create a significant reduction in chloride concentration in the groundwater, whichever occurs later. (However, if the chloride concentration in the groundwater at the site is reduced to the background concentration, then no further groundwater recovery will be required.)

Apache must submit to the OCD the proposed report regarding remediation within 14 months.

Please be advised that OCD approval of this plan does not relieve the owner/operator of responsibility should operations pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve the owner/operator of responsibility for compliance with any OCD, federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 505-476-3489.

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