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Subject: RE: Unit Gourley Fed #3 ACO #255

Greetings,

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed the pit closure proposal submitted by Tetra Tech, on behalf of Unit Petroleum Corporation, for closure of the drilling pit situated on Unit Petroleum Corporation's Gourley Federal #3Q (30-015-34152 H-28-22s-28e Eddy County, New Mexico). The pit closure proposal as submitted to the OCD District 2 Office on October 29, 2009, is approved with the following stipulations:

- Notify OCD District 2 Office 48 hours prior to commencement of activities.
- Notify OCD District 2 Office 48 hours prior to obtaining samples where analyses of samples obtained are to be submitted to OCD.
- Notify OCD District 2 Office 48 hours prior to installation of liner.
- Approval is for the pit closure proposal only. Ground water contamination/abatement and any related issues will be subject to OCD Environmental Bureau requirements.
- Pit closure report is to be submitted per OCD Rules and Regulations upon satisfactory completion of pit closure.

It is OCD's understanding that the "outer horseshoe" portion of the drilling pit has been sampled, and analyses have shown that area to be clean. It is also OCD's understanding that Tetra Tech will mobilize equipment to the site to commence closure operations on Monday, November 2, 2009.

Be advised that OCD approval of this pit closure proposal does not relieve Unit Petroleum Corporation, or any future operator of this property, of liability should these operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that may pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD approval of this pit closure does not relieve Unit Petroleum Corporation of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, local laws and/or regulations.

Sincerely,

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Mike, as we talked this morning, Unit will dig out the center section of the pit around boreholes 2 and 3 to 5-6' and around borehole #4 to 15 to take out the elevated chlorides down to around the 5000 mg/Kg level as shown on the attached lab

results and plat. This material will be hauled to Lea Lands for disposal, the excavation will be backfilled the pit bottom leveled and the entire 120'x120' area capped with a 40 mil liner. If you have any questions, please call. thanks

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