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**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT NO: 3929 4425**

**January 29, 2007**

Hess Corporation  
Attn: Drew Hall  
P.O. Box 840  
Seminole, Texas 79360

**RE: REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT ABATEMENT PLAN**

Dear Mr. Hall:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has determined after reviewing your Notification of Groundwater Impact (your email of January 24, 2007) for the following site:

Texaco Mattern Battery 26  
SW/4, Section 20, T19S, R37E  
Lea County, New Mexico

that the Hess Corporation must submit a Stage 1 Abatement Plan in accordance with OCD Rule 19 (19.15.1.19 NMAC) to investigate the ground water contamination at this site. The Stage 1 Abatement Plans must be submitted to the OCD Santa Fe Office with a copy provided to the OCD Hobbs District Office and must meet of all the requirements specified in OCD Rule 19 (19.15.1.19 NMAC), including, but not limited to, the public notice and participation requirements specified in Rule 19G. The Stage 1 Abatement Plan is due sixty (60) days from the receipt by the Hess Corporation of this written notice. In addition, if the release is a recent release (i.e., since Hess Corporation has become the responsible person for this site), then a completed Form C141 must be submitted to the OCD as soon as possible and also included in the Abatement Plan. However, if the release is a "historical" release, then any pertinent information regarding the release must be included in the Abatement Plan as part of the description of the site.

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The Stage 1 Abatement Plan must specifically meet all of the requirements specified in OCD Rule 19E.3, including, but not limited to, a site investigation work plan and monitoring program that will enable it to characterize the release using an appropriate number of isoconcentration maps and cross sections that depict the contamination that has been released from the sites and to provide the data necessary to select and design an effective abatement option. Hess Corporation may, if it chooses, concurrently submit a Stage 2 Abatement Plan that addresses appropriate proactive abatement options.

The Hess Corporation should submit one paper copy and an electronic copy on CD for the Plan and for all future workplans and/or reports for the Plan. An Abatement Plan # will be assigned once the Plan is submitted to the OCD. If you have any questions, please contact Edward J. Hansen of my staff at (505) 476-3489 or <mailto:edwardj.hansen@state.nm.us>.

Sincerely,



Wayne Price  
Environmental Bureau Chief

WP:EJH:ejh

cc: Chris Williams, OCD Hobbs District Supervisor  
Larry Johnson, OCD Hobbs

**Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD**

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**From:** VonGonten, Glenn, EMNRD  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 24, 2007 9:03 AM  
**To:** Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD; Price, Wayne, EMNRD  
**Subject:** FW: Texaco Mattern Battery 26

All yours Ed. I suggest that you have them submit a C-141 ASAP.

Glenn

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**From:** Price, Wayne, EMNRD  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 24, 2007 8:26 AM  
**To:** VonGonten, Glenn, EMNRD  
**Subject:** FW: Texaco Mattern Battery 26

They are requesting ED Hansen to Handle.

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**From:** Hall, Drew [mailto:drewhall@Hess.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2007 6:15 PM  
**To:** Price, Wayne, EMNRD  
**Cc:** Williams, Chris, EMNRD; Barnes, Randy; Baker, Jay; Sagebien, Alex; Castro, David; Peterson, Floyd; amy@bbcinternational.com; cbrunson@bbcinternational.com; Hall, Drew  
**Subject:** Texaco Mattern Battery 26

Mr. Price,

This Email is formal notification that Hess Corporation has encountered a hydrocarbon impacted ground water bearing formation at the Texaco Mattern Battery during excavation of contaminated soils at the site. At approximately 17:00 on 01/22/07 the Hess contracted excavator encountered water in the remediation excavation at 17 feet below ground surface. Two additional areas were dug to 17 feet within the existing 15 foot deep excavation and water was encountered at the same depth in these areas. Water within the excavation appeared to have oil sheen on 1/22/07. Overnight, additional oil has accumulated on the water within the excavation from soils that appear to be weeping small amounts of free oil, and in isolated areas the oil appears to be 1/10th of an inch thick NAPL on the water. The following is general information regards the remediation site:

Name: Texaco Mattern Battery 26;  
Operator: Hess Corporation; however, Apache Corporation currently operates the NMGSAU, but Hess has retained liability for this historical site and will be conducting the remedy at the site;

Location: Township 19S, Range 37E, Section 20, SW Quarter Section;  
County: Lea County, New Mexico; and  
Depth to ground water: 17 feet (based on a measurement from the ground surface to the water encountered in the excavation) and according to regional ground water data taken from the New Mexico State Engineer Office the closest data point located in Township 19S, Range 37E, Section 19, SE Quarter Section is 40.0 feet to ground water.

Hess Corporation suspects that the ground water encountered at the site may be a perched ground water bearing unit and may not be the regional ground water aquifer; however, further investigation will be required to make this determination.

Hess Corporation has ceased excavation at the site, and will proceed as directed by the NMOCD.  
Hess Corporation will keep the NMOCD informed of any activities at the site.

As you are aware Hess Corporation is currently working with Edward Hansen on another remediation site in Lea County and

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would like to request Edward as our point of contact on this site.

If you have questions, please contact me at (432) 209-4248 (cellular), (432) 209-6713 (office), or via email.

Best regards,

Drew Hall

Sr. Environmental Specialist

Hess Corporation