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Mr. Craig Bock  
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Meridian Oil, Inc.  
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Farmington, New Mexico 87499-4289

**RE: CRUDE OIL TRANSPORTATION AND PIPELINE SPILLS**

Dear Mr. Bock:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed Meridian Oil's March 14, 1994 "MERIDIAN OIL TRANSPORTATION INC. (MOTI), CRUDE OIL SPILLS, CONTAMINATED SOIL HANDLING". This document presents the results of representative RCRA hazardous waste characteristic sampling of contaminated soils from transportation related spills of crude oil. MOTI requests that they be allowed to use these analyses and a statement of process knowledge for determining the soils to be RCRA non-hazardous. These analyses are to be used in lieu of individual sampling of each spill event for a one year period.

The above referenced request is approved with the following condition:

1. MOI will reference the above waste determination in all future RCRA non-exempt crude oil spill reports to the OCD.

Please be advised that OCD approval does not relieve MOI of liability should these types of leaks and spills result in actual contamination of surface waters, ground waters or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve MOI of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state or local laws and/or regulations.

If you have questions please contact me at (505) 827-5885.

Sincerely,

William C. Olson  
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