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Subject: Chevron Pure Resources Catclaw Draw #20 Drill Pit Closure

Mr. Barton,

Thank you for taking the time to discuss the pit closure of the Chevron Pure Resources Catclaw Draw #20 located west of Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico in UL-L/M, Section 35, T21S, R25E, Eddy County. This email documents your verbal approval of the 320 mg/Kg chloride residual in the bottom of the excavated pit at 8-feet to 9-feet below ground surface (bgs). The rationale being that this residual concentration will not be capable of impacting a measurable volume of local ground in excess of the 250 mg/L chloride WQCC standard given the diminishing concentration gradient, (i.e., 2,800 mg/Kg at 7-feet bgs to 320 mg/Kg at 8-feet bgs), and the installation of impervious polyethylene barriers/liners above and below to permanently isolate the residuals.

We will proceed to implement the Revised C-144 Pit Closure Procedure submitted to the NMOCD on June 20, 2006.

Sincerely,

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