

## NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Reference: Belco 001 (SWD) E-20-23s-28e API: 30-015-25141 Eddy County, New Mexico

Operator,

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division District 2 Office (hereinafter, OCD) is in receipt of a brief Corrective Action Work Plan proposal (hereinafter, Plan) outlining proposed actions to be taken by your company for remediation of contaminants identified by an OCD inspection at the above referenced site. The Plan was required to be submitted by an OCD Letter of Violation (02-06-31)(hereinafter, LOV) dated September 18, 2006. The LOV indicates the contamination to be the result of a release of fluids in sufficient quantity to require notification to the OCD. This notification is required to be submitted on a Form C-141. Please submit this form to the OCD District 2 Office no later than October 13, 2006.

At this time the Plan submitted is approved with the following stipulations:

- After removal of "heavy stained soils", the site is to be delineated vertically and horizontally for BTEX, TPH, Chlorides and any other constituent of concern as may be applicable.
- The proposal to treat insitu with Micro-blaze is not approved at this time. This method of treatment may be considered dependent upon results of the delineation.
- Delineation analytical data, along with a remediation proposal based on this data, is to be submitted to the OCD no later than October 30, 2006.
- Data obtained from the New Mexico State Engineer web site indicates ground water could be encountered at 34 feet below ground surface (bgs) at this site. In the event ground water is encountered at any time during the delineation or remediation activities, all work is to cease and the OCD notified immediately.
- Notify the OCD 24 hours prior to commencement of activities.
- Notify the OCD 24 hours prior to obtaining samples where analyses of samples obtained are to be submitted to the OCD.

Please be advised that OCD approval does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, local laws and/or regulations

If I can be of assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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