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MEMORANDUM FOR NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

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SUBJECT: Notification of Free Phase Liquid at Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 123 –
Bldg. 704, Waste Oil Tank Site

1. This is to inform you of the presence of free phase liquid in monitoring well MW-1. This changed condition was identified during investigation activities at the site. We have initiated the following activities to both assess and mitigate this condition:

- a. A sample of the liquid has been submitted for laboratory analysis to determine if it is characteristically hazardous.
- b. The four adjacent monitoring wells have been resampled to assess the extent of any changes.
- c. Removal (bailing) of free phase liquid has been initiated.

2. Well MW-1 is located along the northern edge of the wash rack where a waste oil tank (SWMU-21) and an oil water separator (OWS, SWMU-22) were removed in the past. Considering the historical nature of the waste oil tanks and the OWS in conjunction with the weathered appearance (dark brown) of the free phase liquid, this is not a newly discovered release. As a result of these findings, the Investigation Report for the site is being delayed until the new data is available for evaluation. A draft of the report will be available by 1 Nov 04. The environmental restoration of the SWMU-123 site is scheduled to take place in 2005.

3. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Dan Holmquist at (505) 572-5395

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