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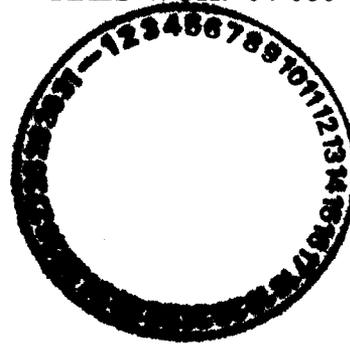
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SUBJECT: CHARACTERIZATION REPORT REGARDING DIESEL CONTAMINATED SOIL NEAR THE TA-3-26 ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANK (AST)

Dear Ms. Cooper:

On April 3, 2003, the Laboratory's Water Quality and Hydrology Group (RRES-WQH) notified the NMED of the discovery of diesel contaminated soil during the installation of cathodic protection on the TA-3-26 Above Ground Storage Tank at the Power Plant. This notification was pursuant to Section 1203 of the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (NMWQCC) Regulations (20 NMAC 6.2).

Per your request, the Laboratory conducted characterization activities in accordance with our sampling plan entitled "*Assessment of Fuel Oil Contamination Near Fuel Storage Tank TA-3-26, Sampling and Analysis Plan, Revision 1*" which was submitted by the Laboratory to the NMED on July 21, 2003. Enclosed is a copy of "*TA-3-26 Diesel Fuel Oil Contamination Assessment and Characterization*" which documents our findings for your review and approval.

Please contact Mark Haagenstad at (505) 665-2014 or Mike Saladen at (505) 665-6085 if additional information would be helpful. Please let us know if you would like to visit the site during your review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Rae".

Steven Rae
Group Leader
Water Quality & Hydrology Group



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