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Dear Ms. Hoditschek:

We have reviewed comments from the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) regarding the Interim Status Closure Plan for Surface Impoundments TA-53-166 NE and TA-53-165 NW. Because of the significance of some of the comments we request that the deadline for submittal of a revised closure plan be extended from November 3, 1993, to December 14, 1993. We would like to discuss our responses with you at NMED at your convenience, possibly during the week of November 29, 1993. We propose a formal response in the form of answers to each of your comments. After you have time to review our responses and ensure that they are appropriate, we will prepare a revised closure plan based on the approved responses to your comments. If you require further information on this subject please contact me at 665-7203 or have your staff contact Paul Treat at 667-5808.

Sincerely,

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