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Ron D. Johnson
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RE: Phase II RFI Report - Public Service Company (PSC)
 NMT360010342

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We have completed a review of your RCRA Facility Investigation Phase II (RFI) Report dated August 28, 1990. We have determined the Report to be approvable and generally agree with its finding of no further action on the Natural Pit Area.

However, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) believes that two additional Administrative controls are needed for the Natural Pit Area. They include:

- 1) Survey plat of the Natural Pit Area according to procedures required in 40 CFR 264.116; and
- 2) That warning signs are posted marking the unit location to alert any oncoming persons to this area.

Before EPA can approve removing this unit (approve a Class III permit modification) from the permit, PSC must certify and send documentation providing completion of the two above mentioned Administrative controls within 90 days of the date of this letter. After EPA receives and approves those requirements, PSC may request, from EPA, a Class III permit modification under 40 CFR 270.42, to remove the Natural Pit Area from further investigation in the permit. However, if new information, studies, or investigations at a later date indicates a release from the Natural Pit, then EPA could rescind this determination. In addition, if in the future PSC decides to remove the contaminated soil from the Natural Pit, EPA will require PSC to submit a removal plan for approval before removal occurs.

If you have any further questions concerning the above discussed issues, please contact Rich Mayer of my staff at (214) 655-6775.

Sincerely yours,

Sam Becker
 Allyn M. Davis
 Director
 Hazardous Waste Management Division

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cc: Kathy Sisneros, NMEID

Mr. Rich Mayer

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September 03, 1991

A survey plat of the Natural Pit was prepared and filed with the Bernalillo County Zoning Division on August 26, 1991. A copy of the filing is enclosed.

Please contact me at (505) 848-2998, should anything additional be required.

Sincerely,



Ron D. Johnson
Sr. Environmental Scientist

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Enclosure: Survey Plat for Natural Pit

cc: Mr. Benito Garcia - NMED