



October 7, 1993



Mr. Marc Sides
Water and Waste Management Division
New Mexico Environment Department
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Re: Request for Extension to the Closure Period, Safety-Kleen Corp. Service Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Sides:

Safety-Kleen Corp. (S-K) has commenced closure of an inactive underground storage tank (UST) system, return/fill station, and associated equipment at the service center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The inactive units are being closed in accordance with a closure plan dated May 18, 1992, and approved (with conditions) by New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) in a letter dated May 7, 1993.

A 180-day closure period commenced on May 14, 1993. Closure activities completed to date in accordance with the approved-closure plan include:

1. Decontamination and removal of the inactive spent mineral spirits and product mineral spirits (not a hazardous waste management unit) USTs in July 1993; and
2. Implementation of additional assessment activities in August 1993 to fully evaluate the horizontal and vertical extent of subsurface impacts.

S-K plans to submit a closure progress report to NMED on or before November 10, 1993, which summarizes the results of these closure activities. The results of the completed closure activities confirm that soil quality degradation exists in the vicinity of the former USTs. Therefore, an extension of the closure period will be necessary to remediate the remaining soil degradation and achieve the closure objectives. In accordance with the NMED closure plan approval letter, and 40 CFR 265.113(b)(1), the purpose of this letter is to request an extension of the closure period.

A plan for in-situ remediation of degraded soils will be included in the closure progress report. The closure progress report will also include a closure plan amendment request and a schedule for

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implementation of the remedial action plan. S-K is requesting a closure period extension in accordance with the schedule to be proposed in the closure progress report.

S-K is committed to achieving clean closure at the Albuquerque Service Center and intends to remediate soil impacts to the extent necessary to meet the closure performance standard. If you have any questions regarding this request for extension of the closure period, please contact Jack Bedessem (TriHydro Corporation) at (307) 745-7474 or me at (713) 280-9754.

Sincerely,
SAFETY-KLEEN CORP.

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