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February 14, 1996

Mr. Roger C. Anderson
Environmental Bureau Chief
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
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2040 S. Pacheco
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Dear Mr. Anderson:

Re: **Contaminant Investigation**
Transwestern Pipeline Company - Roswell Compressor Station

The Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) is in receipt of your January 26, 1996 letter. In this letter, the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) requested that HRMB review and provide comments to the OCD on Transwestern Pipeline Company's (TPC) December 20, 1995 document "Work Plan for Phase II Soil and Ground Water Assessment for Roswell Compressor Station No. 9 Surface Impoundments". The OCD requested comments in writing by February 16, 1996.

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) maintains that TPC's surface impoundments are subject to closure pursuant to the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act (HWA) and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). Because TPC's document addresses investigative activities outside of the RCRA closure process, HRMB does not consider it appropriate to review and comment upon the document at this time.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 827-1557 or Ronald Kern of my staff at (505) 827-1560.

Sincerely,

for *Colby Munkelby*

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