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background and status:

The facility has three surface impoundments being closed under RCRA. Both soil and groundwater has been contaminated but the extent of contamination is unknown. COCs are solvents, metals and BTEX. Neither the vertical nor the horizontal extent of contamination has been determined. The facility is questioning RCRA jurisdiction and NMED's OGC is working on a Consent Agreement. A Settlement Agreement is now being modified, to include corrective action, and we should hear back from the facility on this by late December 1996. Transwestern plans to investigate and remediate under OCD and has already installed some recovery wells. Also, during the completion of a monitoring well Transwestern caused contamination from a perched aquifer to migrate down to the next aquifer.

State Land Office has adjacent property, also contaminated, and should be informed of decisions NMED makes.

In general, problems with this facility are more political than technical and the future facility manager can expect to visit the Runnels Bldg. frequently to explain issues to management. Teri Davis is holding on to the files for Transwestern until someone else is assigned to it.