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June 23, 1997

Mr. William C. Olson
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 New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
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RE: **Phase III Soil and Ground Water Assessment**
 Roswell Compressor Station
 Transwestern Pipeline Company

Dear Bill,

Transwestern has scheduled implementation of Phase III assessment activities to begin on July 21, 1997. Assessment activities will follow the scope of work which was outlined in Sections 3 and 4 of the Phase III Soil and Ground Water Assessment Plan dated February 26, 1997, and submitted to your office for review. This scope includes the installation of three ground water monitor wells into the uppermost aquifer to complete delineation of affected ground water, the installation of one deep ground water monitor well to determine whether the bedrock aquifer has been affected, and the initiation of a routine ground water monitoring program. Transwestern will incorporate into the work plan the conditions set out in your letter of approval dated April 17, 1997.

An additional task which was not included in the Phase III work plan will be added to the scope of work to be completed. This task is to abandon the recovery well MW-1. Subsequent to heavy rain events, large volumes of water (4000-6000 gallons) are recovered from this well. Generally, this would not present a great problem considering the low concentrations of contaminants contained in the recovered water, however, pending a resolution with the NMED HRMB regarding management of contaminated media, Transwestern has managed the water as if it were a hazardous waste. Disposal costs are high and managing the water in this manner is unwarranted. Therefore, Transwestern plans to abandon this well by overdrilling the well casing, removing the casing to total depth, and grouting the borehole with a 3-5% bentonite grout. Continued remediation in the immediate vicinity of this well will be addressed more effectively by a comprehensive remediation plan to be developed and implemented subsequent to the completion of assessment activities.

Section 2 of the Phase III plan, which includes a scope of work for the collection of soil samples for the determination of background concentrations of metal constituents, will

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not be implemented at this time pending comments from the NMED HRMB on this issue. In addition, the scope of work for the collection of soil samples for bench scale testing by remediation subcontractors will not be implemented at this time pending a resolution with the NMED HRMB regarding management of contaminated media. These tasks will be scheduled at a later date.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this schedule or the scope of work, please contact me at (713) 646-7644 or George Robinson at (713) 646-7327.

Sincerely,



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