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MEMORANDUM

TO: PLATEAU FILE
FROM: *[Signature]* JACK ELLVINGER, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST, PEM SECTION
RE: PHONE CONVERSATION WITH OSCAR SIMPSON, OCD
DATE: APRIL 4, 1983

On Friday April 1, 1983 I spoke with Oscar Simpson of OCD regarding the Plateau Refinery near Bloomfield. We were discussing the operation and function of their API Separator and the down stream ponds.

According to Mr. Simpson the API Separator has not been properly operated. It has not, therefore, been doing its job of settling solids and skimming oil. The ponds following the separator have been receiving these waste materials. Mr. Simpson said he had documented the cleanup of the ponds on pictures. He said the two ponds following the separator both had oil on the surface and sludge on the bottom. Additionally, he pointed out that all the waste from the ponds was not shipped to Utah as previously suspected (as a result of a letter, March 25, 1983 from the Utah Department of Health). He said that a large amount had been buried on site. He also contends that the buried material is highly contaminated with lead.

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