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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

May 15, 1984

Mr. Dwight Stockham
Associate Environmental Engineer
Plateau, Inc.
P.O. Box 26251
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87125

Re: Discharge to the Hammond Ditch, and to the San Juan River

Dear Mr. Stockham:

It is my understanding that your company may have a discharge(s) (originating from your refinery in Bloomfield) to the Hammond Ditch and to the San Juan River; if so, your company needs to apply for a federal Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. I have enclosed the application form. Please submit the completed form to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Issuance Section, 6W-PS, 1201 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas 75270, and a copy of the completed form to the Surface Water Section, address on this letterhead. The NPDES permit system is authorized in Section 402 of the federal Clean Water Act and addresses discharge of pollutants to "Waters of the United States." The San Juan River falls under the category of "Water of the U.S.". The USEPA will determine, after reviewing your application, if an NPDES permit will be issued.

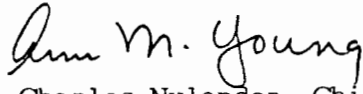
New Mexico has not been delegated authority to implement the NPDES program in this State. Therefore, NPDES permits for sources located in New Mexico are issued by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Region VI office in Dallas. The State does assist EPA, however in implementing certain NPDES - related activities. The NM Water Quality Control Commission (NMWQCC) has designated the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division to administer NPDES permit program-related activities in this State. The NMWQCC has delegated responsibility for enforcing certain sections of the NMWQCC regulations to the Oil Conservation Division.

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Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact
Ms. Kathleen Sisneros of my staff.

Sincerely,


for Charles Nylander, Chief
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