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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION VI  
INTERFIRST TWO BUILDING, 1201 ELM STREET  
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SURFACE WATER QUALITY BUREAU

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

Re: Plateau, Inc. (Discharge to the Hammond Ditch, and to the San Juan River)

Dear Mr. Stockham:

Recently this agency received information that your company may have a discharge (originating from your refinery in Bloomfield) to the Hammond Ditch and to the San Juan River. If this is the case, this discharge may be subject to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) as established by the Clean Water Act (CWA) of 1977, (Public Law 95-217).

The NPDES program was established by Congress in an effort to monitor the discharge of pollutants into the waters of the United States. This includes any point source discharge into any waters of the United States through any means, including runoff or accidental overflow, as defined under section 301 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §1311. If you have a discharge from your facility which is entering any watercourse, however indirectly, you should immediately determine whether the discharge is illegal under the Clean Water Act. Your failure to prevent water pollution discharges or to obtain an NPDES permit, if applicable, may result in legal action against you, including injunctions and civil or criminal penalties.

If you determine a permit is needed for your facility, please complete the enclosed permit application forms. Instructions are also enclosed for your information. If you need additional information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jenaie Slaven at the above address or telephone (214) 767-2765.

Sincerely,

Jayne Watson, Chief  
Permits Issuance Section (6W-PS)

Enclosures

cc: New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division