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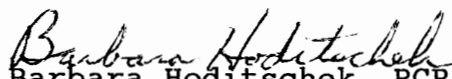
Dear Madame:

Please publish the enclosed legal notice in your newspaper on December 10, 1993. Please return a copy of the notice as published with a certificate of date published. Address the bill to:

Ms. Barbara Hoditschek
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau
New Mexico Environment Department
P.O. Box 26110
525 Camino de los Marquez, Suite 4
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Marc Sides at (505) 827-4308.

Sincerely,



Barbara Hoditschek, RCRA Permit Program Manager
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau

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LEGAL NOTICE
No. 58

NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
HAZARDOUS AND RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS BUREAU
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

December 10, 1993

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CLOSE A SURFACE IMPOUNDMENT

The State of New Mexico is authorized to operate a hazardous waste management program in lieu of the Federal program for those portions of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) in effect prior to the enactment of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA). The HSWA impose additional requirements on hazardous waste management facilities which will be administered by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) until the State of New Mexico receives additional authorization for those requirements.

Under authority of the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act (Section 74-4-1 et. seq. NMSA 1978, as amended, 1989) and the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations, the New Mexico Environment Department can approve or deny closure plans. The Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) of the New Mexico Environment Department proposes that the Department approve the closure plan submitted by Bloomfield Refining Company (BRC), EPA I.D. Number NMD089416416, for the landfill pond. The unit proposed for closure is presently under RCRA interim status.

The 287 acre BRC facility is located at 50 County Road 4990 (Sullivan Road), immediately south of the town of Bloomfield in San Juan County. The BRC facility was originally constructed in the late 1950s, with a number of expansions since that time. The refinery has a crude capacity of 16,800 barrels per day. The following products are produced at BRC: leaded, unleaded, and premium unleaded gasoline; diesel fuels; and jet-A fuel. The landfill pond is a natural depression resulting from blockage of an existing arroyo during construction of the Hammond Ditch. Water in the landfill pond is believed to originate primarily from the Hammond Ditch which is located just east and north of the area.

Closure sampling includes thirteen (13) sediment samples collected from the landfill pond in 1985 at depths ranging from the sediment surface to 12 inches. Samples were analyzed for benzene, toluene, xylene, phenols, total lead, and total chromium. The only compound detected was benzene in one sample at a 1.3 ug/kg concentration.

No additional closure activities are proposed to demonstrate clean closure of the landfill pond.

The administrative record for this proposed decision consists of the closure plan, a fact sheet, and related correspondence. The administrative record may be viewed between the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday at the NMED Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau, Marquez Place, 525 Camino de los Marquez, P.O. Box 26110, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502. The closure plan and fact sheet may be viewed at the Farmington Public Library, 100 West Broadway, Farmington, New Mexico 87401 on Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. and Friday and Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. To obtain a copy of the administrative record or any part thereof, at 35 cents per page, please contact Mr. Marc Sides at the Santa Fe address above or call (505) 827-4308.

Any person who wishes to comment upon the proposed plan or to request a public hearing should submit written comments or requests, along with the commentor's name and address, to the Santa Fe address. Requests for a public hearing shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Only comments and/or requests received by January 9, 1994, will be considered.

All written comments submitted on the proposed plan will be considered in formulating a final decision. NMED may modify the closure plan based on the comments received. The NMED will notify BRC, and each person who submitted a written comment during the public comment period, of the final decision or of any public hearing which may be scheduled.

If, after consideration of all written comments this proposed action becomes the final decision, NMED will issue BRC final approval for the proposed closure plan. The final approval will require that the closure activities be conducted in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws, as well as with the terms approved in the closure plan. Interim status of the facility will be terminated upon the NMED's acceptance of BRC's demonstration of clean closure of the unit.