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January 25, 1994

Mr. David Roderick, Refinery Manager
Bloomfield Refining Company
P.O. Box 159
Bloomfield, New Mexico 87413

Dear Mr. Roderick:

**RE: Bloomfield Refining Company Landfill Pond Closure Plan
Approval (EPA I.D. No. NMD089416416)**

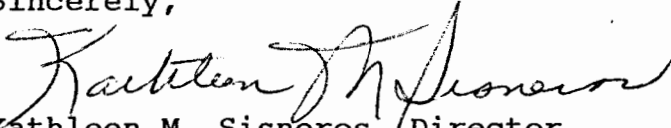
The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) hereby approves the closure plan for the Bloomfield Refining Company (BRC) landfill pond located near Bloomfield, New Mexico. The approved plan for the landfill pond is contained in the document entitled, "Final Closure Plan for the API Wastewater Ponds, Landfill, and Landfill Pond at the Bloomfield Refinery" dated July 1986. The effective date of the closure plan approval is the date you receive this letter.

The Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) of the NMED released the proposed closure plan and associated documents for a thirty (30) day public comment period which ran from December 10, 1993, through January 9, 1994. The HRMB received one written comment during the public notice period. A copy of the comment is enclosed for your information. The recommendation stated in the comment that BRC take measures to prevent water from ponding in this site for extended periods of time does not require a change in the final approved closure plan. Thus, no changes were made to the proposed closure plan in finalizing our approval. No additional closure activities are required to demonstrate clean closure of the site.

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Please contact Marc Sides of my staff at (505) 827-4308 if you have any questions

Sincerely,



Kathleen M. Sisneros, Director
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Enclosure

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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January 4, 1994

Ms. Barbara Hoditschek
RCRA Permits Program Manager
New Mexico Environment Department
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau
P.O. Box 26110
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

Dear Ms. Hoditschek:

This responds to your agency's December 10, 1993, public notice outlining a proposal to close a hazardous waste landfill pond located on the property of the Bloomfield Refining Company. Since low concentrations of benzene were detected in only one of thirteen sediment samples collected from the former landfill pond, coupled with the fact that the pond is now dry and no longer an attraction for migratory birds, waterfowl and other wildlife, we have no objection to the proposed final closure of this site. However, we recommend that the Bloomfield refining company take appropriate steps (e.g., installation of tile drains, berms to divert runoff, etc.) to ensure that this site does not refill and hold water for extended periods of time.

Please contact Mark Wilson, staff Environmental Contaminant Specialist, with any questions pertaining to our comments. Our office telephone number is (505) 883-7877.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Fowler-Propst
State Supervisor

