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Re: Bi-Weekly Activity Report Giant Refining Company - Bloomfield GW-001

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Giant Refining Company - Bloomfield (Giant) submits this letter as required by the March 14, 1997 letter from you.

Giant bermed and plastic lined an area east of Tank #2 to contain the soil that had been stored on the river terrace pending analytical analysis. The soil was moved March 14. Samples will be analyzed by Paragon Analytics, Inc., Fort Collins, Colorado for the parameters noted in the March 14 letter. Results of those analyses have not been received.

Drilling on the river terrace occurred on March 13-14 and March 20-21. A total of 8 borings were made. Initially, Giant had planned to do soil vapor measurements using probes, but drilling each boring down to the Nacimiento formation provided additional, and relevant, data concerning the subsurface geology on the river terrace as well as characterization of the soil. Giant believes that this drilling activity will satisfactorily delineate the horizontal and vertical extent of hydrocarbon presence on the river terrace.

During the drilling operations, PID measurements were taken on all soil cores extracted in the split spoon sampler. Samples were taken along the interface of the fluvial overlay and the Nacimiento formation. Those samples are being analyzed by Inter-Mountain Laboratories, Inc., Farmington, New Mexico. Results of those analyses have not been received.

Complete lithologic logs, noting PID readings, will be supplied to each regulatory agency with the final report that is due May 28, 1997 as well as drawings of the river terrace area showing the locations of the boreholes.

River samples from within the boomed area are taken bi-weekly for BTEX analysis (8020). Those samples are being analyzed by Inter-Mountain Labs also. Results of those analyses have not been received.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 632 8013.

Sincerely:



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