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Mr. Wayne Price
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Frances Dr.
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

August 13, 2003

Re: **#1 East Outfall Hydrocarbon**

Dear Mr. Price,

The following is a recap of events and actions taken since the discovery of hydrocarbon in the #1 East Outfall:

On July 31, 2003 at approximately 2:50 pm traces of hydrocarbon were found in the #1 East Outfall. This outfall is located northwest of our fresh water ponds on the north side of Hammond Ditch. Steps were taken immediately to contain the hydrocarbon by placing absorption pads in the outfall. Notification messages were left on answering machines for both the NMED – Hazardous Waste Bureau, and NMED – Oil Conservation Division.

Giant contacted Wayne Price and Denny Foust (NMED-OCD), and Dave Cobrain (NMED-HWB) on August 1, 2003 to notify them of the discovery and of the emergency steps taken. The emergency response plan was submitted to NMED-OCD via email and NMED- OCD approved the emergency response plan.

On August 1, 2003 a series of containment dikes were constructed. The dikes were made from earthen materials making use of natural terrain to create a catch basin. An L-shaped overflow pipe has been placed in each containment dike to prevent the release of any separate phase hydrocarbon. (See attached Photo's)

During the construction of the dikes Giant pumped all fluids into the refinery's waste water system via vacuum trucks. This pumping activity continued until the hydrocarbon sheen diminished on August 4, 2003. Samples were taken and analyzed for BTEX. The samples came back under the WQCC standards. Based upon these results the water was allowed to flow out of the secondary containment as discussed. Giant will continue to monitor and sample this outfall and should hydrocarbon reappear or the BTEX analyses

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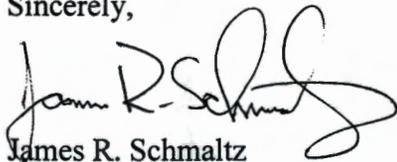
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rise above the WQCC standards, Giant will return to the pumping of all fluids into the refinery's waste water system.

Giant has begun an investigation into the possible source of this hydrocarbon. Test holes were dug in three selected locations using a track hoe. These holes were dug on the northern boundary of the Tank Farm, starting near the center of the refinery working our way east towards the outfall. Giant will provide details of the investigation as they transpire.

If you need more information, please contact me at (505) 632-4171.

Sincerely,



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Giant Refining Company - Bloomfield

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Ed Riege, Giant Refining Environmental Superintendent
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1 East Outfall – Dike # 1



1 East Outfall – Dike # 2