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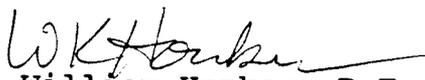
Dear Mr. Garcia:

This is in response to your December 20, 1991 letter regarding Giant Refining's Benzene Stripper and NMED's desire to process the permit modification for this unit.

The Region has no problems with NMED taking the lead on processing this TC permit modification. However, when NMED drafts this permit modification, EPA requests the opportunity to review and comment on the modification before it is public noticed. In addition, because EPA retains authority for the TC wastes, the modification must be a joint signature. We can discuss the logistics of that process during my January 23, 1992 visit.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Rich Mayer of my staff at (214) 655-6775.

Sincerely yours,


William Honker, P.E.
Chief
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