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August 14, 1995

Mr. David Pavlich
Health, Safety and Environmental Manager
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Route 3, Box 7
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Dear Mr. Pavlich,

RE: Request to amend Giant's Part A Permit.

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) is in receipt of the Giant Refining Company (Giant) letters to HRMB dated July 24 and 28, 1995. In the July 24 letter Giant agrees to HRMB's request (dated July 13, 1995) for Giant to request removal from their RCRA Part A Permit of the following items;

- the API separator
- the benzene strippers.

In the July 28 letter Giant adds the hazardous waste drum storage area to the removal request.

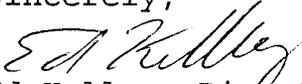
The API separator and benzene strippers are part of the process wastewater treatment system and thus are exempt from RCRA permitting requirements. Further, these units are regulated by NMED Oil Conservation Division (OCD). The hazardous waste drum storage area has not been constructed, and Giant has no plans to construct it, thus there is no need for it to be on the Part A Permit.

HRMB hereby approves Giant's request for removal of the aforementioned items from their Part A Permit. Giant must now submit to HRMB within two (2) weeks of receipt of this letter a revised Part A excluding these units.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Michael Chacón of my staff at (505) 827-1561.

Sincerely,



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