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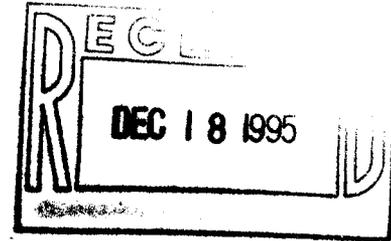
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Mr. Michael Chacón
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Re: Land Treatment Area Closure Plans

Dear Mr. Chacón:

As we have discussed previously, in order to clarify some of the issues and items still to be addressed in the closure of Giant's Land Treatment Area here at the Ciniza Refinery, it would be worthwhile for some of Giant's environmental personnel to travel to Santa Fe to visit with some of the HRMB staff members. This would greatly assist us in refining the details of the project which still need addressing.

As I mentioned to you in our telephone conversation yesterday, Giant has been in the process of adjusting its personnel assignments. As a result, the environmental staffing here at the Ciniza Refinery has been temporarily reduced due to personnel transfers. Staffing is expected to be back to normal levels by the first week in January, 1996.

Due to the present staff shortage, the approaching holiday season, and end-of-quarter/end-of-year reporting obligations, I would like to suggest that the meeting requested above be held during the latter part of January. I would propose that Giant contact you in January to arrange for a suitable meeting date that fits your and the other HRMB staff members' schedules. At that time, we could also provide you with a list or summary of topics of concern to assist you in your preparations for the meeting. These arrangements, if acceptable to you, would certainly be of great assistance to me in handling the present and approaching end-of-year work load.

Unless I hear otherwise from you, I will plan on contacting you in early- to mid-January to arrange a suitable meeting date.

If you have any questions regarding the above request, please do not hesitate to contact me at (505) 722-0217. Thank you for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

David C. Pavlich
Health, Safety & Environmental Manager
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