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January 14, 1997

Ms. Mary Browder, Reference Librarian
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115 West Hill Ave.
Gallup, NM 87301

**RE: Public Notice of Proposed Permit Modifications for the RCRA
Permit for Giant Refining Co.**

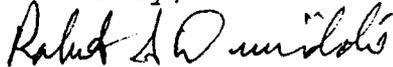
Dear Ms. Browder:

Please make the enclosed "Resource Conservation and Recovery Act" (RCRA) Statement of Basis available to the public from January 20, 1997 to March 6, 1997. Public Notice in the Gallup Independent states that this document will be available at the main public library in Gallup. You will be contacted to verify if you did in fact receive this transmittal and the above mentioned enclosures.

Please return this copy to the New Mexico Environment Department's Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau at the above address after the comment period closes.

Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,


Robert S. (Stu) Dinwiddie, Manager
RCRA Permits Management Program

Enclosure

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FACT SHEET

Intent to Approve Permit Modifications for
the RCRA Land Treatment Area, Giant Refining-Ciniza
Public Comment Period
January 20, through March 6, 1997

Activities: Modification of the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit to attempt clean closure of the land treatment area (LTA).

Facility Name: Giant Refining Company-Ciniza

EPA ID Number: NMD 000333211

Location: The LTA is located at the Giant Refining Company-Ciniza Refinery (Giant) which is in McKinley County, New Mexico, approximately 17 miles east of Gallup, New Mexico.

Type of Facility or Activity: The LTA consists of three 480-ft x 240-ft sections located 1,500 feet northwest of the refinery process area and immediately east of Evaporation Pond 12B. The primary purpose of the LTA is degradation, immobilization or stabilization of hazardous wastes using microbial activity and soil characteristics. The LTA received hazardous wastes from October, 1980 to November, 1990.

Type and Quantity of Waste: The permit allows Giant to operate an LTA for land disposal of: D001 ignitable waste at a maximum of 50 tons annually; D007 ignitable waste at a maximum of 5 tons annually; K049 slop oil emulsion solids at a maximum of 200 tons annually, K050 heat exchanger bundle cleaning sludge at a maximum of 15 tons annually; K051 API Separator sludge at a maximum of 1,000 tons annually and K052 leaded tank bottoms.

Background Information: The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) issued a Hazardous Waste Facility Permit on November 4, 1988, to Giant Refining Company. One condition in the permit requires Giant to modify their permit when a statistically significant release to groundwater is detected. In 1992 Giant was issued a Notice of Noncompliance due to the possibility of such a release. In 1993 Giant applied for the required permit modification. Due to changes in the closure approach several versions of the modification have been developed by Giant and reviewed by NMED. The current modification attempts to demonstrate that no hazardous waste has been released from the LTA and it can be clean closed. NMED found the initial proposed language unacceptable and Giant developed the current language for the proposed modification.

**Effect of
Proposed
Modification:**

The proposed modification attempts to demonstrate clean closure of the LTA. It contains a characterization of the LTA which will determine the absence or presence and extent of any contamination resulting from the escape of hazardous constituents from the LTA, and will enable Giant and NMED to close the unit in a way that will protect human health and the environment. If contamination is detected, It requires Giant to submit a post-closure care plan. Also, it changes the date of closure to immediately upon approval of the modified plan.

**Permit
Modification
Availability:**

Copies of the proposed permit modification are available for public review weekdays between 8 am and 5 pm at the **NMED Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau, 2044-A Galisteo, Santa Fe, NM 87502**, and during normal business hours at the following locations:

Octavia Fellin Public Library 115 W. Hill Ave. Gallup, NM 87301 Ph (505) 863-1291	Mother Whiteside Memorial Library 525 W. High Grants, NM 87020 Ph (505) 287-4793
Giant Ciniza Refinery Administrative Offices Exit 39 off Interstate 40 about 17 miles east of Gallup, New Mexico Ph (505) 722-3833	

**Comment Period
and Request
for Hearing:**

Any person, including Giant, who wants to comment on the proposed decision to approve the permit modification, or who wants to request a public hearing, may do so by submitting written comments or requests to the NMED Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau, 2004-A Galisteo, P.O. Box 26110, Santa Fe, NM 87502, ATTENTION: Mr. Michael Chacón. Any request for hearing shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing and must include the requestor's name and address. **Only comments and/or requests received by March 6, 1997 will be considered.** For further information, call Mr. Chacón at (505) 827-1561.

**Final
Decision:**

NMED will consider all comments submitted on this proposed permit modification before formulating a final decision. NMED will notify Giant, and each person who submitted a written comment during the public comment period, of the final decision or of any public hearing which may be scheduled. The final decision will require that activities at the LTA be conducted according to applicable State and Federal laws and with Giant's operating permit.