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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. 3771-7491

Mr. Bill Kendrick
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RE: CASE # GW052R
WASTE CHARACTERIZATION WORK PLAN
ROSWELL COMPRESSOR STATION

Dear Mr. Kendrick:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed Transwestern Pipeline Company's (TPC) July 2, 2001 "WORK PLAN FOR CHARACTERIZATION OF AFFECTED SOIL IN THE FORMER SURFACE IMPOUNDMENT AREAS, TRANSWESTERN PIPELINE COMPANY, ROSWELL COMPRESSOR STATION, CHAVES COUNTY, NM". This document contains TPC's proposed work plan for characterizing wastes in the former impoundments at the TPC Roswell Compressor Station.

The work plan as contained in the above-referenced document is approved with the following conditions:

1. All samples shall be obtained and analyzed using EPA approved methods and quality assurance/quality control procedures.
2. The waste characterization report shall be submitted to the OCD Santa Fe Office by October 17, 2001 with a copy provided to the OCD Artesia District Office. The report shall contain:
 - a. A description of the investigation activities which occurred including conclusions and recommendations.
 - b. A geologic/lithologic log for each trench which includes visual observations of contamination and field soil organic vapor measurements.



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- c. Site maps showing the location of the trenches, former pits, tanks, sample locations and any other pertinent site features.
 - d. Summary tables of all sampling results and copies of all laboratory analytical data sheets and associated QA/QC data.
3. TPC shall notify the OCD at least 1 week in advance of the scheduled activities such that the OCD has the opportunity to witness the events and split samples.

Please be advised that OCD approval does not limit TPC to the above-referenced work plan if the investigation activities fail to adequately determine the extent of contamination related to TPC's activities, or if contamination exists which is outside the scope of the work plan. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve TPC of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state or local laws and regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 476-3491.

Sincerely,



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