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Dear Mr. Wendt,

The Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency has completed the review of the letter report entitled *Confirmation Sampling of Black Mesa (J-28) and (N-6) Landfarms* dated December 6, 1999.

Site Background:

The site is a landfarm within the lease of Peabody Coal Black Mesa Mine. The landfarm was operational from an unknown time in the past to the present day. Soil samples were taken after some years of operation on April 19, 1999 by Despain Environmental Management, Inc. Standard sampling procedures were followed and twenty samples were submitted to Orange Coast Analytical, Inc. for analysis. The samples were tested using EPA Modified Method 8015 for hydrocarbons. The samples all came back Non-Detect. Based on these results the bio-remediation of both cells appears to have been complete in 1999.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that this site be closed without additional action. USEPA concurs with the Navajo EPA recommendation. However, if additional information becomes available in the future regarding hydrocarbon contamination in soil and/or groundwater at this site from past operations, USEPA or NNEPA may reopen this site and require site assessment and/or corrective action.

If you have questions regarding the information contained in this letter, please contact me or my staff at 928-871-7993

Sincerely,

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