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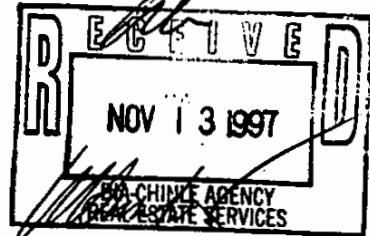
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Sincerely,

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IN REPLY REFER TO WST-8
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Mr. Eddie J. Arthur, Owner-Operator
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Dear Mr. Arthur:

This correspondence refers to your letter dated October 17, 1997. Please also refer to the analytical report of samples taken at the stockpile of contaminated soil in the corner of your service station located in Chinle, AZ on land of the Navajo Nation. Eight samples taken from the stockpile (samples #1 to #8) show analytical results below action levels set by the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency (NNEPA). Analytical results from Sample #9 (taken near the stockpile) showed a TPH level of 230 mg/kg, which is above the NNEPA action level. This does preclude disposal of the stockpiled soil.

The Apache County Road Department is interested in using the stockpiled soil for road construction. This is an excellent use for contaminated soil below action levels, especially when mixed with asphalt.

The information submitted above has assisted the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in assessing the status of this site, where four underground storage tanks (USTs) were removed on March 12, 1996 without proper oversight by either the U. S. EPA or Navajo Nation EPA. Our records also indicate that two 18,000 gallon capacity, single wall fiberglass USTs were installed at this site in August 1993.

The former leaking UST site does not appear to currently pose a threat to human health and the environment. EPA is not requiring further action at this time with respect to the Chevron Food Mart site.

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Please call Walt Guggenheimer at (415) 744-2094 if you have questions or need more information.

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