



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX
Underground Storage Tanks Program Office
75 Hawthorne Street (WST-8)
San Francisco, CA 94105
March 13, 2000**

**REFER TO WST-8
AND SITE #NAV-349 & NAV-353
Certified Mail: P 389 854 753**

Mr. Ben Chavez, Support Services
Gallup-McKinley County Schools.
P. O. Box 1318
Gallup, NM 87305

Dear Mr. Chavez:

This correspondence refers to the underground storage tank (UST) removal reports that were prepared by Rocky Mountain Petroleum for the Thoreau High School site and the Tohatchi Elementary and High School site. These two sites are located in New Mexico, on land of the Navajo Nation.

Our review of the closure documents and analytical results for soil samples collected at these two UST sites indicates no hydrocarbon concentrations above appropriate EPA, Region IX or tribal soil cleanup levels.

The information submitted has assisted EPA in assessing the status of these two sites, where two USTs were removed from the Thoreau site and three USTs were removed from the Tohatchi site in 1998. These sites do not appear to pose a current threat to human health and the environment. Therefore, EPA is not requiring further action at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lester Kaufman".

Lester Kaufman, Chief
Underground Storage Tanks Program Office

Enclosure

cc: Arlene Luther, Navajo Nation EPA
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