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October 2, 2008

John F. Krause
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Western Regional Office
Phoenix Area Office
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Re: No further action required for the Underground Storage Tank (UST) site at the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BLA) Santa Rosa Boarding School (TOHO-014) in Sells, Arizona

Dear Mr. Krause:

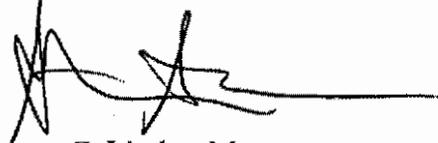
The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Region 9, Underground Storage Tank Program Office (USTPO) has completed our review of the report - *Underground Storage Tank Closure Report, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Tohono O'odham Nation dated June 2008*. The report described the activities undertaken to remove the underground storage tank (UST) system at the facility and the site characterization that followed. The BLA retained Terranext and Kary Environmental Services to perform the UST removal and soil sampling work in May 2008.

During this assessment, a 3,000 gallon-UST was removed from the site; there was no product piping or fueling island observed. Soil samples were taken from underneath the UST. Analytical results from the sampling event did not detect petroleum hydrocarbons and volatile organic compounds above regulatory limits. Total lead was detected but at levels below the action level of 400 parts per million - the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality residential soil remediation level for lead. Groundwater was not encountered during this investigation. Imported aggregate base coarse fill was used to completely backfill the excavation site.

Based on the findings presented in the report, the EPA Region 9 USTPO recommends that this site be closed without additional action. The USTPO has also discussed this site with the Tohono O'odham Nation and they concur with this recommendation. If you have any questions

regarding the information contained in this letter, please contact Carl Warren of my staff at (415) 972-3355.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven C. Linder', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Steven C. Linder, Manager
Underground Storage Tanks Program Office

Cc: John Graves, BIA Phoenix Area Office
Fred Orosco, Tohono O'odham Nation Solid Waste Regulatory Office
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