



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 9

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In reply, refer to: WST-8

October 9, 2008

Gayle Honanie, Director
Hopi Environmental Protection Office
P.O. Box 123
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

Subject: No further action required for the Underground Storage Tank (UST) site at the Byron Kootswatewa's residence (HOPI-031) in Hotevilla, Arizona

Dear Ms. Honanie:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Region 9, Underground Storage Tank Program Office (USTPO) has completed our review of the report – Site Assessment Report dated September 2008. The report described the activities undertaken in May 2008 to remove the underground storage tank (UST) system at the facility and the site characterization that followed. The work was funded by the Federal LUST Trust Fund and overseen by EPA Region 9 USTPO. EPA retained Bristol Environmental Remediation Services, LLC to perform the UST removal and soil sampling work..

During this assessment, a 2,000-gallon UST and associated fuel dispenser were removed from the site. In addition, a limited amount of contaminated soil was also removed from the excavation. Soil samples were taken from the former location of the UST at 6 feet below ground surface and at two feet below the area where the UST was staged. Analytical results from the sampling event did not detect petroleum hydrocarbons and or volatile organic compounds above the Hopi Environmental Protection Office (HEPO) regulatory limits. Groundwater was not encountered during this investigation. Clean imported fill was used to completely backfill the 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 discussed the information in this letter with your office and your staff concurred 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,



Steven C. Linder, Manager
Underground Storage Tanks Program Office

Cc: Scott Ruth, Bristol Environmental
EPA Site File HOPI-031