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Subject: **Navajo Nation EPA led Tank Closures**

Dear Ms. Luther:

EPA Region IX has reviewed four underground storage tank (UST) removal reports for abandoned sites on land of the Navajo Nation. These reports document the removal of nine USTs at three sites and one site which had no UST's, during the year 2004, that were overseen by the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency (NNEPA).

Based on our review of these UST removal reports, EPA Region IX has determined that the closure of these sites meets the federal requirements of 40 CFR § 280.71. Thus, we recommend that NNEPA issue "No further action" (NFA) letters for the following sites once NNEPA has determined that it too is satisfied with the closure of these sites:

- \* NAV-045 Baby Rocks Commercial Center\*
- \* NAV-113 Steamboat Trading Post (No UST's at this site, removed from datatbase)
- \* NAV-327 Tohatchi Trading Post
- \* NAV-182 Bitter Springs Trading Post\*\*

\* The Baby Rock Commercial Center (NAV-045) had both USTs and ASTs installed. Two UST's were removed by Leedshill- Herkenhoff on June 25, 1998. No contamination was encountered in either the tank pit, pipe trench, or beneath the dispenser island. Soil contamination at the dispenser island and pipe trench connected to the AST only, exists at this site.

\*\* Five UST's were removed at Bitter Springs Trading Post in October 1998 by Leedshill- Herkenhoff, Inc. for the Navajo Nation Division of Economic Development. Analytical results of one sample collected at the dispenser island #2 indicated TPH contamination of 282 mg/kg in soil. One confirmatory sample at this location will more than likely indicate no soil contamination above NNEPA cleanup level of 100 mg/kg of TPH contamination.

