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INTERNAL MEMORANDUM
MEMO TO FILE

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SUBJECT: Administrative No Further Action (NFA)
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This memorandum refers to the administrative closure of the non-operating underground storage tank (UST) site on Hwy 66 in Shiprock, New Mexico, on land of the Navajo Nation.

Our records indicated that the NM Department of Transportation (NMDOT) removed two USTs in November 1993 and had a confirmed release of petroleum in the soil. NMDOT removed 4 cy of petroleum contaminated soil and aerated it on site. A UST closure report was submitted to EPA Region 9 on May 1994. EPA issued a No Further Action (NFA) letter on February 1995.

A file review in 2009 raised a question on whether there was one UST still remaining at the site. USTRAC had a record of three USTs at the site but only two USTs were reportedly removed. NNEPA re-opened this site as an active LUST site. Both NNEPA and EPA had no copy of the closure report; therefore NMDOT was contacted to obtain a copy of this report. EPA was able to talk with Audrey J. Moore, Director of the NMDOT Environmental Geology Bureau and she said that the Shiprock Patrol Yard (the site), is being supplied fuel by aboveground storage tanks (ASTs). All the USTs (only two USTs were present) were removed and replaced by ASTs on November 1993. She submitted electronic copy of the UST closure report and correspondences between NMDOT, EPA, and NNEPA. This information filled in the gap between the 1993 UST removal and the 1995 NFA determination for this site.

Based on our records review and conversation with Ms. Moore, this site does not appear to pose a current threat to human health and the environment. Therefore, EPA Region IX is not requiring further action at this site.

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