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Ms. Arlene Luther, Director
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**Subject: Notice of site closure for the former Lupton Trading Post (NAV 376)
on the Navajo Nation**

Dear Ms. Luther:

The United States Environmental Protection (EPA) Agency, Region 9 has completed our review of the site assessment report. The report for the Lupton Trading Post (NAV 376), dated June 2007 detailed the activities undertaken at the former Underground Storage Tank (UST) facility. The report was prepared by Bristol Environmental & Engineering Service Corporation.

The Underground Storage Tank Program Office addressed this letter to you because the last owner of record for the UST system, Mr. Jack Hill is deceased.

The objectives of this site assessment were to evaluate the presence or absence of UST's and petroleum hydrocarbons' releases into the soil and or groundwater at the facility. In addition, all identified UST's and associated piping were to be removed and soil samples were to be taken in the excavated area.


Groundwater was not encountered during this investigation. Soil samples were collected and analyzed in accordance with the work plans, which were approved by EPA Region 9 and Navajo EPA. All of the investigated-derived waste, UST's and associated piping were properly disposed at an authorized disposal facility.

A review of the analytical data generated from this investigation reported no indication of petroleum contamination above Navajo EPA or the US EPA regulatory limits in the soil excavated from the site or in the soil beneath the UST's or the associated piping.

Based on the findings presented in the report, EPA Region 9 will close this case file. However, if additional information is discovered in the future which requires further investigation EPA will reopen this case.

If you have any questions or need clarification concerning this site, please contact Mr. Carl Warren of my staff at (415)972-3355.

Sincerely yours,


for

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EPA Region 9 Site File (NAV 376)