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Mr. Stephen B. Etsitty, Director
Executive Office
Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency
P.O. Box 339
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Subject: Recommendation for No Further Action for the Underground Storage Tank Site
at the Dean Kirk Trading Post, Manuelito, NM (NAV-421)

Dear Mr. Etsitty:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Region 9 has completed our review of the report - *Underground Storage Tank Removal, Dean Kirk Trading Post, dated October 5, 2007*. The report describes the activities undertaken to remove the underground storage tank (UST) system at the site and the site characterization that happened next. These activities were undertaken in August 2007 and funded by the Navajo Nation EPA special revenue fund. The work was performed by Ironhorse Environmental Services, Inc. of Window Rock, Arizona.

During this assessment, one UST and dispenser system, associated piping, and impacted soil were removed from the excavation. Soil samples were taken from underneath the UST, piping and dispenser location. Analytical results from the sampling event, detected reading of petroleum hydrocarbons constituents below the NNEPA screening levels. Groundwater was not encountered during this investigation. Clean soil was used to completely backfill the excavation site.

Based on the findings presented in the report, EPA Region 9 recommends that this site be closed without additional action. My staff has reviewed the findings in the report with Mr. Henry Haven of the NNEPA UST program and Mr. Haven concurs with these findings. 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 "S. Linder", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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cc: Henry Haven, NNEPA
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