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November 29, 2001

Ms. Loretta Stone, Director  
Environmental Protection Office  
San Carlos Apache Tribe  
P. O. Box O  
San Carlos, AZ 85550

Dear Ms. Stone:

This correspondence refers to the Bolas service station in Bylas, Arizona, on land of the San Carlos Apache Tribe. Two 10,000-gallon underground storage tanks (USTs) were removed at this site and properly disposed. Approximately 225 cubic yards of contaminated soil were placed in rows onto an asphalt strip behind the station for land-farming following the UST removal. Based on previous discussions with staff from the Tribal Environmental Protection Office, the land-farmed soil was removed from the site about two years later and disposed in the vicinity of Bolas. No soil samples were analyzed prior to this disposal.

This site is being closed based on the following:

- \* Contaminated soil was land-farmed for two years prior to disposal.
- \* Soil samples collected during tank removal did not have benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene or xylene (BTEX) concentrations above appropriate EPA Region IX and tribal cleanup levels.
- \* The low concentrations of residual hydrocarbons in the excavation would pose very little risk to the underlying groundwater, which is 70 feet below ground surface.
- \* Natural attenuation has probably reduced the hydrocarbon concentrations in situ from their 1994 levels.

The information has assisted EPA in assessing the status of this site, where two USTs were removed on March 3, 1994. This site does not appear to pose a current threat to human health and the environment. Therefore, EPA is not requiring further action at this time.

Sincerely,

Lester Kaufman, Manager  
Underground Storage Tanks Program Office

Enclosure

cc: Janice Staudte, Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Kenny Hicks, Indian Health Service

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