



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
**REGION 9**

**75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105-3901**

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Mr. Ronnie Lupe, Chairman  
White Mountain Apache Tribe  
Executive Building  
202 E. Walnut Street  
White River, AZ 85491

Re: No further action for the Underground Storage Tank (UST) site at the BIA Land Operations Yard (WMAF-044), Cibecue, Arizona

Dear Chairman Lupe:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 recently reopened the case file for the BIA Land Operations Yard (WMAF-044) in Cibecue, Arizona. According to our files, a 1,000 gallon gasoline underground storage tank (UST) was removed and disposed off-site in December 2000. EPA memo to file documented a discussion with Kirk Massey, Sr. in September and October of 2003. The memo indicated that Mr. Massey, the Environmental Technician for the Tribe at the time, oversaw the removal of the UST and noted the presence of minimal soil contamination at the site. It was also stated in the memo that the Tribe did not submit a closure report for the UST removal to EPA because the contractor who performed the work went out of business before submitting the final closure report.

After reviewing our site information and history, EPA has determined that this site does not appear to pose an adverse threat to human health and the environment based on our records. Therefore, EPA is not requiring further action at this time. If additional information is found in the future indicating that contamination above regulatory levels remain at this site, EPA will work with the White Mountain Apache Tribe to resolve these issues. If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this letter, please contact Tess Salire of my staff at (415) 972-3376.

Sincerely,

Steven C. Linder, Manager  
Underground Storage Tanks Program Office

Cc: Kirk Massey Sr., Councilman, WMAT

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