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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Administrative Closure of the 2001 Release at the NAV186 (Navajo Fleet Management) Leaking Underground Storage Tank Site

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Signed by: Environmental Protection Agency

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The purpose of this memorandum is to document for the record the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) review of the two confirmed releases at NAV186 Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) site. The site is operated by Navajo Fleet Management with the address of P.O. Box 3047, Tuba City, AZ 86045. The first release was confirmed in 1994 when one (1) of three (3) original underground storage tanks (USTs) was removed. Field and lab soil analysis results indicated benzene, xylene, and TPH levels above the regional screening levels. In 2001, the remaining (2) tanks were removed and a release was also confirmed at that based on soil analysis results.

Although there have been two documented releases at this site, both were a result of removal of unneeded/outdated USTs, which were all located in the same tank hold and contained the same kind of product (gasoline). Additionally, the Responsible Party (Navajo Fleet Management) is responsible for both releases and the footprint of contamination does not allow for a distinction between the two releases. As a result, these releases have effectively been managed as a single clean-up and I therefore recommend consolidating the two releases administratively by closing the 2001 release in the Tribal Underground Storage Tanks Database (TrUSTD). This administrative closure does not constitute closure of the clean-up at NAV186 and I do not recommend No Further Action (NFA) at this time. Additionally, all records generated in relation to the 2001 release will remain accessible and relevant in the clean-up pursuit at the site. The administrative closure will merely allow US EPA R9 staff to more effectively manage the clean-up inventory in TrUSTD.

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