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Ms. Janet Bollmann  
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Dear Ms. Bollmann:

This correspondence refers to two sites, located on land of the Gila River Indian Community, where a number of unregistered underground storage tanks (USTs) were discovered in the years 1999/2000.

At the former Tyson Farms, an unregistered 8,000-gallon diesel UST was removed on May 23, 2000. Approximately 150 cubic yards of contaminated soil were removed from the excavation and placed on plastic sheeting for land farming. The analytical results for the samples collected at this site indicate TPH values below tribal and EPA, Region IX cleanup levels and non-detect levels for benzene.

On April 28, 1999, one 10,000-gallon gasoline UST, one 8,000-gallon diesel UST and one 500-gallon used oil UST, (all unregistered) were removed from the Sacaton Garage in Sacaton, Arizona. Extensive soil contamination was discovered in the excavation during the removal of the USTs. Approximately 400 cubic yards of contaminated soil were spread on plastic sheeting for land farming. The analytical results for random sampling of the stockpile conducted on January 7 and January 26, 2000 indicated that land farming did not reduce contamination sufficiently for on-site disposal. As a result, the contaminated soil was transported to the Butterfield Landfill Facility, located in Mobile, Arizona.

The information submitted has assisted EPA in assessing the status of these sites, where four underground storage tanks USTs were removed. These sites do 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, Chief  
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Enclosure

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