

IN REPLY REFER TO WST-8
AND SITE # NAV-035

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Dear Mr. Harris:

This correspondence refers to the Status Report # 8 prepared by Geotechnical and Environmental Consultants, Inc. , dated May 7, 1997 regarding the Tuba City Trading Post in Tuba City, AZ, located on private land of the Babbitt Brothers Trading Co., but surrounded by lands of the Navajo Nation.

This site has been monitored since 1993 for groundwater contamination. The latest analytical results of samples taken at monitoring well MW-3 indicate that natural attenuation has reduced the BTEX values in the plume to below the maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) established by the Clean Water Act (CFR 40 Part 141). The heterotrophic plate count of hydrocarbon degrading bacteria indicates that degrading activities continue to take place.

The information submitted has assisted EPA in assessing the status of this site, where one underground storage tank (UST) was removed on July 21, 1993. Our records indicate there are no other USTs in or out of service at this site.

This site does not appear to currently pose a threat to human health and the environment. **EPA IS NOT REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION AT THIS TIME WITH RESPECT TO THE UST AND ASSOCIATED PIPING.**

If new USTs are installed at the site, Tank Notification Form # 7530- 1 must be completed and sent to this office within 30 days after startup of the new UST system.

Please call Walt Guggenheimer at (415)744-2094 if you have questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

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