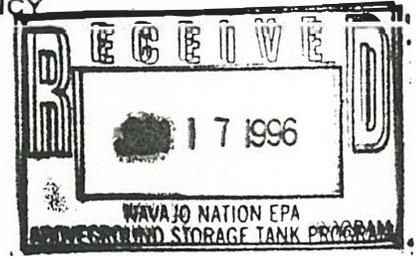




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Mr. Yusuf Vora, PE, Project Manager  
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1200 Main Tower Building, Room 1900  
Dallas, Texas 75202

Dear Mr Vora:

This office has received Western Technologies Report dated May 9, 1996 and entitled "Petroleum contaminated Soil Assessment- Chinle Comprehensive Health Care Facility, Chinle, AZ....

This site is located on land of the Navajo Nation. On January 20, 1993 a 8000-gallon capacity Diesel Underground Storage Tank(UST) was removed at this site and replaced with a FRP tank of equal capacity. However, contaminated soil from spills and overfill was not removed for remediation, but stockpiled together with clean soil. Stockpiled soil and pea gravel was used for backfill for the new tank installation.

The above mentioned report indicates that there is no soil contamination at the site at this time.

The information submitted has assisted EPA in assessing the status of this site, where one Underground Storage Tank (UST) was removed on 01/20/93. This LUST site does not appear to currently pose a threat to human health and the environment. **EPA DOES NOT REQUIRE FURTHER ACTION AT THIS TIME WITH RESPECT TO THESE UST's AND ASSOCIATED PIPING.**

If new UST's are installed at the site, Tank Notification Form # 7530- 1 must be completed and sent to this office within 30 days after start up of the new facility.

According to our records, one 8000 gallon capacity UST is in service at this site. This tank must be equipped with serviceable leak detection devices to be in compliance with federal regulations. In addition, tank must be upgraded to conform in all respects to regulations detailed in 40 CFR §280.20 and § 280.21

not later than December 22, 1998 or must be closed in accordance with 40 CFR § 280.71

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

Sincerely



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