



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX

Underground Storage Tanks Program Office
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Ms. Terry Griffin, Manager
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Dear Ms. Griffin:

This correspondence refers to the "Groundwater Monitoring and Sampling Report", dated February 3, 2003, prepared by Animas Environmental Services for the former Thriftway #271 station in Sanostee, New Mexico, on land of the Navajo Nation. An environmental assessment performed on November 17, 1995, after Thriftway ceased operation of the facility, disclosed gasoline contamination of soil and groundwater. The contaminated soil was excavated and transported offsite for disposal. Fifteen monitoring wells were installed at the site to define the contaminant plume and monitor the progress of natural attenuation semi-annually.

Our review of the closure documents and analytical results for groundwater samples collected on December 2, 2002 at the UST site indicates no hydrocarbon concentrations above appropriate EPA, Region IX or Navajo Nation EPA groundwater cleanup levels.

The information submitted has assisted EPA in assessing the status of this site, where three underground storage tanks (USTs) were removed on December 11, 1995. This site does not appear to pose a current threat to human health and the environment. Therefore, EPA is not requiring further action at this time.

If you have questions or need more information, please call Walt Guggenheimer of my staff at (415) 972-3377 or Henry Haven of the NNEPA at (928) 871-7997

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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