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Mr. Stephen B. Etsitty, Director
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Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency
P.O. Box 339
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Subject: Recommendation for No Further Action for the Underground Storage Tank Site
at the Wheatfields Trading Post, Wheatfields, AZ (NAV-165)

Dear Mr. Etsitty:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Region 9 has completed our review of the report - *Removal of Underground Storage Tanks, Wheatfields Trading Post*, dated November 2008. The report described the site closure activities which included the removal of the underground storage tank (UST) system and the site characterization. These activities were undertaken in August 2008 and funded by the Navajo Nation EPA (NNEPA) special revenue fund. The work was performed by iina'ba, Inc. of Farmington, New Mexico.

Prior to the UST removal, the site had been abandoned for more than 20 years. A geophysical survey was conducted by NNEPA with EPA funding in August 2007 which detected the presence of USTs. Two USTs and their associated piping were removed from the site in August 2008. Soil excavation activities were implemented around and beneath the USTs and piping and petroleum release to the soil was not observed. Approximately 134 cubic yards of soil were excavated and stockpiled near the excavation. Soil samples were taken at the bottom and ends of the excavated pit and below the product dispensers and piping. The analytical results were all below method detection limits except for total lead in soil; however the results did not exceed the USEPA and the NNEPA screening levels. The stockpiled soil was used to completely backfill the excavation. Groundwater was not encountered during this investigation.

Based on the findings presented in the report, EPA Region 9 recommends that this site be closed without additional action. My staff has reviewed the findings in the report with Henry Haven of the NNEPA UST program and Mr. Haven concurs with this recommendation. If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this letter, please contact Carl Warren of my staff at (415) 972-3355.

Sincerely,

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Steven C. Linder, P.E.

Manager

Underground Storage Tanks Program Office

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region IX

cc: Henry Haven, NNEPA
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