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Dear Mr. DeLaCerde:

This correspondence refers to the "Underground Storage Tank Closure" report dated September 3, 2003 that was prepared by Polman Environmental, Inc. for the removal of one underground storage tank (UST) at the Pisinimo Trading Post in Pisinimo, Arizona, on land of the Tohono O'Odham Nation. This UST was an orphan tank discovered during the removal of two USTs on May 17, 2002 at this site. Analytical results of five soil samples collected from the two USTs in 2002 indicated elevated levels of TPH (gasoline) for the sample closest to the orphan tank. All other samples were below Region IX preliminary remediation goals (PRGs). To insure that no soil contamination remained in the tank excavation, 40 cubic yards of soil were stockpiled in a fenced yard behind the site.

Our review of the closure documents and analytical results for soil samples collected at the UST site indicates no hydrocarbon concentrations above appropriate EPA, Region IX or tribal soil cleanup levels.

The information submitted has assisted EPA in assessing the status of this site, where two USTs were removed on April 23, 2002. 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.

Please call Walt Guggenheimer of my staff at (415) 972-3377 if you have questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

Lester Kaufman, Manager
Underground Storage Tanks Program Office

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The analytical results for soil samples collected at the UST site indicate no hydrocarbon concentrations above appropriate EPA, Region IX or tribal soil cleanup levels. The information submitted has assisted EPA in assessing the status of this site, where one UST was removed on August 12, 2003. Based on this data, 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.

Please call Walt Guggenheimer of my staff at (415) 972-3377 or Frederick Orosco at (520) 383-8681 if you have questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

Lester Kaufman, Manager
Underground Storage Tanks Program Office

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