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REGION 9

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In reply, refer to: WST-8
Certified mail

Mr. Kyle Prior, Chairman
Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley-Reservation
P.O. Box 219
Owyhee, NV 89832

Re: No Further Action for the Underground Storage Tank (UST) Site at the Owyhee Combined Schools (DUCV-003), Owyhee, Nevada

Dear Chairman Prior:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9, Underground Storage Tanks Program Office (USTPO) has reviewed the case file for the Owyhee Combined Schools (DUCV-003). This is part of the national effort to review all outstanding underground storage tank (UST) case files and close out open UST sites, where warranted. As a result, my office has reviewed this case file and determined that a 1,000-gallon gasoline and a 3,000-gallon diesel USTs were removed from the site on August 19, 1996. In addition, analyses for soil samples from the UST excavation showed no detections of gasoline or diesel contamination. We have also reviewed the State of Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) letter to the Elko County School District (ECSD) on September 19, 1996 which stated that the ECSD had done a satisfactory site assessment and that remediation was not required at the time. Lastly, ECSD filed a notice of UST closure to EPA on September 19, 1996. For your information, a 10,000-gallon heating oil UST is still being used at the site. This letter does not address that UST because our program does not regulate heating oil tanks.

After reviewing the completed site information and history, the EPA has determined that this site does not appear to pose a threat to human health and the environment. Therefore, EPA is in concurrence with NDEP that the site requires no further action at this time. If additional information is found in the future indicating that there is contamination above regulatory levels remaining at this site, EPA will work with the Tribe to resolve these issues. If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this letter, please contact Tess Salire of my staff at (415) 972-3376.

Sincerely,

Steven C. Linder, Manager
Underground Storage Tanks Program Office

Cc: Marcie Hunter, Director, Tribal Environmental Protection Program
Antoinnete Cavanaugh, Superintendent, Elko County School District
USTPO File (DUCV-003)

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