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Mr. Mike Lightfoot  
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RE: Akron East Pit Closure / Remediation #1572  
NWSW Section 30 – T3N – R51W

Dear Mr. Lightfoot:

I have reviewed the Form 27 - Site Investigation and Remediation Workplan for the pit closure and reclamation at the subject location submitted to the Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) on October 21, 2002. COGCC staff has determined that the subject site is located within a non-sensitive area.

Laboratory results indicated trace concentrations of Total Recoverable Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TRPH). Additionally, the Sodium Adsorption Ratio (SAR), Electrical Conductivity (EC) and the pH values did not exceed the COGCC standards for Inorganics in Soils.

Therefore, the workplan is approved with the following condition:

- Existing piping on location shall be abandoned in accordance with Rule 1103 (see attached).
- Concrete bases and other miscellaneous debris shall be removed and disposed at an approved facility. Waste material may be burned or buried on the premises only with the prior written consent of the surface owner (see attached).
- Final reclamation of the pit area and adjacent disturbed areas associated with the former tank battery shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 1004.

Should conditions be discovered which indicate that contaminant concentrations in soils exceed COGCC standards for non-sensitive areas or if groundwater is found to have been significantly impacted, then Northstar Gas Company may be required to conduct further site investigation and/or remediation at the site.

Should you have any questions, please call me at (303) 894-2100 ext.118.

Sincerely,

Randall H. Ferguson  
Environmental Protection Specialist

Attachment

Cc: Rich Griebeling – COGCC Director  
Debbie Baldwin – COGCC