



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Subject: Notice to Operators – Recent Spills

Good morning,

DOE has received several spill reports over the last week where secondary containment berms have been compromised by stormwater events. I wanted to reach out and say thank you for reporting these releases and we encourage all operators to report spills where the circumstances are similar.

It may be prudent to look closely at facilities that are downgradient of areas that have the potential to shed significant amounts of run off from stormwater events. These features include but are not limited to irrigation ditches, drainages that intersect facilities, large cut slopes with sparse vegetation and facilities directly adjacent to roads that can shed extreme amounts of precipitation.

Please identify these sites and be sure to inspect stormwater controls to ensure precipitation can be diverted around the facility and that all BMP's such as secondary containment berms and access road culverts are in good working condition. Thank you.

Sincerely;

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