

Mr. Roger Smith
Union Carbide
P.O. Box 186
Port Lavaca, Texas 77979

Re: Blowdown and Flaring
Falfurias, Jim Wells County

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is in response to your letter dated October 10, 1998 concerning the blowdown and flaring of a segment of cross country pipeline near Falfurias, Jim Wells County. After evaluation of the information which you have furnished, we have determined that your project is exempt from the permit procedures under 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Section 106.355 if constructed and operated as described in your letter.

This exemption was authorized by the Executive Director of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) pursuant to 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 106. A copy of the exemption in effect at the time of this determination is enclosed. You must operate in accordance with all requirements of the enclosed exemption.

You are reminded that regardless of whether a permit is required, these facilities must be in compliance with all rules and regulations of the TNRCC and of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at all times.

If you have any questions concerning this exemption, please call Mr. Monico Banda at (512) 239-1589 or write him at Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Office of Air Quality, New Source Review Permits Division (MC-162), P.O. Box 13087, Austin TX 78711-3087.

Sincerely,

Tammy Villarreal
Manager, Chemical Section
New Source Review Permits Division

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Jim Bowman, Air Program Manager, Corpus Christi

Record No.62347