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**EVER-READY OIL COMPANY PROPOSES FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF CONTAMINATED SOIL  
AND GROUND WATER IN MILAN, NM**

(Santa Fe, NM) – The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is reviewing the first phase of a cleanup plan proposed by Ever-Ready Oil Co. to address petroleum hydrocarbon contamination at the company's bulk plant facility (formerly Patterson Oil bulk plant) at 720 West Highway 66 in Milan, New Mexico, just West of Grants.

Ever-Ready has submitted a Stage 1 clean up plan to investigate the extent of contamination that exceeds New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) standards. The proposed plan includes the installation of additional monitoring wells and soil borings to better define the extent of soil and ground water contamination.

For additional information or to review the submitted Stage 1 clean up plan, contact Bart Faris, an environmental specialist with NMED, Ground Water Quality Bureau at (505) 841-9466, in Albuquerque.

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