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Mr. Bryan G. Arrant
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New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department
Oil Conservation Division, District II Artesia
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Dear Mr. Arrant:

A review of the Application for Permit to Drill (APD) for the following well locations has been conducted by WIPP land use staff: Bass Enterprises Production Company application to drill James Ranch Unit # 31, and Arco Permian's applications to drill Barclay State Well #7 and Barclay State Well # 9. Each of these wells is more than 330 feet from the WIPP boundary and does not encroach of the WIPP withdrawal boundary.

If you have any further questions please call me at 234-7349.

Sincerely,

Harold Johnson
NEPA Compliance Officer

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