STATE OF NEW MEXICO



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December 15, 1993

Maralex Resources Inc. PO Box 421 Blanco, NM 87412

RE: Illegal Pits in Northwestern New Mexico

#1 Gallegos Fed 26-12-31, A-31-26N-12W (Separator pit-1/4 full of water only)

To Whom It May Concern:

New Mexico Oil Conservation Order R-8952 (for the protection of migratory birds) became effective June 15, 1989 and states that <u>all pits</u> and open top tanks more than 16' in diameter shall be screened, netted or covered. Field inspections conducted on December 14, 1993 revealed that above mentioned pit requires compliance.

Exception to the order may be requested for pits which do not generally contain hydrocarbons, by filing Form C-134. No requests for exception have been received in this office for this pit.

You are hereby directed to submit exceptions to this office by December 29, 1993. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 505-334-6178.

Sincerely,

Dianna K. Fairhurst

Deputy Oil & Gas Inspector

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