



**NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS  
& NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
2040 South Pacheco Street  
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July 11, 1997

Attention: **Peggy Newbanks,**  
**Senior Legal Assistant**

**BHP Petroleum (Americas) Inc.**  
**1360 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 500**  
**Houston, TX 77056-3020**

Re: **\$50,000 Blanket Plugging Bond**  
**BHP Petroleum (Americas) Inc., Principal**  
**Seaboard Surety Company, Surety**  
**Bond No. 943771**

**RECEIVED**  
JUL 14 1997  
**OIL CON. DIV.**  
**DIST. 3**

Dear Ms. Newbanks:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division hereby acknowledges receipt of your request for cancellation of the above-referenced blanket plugging bond. This bond cannot be released at this time since the following three well completions are still active on this bond:

~~API No. 30-045-26102 - Pool 94317 - Gallegos Canyon Unit No. 348~~

API No. 30-045-26102 - Pool 96508 - Gallegos Canyon Unit No. 348 — P-24-29N-13W

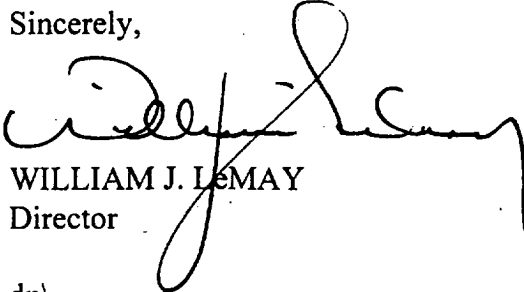
API No. 30-025-25018 - Pool 5130 - Antebellum Unit No. 2

*NOT SURE*

This bond is hereby canceled as to future liability effective August 8, 1997, as to any property or wells acquired, started or drilled after that date.

It should be noted, however, that the subject bond will remain in effect as to any property or wells acquired, started or drilled prior to August 8, 1997.

Sincerely,

  
**WILLIAM J. LEMAY**  
Director

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cc: Oil Conservation Division - Artesia, Aztec, Hobbs

Seaboard Surety Company  
P.O. Box 751  
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