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April 20, 1998

Heidel, Samberson, Newell & Cox
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Attn: Mr. C. Gene Samberson

Re: Request for Information on Division Order SWD-652.

Dear Mr. Samberson

Reference is made to your letter dated January 16, 1998, requesting information on the above captioned salt water disposal permit. Your letter also mentions a possible request by the operator for an extension of the permit date. Fact is, the permit had been extended on December 17, 1997, following Maralo's request for such dated December 4, 1997.

I have enclosed a copy of the extension letter, a copy of the original published notice and a list of individuals who are available to do research, run copies of documents, etc. If you require a complete copy of the application, one of the persons listed can help you.

If you have any other questions, please direct those of a technical nature to me. You may also contact Mr. Rand Carroll, Division Attorney, for any questions of a legal nature.

If I may be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me at (505) 827-8186.

Very truly yours,

Benjamin E. Stone
Petroleum Engineering Specialist

Enclosures

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January 16, 1998

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Re: Administrative Order SWD-652 granting Application of
Maralo, Inc., of Saltwater Disposal, Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:


Maralo, Inc., has not commenced injection operations in its proposed saltwater disposal well, Barnes 20 Well No. 1, Unit C of Section 20, Township 9 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. We believe that the injection authority granted by the above captioned Order terminates one year from January 22, 1997, unless Maralo, Inc., seeks an extension of said authority.

We request on behalf of Dean Kinsolving, in his capacity as general partner of Kinsolving & Kinsolving, that should any request be received for an extension of the above captioned authority, before consideration of such a request for extension, you provide us with notice and an opportunity for our client to be heard. Based upon the information available to us, we are of the opinion that our client was not accorded due process prior to granting the above captioned Order.

Please provide me with a photocopy of Maralo, Inc.'s, complete Application for Saltwater Disposal Well in the above captioned proceeding, including photocopies of all notices given by Maralo, Inc., through newspapers, letters, or any other method, to members of the public in connection with its Application. At the time of forwarding the requested copies, please send me a Statement for the photocopy expense and we will remit upon receipt of same.

Very truly yours,

HEIDEL SAMBERSON NEWELL & COX

By 

CGS:te
pc: Mr. Dean Kinsolving

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