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Hon. David Catanach
Hearing Examiner
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
1220 S. St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

**Re: Case No. 12824; Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division,
through the Supervisor of District I, for an Order Requiring Cecil Lee's
Company to Plug Two Wells, Lea County, New Mexico**

PREHEARING STATEMENT

Dear Examiner Catanach:

The captioned plugging case was heard by Examiner Stogner on February 21, 2002. It appeared that the notice attempted to be served by Certified Mail upon respondent was returned undeliverable. The case was continued in order to enable the Division look for a valid address.

At the hearing, the Division will present one (1) witness, District Supervisor Chris Williams, who will testify that his efforts to locate a valid address for the heirs or personal representative of Cecil Lee Overcast have been unsuccessful. We will ask the Examiner to take this case under advisement on the basis of the published notice and the record of the February 21 hearing.

Should you have any questions, please call me at (505)-476-3450.

Very truly yours,

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