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	DISCUSSION	OTHER	TIME:
TO: David Catanach, NMOCD Fax (505) 827-8177		FROM: Ray Leissner fax (214) 665-2191	
SUBJECT: EDC Aquifer Exemption			

SUMMARY:

David,

Attached is the letter we sent out regarding the proposed exemption. Let's try to schedule some time to discuss this matter during my next trip.

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Mr. William J. LeMay, Director
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and
Natural Resources Department (NMOCD)
2040 South Pacheco St.
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Dear Mr. LeMay:

This letter is in response to NMOCD's request for an aquifer exemption for a 720-acre portion of the Menefee member of the Mesaverde Formation in Sandoval County, New Mexico. A preliminary review of the information provided with the request has identified issues that cannot allow for approval as currently proposed.

The State's area of review and aerial description of the requested exemption do not encompass the zone of endangering influence (ZEI). The ZEI calculation incorporated the injection parameters given in Exhibit No. 5 of the hearing transcript provided. The aerial description of the exemption will have to encompass the ZEI created by the proposed injection to ensure adequate protection from contamination of the redefined underground source of drinking water by upward migration. In addition, the area of review will need to exceed the aerial description by 1/4 mile.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Larry Wright at (214) 665-7165.

Sincerely yours,

Original signed by
Oscar Ramirez Jr.

William B. Hathaway
Director
Water Quality Protection Division

cc: David Catanach, NMOCD

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