



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
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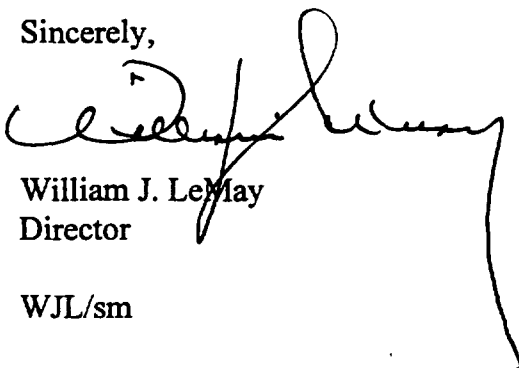
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**RE: *Application of Doyle Hartman and Margaret Hartman dba Doyle Hartman, Oil Operator,
for de novo hearing and partial withdrawal of Division Order R-10545 entered in Case No.
11434***

Dear Messrs. Gallegos and Condon:

Reference is made to the above-described application. The New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission does not set for de novo hearing cases that were dismissed unless requested by the party whose case was dismissed. Hartman and Four Star both moved to dismiss Meridian's application which motion was granted based upon Meridian's failure to undertake reasonable efforts to obtain voluntary joinder of their respective interests in drilling the proposed infill well. With the dismissal of Case No. 11434, there is no case before the Division in which the Division has asserted jurisdiction. Therefore your application for a de novo hearing regarding this matter is denied.

Sincerely,



William J. LeMay
Director

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cc: W. Thomas Kellahin - Attorney for Meridian Oil Inc.
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