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Mr. Michael E. Stogner
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Dear Mr. Stogner,

Re: Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc.,
Rio Blanco "4" Fed. Com. Well No. 2,
Unorthodox Gas Well Location,
Lea County New Mexico

Case 12131

Please be advised Conoco Inc. hereby protests the administrative approval of the unorthodox location request of Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc. for the Rio Blanco "4" Fed. Com No. 2 as proposed in their January 8, 1999 letter to you (copy attached). This location encroaches on Conoco's acreage and would allow substantial drainage to occur.

Yours very truly,

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