

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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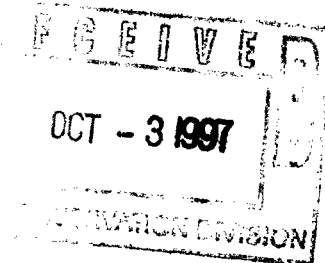
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
ARTESIA DISTRICT OFFICE

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10-2-97

Rand Carroll, Legal Bureau
Oil Conservation Division
2040 So. Pacheco Street
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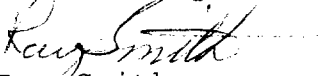
Re; Well Plugging, Merit Energy Co. Burton Flat # 1 Ut J-sec-1-21-27, Burton Flat # 2 Ut. O-1-21-27, Burton Flat # 3 Ut. P- 1-21-27 Eddy County, NM.

Dear Rand ;

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We recommend the above captioned wells be plugged to protect fresh waters of the state of New Mexico, the environment and correlative rights in the area.

Yours truly,


Ray Smith