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HAND DELIVERED

Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Department of Energy,
Minerals and Natural Resources
2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

***RE: Application of Amerada Hess Corporation for approval to convert the
NMGSAU Well Nos. 215 and 503 to injection in the North Monument
Grayburg San Andres Unit, Lea County, New Mexico.***

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery;

On November 22, 1999, Amerada Hess Corporation filed an application for administrative approval to amend Exhibit "A" of Division Order No. R-9596 to add its North Monument Grayburg San Andres Well Nos. 215 and 503 to injection.

An objection to this application was received from Doyle Hartman, Oil Operator and Amerada Hess requested that this application not be set for hearing at that time. Amerada Hess intends to proceed with its plans to convert these wells to injection and requests that the case be set for hearing on June 15, 2000.

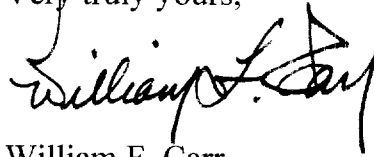
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We have electronically filed on this date a legal advertisement for the June 15, 2000 examiner hearing docket.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William F. Carr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and a stylized "C" at the end.

William F. Carr
Attorney for Amerada Hess Corporation

WFC/md

Enclosure

cc: Chad McGehee - Via facsimile
Dennis Smith, Esq. - Via facsimile

CASE 12432

Application of Amerada Hess Corporation for approval to convert the NMGSAU Well Nos. 215 and 503 to injection in the North Monument Grayburg San Andres Unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to convert its NMGSAU Well Nos. 215 and 503 to injection in the North Monument Grayburg San Andres Unit (NMGSAU). These wells are designed to improve recovery efficiency of the waterflood patterns and enhance production of the NMGSAU secondary recovery project. The wells are located in the following locations in Township 19 South, Range 37 East, NMPM:

NMGSAU No. 215: Section 18, Unit O, and

NMGSAU No. 503: Section 19, Unit C.

Water will be injected into the unitized interval of the Grayburg-San Andres formation, Eunice Monument Grayburg San Andres Pool through the gross perforated and/or open hole interval from approximately 3720 feet to 3965 feet at an expected rate of 1000 barrels of water per day and with a maximum injection pressure of 710 pounds per square inch. This area is located approximately 4 miles northwest of Monument, New Mexico.