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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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

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Re: ***New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Order No. R-11430;  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Case No. 12431; Application of Fuel  
Products, Inc. for Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.***

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

On August 3, 2000, the Division issued Order No. R-11430 in which the Division granted the Application of Fuel Products, Inc. in the above-referenced case.

Ordering Paragraph 4 of Order No. R-11430 provides the pooling effect of the Order shall be of no effect unless the operator of the proposed unit, V-F Petroleum, Inc., shall commence drilling the well on or before November 1, 2000, or unless the operator obtains a time extension from the Division Director for good cause shown.

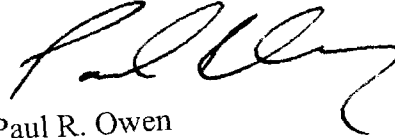
V-F Petroleum has not yet commenced drilling the subject well because of delays attributable to its efforts to obtain a title opinion as to the subject lands, and because of the high demand for drilling rigs. V-F anticipates that it will be able to commence the drilling of the subject well by February 1, 2001.

V-F Petroleum hereby requests an extension of time in which to commence drilling the well which is the subject of Order No. R-11430, until February 1, 2001.

As the current deadline for commencing drilling is only six days away, we will appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Lori Wrotenbery, Division Director  
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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul R. Owen", with a stylized, flowing script.

Paul R. Owen

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