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April 21, 2003  
**VIA FACSIMILE**

David Brooks, Esq.  
Oil Conservation Division  
New Mexico Department of Energy,  
Minerals and Natural Resources  
1220 South St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: ***NMOCD Case No. 13004; Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, Through the Environmental Bureau Chief, for an Order Determining the Responsible Party or Parties and Ordering the Responsible Party or Parties to Conduct Division-Approved Corrective Action With Respect to a Hydrocarbon Release; Lea County, New Mexico.***

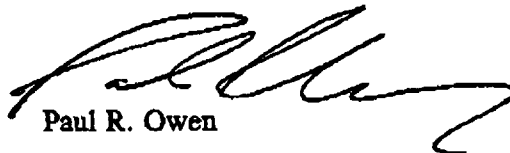
Dear Mr. Brooks:

Last week in a series of telephone calls and electronic mail messages we discussed Lori Wrotenbery's concern with paragraph 9 of the Stipulated Conditional Dismissal which I sent to you by letter dated April 8, 2003.

Samedan Oil Corporation agrees that Paragraph 9 of the Stipulated Conditional Dismissal does not prevent the Bureau from using the data derived from Samedan's investigation plan, as defined in the Stipulated Conditional Dismissal, in any related proceeding.

Samedan is prepared to submit its proposed investigation upon the Division's approval of the Stipulated Conditional Approval. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,



Paul R. Owen

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