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October 13, 1992

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Mr. William J. LeMay  
Oil Conservation Division  
State Land Office Building  
310 Old Santa Fe Trail, 2nd floor  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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Re: FIRST AMENDED APPLICATION

Tapacitos #3 Well  
Sec 16, T26N, R2W, NMPM  
Application of SOUTHLAND ROYALTY COMPANY  
for a High Angle/Horizontal Directional  
Drilling Pilot Project, including Special  
Operating Rules and an Unorthodox Oil Well  
Location, Gavilan-Mancos Pool,  
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

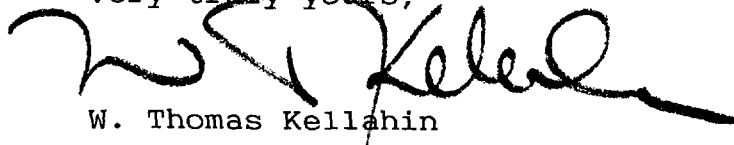
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Dear Mr. LeMay:

On October 9, 1992, we filed the referenced application on behalf of Meridian Oil Inc. when in fact the applicant is Southland Royalty Company.

We hereby amend our original application to substitute Southland Royalty Company as the applicant. A copy of this amendment has been mailed to all parties shown on the original application.

Very truly yours,



W. Thomas Kellahin

cc: Meridian Oil Inc.  
Attn: Mr. Alan Alexander

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT

To all Parties Listed on Exhibit  
"C" of the Application - This letter  
Mailed attached to the Original  
Application