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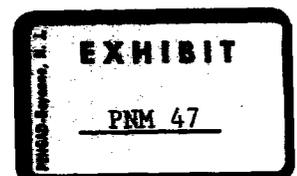
**RE: GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION
HAMPTON 4M WELL SITE**

Dear Mr. Hasely:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed Burlington Resources (BR) May 28, 1998 letter captioned "HAMPTON 4M - GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION, UNIT LETTER N, SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 30N, RANGE 11W" and the ground water investigation and remediation actions related to Public Service Company of New Mexico's (PNM) former dehy pit at the BR Hampton 4M well site near Aztec, New Mexico.

Burlington's investigation and soil remedial actions taken to date are satisfactory. However, a review of the file shows that the investigation of the extent of ground water contamination at the site has not been completed. Since ground water at the site has been contaminated by both PNM's and BR's operations and due to the potential for contamination of downgradient private water wells, the OCD hereby requires that both PNM and BR conduct additional investigations to determine the complete downgradient extent of ground contamination at the Hampton 4M site. The investigations are to be conducted according to PNM and BR's prior approved plans with a report on the investigations to be submitted to the OCD by October 20, 1998. The OCD requests that PNM and BR cooperatively work together on the investigation so that the activities can be conducted in the most efficient and economical manner.

In addition, the OCD hereby requires BR to submit a remediation and monitoring work plan for ground water contaminated as a result of BR's activities. The work plan is to be submitted to the OCD Santa Fe Office by October 30, 1998 and must include methods for removal of free phase products upgradient of PNM's dehy pit.



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If you have any questions, please call me at (505) 827-7154.

Sincerely,



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