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OIL CONSERVATION
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E. L. Gonzalez
NM Oil Conservation Division
1301 W. Grand
Artesia, NM 88210

**Re: Stephens & Johnson Operating: Denton North Wolfcamp Unit
Township 15 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Gonzalez,

This firm represents Darr Angell, owner of the ranch on which the contamination occurred. Due to the nature of the leak, Mr. Angell is very concerned about ascertaining the full extent of the contamination. Mr. Angell is particularly worried that the contamination has reached the groundwater. He believes this is of such importance that he was willing to drill his own well to determine whether contamination was present in the groundwater, but has agreed not to do so at this time at the request of Stephens & Johnson, so that its work with OCD could proceed.

In that regard, please advise what measures are being required of Stephens & Johnson by OCD to determine the horizontal and vertical extent of the contamination, particularly what is being done to ascertain what, if any, pollution of the ground water has occurred. Also, is this matter in a formal phase one process, and if so, please provide a copy of all documents related thereto. This firm will pay the costs associated with any reproduction of these documents. Finally, please include this firm on copies of all future correspondence relating to this matter.

Thank you for your assistance. Should you wish to discuss these matters, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

HEIDEL, SAMBERSON, NEWELL, COX & McMAHON

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