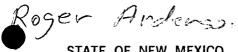
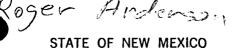
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MR BRIAN LLOYD **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT** RIO PUERCO RESOURCES AREA 435 MONTANO RD NE **ALBUQUERQUE NM 87107**

RE: Closing of an Abandoned Pit on the Merrion O&G Corp Media Lease

Dear Mr. Lloyd:

As you are probably aware, the referenced pit was burned last fall. I was at the site when it was ignited and returned the following day after it had burned out. All free hydrocarbons appeared to have been consumed. Considering that the surface in this area is Lewis Shale and percolation should be minimal, no further remediation prior to closure will be necessary as far as the NMOCD is concerned.

Yours Truly.

Charles Gholson

Deputy Oil & Gas Inspector

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Steve Dunn, Merrion O&G Corp.

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NA 10/27/92 md