



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and *FYI* NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Lori Wrotenbery
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Oil Conservation Division

Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company
Attention: David K. Miller
P. O. Box 4239
Houston, Texas 77210-4239

Re: Application for Wellhead Category Determination
NGPA Section 107 - Tight Formation
W. M. Hanley Well No. 1-E (API No. 30-045-24313), located 990
feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the West line (Unit N)
of Section 18, Township 29 North, Range 10 West, NMPM, San
Juan County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Miller:

I have reviewed the subject application that was initially submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division in Santa Fe on December 12, 2000 and completed by the submittal of the mandatory \$25.00 filing-fee on April 30, 2001.

Your application indicates that the subject well is within Designated Tight Formation Area New Mexico-48 ("NM-48"), which was finalized by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on September 13, 1993. NM-48 covers an area of 480,076 acres, more or less, in all or portions of Townships 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32 North, Ranges 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 West, NMPM, San Juan and Rio Arriba Counties New Mexico, and includes the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool (see attached copy of page 42961 of the August 12, 1993 *Federal Register*). The W. M. Hanley Well No. 1-E is completed in the Basin-Dakota Pool. I therefore can not approve this application at this time.

If applicable, please submit an amended Affidavit that references the appropriate Tight Formation Area, or confirm withdrawal of this application.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Stogner
Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

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cc: **Kathy Valdes - NMOCD, Santa Fe**
W. Perry Pearce, Burlington Resources Oil and Gas Company - Santa Fe
Lori Wrotenbery, Director - NMOCD, Santa Fe