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**New Mexico State Land Office  
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Ray Powell, M.S., D.V.M.**

April 20, 2000

Richardson Operating Company  
1700 Lincoln Street  
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Denver, Colorado 80203

Attn: Mr. Paul C. Thompson

Re: Downhole Commingling Application  
WF State Well No. 16-2  
Unit Letter B, Section 16-30N-14W  
Basin Fruitland Coal and Undesignated Harper Hill Fruitland Sand Pictured Cliffs Extension Pools  
San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Your application to downhole commingle the Basin Fruitland Coal and Undesignated Harper Hill Fruitland Sand Pictured Cliffs Extension production from within the wellbore of the above-captioned well has been received.

Since it appears that all the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division's rules and regulations have been complied with, and there will be no loss of revenue to the State of New Mexico as a result of your proposed operation, your request for downhole commingling is hereby approved. Any deviation from the substance of your request will be sufficient grounds for rescinding our approval. Our approval is subject to like approval by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

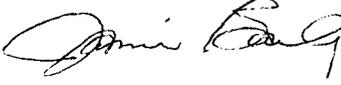
Your \$30.00 dollar filing fee has been received.

Also, please submit the appropriate approval from the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

RAY POWELL, M.S., D.V.M.  
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

  
BY:  
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Enclosure  
xc: Reader File

OCD--Attention: David Catanach, Ben Stone

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