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Attention: Peggy Bradfield

Administrative Order NSL-2862

Dear Ms. Bradfield:

Reference is made to your application dated August 9, 1990 for a non-standard Basin-Fruitland coal gas well location for your existing Simms Federal Well No. 3 which was drilled in September 1982 and completed in the East Blanco Pictured Cliffs Pool at a standard gas well location 1540 feet from the North line and 1100 feet from the West line (Unit E) of Section 11, Township 30 North, Range 4 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

It is my understanding that the Pictured Cliffs zone will be properly plugged back and said well will be recompleted to the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, which pursuant to the Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8768, is unorthodox. Further, the W/2 equivalent of said Section 11 shall be dedicated to the well forming a standard 320-acre, more or less, gas spacing and proration unit for said pool.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Rule 8 of said Division Order No. R-8768, the above-described unorthodox coal gas well location is hereby approved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. LeMay".

William J. LeMay
Director

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cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec