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September 8, 2008

William V. Jones
Engineer
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

RE: Extension of Administrative Order SWD-913

Dear Mr. Jones,

Elm Ridge Exploration CO LLC would like to request an extension of two years on the permit to inject into the Central Bisti Unit SWD #161 (30-045-31606). We are currently waiting on Tribal approval for the pipe-line. The current approval rate is very slow. Your understanding in this situation will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Mackey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amy Mackey
Administrative Manger
Elm Ridge Exploration CO LLC



New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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Division Director
Oil Conservation Division



September 17, 2008

Amy Mackey
Elm Ridge Exploration Co, LLC
20 CR 5060
PO Box 156
Bloomfield, NM 87413

Re: Administrative Order SWD-913-A

Central Bisti Unit SWD #161 (API No. 30-045-31606)
1067 FNL, 2286 FEL (Unit B), Sec 16, T25N, R12W, NMPM, San Juan County
Injection into the Entrada formation from 6,790 to 6,940 feet

You have submitted a request on behalf of Elm Ridge for an extension of this injection permit beyond the one year deadline to commence injection for the reasons outlined in the attached correspondence.

The Division finds that granting Elm Ridge's request to extend this injection permit beyond the normal one year is in the interest of conservation and will prevent waste and protect the environment.

All requirements of the above referenced injection permit remain in full force and effect except that the deadline to commence injection is hereby extended until July 10, 2011.

Sincerely,



MARK E. FESMIRE, P.E.
Director

cc: Oil Conservation Division – Aztec
File: SWD-913-A

