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September 26, 1990

Mr. Thomas Merlan  
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Re: Restoration of Well Site  
Hunt State Well #1-16  
P-Sec. 16- T3S- R13W  
Catron County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Merlan:

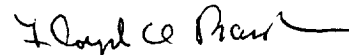
In response to your letter concerning restoration of the well site at the Hunt Oil Company State Well #1-16 location in Unit P, Section 16, Township 3 South, Range 13 West, Catron County, we have contacted the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) district supervisor and the State Land Office (SLO) land use specialist assigned to that area.

The land use specialist inspected the site on July 28, 1990 and reported that the area was completely fenced off on four sides with 4 strands of barbed wire with metal posts and that the area was clear of trash. Two large pits containing standing water remained on location. The well head itself had been cut off four feet below ground level, a plate had been welded on the casing stub and the well was left in condition for conversion to a water well. This plugging procedure, performed prior to November 17, 1989, was in accordance with the Affidavit of Responsibility-Conversion to Water Well signed by you and Frances Levine on November 17, 1989, by Stephen Jessee Merlan on November 21, 1989 and by Hunt Oil Company on March 29, 1990. Through that affidavit, you assumed responsibility for the well, and any plugging or use of that well is now your responsibility. You may want to contact Dwain Glidewell of the SLO Surface Division at 827-5733 on procedures for conversion of the well to a water well.

Under Oil Conservation Division Rule 1103, only backfilling of pits, levelling of the site and clearing of junk are required. On September 21 the OCD district supervisor notified Hunt Oil company that they are to backfill the pits and level the site as soon as possible. No reseeding is required under OCD or current Land Office rules.

If we can help you further, or if you have any questions, please contact Jami Bailey at 827-5783.

Sincerely,



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