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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
c/o Carl Vlvog
Land Office Building
Santa Fe NM 87503

Re: Drilling rig complaint of 6-20-83

Dear Mr. Vlvog:

This letter is to reiterate our conversation of 6-21-83 on a complaint called in on 6-20-83 of a potentially poor drilling operation taking place north of the old mining town of Dawson within Colfax County.

Aspects of this complaint are as follows:

- A- Individual complaining would not give his name- claimed he was a "freind" of the State of New Mexico, and was very much concerned over the shoddy practices taking place at the above drilling site.
- B- He claimed mud pits were badly seeping out into the Vermejo River- potential water pollution hazard.
- C- He also claimed that a terrible dump site exists consisting of discarded chemical containers, trash and other debris. This may be potentially serious hazardous and solid waste violations.

The above complaint may warrant further investigation by the Oil Conservation Division.

The Environmental Improvement Division would appreciate any investigative or follow up reports from your division on the above matter. These should be sent to Mr. Tony Drypolcher, Program Manager, Surface Water Section, P.O. Box 968, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87504.

Sincerely,

Doug F. Murray,
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