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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87505
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May 2, 1996

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-269-269-141

Mr. Craig A. Bock
Meridian Oil, Inc.
P.O. Box 4289
Farmington, New Mexico 87499-4289

**RE: GROUND WATER INVESTIGATION
RAMENTA ET.AL. #1 WELL SITE**

Dear Mr. Bock:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has completed a review of Meridian Oil Inc.'s (MOI) February 23, 1996 "RAMENTA ET.AL. GROUNDWATER INVESTIGATION, INVESTIGATION RESULTS" and January 1996 "RECON GROUNDWATER SURVEY, REMENTA ET.AL. NO.1 WELL SITE, SAN JUAN BASIN, NEW MEXICO". These documents contain the results of MOI's investigation of ground water contamination at the Ramenta ET.AL. #1 well site related to the former use of unlined production pits. The document also requests closure of remedial actions at the site.

Based upon a review of the above referenced documents, the OCD approves of MOI's request to perform no further actions regarding ground water at the site. However, the OCD cannot issue final pit closure approval since the OCD has not received a completed "PIT REMEDIATION AND CLOSURE REPORT" containing the results of the soil remedial actions. Please submit a completed "PIT REMEDIATION AND CLOSURE REPORT" to the OCD Santa Fe Office and a copy to the OCD Aztec Office by June 1, 1996. In addition, please provide a copy of the above ground water investigation report to the OCD Aztec Office.

The OCD would also like to remind MOI that the OCD sent MOI letters on November 2, 1995 and October 20, 1995 requesting additional information on several pit closure reports which were submitted for approval. To date the OCD has received no response. Therefore, the OCD requires that MOI provide the information requested in the OCD's November 2, 1995 and October 20, 1995 letters to the OCD Santa Fe Office with a copy to the OCD Aztec Office by June 1, 1996.

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If you have any questions, please call me at (505) 827-7154.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Will C. Olson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

William C. Olson
Hydrogeologist
Environmental Bureau

xc: Denny Foust, OCD Aztec Office
Bill Liess, BLM Farmington District