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# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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March 17, 2005

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Duke Energy Field Services  
370 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2500  
Denver, Colorado 80202

**RE: Revised Monitoring Plan  
Duke Eldridge Ranch (AP #33)  
Duke Energy Field Services**

Dear Mr. Weathers:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) received the December 2004 Groundwater Monitoring Report, dated February 7, 2005, for the Eldridge Ranch Study Area located in Section 21, Township 19 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico. The report requests a modification of the monitoring requirements for the site. Based upon the meeting with Mr. Ford on March 10, 2005 the requested modification of the monitoring requirements is **hereby approved**. Duke Energy Field Services, however, shall not plug or abandoned any current monitoring well in the study area and will take annual groundwater elevation levels in all monitoring wells.

- A copy of all of the results of monitoring events shall also be provided to the OCD Hobbs District Office to the attention of Mr. Paul Scheely and notification provided to Mr. Scheely at least 48 hours prior to each monitoring event.
- Results of each monitoring event shall be submitted in electronic form to the OCD Santa Fe Office.

Note, that OCD approval does not limit Duke Energy Field Services to the work proposed should it later be found that contamination exists which is beyond the scope of this plan, or if Duke Energy Field Services has failed to completely define the extent of contamination. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve Duke Energy Field Services of responsibility for compliance with any other Federal, State, or other Local Laws and Regulations.

If you have any questions regarding this matter feel free to call Mr. Ford at (505)-476-3489.

Sincerely,



Roger C. Anderson, Bureau Chief

Environmental Bureau, OCD

cc: OCD Hobbs District Office