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John Coulthurst
Coulthurst Management and Investment, Inc
1990 Marin Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94707

RE: Violations at the Erin#2, C-33-18N-03W, 30-043-20862 and Erin #9, B-33-18N-03W,
30-043-20939

Dear Mr. Coulthurst:

On a July 16, 1998, inspection of the two Coulthurst wells cited above, the following violations were noted:

1. The Erin #9 lacks a legible well sign. The sign currently on the well was of paper and is no longer legible. Note new well signs are to include the appropriate API number, NMOCD Rule 103.
2. At the Erin #2, the tank drain and separator pits are covered with oil violating NMOCD Rule 13, also the earthen stock water tank has a skim of oil emulsion.
3. At the Erin #2, cut off barrels used to drain the load lines contain oil accessible to wildlife and livestock, this oil needs to be put back in the system periodically and some sort of grating needs to be installed to keep the oil inaccessible to livestock and wildlife.

Coulthurst has until August 10, 1998 to bring these wells into compliance. Please feel free to contact me at 505-334-6178 ext 15 if you have questions.

Yours truly,

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Environmental Geologist

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