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August 4, 1993

Mr. Tom McMillan Production Superintendent Gas Company of New Mexico PO Box 1899 Bloomfield, NM 87413

RE: Illegal Pits in Northwestern New Mexico

Miller B #5, N-12-24N-07W (Earthen pit off Meter Run)

Dear Mr. McMillan:

New Mexico Oil Conservation Order R-8952 (for the protection of migratory birds) became effective June 15, 1989 and states that <u>all pits</u> and open top tanks more than 16' in diameter shall be screened, netted or covered. Field inspections conducted by Jackie Neckels from the BLM on June 8, 1993 revealed that above mentioned pit requires compliance.

Exception to the order may be requested for pits which do not generally contain hydrocarbons, by filing Form C-134. No requests for exceptions have been received in this office for this dry pit.

You are hereby directed to submit an exception to this office by August 18, 1993. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 505-334-6178.

Sincerely,

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Dianna K. Fairhurst Deputy Oil & Gas Inspector

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Jackie Neckels - BLM