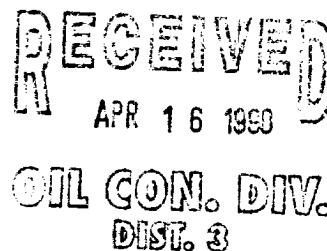


April 15, 1998

Oil Conservation Division
1000 Rio Brazos R.
Aztec, NM 87410



Re: Request for "Confidential" Status for the following previously submitted wells.

Jicarilla 458-8 No. 7
Sec. 8, T30N-R03W

Jicarilla 458-8 No. 9
Sec. 8, T30N-R03W

Jicarilla 458-8 No. 6
Sec. 8, T30N-R03W

Jicarilla 459-17 No. 9
Sec. 17, T30N-R03W

Jicarilla 459-19 No. 9
Sec. 19, T30N-R03W

Jicarilla 459-20 No. 7
Sec. 20, T30N-R03W

Gentlemen:

Mallon Oil Company requests that information (including logs and sundry notices) pertaining to the above referenced wells be kept confidential for as much time as the Oil Conservation Division will allow.

Thank you for your assistance. Should you have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact me at (505) 885-4596.

Sincerely,

MALLON OIL COMPANY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Gay Davis".

M. Gay Davis
Production Analyst