

April 23, 1998

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

Re: Request for "Confidential" Status

Jicarilla 459-20 No. 8
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



Christy Serrano
Production Secretary