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**New Mexico State Land Office  
Commissioner of Public Lands  
Ray Powell, M.S., D.V.M.**

September 5, 2000

Aspen Oil Inc.  
P.O. Box 2674  
Hobbs, New Mexico 88241

Attn: Mr. Erick W. Nelson

Re: Application for Downhole Commingling  
State "BX" Com Well No. 1  
Unit Letter O, Section 35-17S-28E  
Empire-Atoka and South Empire-Morrow Pools  
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Nelson:

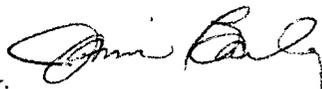
The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division has advised this office that Aspen Oil Inc. has applied to downhole commingle the production from within the wellbore of the State "BX" Com Well No. 1. Aspen Oil Inc. proposes to commingle the production from the Empire-Atoka and South Empire-Morrow Pools.

Pursuant to State Land Office Rule No. 1.053, 1.054 and 1.055, please submit an application to this office for our approval together with the data recommended on the attached commingling pre-application form. The filing fee for a commingling application is \$30.00.

If you have any questions, or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

RAY POWELL, M.S., D.V.M.  
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

BY:   
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Enclosure  
xc: Reader File

~~OCD--Attention: David Catanach~~, Mark Ashley