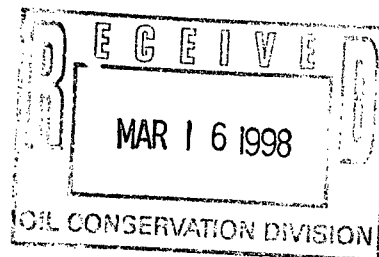


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March 12, 1998

Oil Conservation Division
Michael E. Stogner
2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Dear Mr. Stogner:

Mallon Oil Company is requesting that a change of well name be noted regarding NSL2831. The Jicarilla 459-20 No. 8 (Unit K) sec 20-T30N-R3W (2205' FSL/1530' FWL), was previously permitted as the Jicarilla 459 well No. 6. We apologize for any confusion this may have created.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry Lindeman'.

Terry Lindeman
Operations Superintendent
Mallon Oil Company