



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS
& NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
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February 9, 1998

Merit Energy Company
12222 Merit Drive, Suite 1500
Dallas, Texas 75251

Attn: Ms. Martha J. Rogers

**RE: Injection Pressure Increase,
Government 'D' Well No.1,
Eddy County, New Mexico**

Dear Ms. Rogers:

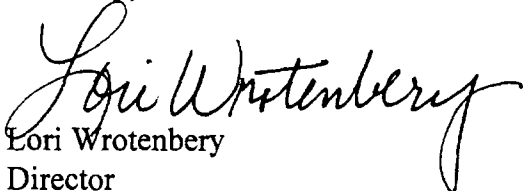
Reference is made to your request dated January 6, 1998 to increase the surface injection pressure on the above referenced well. This request is based on a step rate test conducted on December 8, 1997. The results of the test have been reviewed by my staff and we feel an increase in injection pressure on this well is justified at this time.

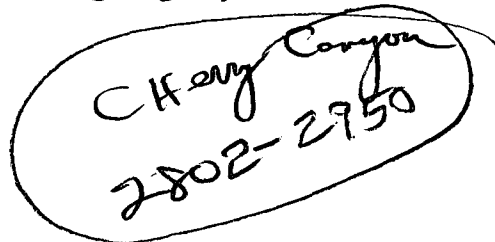
You are therefore authorized to increase the surface injection pressure on the following well:

Well and Location	Maximum Surface Injection Pressure
Government 'D' Well No.1	632 PSIG
Located in Section 12, Township 21 South, Range 27 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.	

The Division Director may rescind this injection pressure increase if it becomes apparent that the injected water is not being confined to the injection zone or is endangering any fresh water aquifers.

Sincerely,


Lori Wrotenbery
Director


CHerry Canyon
2802-2950

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cc: Oil Conservation Division - Artesia
Files: SWD-579; PSI-X 2nd QTR98