



CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. 7001 1140 0002 4294 9923

May 5, 2003

Mr. Roger C. Anderson
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and
Natural Resources Department
Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

RECEIVED

MAY 08 2003

ENVIRONMENTAL BUREAU
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Re: Humble State #3 Tank Battery Site
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Maralo, LLC is in receipt of your letter dated April 22, 2003, wherein you advise that the OCD is rescinding the April 11, 2001 abatement plan requirement although you request a work plan be submitted to eliminate surface damage at the captioned site.

We call your attention to letter dated April 23, 2001 from our attorney, Mr. Rick G. Strange with the Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe & Dawson firm (copy enclosed), wherein he clearly states that Rule 19 is inapplicable.

Because we have had no response to our previous correspondence (4/23/01) and due to the significant passage of time, we believe you agree with our position on Rule 19, but if you have information that requires further review or discussion, I am certain Mr. Strange would be willing to discuss it further with your legal counsel.

Yours very truly,

Joe C. Pulido, CPL
Manager

JCP/sg
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Rick G. Strange
Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe & Dawson

Before the OCC
Case 13142 - De Novo
OCD Ex. 26