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**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Doyle Hartman  
Box 10426  
Midland, TX 79702

Re: Application of Arco Permian, a Division of Atlantic Richfield Company, for an unorthodox bottomhole location and directional drilling, Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Hartman:

This letter is to advise you that Arco Permian, a Division of Atlantic Richfield Company has filed the enclosed application with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division seeking an order approving an unorthodox bottomhole location and the directional drilling of its Evelyn 35 State Com Well No.1 which Arco proposes to directionally drill to the base of the Upper Mississippian formation from a surface location 1730 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line to an unorthodox bottomhole location in the Morrow formation within 100 feet of a point 1253 feet from the North line and 508 feet from the East line of said Section 35.

This application has been set for hearing before a Division Examiner on February 20, 1997. You are not required to attend this hearing, but as an owner of an interest that may be affected by the order entered in this case, you may appear and present testimony. Failure to appear at that time and become a party of record will preclude you from challenging the matter at a later date.

DOYLE HARTMAN  
OIL OPERATOR  
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Parties appearing in cases have been requested by the Division (Memorandum 2-90) to file a Prehearing Statement substantially in the form prescribed by the Division. Prehearing statements should be filed by 4:00 o'clock p.m. on the Friday before a scheduled hearing.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William F. Carr". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

WILLIAM F. CARR  
ATTORNEY FOR ARCO PERMIAN,  
A DIVISION OF ATLANTIC RICHFIELD COMPANY

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Enc.

cc: Lee Scarborough