

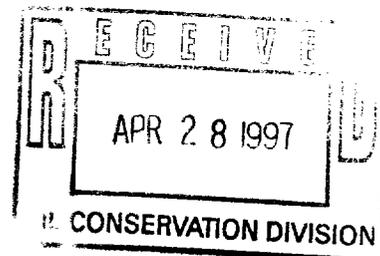
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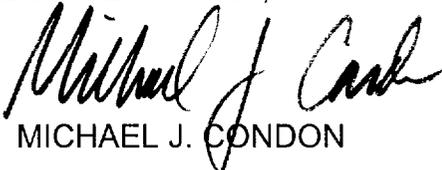
Re: Hartman v. Oxy, USA Inc., Santa Fe County Cause No. SF 97-992(c)

Dear Mr. LeMay:

We represent Doyle Hartman, Oil Operator in the above-referenced lawsuit. A copy of the Complaint is enclosed. The lawsuit is related to the Application we filed this date with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division in Case No. 6897 regarding the unlawful operation of the Myers Langlie-Mattix waterflood unit by Oxy USA Inc. The grounds supporting our Application and the claims for relief are outlined in the respective pleadings. Please accept this letter as notice pursuant to NMSA 1978 § 70-2-29 (1995 Repl.) advising the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division of the claims and inviting the Division to join the action as a party plaintiff in order to sue Oxy to prevent any further violation. We will look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

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