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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-269-269-136

Mr. Neal Goates
Conoco, Inc.
10 Desta Drive, Suite 100W
Midland, Texas 79705-4500

**RE: PIT CLOSURE AND GROUND WATER INVESTIGATION
ERIN STAYS COM #1E WELL SITE**

Dear Mr. Goates:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has completed a review of Conoco's undated "GROUNDWATER CLOSURE FOR ERIN STAYS COM 1E SEC. 2, T 25N, R 11W" which was submitted to the OCD on February 5, 1996. This document contains the results of Conoco's pit closure and investigation of the extent of ground water contamination related to the former use of an unlined production pit at the Erin Stays Com #1E well site. The document also requests final closure of site soil and ground water remedial actions.

Based upon the data presented in the above referenced document, Conoco's final closure request is approved.

Please be advised that OCD approval does not relieve Conoco of liability if remaining contaminants are found to pose a future threat to surface water, ground water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve Conoco of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state or local laws and/or regulations.

If you have any questions, please call me at (505) 827-7154.

Sincerely,

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