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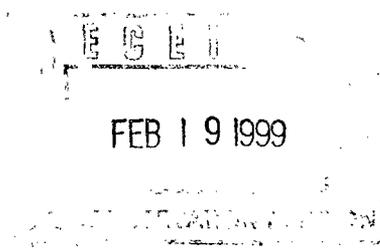
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February 17, 1999

Mr. William C. Olson
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
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**SUBJECT: Westgate Subdivision, East of Tasker Road, Stage 1 Abatement Plan
Modification**

Dear Mr. Olson:

Pursuant to our discussions on February 10, 1999, it is our understanding that the following work will be required by the Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") in and around the Westgate Subdivision, East of Tasker Road.

Figure 1 shows the location of the proposed subsurface soil borings and monitor wells.

- Four borings 1, 2, 3 & 4 will be drilled to define the northern, southern and eastern boundaries of the subsurface anomaly.
- If soil borings 3 & 4 do not encounter hydrocarbons, then boring 4 will be completed as a monitor well.
- If soil borings 3 & 4 encounter hydrocarbons, then a monitor well ("A") will be installed to define the down gradient extent of organic and inorganic compounds.

The soil sampling will consist of obtaining samples at five-foot intervals until zero PID reading is obtained. All soil borings will be advanced to a minimum of depth of 40 feet. Samples representing the highest PID readings and bottom of the boring will be submitted for total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH-USEPA Method 418.1) and BTEX using USEPA Method 8260.

In addition, Shell requests that the Stage 1 Abatement Plan Report due date be extended to May 15, 1999. The due date extension is necessary to gain property access, complete the drilling and obtain analytical results. **The report due date is contingent upon receiving property access.** Shell will make every effort to gain private and public property access to drill the borings and install the monitor wells.

Shell requests OCD's written concurrence with this Stage 1 Abatement Plan Modification.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 281-544-2333 or e-mail wahamilton@shellus.com.

Sincerely,

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