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Attention: Doug M. Furray

Re: Drilling Rig Complaint of
June 20, 1983

Dear Mr. Furray:

In response to your letter of June 20 a field inspection was made on June 30, (see attached Field Trip report), on the drill site location in question. First of all the only well we have permitted in the area is nine miles Northeast of Dawson in Prairie Crow Canyon just west of the abandoned Koehler Coal Mine. With respect to the complaintee's concern over "shoddy" drilling practices it is Carl Ulvog's and my opinion that drilling operations were done in a professional manner and were done within the Rules and Regulations put forth by the Oil Conservation Division.

Secondly, on the matter of "mud pit seepage" none was observed at this location and that these pits were used for reserve pits which were filled with fresh water. The mud program at this particular location used portable mud tanks which confine all drilling fluids and additives.

As far as plastic chemical containers are concerned these are normally recycled by the mud company and will not be left on location. The trash (empty mud sacks) and other debris are usually burned and then buried when the location is reclaimed.

During the inspection I met with ChalFont's field representative to discuss this complaint. I was informed that when fracture treatment of the well is completed that vacuum tank trucks will be on location and that these reserve pits will be sucked dry in order to complete reclamation as soon as possible.