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Roy Johnson
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Frances
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: VPRE-99 Exploratory Well in Colfax, County

Dear Roy:

Please consider the subject project as "Tight Hole". Please keep confidential and proprietary all the enclosed information and all other information and correspondence related to this project as long as is allowed by law.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DR Lankford".

Don Lankford
Petroleum Engineer; El Paso