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OCD-ANTERIOR

Re: Avalon Delaware Unit
Eddy Co., New Mexico

Dear Sirs:

I received a letter from Mike Bratcher with the OCD (Oil Conservation Division) stating there are some old oil drums located near the Avalon-Delaware Unit #433 well. After research I determined that these drums do not belong to the previous operator (MWJ Producing). There were no barrels left on location when Exxon took over operations, and I can assure you, we had no reason to leave any barrels on this location after Exxon took over. I find it hard to believe Exxon would have taken the wells over had there been trash left on location since these wells were taken over as is. I can only assume that these drums were left there by Exxon-Mobil or a roustabout company simply found a good place to leave trash. In either event, it is Exxon-Mobil's responsibility to clean up these drums.

If you have any other questions please call John Schlagal @ 432-683-1044.

Sincerely,

ARKLAND PRODUCING CO., INC.

Mark Dehlinger

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Engineer

cc: Mike Bratcher (OCD) ✓
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