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Reconnaissance Excavation Analysis Explanation Curation Mr. Bill Dawson MERIDIAN OIL COMPANY 21 Desta Drive Midland, Texas 79701

Dear Mr. Dawson:

Enclosed please find NMAS' Archaeological Clearance Report for MERIDIAN OIL COMPANY's proposed Benson "3" Federal Well No. 1 and its associated access road in Eddy County, New Mexico. One archaeological site (NMAS 5818) and one instance of burned caliche (BC) were recorded during this survey. NMAS is <u>suggesting</u> clearance for this project <u>provided</u> the archaeological site is <u>avoided</u>.

If you have any questions pertaining to this report, please call my office. Thank you for asking NMAS to do this survey.

Mpurs sincerely Ans

Dr. J. Loring Haskell Principal Investigator

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Mark Calamia, BLM, Carlsbad Mr. Thomas W. Merlan, SHPO, Santa Fe

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