## STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

## OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION ARTESIA DISTRICT OFFICE

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10-2-97

Rand Carroll, Legal Bureau Oil Conservation Division 2040 So. Pacheco Street Santa Fe, NM. 87505

Re; Well Plugging, Merit Energy Co. Burton Flat # 1 Ut J-sec-1-21-27, Burton Flat # 2 Ut. O-1-21-27, Burton Flat # 3 Ut. P- 1-21-27 Eddy County, NM.

Dear Rand ;

We recommend the above captioned wells be plugged to protect fresh waters of the state of New Mexico, the environment and correlative rights in the area.

Yours truly,

Ray Smith