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Dear Mr. O'Conner:

Reference is made to the Cooperative Agreement, Contract No. EW-74-A-04-4185 authorizing the Department of Energy (DOE) to conduct exploration and study activities relating to DOE's proposed Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Project (WIPP) in Eddy County, New Mexico.

This letter requests your approval to use the abandoned well called 'Cabin Baby Federal' No. 1, drilled pursuant to Lease No. 0545110 issued to Michael P. Grace. The well is located in Eddy County, Section 5, T23S, R31E and the location is further described as 1930FEL and 1930FEL. DOE's proposed use of this well is to acquire hydrologic data from geologic formations below the Castile. The well penetrates through the Castile, into the Delaware Sands and bottoms at a depth of 4150 feet.

For the past 13 months DOE has written, called and tried to contact Mr. Michael Grace for the purpose of obtaining this well, but Mr. Grace has not responded to our letters or phone calls. If DOE authorizes DOE to use this abandoned well, DOE agrees to assume and bear all the expense with respect to plugging the well and to the restoration of the surface, all in accordance with BLM's prevailing regulations. If the WIPP site is finalized in its present location, we would plug this well with more care than is normally taken since the well is right on the control zone boundary.

We assume that the archeological survey for this location was performed by Mr. Grace, and since the area has already been disturbed and we are requesting use of existing facilities, we are not making a special archeological study. For your convenience, we are enclosing a copy of the "Log" for Cabin Baby Federal No. 1.

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