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Mineral Technologies, Inc. P. O. Box 5823 Midland, Texas 79704

Attention: Linda Gregg

RE: Division Administrative Order NSL-3597(NSP)

Dear Ms. Gregg:

Per your letter dated September 2, 1996 requesting the "abeyance" provisions for Morrow gas production of said Administrative Order NSL-3597(NSP), see letter from the Division dated March 27, 1996, be lifted for the Dark Canyon Well No. 1 (API No. 30-015-21439), located 660 feet from the North and West lines (Unit D) of Section 18, Township 23 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. What is the status of this well as to the Canyon and Strawn formations and, if applicable, were these zones ever tested.

Should you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact me at (505) 827-8185 or e-mail me at "*MIKSTOGNER@EMNRDSF.STATE.NM.US.*".

Sincerely,

Michael E. Stogner Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

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cc: Oil Conservation Division - Artesia U.S. Bureau of Land Management - Carlsbad File: NSL-3597(NSP)