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RE: Todd "23O" Federal #5

Dear Sirs:

The enclosed sundry notice, survey plat and attached maps reference an alternate drilling location which falls under the auspices of "drilling pad". The new location would be 795' FSL & 1800' FEL or 143' north-northwest of our present Todd "23" Federal #1 and at least 250' from our present tank battery and heater treater.

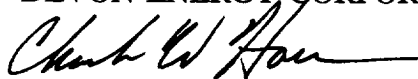
As you are aware, our original Application for Permit to Drill (APD) was denied on September 1, 1992. We are currently in the process of appealing that decision. A copy of the APD is enclosed. Nonetheless, a subsequent telephone conversation with Tim O'Brien and Tony Herrell indicated that an alternative site nearer in proximity to the Todd "23" Federal #1 could be acceptable and therefore, approved. By moving the original location slightly east and somewhat north, the new revised location would fall within the "drilling pad" perimeter and hopefully allow our application to be granted.

If the revised location is satisfactory and approval is conveyed, we will drop our appeal for this location. However, if the revised location proves unacceptable, our appeal process will continue.

If you need further information or have any questions so that a decision can be reached, please contact me at (800) 324-8573.

Sincerely yours,

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Charles W. Horsman
District Engineer

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