

**Department of Energy**

Carlsbad Area Office  
P. O. Box 3090  
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221

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Mr. Patrick J. Tower, Project Landman  
Enron Oil and Gas Company  
P.O. Box 2267  
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Dear Mr. Tower:

We appreciate you keeping us informed about your oil and gas activities in the vicinity of WIPP with the update of information on the James Ranch No. 16 well. The proposed location of this well has been field verified and does not encroach upon the WIPP 16 section land withdrawal area.

The well has been surveyed in at 330 feet from the WIPP Withdrawal Area boundary, therefore, the Department of Energy (DOE) formally requests an additional stipulation in excess of New Mexico Oil Conservation Division requirements. The DOE respectfully requests that your company submit "courtesy copies" of daily drilling logs in order to verify that the horizontal displacement of the drill hole does not exceed the distance between center hole location and the WIPP Site Boundary. These logs can be faxed to me at (505) 887-0707 and to the WIPP Land Use Coordinator at (505) 885-0974.

Thank you for keeping us apprised of your activities near the WIPP. The Carlsbad Area Office extends to Enron Oil and Gas Company employees who have not yet visited the WIPP, a cordial invitation to do so.

If you have further questions or comments, please contact me at (505) 234-7479.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Kaiser  
Land Manager

cc:

D. Lynn, WID  
K. Hunter, CAO

