



Department of Energy

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Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221

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Bryan Arrant, Geologist
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
811 South First
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Dear Mr. Arrant:

A review of the Applications for Permit to Drill for the Arco Permian wells identified as Barclay State #2 and Barclay State #3 has been conducted following our May 18, 1997 discussions. The WIPP Land Management Group has verified the locations to be outside 330 feet of the WIPP land withdrawal boundary and, therefore, not encroaching on the WIPP boundary. Accordingly, the CAO has no concerns regarding these wells.

If you have any further questions, please call me at 234-8132.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mary E. Bennington", is positioned above the typed name.

Mary E. Bennington
Environmental Programs Manager

cc:
David Catanach, OCD
Stewart Jones, WID

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