

Department of Energy

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

September 17, 1997

Tim Gum, Supervisor New Mexico Oil Conservation Division District II Office 811 South First Artesia, New Mexico 88210

Dear Mr. Gum:

The Carlsbad Area Office reviewed the Application for Permit to Drill for the Arco Permian well identified as Barclay State #4 with the following results. The WIPP Land Management Group verified the location 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 this well.

As agreed in the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), OCD is to notify the Carlsbad Area Office of oil and gas activity in the sections immediately adjacent to the WIPP site. In order to provide both our offices with timely and appropriate information, I suggest that we arrange a meeting in early October to discuss implementation of the JPA.

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

Sincerely,

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Mary É. Bennington Environmental Programs Manager

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