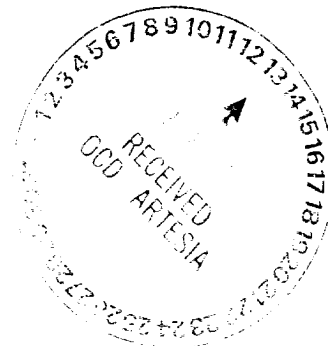


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Mr. Bryan G. Arrant, District II Geologist
New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department
Oil Conservation Division, District II Artesia
811 S. First Street
Artesia, NM 88210

Dear Mr. Arrant:

A review of the Arco Permian Applications for Permit to Drill (APD) **Barclay State #5** and **Barclay State #6** has been conducted by WIPP land use staff. Each of these wells is more than 330 feet from the WIPP boundary and does not encroach on the WIPP withdrawal boundary.

If you have any further questions, please call me at (505) 234-7349.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold Johnson".

Harold Johnson
NEPA Compliance Officer

cc:
D. Lynn, WID

