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Mr. M. Williams New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Artesia District Office P. O. Drawer DD Artesia, New Mexico 88221

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Application for Permit to Drill (APD) for the Enron Oil and Gas Company, James Ranch Unit Well No. 32, within Section 36, Township 22 South, Range 30 East, Eddy County, New Mexico has been reviewed. The proposed location of this well does not encroach upon the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) 16 section land withdrawal area. This well is being drilled as a standard vertical hole with no projected deviation. If the well is drilled within the legal tolerance limits for drift, there is no potential for trespass. On this basis, the WIPP Project Site Office (WPSO) has no objections to the drilling of this well.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact me at 887-8117.

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