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Concho Resources, Inc.
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Attention: Erick Nelson

Re: Administrative application for an exception to Division Rule 104.B (1), revised by Division Order No. R-11231, issued by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission in Case No. 12119 on August 12, 1999, to drill the proposed Angell "6" Federal Well No.6 (API No. 30-015-31573) at an unorthodox wildcat Upper-Pennsylvanian oil well location 2395 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the West line (Unit F) of Section 6, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, within a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for comprising the SE/4 NW/4 (Unit F) of Section 6.

Dear Mr. Nelson:

From the information provided there are plenty of areas within the standard drilling window for this particular 40-acre tract [see Division Rule 104.B (1)] on the east side of archaeological site that would not adversely impact the site.

This unorthodox oil well location is therefore deemed unnecessary; therefore, your application is hereby denied.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Stogner

Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

cc: ~~New Mexico~~ Oil Conservation Division - Artesia
U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Carlsbad
Kathy Valdes, NMOCD - Santa Fe