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Roy W. Fagan  
El Paso Field Services  
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Farmington, NM 87401

RE: Closure of a Drip Pit at the Roberts #1, P-04-30N-11W.

Dear Mr. Fagan:

The Burlington Resources Roberts #1 well site was plugged by Burlington on 6/8/99. El Paso Natural Gas Company was the gas transporter for the Roberts #1 and had drip pit and associated equipment at a location remote from the well bore. The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) considers the operator of the equipment to be responsible for the pit closure and remediation associated with the equipment. Since the equipment and pit were operated by El Paso Field Services (EPFS) and/or its predecessor El Paso companies, EPFS is directed to close the Roberts #1 drip pit and remediate any contamination according to the EPFS approved pit closure plan. In addition, since the well is plugged and abandoned all above ground equipment is to be removed. Buried lines are to be purged of liquids, risers are to be cut off two feet below grade and surveyed at openings for NORM's. Any underground line drips will be tested for soil contamination in excess of OCD standards. EPFS will complete these operations and submit a report on the closure by January 1, 2002.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 505-334-6178 ext. 15.

Yours truly,

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