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September 9, 1993

Mr. Price M. Bayless Robert L. Bayless PO Box 168 Farmington, NM 87499

RE:

Illegal Pits in Northwestern New Mexico

Morton #1, H-23-30N-14W (Dehydrator Pit)

Dear Mr. Bayless:

New Mexico Oil Conservation Order R-8952 (for the protection of migratory birds) became effective June 15, 1989 and states that <u>all pits</u> and open tanks (more that 16' in diameter) shall be screened, netted or covered.

On July 27, 1993 field inspections I conducted revealed that the above mentioned pit was 1/2 full of oil. I originally sent this letter to EPNG on August 9, and was informed on September 3, that this pit had been transferred to Bayless. In order for this pit to be in compliance, you are hereby directed to remove all fluid or properly net this pit by October 11, 1993.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

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Dianna K. Fairhurst Deputy Oil & Gas Inspector

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