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Koch Exploration Company
P. O. Box 2256
Wichita, Kansas 67201

Re: Illegal pit fire

Gentlemen:

This office recently investigated a pit fire at your well, Lambe #1, located A-20-31N-10W, San Juan County. Because of the size of the pit and the time it took to burn, we estimate that as much as twenty barrels of oil was burned. This fire was set in violation of Rule 311 and the matter has been referred to our legal department.

Please report to this office within ten days of the letterhead date, describing the source of the oil in the pit and the counter measures to be taken to prevent the discharge of oil into the pit.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Yours truly,

Frank T. Chavez
District Supervisor

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