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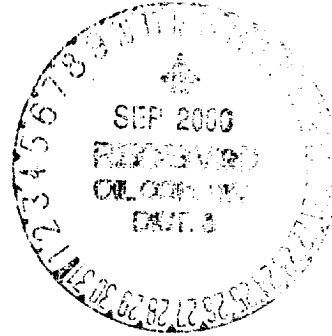
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Lori Wrotenbery
Director
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Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Inc.
P.O. Box 4289
Farmington, New Mexico 87499

Attention: Ms. Peggy Cole

Re: Division Order No. DHC-2023
Allison Unit No. 57M
Unit E, Section 13, T-32N, R-7W
San Juan County, New Mexico



Dear Ms. Cole:

 I have reviewed your recent request to allocate 100% of the gas production within the commingled Allison Unit Well No. 57M to the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool. Your letter indicates that there is currently no production from the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool. Please be advised that it is the policy of the Division not to approve downhole commingling operations which include zones with no production.

Your request to allocate 100% of the commingled production to the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool and to continue producing the well in a commingled configuration is hereby denied.

Please contact the supervisor of the Division's Aztec District Office in order to obtain approval to permanently abandon the Dakota zone in the well.

Sincerely,

David Catanach
Engineer

Xc: OCD-Aztec
Bureau of Land Management-Farmington