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Mr. Frank Chavez  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission  
1000 Rio Brazos Rd  
Aztec, NM 87410

Dear Mr. Chavez:

Reference is made to the following plugged well No. 1 Monsanto Johns, located 660' FSL & 1980' FWL, sec. 20, T. 32 N., R. 13 W., San Juan County, New Mexico, Terminated Federal Lease NMSF-078137A, which is apparently leaking gas. We have contacted Burlington Resource, since they had purchased wells from Union Texas, the company that had plugged the above mentioned well in January 1962. Burlington reported that they didn't receive ownership of the well due to it being plugged prior to their purchase of Union Texas' properties in the San Juan Basin.

Our records show the lease was terminated in the early '60's and the bond released. Therefore there are no responsible operators or bonds covering the subject well. In our discussions, agreement was reached that the plugging reclamation fund would be used to cover any plugging costs since there are no bonds that can be collected to cover replugging of the well. We also agree that the well should be placed on a low priority because there are more urgent cases to be addressed at this time.

We appreciate all the assistance NMOCD has provided in dealing with leaking and unplugged wells and look forward to more cooperative efforts in dealing with these issues.

If you have any questions please contact Stephen Mason with this office at (505) 599-6364.

Sincerely,

Duane Spencer  
Team Leader, Petroleum Management Team

Enclosure

# BURLINGTON RESOURCES

SAN JUAN DIVISION

January 26, 1999

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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Bureau of Land Management  
ATTN: Mr. Steve Mason  
1235 La Plata Highway  
Farmington, NM 87501

RE: *Monsanto Johns #1 Well*  
*Section 20, T32N, R13W, San Juan County*

Dear Mr. Mason:

After your inquiry Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company (BROG) researched its records regarding ownership of the above-captioned well. BROG's records do not indicate that it ever received any ownership interest in the well.

If you need any additional information on this matter, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

*John H. Bemis*

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cc: Peggy Bradfield  
James Strickler

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