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Attn: Mr. Kevin Mayes

**RE: *Injection Pressure Increase,
Southland Royalty "A" Well No. 15
Lea County, New Mexico***

Dear Mr. Mayes:

Reference is made to your request dated August 4, 2003, to increase the surface injection pressure on the Southland Royalty "A" Well No. 15. This request is based on a step rate test conducted on the well on July 3, 2003. The results of the test have been reviewed by my staff and we feel an increase in injection pressure on this well is justified at this time.

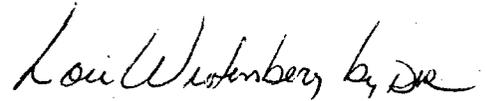
You are therefore authorized to increase the surface injection pressure on the following well:

<i>WELL NAME & NUMBER</i>	<i>MAXIMUM SURFACE INJECTION PRESSURE</i>
Southland Royalty "A" Well No. 15 API No. 30-025-36141 Unit I, Section 4, T-21 South, R-37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico	1400 PSIG

The Division Director may rescind this injection pressure increase if it becomes apparent that the injected fluid is not being confined to the injection zone or is endangering any fresh water aquifers.

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Sincerely,



Lori Wrotenbery
Director

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cc: Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs
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