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November 6, 2000

Mr. Ben Stone New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 2040 S. Pacheco Santa Fe, NM 87505

RE: Administrative Order SWD-686 Jones #1 Section 22, T32N, R13W San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stone

According to the subject administrative order, injection into the Jones #1 was to have begun by November 24, 1998. Merrion has not re-entered the well to date.

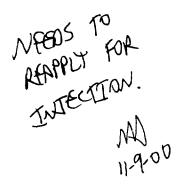
The water disposal well was to be a backup in case our original produced water disposal option did not work. We are currently using the produced water for dust control on the haul road through an agreement with LaPlata mine.

The demand for water from the mine is uncertain and we would like to maintain the option of using the Jones #1 for produced water disposal if necessary. We request that the permit remain in effect so that we may complete the conversion of the wellbore and begin injection when an alternative water disposal source is required.

Sincerely

Connie Dinning, Engineer

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