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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. 7-274-520-551

Ms. Maureen Gannon
PNM
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Albuquerque, New Mexico 87158

**RE: GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION
HAMPTON 4M WELL SITE**

Dear Ms. Gannon:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has been reviewing the ground water investigation and remediation actions related to PNM's former dehy pit and Burlington Resources well site operations at the BR Hampton 4M well site near Aztec, New Mexico. PNM's remedial actions taken to date are satisfactory. However, a review of the file shows that the investigation of the extent of contamination at the site has not been completed.

Since ground water at the site has been contaminated by both PNM's and BR's operations and due to the potential for contamination of downgradient private water wells, the OCD hereby requires that both PNM and BR conduct additional investigations to determine the complete downgradient extent of ground contamination at the site. The investigations are to be conducted according to PNM and BR's prior approved plans with a report on the investigations to be submitted to the OCD by October 20, 1998. The OCD requests that PNM and BR cooperatively work together on the investigation so that the activities can be conducted in the most efficient and economical manner.

If you have any questions, please call me at (505) 827-7154.

Sincerely,

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