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Mr. William LeMay, Chairman N.M. Oil Conservation Commission P.O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

Re: Docket No. 33-94, Case No. 11143, Proposed Amendments to

OCD Rule 711

Dear Mr. LeMay:

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Commission that Southwest Research and Information Center (SRIC) intends to make an appearance as a party to the above-captioned proceeding when it goes to hearing sometime in mid-1995. It is my understanding, based on recent conversations with the Division's environmental and legal staffs, that Case No. 11143 will be continued for a six-month period when it comes before the Commission on November 17. It is also my understanding that neither I nor counsel for SRIC needs to be present at the Commission meeting on November 17 in order to preserve SRIC's right to participate as a full party in the proceeding when it is reconvened at a later date.

If requested, I would be happy to participate in a multi-interest advisory committee assembled by the Division to discuss the proposed amendments to Rule 711. I would also be happy to suggest the names and affiliations of representatives of other environmental and community groups which may also be interested in participating in such a committee.

Please call or write if my understandings are incorrect or if you have any questions. In advance, I appreciate the Commission's consideration, and remain,

Sincerely,

Chris Shuey, Director

Community Water, Wastes & Toxics Program