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May 22, 2009

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Attn: Mr. Cody Moore

Re: 2009 Plan of Development
Samuel Smith Unit
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Moore:

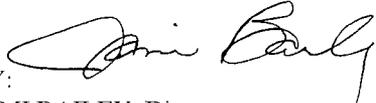
The Commissioner of Public Lands has, of this date, approved the referenced Plan of Development. Our approval is subject to like approval by all other appropriate agencies. The possibility of drainage by wells outside the unit area, and the need for further development of the unit may exist; therefore, we may contact you at a later date regarding these possibilities.

Our records reflect that the Samuel Smith Unit has an auto elimination date of June 17, 2009.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

PATRICK H. LYONS
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