STATE OF NEW MEXICO
# ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
## OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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Attention: Jack Grimm

     Re:  Mobil 32, Well No. 1, Unit D,
          Sec. 32, T-25-S, R-1-E, Dona Ana
          County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Grimm:

I am in receipt of a copy of your letter of May 3, 1985, to the District II office of the Oil Conservation Division, wherein you state that you are in the process of plugging the above-referenced well. Mr. Les Clements, District II Supervisor, has informed me, however, that the plugging program for the well was not approved in advance by OCD as required by regulation. (See Rules 202 and 1103). Moreover, Mr. Clements advises me that the plugging, which has apparently been completed is not acceptable.

Order No. R-7226, which requires the plugging of this well, specifically states that:

> "...prior to plugging and abandoning the above-described well, [the operator] shall obtain from the Artesia office of the Division, a Division-approved program for said plugging and abandoning, and shall notify said Artesia office of the date and hour said work is to be commenced whereupon the Division may, at its option, witness such work."

Because of your failure to obtain an approved plugging program and to provide for OCD personnel to witness the plugging procedure, it will be necessary for you to replug the well in accordance with the rules and regulations of the OCD. You may contact Mr. Les Clements at (505) 748-1283 to inquire about a proper plugging program.

Although we are appreciative of your efforts to timely respond to our letter of April 16, 1985 by plugging this well, it is necessary that proper plugging procedures be utilized. We therefore have no choice other than to require replugging.

If you have any questions this matter, please feel free to contact me at the above telephone number.


Sincerely,


JEFF TAYLOR
General Counsel

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