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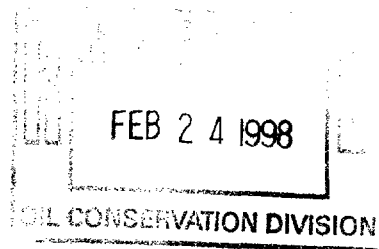
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Lori Wrotenberg, Director
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Department of Energy,
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2040 South Pacheco Street
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Re: *Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. to Have the Division Order Chesapeake Operating Inc. to Appear and Show Cause Why its Wells in the NW/4 of Section 20, Township 16 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Should Not be Shut-In Until it is in Compliance with Oil Conservation Division Rules, Lea County, New Mexico*

Dear Ms. Wrotenberg:

Enclosed in triplicate is the application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. in the above-referenced case as well as a legal advertisement. Nearburg respectfully requests that this matter be placed on the Division docket presently set for March 19, 1998.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. CARR

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Robert Shelton