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Rault Petroleum Corporation 1100 Tulane Ave, Suite 1140 New Orleans, LA 70112

United States Fire Insurance Company 305 Madison Ave Morristown, NJ 07960

RE: Case No. 12280 Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for an order requiring Rault Petroleum Corporation to plug four wells in Lincoln, DeBaca and Chaves Counties, NM

United States Fire Insurance Company Bond No: 610 086729 6 Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter is to advise you that the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division has filed the enclosed application for a hearing requiring Rault Petroleum Corporation and other interested parties to appear and show cause why certain wells should not be ordered plugged and abandoned.

This application has been set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on November 4, 1999. You are not required to attend this hearing, but as an owner of an interest that may be affected by an order issued in this case, you may appear and present testimony. Failure to appear at that time and become a party of record will preclude you from challenging the matter at a later date.

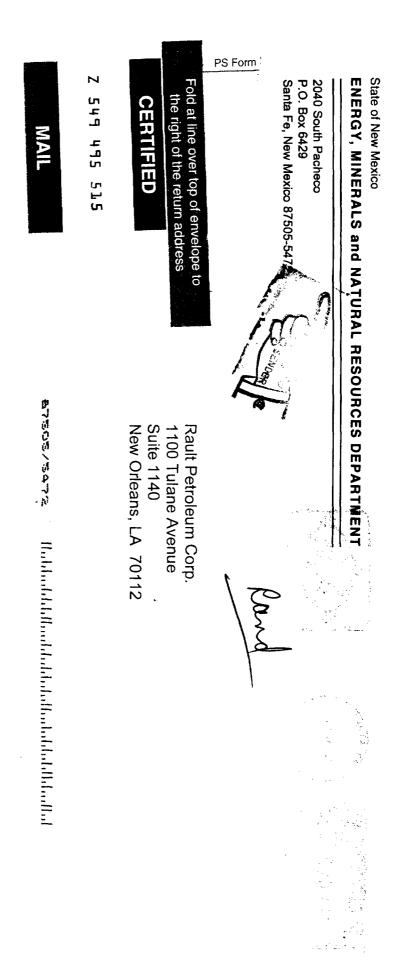
Parties appearing in cases are required (Rule 1208.B—Enclosed) to file a Prehearing Statement three days in advance of the hearing.

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Enclosures

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