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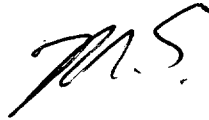
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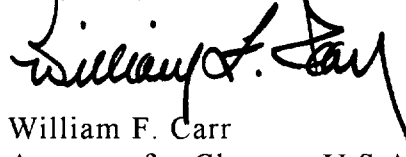
**Re: Case No. 12818: Application of Chevron U.S.A., Inc. for
surface commingling and off lease storage, Lea County, New
Mexico**

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Chevron U.S.A., Inc., has reached agreement with operators on the referenced application and will submit an Administrative Application. Therefore, Chevron U.S.A., Inc., respectfully requests that the above-referenced case be dismissed.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr
Attorney for Chevron U.S.A., Inc.

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cc: Frank J. Cusimano, Esq. (via facsimile)