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- EXHIBIT NO.

ARCO

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CASE NO.

Water Disposal Well

T.A. Producer

/o\. Proposed Siete Injection Well

# Empire Abo Unit Well # C-49

Former Name:

General American, Green A Tract 1#8

Location:

2310' FSL & 330' FEL Sec. 29-17S-29E

Current Status:

Abo Water Disposal Well

Casing Size & Depth: 5 1/2 inch @ 6294'

Cement Used:

570 sacks

Calculated Top:

2412'

Remedial Treatment:

None

Unprotected Csg:

Surface Csg.(776') - 2412'

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## Empire Abo Unit Well # C-48

Former Name:

Depco Inc., Leonard Federal #8

Location:

1980' FSL & 990' FEL Sec. 30-17S-29E

Current Status: Future Abo Water Disposal Well

Casing Size & Depth: 5 1/2 inch @ 6360'

Cement Used: 425 sacks

Calculated Top:

3810'

Remedial Treatment: None

Unprotected Csg: Surface Csg.(765') - 3200'

### Empire Abo Unit Well # B-49

Former Name: General American, Green A Tract 1 #7

Location: 1930' FSL & 330' FWL Sec. 29-17S-29E

Current Status: Abo Water Disposal Well

Casing Size & Depth: 5 1/2 inch @ 6300'

Cement Used: 570 sacks

Calculated Top: 2418'

Remedial Treatment: Circulated cement from perfs. @1980'

to surface.

**Unprotected Csg:** 2200' - 2418'

### Empire Abo Unit Well # C-50

Former Name:

General American, Green A 1#9

Location:

2310' FSL & 1650' FEL Sec. 29-17S-29E

Current Status:

Abo Water Disposal Well

Casing Size & Depth: 5 1/2 inch @ 6273'

Cement Used:

160 sacks

Calculated Top:

5183'

Remedial Treatment:

9/6/78 Bond log indicated TOC @ 4890'

Perf'd 4890' - 700 sacks Temp. log TOC @ 3490' Perf'd. 3480' - 700 sacks Temp. log TOC @ 3140' Perf'd 3130' - 650 sacks Temp. log TOC - 2294 Perf'd 2290' - 500 sacks Temp. log TOC - 300' FS

**Unprotected Csg:** 

None

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Central District - Hobbs Area

March 13, 1990

Mr. Mike Williams New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Drawer DD Artesia, NM 88210

Dear Mr. Williams:

This letter is to inform you of a situation in which ARCO Oil and Gas Company recently encountered on the Empire Abo Unit G-17 and G-18 locations. While monitoring our production casing surface casing, ARCO discovered pressure on both wells between the production casing and the surface casing annulus. ARCO bled the pressure off of G-18 and no liquids were recovered. While bleeding the pressure off of G-17, ARCO recovered a small volume of crude and water which appears to be originating from the San Andreas formation.

As stated above, preliminary indications lead us to believe that the pressure being experienced is a result of present waterflood operations occurring in the San Andreas formation. ARCO currently intends to transfer these wellbores to S&J Operating Company in return for properly plugging and abandoning the Abo formation, and circulating cement behind the production casing to the surface in accordance with applicable rules and regulations. The requirement to circulate cement behind the production casing should eliminate this pressure and effectively isolate any productive zones not currently covered with cement.

ARCO has not identified any problems with our production casing integrity. By making this transfer and stipulating the requirements listing above, S&J Operating Company will be able to utilize these wellbores in their waterflood operations.

If you should require additional information, please contact me at (505)392-3551.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Smith Area Prod. Supt.

SDS:kdj

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