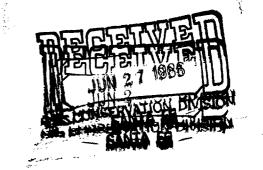


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State of New Mexico Department of Energy & Minerals Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe NM 87504

Attention: Mr. Richard L. Stamets

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Subject: Unorthodox Well Location Application

SE Dean Federal "10" #1 Well

NE Lovington-Pen Pool Section 10, T16S, R37E Lea County, New Mexico

Mesa Operating Limited Partnership is in receipt of a letter dated May 29, 1986 by and through which the law firm of Kellahin and Kellahin on behalf of BHP Petroleum Company, Inc. requested you to set for hearing their application for the above-referenced unorthodox well location.

Please be advised that Mesa Operating Limited Partnership, as an operator of lands offsetting BHP's proposed location, has no objection to said location and hereby supports BHP's application.

Very truly yours,

Mark W. Seale Landman

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