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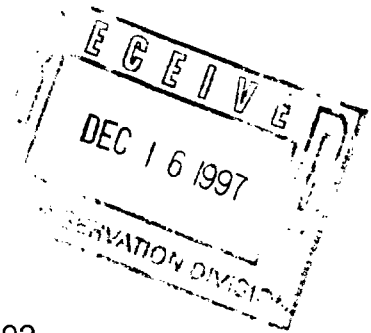
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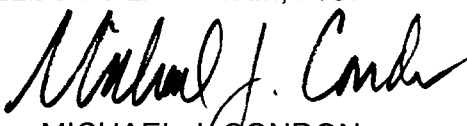
Re: Application of Doyle Hartman, Case No. 6987, 11792

Dear Messrs. Stogner and Carroll:

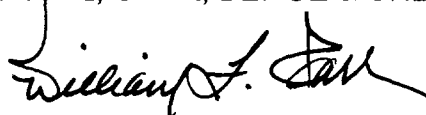
This will advise you that Hartman and Oxy both request that the Division stay consideration of the pending matters in the above-referenced NMOCD matter until further notice from the parties. The parties are currently engaged in settlement negotiations which, if successful, would alleviate the need for the Division to issue any Order in this proceeding. Please note that this is signed by myself on behalf of Hartman and Mr. Carr on behalf of Oxy. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either of us.

Very truly yours,

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By   
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