



# *Desert West*

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICES, INC.

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April 10, 2000

Mr. Gary Womack  
OXY USA, INC.  
P.O. Box 50250  
Midland, TX 79710

Dear Mr. Womack:

Enclosed please find your copy of Desert West Archaeological Services, Inc. (DWAS) archaeological survey report for OXY USA, INC.'s proposed Oxy Viper Federal Well No. 2 (660' FSL; 660' FWL) and associated access road in Sections 3 and 10, T17S, R27E, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. This survey was conducted to evaluate any potential effect that OXY USA, INC.'s proposed Oxy Viper Federal Well No. 2 and associated access road might have on the historic properties.

Two isolated manifestations (IM) were encountered and recorded during this survey. Therefore, we are recommending that archaeological clearance be granted for this undertaking of OXY USA, INC.'s proposed Oxy Viper Federal Well No. 2 and associated access road as presently staked. No further archaeological work should be required unless historic properties are discovered during construction.

An archaeologist at the Bureau of Land Management will review this report and decide whether or not OXY USA, INC. should proceed with this undertaking. Someone should advise you of that decision in that agency.

We appreciate this opportunity to serve you. If you have any questions, or feel that we might of additional service, please call our office.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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