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November 22, 2011

US Bureau of Land Management  
Trisha Bad Bear  
Jim Amos  
620 E. Green Street  
Carlsbad, NM 88220

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RE: EGL Lusk 31 Federal #3, API 3002539593  
Drilling Pit Closure Notice

Ms. Bad Bear and Mr. Amos,

On September 2, 2011, NMOCD approved the revised closure plan for the drilling pit at the above-referenced well. We recently received laboratory analyses confirming that the residual drilling mud and cuttings at the above-referenced drilling pit meet the NMOCD standards for on-site trench burial. NMOCD Rules state:

(1) The operator shall notify the surface owner by certified mail, return receipt requested, that the operator plans to close a temporary pit, a permanent pit, a below-grade tank or where the operator has approval for on-site closure. Evidence of mailing of the notice to the address of the surface owner shown in the county tax records is sufficient to demonstrate compliance with this requirement.

The purpose of this letter is to meet the mandate of the above Rule by informing BLM that we intend to begin closing this pit on or about November 29, 2011. The closure will require several days. I plan to be at the site on November 24 or 25 to collect confirmatory samples and inspect the site. If this schedule changes, we will provide you with advance notice.

Sincerely,  
R.T. Hicks Consultants, Ltd.



Randall T. Hicks  
Principal

CC: John Stark, EGL Resources  
Geoffrey Leking, NMOCD, Hobbs