

UMC Petroleum Corporation

January 23, 1998

State of New Mexico, Energy Minerals  
and Natural Resources Department  
Oil Conservation Division  
District I Office  
PO Box 1980  
Hobbs, New Mexico 88241-1980

RE: Townsend State #4  
API# 30-025-34150  
Unit W Section 2-T16S-R35E  
Lea County

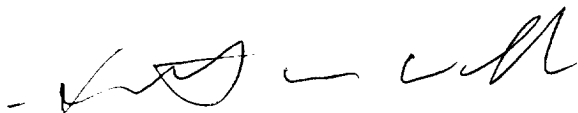
Dear Madam or Sir:

Enclosed for the subject well are the following items:

One original and 2 copies of form C-103  
Inclination report

UMC is requesting to temporarily abandon the subject well to evaluate the possibility of plugging back the well to directionally complete the Strawn. Downhole problems while drilling the original bore forced us to abandon the lower portion of the well. If you have any questions or need additional information, I can be reached in Denver at (303) 573-4721. Thank you for your time in this matter.

Sincerely,



Scott M. Webb  
Regulatory Coordinator

