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Via Fax: 393-0720 (4 pages)

Chris Williams, Supervisor
Oil Conservation Division
Hobbs, New Mexico

Re: Cayuma Well No. 1-A
Lots 12 and 13 of Section 1, Township 16 South, Range 36
East, NMPM
Lea County, New Mexico

Operator: Manzano Oil Corporation

Dear Chris:

This letter renews Manzano Oil Corporation's ("Manzano's") request for a temporary allowable for the above well pending a decision after the June 1st Examiner hearing.

Manzano applied for an unorthodox location on January 13, 2000 (see attached letter) for a location 3580 feet FSL and 990 feet FWL. *SHL* Although NSL-4417 was not issued until March 2nd, Manzano received verbal approval to start operations before the order was issued. *OK-*

On February 6th, Manzano reached total depth, but the well was dry. On that date (Sunday), Manzano called Gary Wink and received verbal approval to kick off the well. This was reported to the Division on the attached Form C-103, and Manzano then filed a request with the Division's Santa Fe office to amend Order NSL-4417.

Based on these filings, we believe Manzano complied with Division regulations, and request reconsideration of your decision.

Very truly yours,


James Bruce

Attorney for Manzano Oil Corporation