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United States Department of Energy
Bureau of Land Management
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Attn: Shannon Shaw

Re: NORTH BELL LAKE - ELLENBURGER GAS POOL
NORTH BELL LAKE FEDERAL #3
UNIT LETTER H
1930' FNL, 660' FEL, SEC 6, T23S, R34E
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

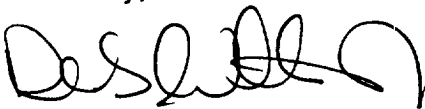
Dear Mr. Shaw:

Amerada Hess Corporation (AHC), operator of the referenced drilling well, has requested that all well information filed by AHC and/or it's representatives with the United States Department of Energy Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regarding the drilling and completion of the Monument Abo Unit #2 be held confidential for the maximum period allowed by the BLM and/or other pertinent regulatory agencies. AHC understands the requirement for 'official' copies of the drilling application to be routed to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission (NMOCD) division office in Hobbs and thereby requests the BLM release the said documents.

AHC maintains it's request to hold as much information as possible confidential for the maximum period allowed. Specific items AHC would prefer to be 'held' are geologic reports/maps, electric logs, completion reports, and other data not required for immediate disclosure.

Your consideration and approval of this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Williams Jr.
Sr. Production Foreman