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Re: Belco Petroleum Corporation
Bass Federal #3
660' FSL & 1980' FWL
Section 19, T-20-S, R-33-E
Lea County, New Mexico

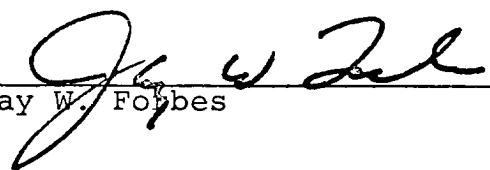
U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
HOBBES, NEW MEXICO

Gentlemen:

As counsel for Mississippi Chemical Corporation, the above proposed drilling by Belco Petroleum has been brought to our attention. Mississippi Chemical Corporation objects to and protests the above location, which is clearly within our 111-A lands and the basis for such protest is such proposed location will interfere unduly with the development of my client's potash reserves in this area. Would you please keep me fully advised of this matter as it progresses through your office and if there is any information that I can furnish, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

JWF:kh


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