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Subject: Revised Procedures under the New Drainage Regulations

The Final Rule that revises the drainage regulations was published in the Federal Register on January 10, 2001. Implementation was delayed until April 10, 2001. The new regulations largely incorporate procedures from our Drainage Protection Manual and Handbook, 3160-2 and H-3160-2. There are, however, substantial changes that will affect the way we resolve future drainage situations.

Please note that 43 CFR 3162.2-7, regarding "joint and several" liability is not yet effective. Its implementation is being delayed so comments can be solicited from the oil and gas industry and other interested parties. The comment period expires on June 11, 2001. The final provision will become effective August 8, 2001.

The attachment is a regulation by regulation description of the final rules and their significance to our program and procedures. It is in tabular format to enable you to compare the new regulations to past procedures.

If you have any questions, please contact Jay Spielman at (505) 438-7503.


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1 Attachment:

1 - Comparison of Regulations (4 pp)

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