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To: Field Managers, Carlsbad, Farmington, Roswell, Tulsa

From: Deputy State Director, Division of Resource Planning, Use and Protection

Subject: Information on Directionally Drilled Oil and Gas Wells; DD: 1/7/00

Program Area:

Fluid Minerals

Issue:

Defense and protection of the Public interest against litigation by third parties.

Background:

In response to litigation, the State Office has been asked to provide the U.S. Attorney's office with information on certain oil and gas wells that have been directionally drilled within the last ten years. This request was sent to all State Offices with a significant Fluid Mineral Program. Thus far, a list of 75 well locations has been collected from the other State Offices. New Mexico must prepare a list as well.

Specifically, we are seeking information on jurisdictional wells, approved within the last ten years, which were directionally drilled in order to avoid conflict with other resources. This would include wells that were directionally drilled toward hydrocarbons underneath lakes, airfields, wilderness, rough terrain or other sensitive areas. Also, this includes directional wells designed to protect potash or coal resources. This does not include wells using horizontal or other drilling techniques in order to enhance production.

Policy / Action:

We realize that our automated data bases do not produce a convenient report using this data theme. However, you are asked to produce a list of as many such well locations as you can by the due date. The required information is shown on the attached chart. You may copy and use this chart if you wish.

If data is missing or unobtainable, indicate N/A. As Defendant in this litigation, it is crucial that we respond to Court documents in a timely manner.

Coordination:

Please return this data to the attention of Gary Stephens in this office no later than January 7, 2000. If you have any questions, Gary may be reached at (505) 438-7451.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carsten F. Goff', is written over the typed name.

Carsten F. Goff

Enclosure