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April 28, 1986

Meridian Oil Inc.
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Re: #2 Claycomb, SE SW NE Sec. 2, T3S, R61W.

Gentlemen:

The Permit to Drill issued for this well was approved with the condition that Meridian would comply with Rule 317 (paragraphs C & K) pertaining to protection of fresh water zones. If Meridian had set 500 feet of surface casing as indicated on the Permit to Drill, then the Fox-Hills sandstone would have been protected.

Review of the Dual Induction-SFL-GR log submitted by Meridian indicates only 351 feet of surface casing was set, resulting in the main bench and lower portions of the Fox-Hills being open to potential pollution. The Completion Report submitted on April 21, 1986 indicates no action was taken to correct the situation before the well was put on production.

Please submit a plan detailing the procedure Meridian Oil intends implementing for protecting the Fox-Hills aquifer within ten (10) days of receipt of this notification.

Should Meridian fail to respond adequately to this notification, appropriate action will be taken by the Commission.

Yours Truly,


James Kenney
Petr. Engr.

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