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DIVISION OF
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Re: Ten-Day Notice 88-02-107-8, Belina Complex

Dear Dr. Nielson:

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Albuquerque Field Office (AFO) has received the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (DOGM) response to the above referenced Ten-Day Notice (TDN).

AFO noted the requirement placed upon the operator to submit plans for small area exemptions within 90 days. The issue of what constitutes "reasonable time" in accordance with OSMRE Directive INE 27 and DOGM's policy is currently under review by this office in conjunction with the Assistant Director, Western Field Operations. The appropriateness of this response cannot be determined until agreement is reached on the "Reasonable Time" policy.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact me at (505)766-1486.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. [Signature]
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Robert H. Hagen, Director
Albuquerque Field Office