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Dear Mr. Eisenfeld:

Thank you for your July 21 and September 9, 2010, letters regarding former Bureau of Land Management (BLM) employee Steven Henke and his subsequent employment with the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association. I appreciate your concern and take seriously any allegations of impropriety within the BLM.

The Office of the Inspector General investigated the matter and found several questionable activities on Mr. Henke's part; however, because Mr. Henke is no longer an agency employee, BLM administrative options are limited. The U.S. Attorney in New Mexico also evaluated the matter and declined to prosecute. Based on the currently available information, there are no plans to reopen or expand the investigation to other parts of the New Mexico office.

The BLM is committed to maintaining strict ethical standards for all of its employees. Employees participate in ongoing, comprehensive ethics training and have access to ethics professionals on staff.

If you have further questions, please contact Linda Rundell, New Mexico State Director, at 505-954-2222.

Sincerely,

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