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The Honorable Mary Kendall  
Acting Inspector General  
Office of the Inspector General  
Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Inspector General Kendall:

New information has come to my attention regarding former BLM employee Steve Henke who, until his retirement, served as field manager for the BLM's New Mexico Farmington Field Office. As part of my commitment to promoting the highest ethical standards within the Bureau, and ensuring the integrity of its oil and gas leasing program, I am requesting that your office renew its investigative inquiries regarding certain questionable activities that may have occurred during the tenure of Steve Henke, to include activities which eventually led to his employment by the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-208-3801, or William Woody, the BLM's Director of Law Enforcement and Security, at 202-208-3269. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Robert V. Abbey  
Director