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Santa Fe Energy Operation Partners, L. P.
Attention: Darrell Roberts
550 W. Texas, Suite 1330
Midland, TX 79701

RE: Pure Gold C-17 Federal Well No. 5
NM-45235
660' FNL & 330' FEL, Sec. 17, T23S, R31E
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Roberts:

On December 10, 1992, Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L. P. filed an Application for Permit to Drill (APD) at the above referenced location. I am pleased to approve your APD at the present location. Your copy of the APD, with attached stipulations, is enclosed.

Through our analysis of the APD, we have determined that the well site is located a sufficient distance from the ore zones that potash resources should not be impacted.

If you need any additional information, please contact Tony Herrell in the Carlsbad Resource Area at (505) 887-6544.

Sincerely,

/s/ Monte G. Jordan

for Larry L. Woodard
State Director

1 Enclosure

bcc:
NM (910, L. Woodard)
NM (920, R. Smith)
NM (060, A. Lopez)
NM (060, L. Cone)
NM (067, T. Herrell)