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NM111796X 3180 (P0220)

Reference: Unit Termination Rattlesnake Federal Unit NM111796X Lea County, New Mexico

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CERTIFIED – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED: 7012 2210 0001 2089 3011

Devon Energy Corporation 333 W. Sheridan Avenue Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102

## Gentlemen:

The Rattlesnake Federal Unit, NM111796X, Lea County, New Mexico, as requested per letter dated January 10, 2013 is terminated effective January 1, 2013, pursuant to Section 20 (d) of Unit Agreement. The existing Initial Delaware Participating Area NM111796A is also terminated effective January 1, 2013.

It has been determined by the unit operator and the authorized officer that this is the best course of action for Devon Energy of effectively develop the Rattlesnake area. Thus, all further development will be on a lease basis.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 3107.4, the eliminated lease is entitled to an extension since the public interest requirement for the unit has been met. The lease NM100568 shall continue in effect for the original term of the lease or for 2 years after their elimination from the unit agreement. The 2 year extension will expire January 1, 2015.

Copies of this letter are being distributed to the appropriate Federal agencies. It is requested that you furnish notice of this termination to each working interest owner, lessee and lessor.

If you have any questions regarding this termination, please contact Edward G. Fernandez, Petroleum Engineer at (575) 234-2220.

A person contesting a decision shall request a State Director review of the Written Order. This request must be filed within 20 working days of receipt of the Notice with the appropriate State Director (see 43 CFR 3165.3). The State Director review decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, 801 North Quincy Street, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22203 (see 43 CFR 3165.4). Contact the above listed Bureau of Land Management office for further information.

Sincerely,

Don Peterson

Assistant Field Manager, Lands and Minerals

cc:

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