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RE: James Ranch Unit #93
Bass Enterprises

Dear Mr. Arrant:

Following your telephone conversation this afternoon I looked over the R-111-P rules concerning approval of APD's within LMR's. I find that you are in error approving any APD within an LMR. R-111-P states "Any application to drill in the LMR area, including buffer zones, may be approved only by mutual agreement of the lessor and lessees of both potash and oil and gas interests." It goes on to say that "Applications to drill outside the LMR will be approved . . . provided there is no protest from potash lessee within 20 days" of notification.

You must rescind the APD approval for this well immediately. Please call me as soon as possible at 505-887-2871 ext. 312 or on my cell at 505-361-4560. Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Dan Morchouse
Mine Engineering Superintendent