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Linda Guthrie Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. 20 North Broadway Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102-8260

Dear Ms. Guthrie:

IMC Potash Carlsbad Inc. objects to the location of Devon Energy's Application to Drill the Apache 24 Fee #7, 1460' FNL, 1150' FWL, Unit E, Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 30 East, NMPM. This location is in an area clearly designated as measured ore by the BLM, and is in IMC's LMR containing valuable potash ore. IMC's 5 year mine plan shows we expect to mine within approximately ¼ mile of this location in 2007. Although this Unit E is privately held, there is no point within this tract that is outside the ¼ mile buffer required by R-111-A and any well within the tract would constitute a hazard to the mining of federally owned potash reserves currently under lease to IMC.

Drilling the well applied for by Devon definitely constitutes a hazard to proposed mining in this area. It will expose the men and women working underground to greatly increased hazards and therefore should not be allowed.

IMC Potash Carlsbad Inc. hereby objects to the drilling of a well at this location.

Sincerely,

Dan Morehouse Mine Engineering Superintendent

cc: Don Purvis Joe Lara Joe Mraz Charlie High Craig Cranston

> BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fe, New Mexico Case Nos. <u>13368/13372</u> Exhibit No. 6 Submitted by: Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. Hearing Date: June 5, 2006