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Apache Corporation
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Attn: Ms. Michelle Hanson

Re: 2009 Plan of Development
Northeast Drinkard Unit
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Hanson:

The Commissioner of Public Lands has, of this date, approved the referenced Plan of Development. Our approval is subject to like approval by all other appropriate agencies. The possibility of drainage by wells outside the unit area, and the need for further development of the unit may exist; therefore, we may contact you at a later date regarding these possibilities.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

PATRICK H. LYONS
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