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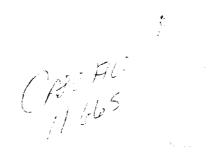
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Lori Wrotenbery Oil Conservation Division 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Order No. R-10736 (Application of Exxon Corporation for a waterflood project, etc., Lea County, New Mexico)

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

The above order approved a cooperative lease waterflood project in the Blinebry formation for two Exxon-operated leases. Decretory Paragraph 15 of the order required injection to commence within one year of the date of the order, unless extended. Due to Exxon's move from Midland to Houston, and a consequent loss of personnel on this project, and time spent drilling injection wells for the project, injection did not commence within the one year time period. As a result, Exxon requests an extension to April 15, 1998 in which to commence injection.

If this request cannot be granted, Exxon will re-apply for approval of the project. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Tames Bruce

Attorney for Exxon Corporation

In regard and for well to open

cc: Wm. T. Duncan, Jr.