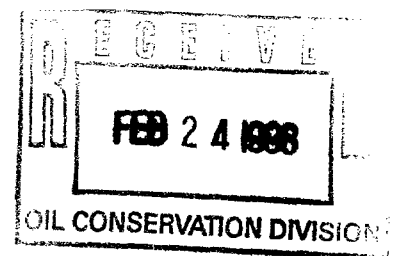


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Re: Application of Sonat Exploration Company for Blanket Surface Commingling,  
Eddy and Lea Counties, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Enclosed in triplicate is the Application of Sonat Exploration Company in the above-referenced case as well as a legal advertisement. Sonat Exploration Company respectfully requests that this matter be placed on the docket for the March 19, 1998 Examiner hearings.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William F. Carr".

WILLIAM F. CARR

WFC:mlh  
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Chad R. Shaw (w/enclosures)  
Sonat Exploration Company