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A Substituty of St. Mary Land & Exploration Co.

March 19, 2002

Mr. David K. Brooks New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 1220 South Francis Drive Sante Fe, NM 87505

Re: Non-compliant Wells

St. Mary Land & Exploration

Case No. 12811

Sent via fax (505) 476-3462

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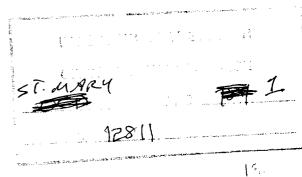
Dear Mr. Brooks:

The purpose of this letter is to update you on the status of the remaining identified non-compliant wells in Eddy Co. which are operated by our parent company – St. Mary Land & Exploration Company.

The Tecumseh Federal #001, API # 30-015-27935, was plugged and abandoned on March 13, 2002. Attached is a copy of the subsequent Sundry Notice report sent to the BLM.

The East Shugart Delaware Unit #001, API # 30-015-25741, was temporarily abandoned on March 18, 2002. A copy of the subsequent Sundry Notice to be sent to the BLM for this work is also attached (waiting on receipt of the MIT chart from the field to attach also).

The Osage Federal #017, API # 30-105-26298, we wish to defer action on as we hope to justify returning it to production. We shot a 3D seismic survey over this area in December 2001 and have not yet completed evaluation of the data. Preliminary indications suggest potential for Strawn or Morrow production in which we might be able to utilize the Osage #17 wellbore. We are reluctant to TA it as setting a bridge plug would be a double waste of money (the wellbore has commingled Bone Spring and Delaware perforations - a bridge plug would have to be set and then drilled out whether the ultimate decision is to reactivate it or to plug it).



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We request an additional 5 months to complete the geophysical/geological analysis, evaluate economics, receive regulatory and working interest owner approvals and implement a recompletion. Of course, if a recompletion is deemed uneconomic, then it could be plugged sooner.

St. Mary operates 6 producing wells on the Osage lease and the adjacent very successful long life Parkway Delaware Unit waterflood. We consider the chances of the Osage #17 being "orphaned" to be nil and feel the extension to bring it into compliance is in the best interest of the state of New Mexico to avoid waste and maximize ultimate recovery.

If you need additional details on any of these wells, I can be reached at (406) 255-8627.

Sincerely,

Herb Thackeray

Operations Engineer

Attachments: BLM Sundry Notices Tecumseh Federal #1 & ESDU #1

Cc: Lynne Ellison

St. Mary L&E - Denver

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