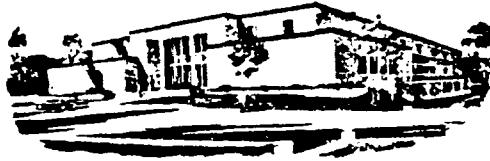


# State of New Mexico



W.R. HUMPHRIES  
COMMISSIONER



## Commissioner of Public Lands

SLO REF NO. OG-107

P.O. BOX 1148  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504-1148

May 7, 1987

Shell Western E & P Inc.  
ATTENTION: Mr. James H. Smitherman  
P. O. Box 576  
Houston, Texas 77001

Re: Proposed Northeast Drinkard Unit  
Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

This office has reviewed the unexecuted copy of unit agreement for the proposed Northeast Drinkard Unit area, Lea County, New Mexico. This agreement meets the general requirements of the Commissioner of Public Lands and has this date granted you preliminary approval as to form and content.

Preliminary approval shall not be construed to mean final approval of this agreement in any way and will not extend any short term leases, until final approval and an effective date have been given.

When submitting your agreement for final approval please submit the following:

1. Application for formal approval by the Commissioner setting forth the tracts that have been committed and the tracts that have not been committed.
2. A duplicate and original copy of the unit agreement.
3. All ratifications from the Lessees of Record and Working Interest Owners. All signatures should be acknowledged by a notary and one set must contain original signatures.
4. Order of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division and the Designation from the Bureau of Land Management. Our approval will be conditioned upon subsequent favorable approval by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division and the Bureau of Land Management.

Northeast Drinkard Unit  
Exhibit Eight  
Cases 9230  
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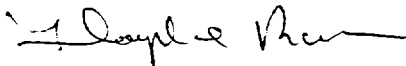
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Your filing fee in the amount of \$300.00 Dollars has been received.

If we may be of further help please do not hesitate to call on us.

Very truly yours,

W. R. HUMPHRIES  
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

BY: 

FLOYD O. PRANDO, Director  
Oil and Gas Division  
(505) 827-5744

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cc:           OCD-Santa Fe, New Mexico  
              BLM-Roswell, New Mexico