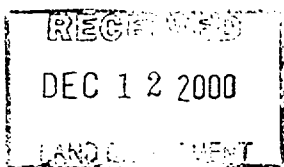


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### New Mexico State Land Office Commissioner of Public Lands Ray Powell, M.S., D.V.M.

December 5, 2000

Cross Timbers Oil Company  
810 Houston St., Suite 2000  
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Attention: Mr. Tim Welch

Re: Southeast Maljamar Grayburg-San Andres Unit  
Proposed Enlargement  
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Welch:

We have reviewed your proposed request for the second enlargement of the Southeast Maljamar Grayburg-San Andres Unit, Lea County, New Mexico. The Commissioner of Public Lands hereby grants Cross Timbers Oil Company preliminary approval to expand the boundaries of the above captioned unit.

It is our understanding that the following lands containing an additional 40.00 acres will be added to the existing unit area:

Township 17 South, Range 33 East  
SW/4SE/4

When Cross Timbers Oil Company submits the application for final expansion approval, the following must also be submitted:

1. Application for final approval by the Commissioner setting forth the tracts that have been committed and the tracts that have not been committed.
2. 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.
3. Evidence that Section 3.6 (c) "Enlargement of Unit Area" of the unit agreement has been complied with.
4. Amended plan of operation pursuant to Section 11 of the agreement.
5. Copies of revised Exhibits "A", "B" and "C".
6. Approval by the Bureau of Land Management and amended order from the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.
7. Any changes to the Unit Operating Agreement.

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8. A re-designation of the well names and numbers.
9. The filing fee for a unit agreement expansion is \$30.00 for every section or partial section thereof.

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

Very truly yours,

- RAY POWELL, M.S., D.V.M.  
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

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