



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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August 18, 2004  
New Mexico State Land Office  
Oil, Gas and Minerals Division  
310 Old Santa Fe Trail  
P.O. Box 1148  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-1148  
Attn: Joe Mraz or To Whom It May Concern

BEFORE EXAMINER STOGNER  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
*Mesarc* EXHIBIT NO. *M3*  
CASE NO. *13368, 13367, 13372*

RECEIVED  
AUG 23 2004  
OCD-ARTESIA

**RE: APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL IN POTASH AREA**

**OPERATOR:** Bass Enterprises Production Company  
**LEASE NAME:** James Ranch Unit # 93  
**LOCATION:** SEC. 7 TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST;  
660' FNL & 660' FEL  
EDDY COUNTY, NM, NMPM

**PROPOSED DEPTH:** 14,800'  
Dear Mr. Mraz or To Whom It May Concern,

The application for permit to drill identified above has been filed with this office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. Pursuit to the provisions of Oil Conservation Division Order R-111-P, please advise this office whether or not this application is within an established Life-of-Mine Reserve area filed with and approved by your office. If not, please advise whether it is within the buffer zone established by this order. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Bryan G. Arrant  
PES, District II Artesia NMOCD

In LMR Yes  No   
In Buffer Zone Yes  No

*Exh. M3*

*JRM  
7am  
8-19-04*

Comments:

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Signature:

Date: *8/19/04*