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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
3180 (P0220)  
NM70928A

Reference:  
Designation of Sub-Operator for  
Cotton Draw Unit Delaware Sand PA  
Agreement No. NM70928A  
Lea County, New Mexico

April 4, 2016

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Sahara Operating Company  
P.O. Box 4130  
Midland, TX 79704

Gentlemen:

This office has received and reviewed your designation of Sub-Operator in which your company has agreed to assume all rights, duties, and obligations as the Sub-Operator of the Delaware Sand Participating Area of the Cotton Draw Unit Agreement, Lea County, New Mexico.

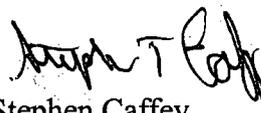
As your company has obtained a statewide \$189,500 BLM Bond (NMB001351) and all the conditions for becoming a successor unit operator have been met to the Authorized Officer's satisfaction, Sahara Operating Company, is hereby approved as the unit Sub-Operator for the Cotton Draw Unit Delaware Sand PA (NM70928A) underlying the Cotton Draw Unit as of this date and is effective June 1, 2015. This approval is subject to like approval by the State Commissioner of Public Lands.

In accordance with this approval, Sahara Operating Company is responsible for all operations and the reporting of all production from the unit. Well signs representing the Delaware Sand PA NM70928A should also reflect Sahara Operating Company as the unit Sub-Operator. Please inform all interested principles of such approval. An approved copy of this designation is enclosed.

In approving this designation, the Authorized Officer neither warrants nor certifies that the designated party has obtained all required approvals that would entitle it to conduct operations under the Cotton Draw Unit Delaware Sand PA Unit Agreement.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Edward G. Fernandez, Petroleum Engineer at the Division of Lands and Minerals at (575) 234-2220.

Sincerely,



Stephen Caffey  
Assistant Field Manager,  
Lands and Minerals

1 Enclosure

cc:

Commissioner of Public Lands  
ONRR, Denver  
NMOCD  
NM (P0221)  
NM (P0220), CFO