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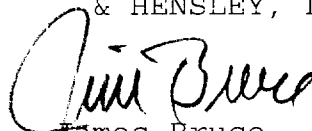
**Re: Application of Gillespie-Crow, Inc. for Certification of
a Positive Production Response**

Dear Dave:

Please place the above application on the docket for the examiner hearing to be held May 16, 1996. Enclosed is a draft proposed advertisement. Please note that my client is requesting an effective date of January 1, 1996. Call if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

HINKLE, COX, EATON, COFFIELD
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Enclosure

Case 11531: Application of Gillespie-Crow, Inc. for Certification of a Positive Production Response, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks certification, effective January 1, 1996, pursuant to the Rules and Procedures for Qualification of Enhanced Oil Recovery Projects and Certification for the Recovered Oil Tax Rate, as promulgated by Division Order No. R-9708, for a positive production response for the project area of the West Lovington Strawn Unit Area, comprising all of Section 33 and the W½ of Section 34, Township 15 South, Range 35 East, Lots 1-8 of Section 1, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, and Lots 3-5 of Section 6, Township 16 South, Range 36 East, which qualified for the recovered oil tax rate under New Mexico's "Enhanced Oil Recovery Act" (Laws 1992, Chapter 38, Sections 1 through 5) by Division Order No. R-10448. Said project area is located approximately 4.5 miles west-northwest of Lovington, New Mexico.