



Case 9178

INTERNATIONAL MINERALS & CHEMICAL CORPORATION

July 10, 1987

Victor T. Lyon
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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. Lyon:

On July 2, 1987, IMC Fertilizer, Inc. received a letter from Phillips Petroleum Company with a copy of their application for permit to drill the James A. Well No. 4 located 1980 feet from the north and 1980 feet from the east lines of Section 2, T-22-S, R-30-E, Eddy County, New Mexico.

On Tuesday, July 7, 1987 we received a telephone call from Joy Duncan of Phillips' Odessa office. She said that on June 30, 1987, the APD letters had been mailed to all parties and that for some unknown reason the NMOCD office had not received the application. Joy then requested that IMC do everything possible to expedite the Phillips' APD. In our effort to help Phillips expedite this APD, I called you yesterday and informed you that letters were mailed to your office in Santa Fe and to Les Clements in your Artesia office, stating that IMC would not protest the above locations.

While IMC is willing to assist in expediting an APD in a proper manner, we certainly believe, as a matter of safety for our mines and miners, that all R-111-A regulations and procedures must be followed exactly in processing all APD's.

Sincerely,

Clark H. McNaughton
Mine Operations Manager
Carlsbad Operations
IMC Fertilizer, Inc.

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