United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management Roswell District 2909 W. Second Street Roswell, New Mexico 88202

Attention:

Armando A. Lopez

RE:

OXY Pistachio RSG Fed. Com. #1

Section 17, T17S-R31E Eddy County, New Mexico

STATEMENT ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATIONS

OPERATOR NAME:

OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership

ADDRESS:

P. O. Box 50250

Midland, Texas 79710

The undersigned accepts all applicable terms, conditions, stipulations, and restrictions concerning operations conducted on the leased land or portion thereof, as described below:

LEASE NO.:

LC-049998-A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

660' FNL and 660' FEL Section 17,

T17S-R31E

Eddy County, New Mexico

FORMATIONS:

Limited to rights below a depth of 3,900'

BOND COVERAGE:

Nationwide

BLM BOND FILE NO.:

ES 0136

OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:

David R Evans

TITLE:

Sr. Landman Advisor

DATE:

December 5, 2002

cc: David Stewart