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 Shortcake Federal #1

Section 7, T19S-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.: NM-54113

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: 1980' FSL and 1830' FEL Section 7.

T19S-R31E

Eddy County, New Mexico

FORMATIONS: All

BOND COVERAGE: Nationwide

BLM BOND FILE NO.: ES 0136

OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: BY: Squall Warm

David R. Evans

TITLE: Sr. Landman Advisor **DATE:** February 4, 2002

cc: David Stewart