

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

DESIGNATION OF OPERATOR

The undersigned is, on the records of the Bureau of Land Management, holder of lease

STATE OFFICE: State of New Mexico-Carlsbad Resource Area
SERIAL NO.: LCO 70286

and hereby designates

NAME: M. Brad Bennett, Inc.
ADDRESS: Drawer 3700, Midland, Texas 79702 (915) 682-4336

as his operator and local agent, with full authority to act in his behalf in complying with the terms of the lease and regulations applicable thereto and on whom the authorized officer may serve written or oral instructions in securing compliance with the Operating Regulations (43 CFR 3160) with respect to (describe acreage to which this designation is applicable):

Well: Hudson Federal #1
API#: 30-015-2834
Field: Golden Lane (Strawn)
Location: 1650' FSL and 1650' FEL
Sec. 29-T20S-R30E

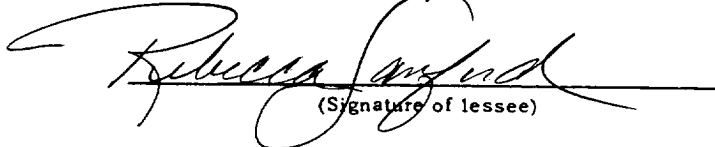
Bond coverage under 43 CFR 3104 for lease activities conducted by the above named designated operator is under Bond Number 3104 (943C-3TF).

It is understood that this designation of operator does not relieve the lessee of responsibility for compliance with the terms of the lease and the Operating Regulations. It is also understood that this designation of operator does not constitute an assignment of any interest in the lease.

In case of default on the part of the designated operator, the lessee will make full and prompt compliance with all regulations, lease terms, stipulations, or orders of the Secretary of the Interior or his representative.

The lessee agrees promptly to notify the authorized officer of any change in the designated operator.

VINTAGE PETROLEUM, INC.


(Signature of lessee)

4/25/95

(Date)

4200 One Williams Center, Tulsa OK 74172

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(Address)