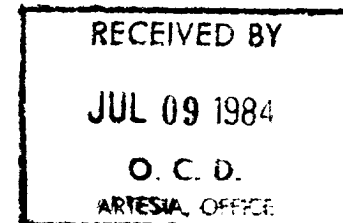


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Attn: Leslie A. Clements

RE: Extension of Drilling Permit  
Burton Flat Deep Unit Well No. 25  
East Avalon Bone Springs Field  
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Clements:

We received your letter dated July 3, 1984, stating that approval for our permit to drill the subject well had expired due to the fact that 180 days have passed without us having spudded this well. Our intention has been to commence drilling Well No. 25 as soon as we complete Well No. 32, which we are currently drilling. Under normal circumstances we would already have started on Well No. 25, but we have had problems drilling the intermediate section (interval 626' - 2500') in well No. 32, encountering severe lost circulation and sloughing sand, and we have been delayed because of this.

Therefore, Monsanto Oil Company respectfully requests that an extension be granted on our permit to drill the subject well, as our intention is to commence drilling operations on this well as soon as we finish Well No. 32.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
D. E. Brown  
Regional Production Manager

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