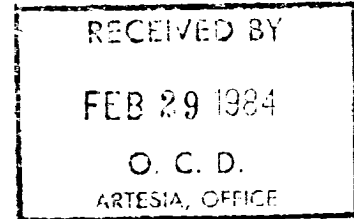


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February 27, 1984

Mr. Joe D. Ramey
Director
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State of New Mexico
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Dear Ramey:

Santa Fe Energy Company requests administrative approval of an unorthodox location for a 12,000' + Morrow test to be drilled 1330' FWL, 990' FNL, Section 27, T22S, R27E, Eddy County, New Mexico.

The reasons for this request are geographic in origin. That is, an electrical power line and an irrigation ditch run north-south through the vicinity of an orthodox location.

Sincerely,

Mike Burton
District Drilling Engineer

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