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Pogo Producing Company Attention: Richard L. Wright P.O. Box 10340 Midland, TX 79702

RE: Pure Gold "D" Federal Well No. 12 NM-40659 330' FSL & 2310' FEL, Sec. 28, T23S, R31E Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Wright:

On December 29, 1992, Pogo Producing Company filed an Application for Permit to Drill (APD) at the above referenced location. I am pleased to approve your APD at the present location. Your copy of the APD, with attached stipulations, is enclosed.

Through our analysis of the APD, we have determined that the well site is located a sufficient distance from the ore zones that potash resources should not be impacted.

If you need any additional information, please contact Tony Herrell in the Carlsbad Resource Area at (505) 887-6544.

Sincerely,

/s/ Monte Jordan

Larry L. Woodard State Director

1 Enclosure

bcc: NM (910, L. Woodard) NM (920, R. Smith) NM (060, A. Lopez) NM (060, L. Cone) NM (067, T. Herrell)