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Mitchell Energy Corporation Attention: George Mullen P. O. Box 4000 The Woodlands, TX 77387-4000

RE: Apache "25" Federal Well No. 1 NM-89052 1730' FNL & 660' FEL, Sec. 25, T22S, R30E Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Mullen:

On December 3, 1992, Mitchell Energy Corporation 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.

The APD was originally submitted to the Bureau Of Land Management on June 15, 1992. At that time the location was denied due to potash considerations. We requested the location be moved 1,500 to the southeast. The new APD is located 1,513 feet to the southeast. 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,

151 Monte G. Jordan

for 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)