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Note to Files

This APD was inadvertantly overlooked for signature at BLM's New Mexico State Office.

Neither BLM nor the operator noticed this omission when their respective copies of the APD were first received. Assuming that approval had been obtained, the operator commenced operations and ultimately completed the well.

Upon discovery of the missing approval signature, the operator notified BLM's Carlsbad Resource Area office who, in turn, notified BLM's New Mexico State Office. State office staff then prepared the APD for an after-the-fact signature dated October 16, 1995.

The purpose of this note is to establish that the operator was unaware of the missing approval signature when operations commenced, and to explain why the October 16, 1995 APD approval date is predated by drilling and completion operations on this well.

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