

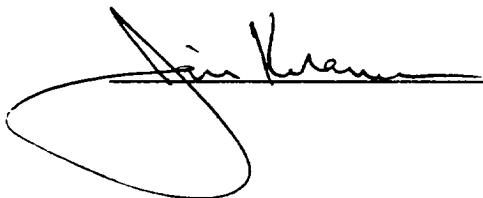
OPERATORS CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I, **Jim Kramer, Senior Staff Drilling Engineer**, under my direct supervision, have inspected the proposed drill site and access route that I am familiar with the conditions that currently exist; that the statements made in the APD package are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct, and that the work associated with operations proposed herein will be performed by **not yet determined** contractors and subcontractors in conformity with this APD package and the terms and conditions under which it is approved. I also certify responsibility for the operations conducted on that portion of the leased lands associated with this application, with bond coverage being provided under BLM **statewide** bond. This statement is subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001 for the filing of a false statement.

DATE: 12-17-97

NAME AND TITLE: Jim Kramer, Senior Staff Drilling Engineer

SIGNATURE:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Kramer", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J".