



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Carlsbad Resource Area Headquarters
620 E Greene Street
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220-6292

IN REPLY REFER TO:
3162.3-1 (067)
NM-91509

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Mitchell Energy Corporation
P. O. Drawer 4000
The Woodlands, Texas 77387-4000

Gentlemen:

Your Application for Permit to Drill (APD), along with your extension ending March 11, 1996 for the Apache "25" Federal Well No. 9 located 1980 feet FSL and 1650 feet FEL, Section 25, T. 22 S., R. 30 E., Eddy County, New Mexico, Lease No. NM-91509, has expired because drilling has not commenced within one year of the approval date as stated in the General Requirements for Oil and Gas Operations on Federal Leases.

If drilling operations have commenced on the referenced well, please contact this office at (505) 887-6544 and send all necessary reports (spud, casing/cementing, etc., 1 original and 5 copies) so we may correct our records.

If the well has not been spudded, but site construction activities have occurred, please contact this office at the above telephone number for surface reclamation instructions.

If you wish to drill this well at a later date, please submit a complete application (1 original and 5 copies). Since the original APD has expired, the resubmitted APD will be subject to all the processing requirements including the 30-day posting requirement. Please note on the resubmitted APD that it was previously approved and we will review the expired file for information which will help expedite the processing.

Sincerely,

/s/ TIMOTHY J. BURKE

FOR Richard L. Manus
Area Manager

cc: BLM-Roswell District Office
I & E-(Carlsbad/Hobbs)
NMOCD (Artesia/Hobbs)

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