



**NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS
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Bass Enterprises Production Company
P.O. Box 2760
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**RE: 1) James Ranch Unit Well No. 67, located in Unit L, Section 36, Township 22 South, Range 30
 East, Eddy County, New Mexico**

**2) James Ranch Unit Well No. 80, located in Unit B, Section 36, Township 22 South, Range 30
 East, Eddy County, New Mexico**

Dear Sirs/Madams,

The Applications to Drill (APD) for the above referenced wells cannot be approved until certain conditions are met with the Division pursuant to the provisions of the Order R-111-P. One such provision is the determination whether or not these locations are within an established Life-of Mine-Reserve Area (LMR) or lies within the buffer zone as defined by R-111-P. Oil Conservation Division will not be able to approve Bass's APDs until both the New Mexico State Land Office and the Bureau of Land Management review and sign off the applications.

The OCD will notify you as soon as both parties make a determination.

Respectfully Yours,

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cc: Bureau of Land Management
 New Mexico State Land Office