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October 24, 2001

High Plains Petroleum Corporation
3860 Carlock Drive
Boulder, Colorado 80305

Attn: Mr. John B. Somers II

Re: Downhole Commingling Application
New Mexico State Well No. 1
Lease VA-2178
Unit Letter C, Section 16-30N-16W
Horseshoe Gallup and Eagle Nest Mancos Pools
San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Somers:

Your application to downhole commingle the Horseshoe Gallup and Eagle Nest Mancos production from within the wellbore of the above-captioned well was received on October 15, 2001.

Since it appears that all the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division's rules and regulations have been complied with, and there will be no loss of revenue to the State of New Mexico as a result of your proposed operation, your request for downhole commingling is hereby approved. Any deviation from the substance of your request will be sufficient grounds for rescinding our approval. Our approvals is subject to like approval by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

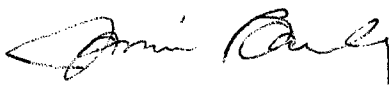
Please submit your \$30.00 dollar filing fee.

Also, please submit a copy of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division's approval order.

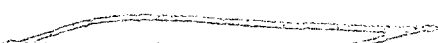
If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

RAY POWELL, M.S., D.V.M.
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