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October 22, 2002

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Attention: Ms. Carolyn J. Haynie

Re:

Application for Surface Commingling

R.E. Cole (NCT-A) Unit G. Section 16-22S-37E Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Haynie:

We are in receipt of your letter of September 18, 2002 requesting our approval for an amendment to NMOCD Commingling Order PC-303, allowing for the surface commingling of San Andres production from the Cole 'A' 5 Battery, to be added to the R.E. Cole (NCT-A) Tank Battery #1. NMOCD Commingling Order PC-303 currently provides for the surface commingling of production from the Blinebry, Drinkard, and Penrose Skelly pools from the R.E. Cole (NCT-A) Lease, Unit G, Sec. 16-22S-37E.

It is our understanding that the proposed facility will be equipped with a metering test separator for monthly allocation of production to each well.

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 is hereby approved. Our approval is subject to like approval by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

Your \$30.00 dollar filing fee has been received.

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. COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

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