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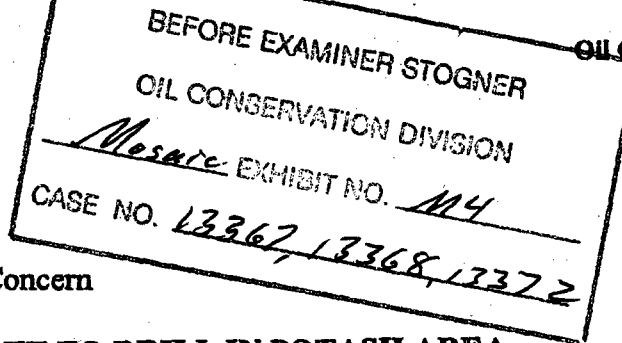
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New Mexico State Land Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
Attn: Joe Mraz or To Whom It May Concern



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RE: APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL IN POTASH AREA

OPERATOR: Devon Energy Production Company, L.P.
LEASE NAME: Apache '24' Fee # 6
LOCATION: SEC. 24 TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST,
1980' FNL & 660' FWL, Surface Location
EDDY COUNTY, NM, NMPM

PROPOSED DEPTH: 7900'.

Dear Joe or To Whom It May Concern,

The application for permit to drill identified above has been filed with this office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. Pursuit to the provisions of Oil Conservation Division Order 111-P, please advise this office whether or not this application is within an established Life-of-Mine Reserve area filed with and approved by your office. If not, please advise whether it is within the buffer zone established by this order.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Bryan G. Arrant
PES, District II Artesia NMOCD

In LMR
In Buffer Zone

Yes X
Yes _____

No _____
No _____

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Comments:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 1/5/04