

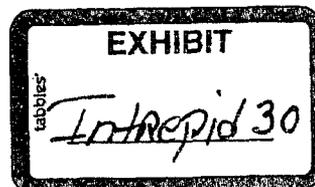
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Subject: Introduction to the Potash Gas Migration Project

To All Stakeholders:

This email is to advise you that the discussions between Sandia National Laboratories (SNL aka Sandia) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have been completed, and SNL now is prepared to initiate an independent analysis for BLM of gas migration issues related to concurrent development of potash, and oil & gas resources in SE New Mexico. A copy of the Intra-Governmental Order Articles for the Potash Gas Migration Project is attached to this email. In addition I am attaching a "draft" technical communications list of current stakeholder information. Please feel free to edit or add to the contacts on this list, as appropriate, to best represent your interests and communication needs.

Informal questions have been raised by several of the stakeholders as to how, when, and where we would seek and obtain data from stakeholders for the Potash Gas Migration Project. To clear the air, BLM & SNL will offer to host closed, individual, proprietary half-day sessions in Carlsbad, NM in order to receive data and information from individual stakeholders. We expect to set up these closed sessions in Carlsbad during March 2008---exact times and specific locations to be determined. Individual stakeholders will have an opportunity to submit proprietary/confidential information to BLM [and the Sandia project team] during their scheduled closed session. BLM will assure the security of any information and data provided, and officially transmit a complete set/copy to SNL for consideration in the study. Participation in the closed sessions is optional, and this does not preclude stakeholders from directly submitting information and data to BLM, for consideration by SNL, prior to and/or in addition to these closed sessions. We ask that stakeholders submit two complete sets to BLM---one to be retained by BLM, and the other to be transmitted to SNL. We have developed and executed a Nondisclosure Agreement (NDA) between BLM & SNL, which also is included as an attachment to this email. This internal agreement is comprehensive and covers all exchange of data and information between BLM and Sandia [serving as contractor to BLM].

All proprietary and confidential information/data must be clearly stamped and submitted in duplicate to BLM---so it can be held, transmitted, and used by the project team in accordance with Federal regulations and the NDA between BLM & SNL. The two copies are to be submitted to:



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We wish to open a professional dialogue; create an exchange of information; and gain access to scientific and engineering information having a bearing on this project that may not be published, or readily available. As such, we encourage technical experts to communicate directly with Mr Brian L. Ehgartner, Project Manager at SNL, as appropriate. But at the same time, we intend to maintain an "arms length" relationship with any and all contributors so that our investigation is unbiased and objective.

Additional updates will be forthcoming from BLM and Sandia as we move ahead.

We look forward to working with you on this project.

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Attachments: Intra-Governmental Order Articles; Non Disclosure Agreement; Technical Communications List

(See attached file: Gas Migration IGO Articles 071907.doc) (See attached file: SNL_BLM NDA pdf)

(See attached file: POTASH GAS MIGRATION Tech Comm List 120507--EXTERNAL doc)