



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Farmington Field Office
1235 La Plata Highway, Suite A
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

IN REPLY REFER TO:
3180 (21110)

August 6, 2010

Hess Corporation
Attn.: Jim Hughart
500 Dallas Street
Houston, TX 77002

Dear Mr. Hughart:

Reference is made to your application dated July 6, 2010 requesting approval to expand the West Bravo Dome Carbon Dioxide Unit (WBDCDU). This expansion will add approximately 42,331 acres to the current unit area of 34,655 acres. This expansion will result in an enlarged unit area of approximately 76,949.58 acres (gross).

The expansion is considered acceptable on the basis of your supporting geologic and engineering data. We hereby concur with the proposed expansion pursuant to the terms and conditions of the WBDCDU. Please provide this office with one copy of the application for final approval, accompanied by the appropriate joinders and final Exhibits "A", "B" and "C". Please be sure that Exhibit "A" at tract numbers 119, 120 and 125 are corrected to reflect Exhibit "B" tract numbers 118, 119 and 120.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the above address or telephone me at (505) 599-6367.

Sincerely,

Jim Lovato
Senior Advisor, Petroleum Engineer
Petroleum Management Team

Cc: NMOCD: Santa Fe
State of NM, Commissioner of Public Lands

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
Santa Fe, New Mexico
Case No. 14545 Exhibit No. 7
Submitted by:
HESS CORPORATION
Hearing Date: September 16, 2010