

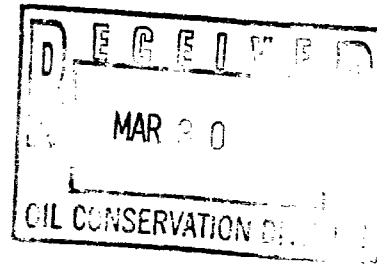


PLAINS
PETROLEUM
OPERATING
COMPANY

March 28, 1995

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
P. O. Box 1980
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Re: Application to Drill
E. C. Hill 'B' Federal #13
947' FSL & 1361' FEL (SHL)
1120' FSL & 1380' FEL (BHL)
Sec 34 (O), T23S, R37E
Lea County, New Mexico
Lease No.: 064118



Dear Sirs:

We are sending you a copy of the Application to Drill for the subject well for your future reference. The Application has been submitted in triplicate to the Bureau of Land Management, in Carlsbad. We are aware that the location for the above well is unorthodox. The geological support required to substantiate administrative approval will be forwarded as soon as the drafting of the data is completed. In the event that administrative approval may not be granted, please schedule us for the earliest possible hearing prior to receiving the geological data. Should you have any questions, please call me at (915)-683-4434.

Sincerely,

PLAINS PETROLEUM OPERATING COMPANY

Dominic J. Bazile
Area Engineer