EXHIBIT 14

Affidavit of Notice Regarding Hearing for Approval of Waterflood Project East Shugart (Delaware) Unit

State of New Mexico)
Counties of Eddy and Lea) ss

B. Lynne Ellison, being first duly sworn, upon oath deposes and says:

I am of legal age and have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein. By letter dated May 27, 1999, I, as Landman for St. Mary Land & Exploration Company, Operator of the proposed East Shugart (Delaware) Unit covering 604.12 acres, more or less, described as:

Township 18 South, Range 31 East, NM Meridian

Section 13: S/2SE/4
Section 24: NE/4 and N/2SE/4
Eddy County, New Mexico

Township 18 South, Range 32 East, NM Meridian

Section 18: Lot 4 (SW/4SW/4) Section 19: Lots 1, 2 (W/2NW/4); Lot 3 (NW/4SW/4); E/2NW/4 and NE/4SW/4

Lea County, New Mexico

sent notice to all surface owners within the area covered by the proposed unit and to the operators or lessees of offseting acreage that a hearing has been scheduled before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on June 24, 1999 relative to an application for approval of a waterflood project. Copies of the application were attached to the notices. The notices were delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested. A copy of the letter along with copies of the signed return receipts are attached to this Affidavit.

Further Affiant sayeth not.

B. Lynne Ellison

Subscribed and sworn to before me this __/372_day of July, 1999.

My Commission Expires:

Notary Public for the State of Colorado

Residing at 1776 LIncoun ST. STE 1100

Denver Co 80203

Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested

May 27, 1999

To: See Attached List of Addressees

Re: East Shugart (Delaware) Unit

Eddy and Lea Counties, NM

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of an application for approval of a waterflood project for the proposed East Shugart (Delaware) Unit filed with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division by St. Mary Land & Exploration Company.

This matter will be heard at 8:15 a.m. on Thursday, June 24, 1999 at the Division's offices at 2040 South Pacheco Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505. Our records indicate that you are a surface owner or an offset operator/lessee. You have the right to enter an appearance and participate in the hearing. Failure to appear at the hearing will preclude you from contesting this matter at a later date. If you will be appearing at the hearing, you are requested to notify the attorney for the applicant no later than Friday, June 18, 1999. Our attorney is James Bruce, P. O. Box 1056, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504.

Very truly yours,

St. Mary Land & Exploration Company

B. Lynne Ellison

Landman

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Attachments

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RAY WESTALL BOX 4 LOCO HILLS NM 88255 YATES PETROLEUM COMPANY 105 S 4TH ST ARTESIA NM 88210 CONOCO INC 10 DESTA DR #100W MIDLAND TX 79705

BOYLE & STOVALL BETTIS BOX 1240 GRAHAM TX 76450-1240 THUNDERBOLT PETROLEUM LLC BOX 10523 MIDLAND TX 79702 KEVIN O BUTLER & ASSOCIATES 500 W TEXAS STE 955 MIDLAND TX 79701

18-31 INC PO BOX 1120 ROSWELL NM 88202 HARVEY E YATES CO PO BOX 1933 ROSWELL NM 88202-1933 ARMANDO LOPEZ
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