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September 6, 2000

Mr. James Bruce  
P. O. Box 1056  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Re: West Lovington Strawn Unit  
Second Expansion  
Lea County, New Mexico

*Case 12289*

Dear Mr. Bruce:

We are in receipt of your letter of August 5, 2000, wherein on behalf of Gillespie Oil, Inc., you have requested final approval for the second expansion of the West Lovington Strawn Unit. The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, by Case No. 12289, Order R-10864-B, recently approved the second expansion of the West Lovington Strawn Unit effective November 1, 1997 and April 1, 1999.

The Commissioner of Public Lands hereby grants final approval to expand the boundaries of the West Lovington Strawn Unit. Approval of the second expansion increases the size of the unit from 1,618.95 acres to 2,622.12 acres. It is our understanding that since Tract No. 15 should have been added to the WLSU with the first expansion, its inclusion is effective November 1, 1997. The expansion of the unit to include Tract Nos. 16 through 25 is effective April 1, 1999.

Enclosed are 3 Certificates of Conditional Approval. Our approval is given subject to the conditions as set out in the attached Certificate of Conditional Approval.

Our approval is also subject to like approval by the Bureau of Land Management and the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

RAY POWELL, M.S., D.V.M.  
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