



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Drawer 1857  
Roswell, New Mexico 88201

December 6, 1968

Sinclair Oil Corporation  
P. O. Box 1470  
Midland, Texas 79701

Attention: Mr. C. R. McClain

Gentlemen:

On December 6, 1968, the Acting Oil and Gas Supervisor, Southern Rocky Mountain Region, approved the Guadalupe Ridge unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico, filed by your company as unit operator. This agreement has been designated No. 14-08-0001-11564 and is effective as of the date of approval.

Enclosed is one copy of the approved unit agreement for your records. We request that you furnish the State of New Mexico and any other interested principals with appropriate evidence of this approval.

Sincerely yours,

*Carl C. Traywick*

CARL C. TRAYWICK  
Acting Oil and Gas Supervisor

CERTIFICATION - DETERMINATION

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Pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior, as to Federal Lands, under the Act approved February 25, 1920, 41 Stat. 437, 30 U.S.C. Secs. 181, et seq., as amended, and delegated to the Oil and Gas Supervisors of the Geological Survey (33 F.R. 5812), I do hereby:

A. Approve the attached agreement for the development and operation of the Guadalupe Ridge Unit Area, Eddy County, State of New Mexico.

B. Certify and determine that the unit plan of development and operation contemplated in the attached agreement is necessary and advisable in the public interest for the purpose of more properly conserving the natural resources.

C. Certify and determine that the drilling, producing, rental, minimum royalty, and royalty requirements of all Federal leases committed to said agreement are hereby established, altered, changed, or revoked to conform with the terms and conditions of this agreement.

12-6-68

Dated

Acting Carl C. Trautman  
Oil and Gas Supervisor, United  
States Geological Survey

14-08-0001-11564

Contract No.



# United States Department of the Interior

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
P. O. Box 26124  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87125

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APR 30 1980

Benson-Montin-Greer Corp.  
Attention: Albert R. Greer  
221 Petroleum Center Building  
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

Gentlemen:

Your application of September 28, 1979, filed with the Production and Unit Agreement Supervisor, Roswell, New Mexico, requests preliminary approval of a proposed expansion of the La Plata Mancos unit area, San Juan County, New Mexico.

The La Plata Mancos unit agreement, No. 14-08-0001-11569, was approved effective June 1, 1969. The unit area presently contains 2,993.3 acres, more or less, following the 1977 elimination of some of the acreage within the initial unit area. Your proposed expansion will add 309.42 acres, more or less, to the unit area and would be included in the participating area. The expansion consists of 189.42 acres (61.2%) of Federal land, 80.00 acres (25.9%) of fee land, and 40.00 acres (12.9%) of state land. Upon approval of such expansion, the La Plata Mancos unit area will be increased to 3,302.72 acres, more or less.

The proposed expansion and inclusion in the participating area is regarded as acceptable on the basis of being necessary for unit operations. Accordingly, no objection will be offered to the proposed expansion of the La Plata Mancos unit area if it is accomplished in accordance with the applicable provisions of Section 2 of the unit agreement within one year of the date of this preliminary approval. All terms and conditions of the unit agreement will apply to the expanded portion of the unitized area in the same manner as to the original unit area.

A minimum of five copies of the application for final approval, accompanied by the appropriate joinders, should be filed with our Albuquerque, New Mexico office.

The format of the original exhibits attached to the unit agreement should be followed closely in the preparation of revised Exhibits A and B. The existing tracts should not be renumbered.

Sincerely yours,

(ORIG. SGD.) JAMES W. SUTHERLAND

James W. Sutherland  
Acting Conservation Manager  
For the Director

cc: NMOCD, Santa Fe

# State of New Mexico



## Commissioner of Public Lands

July 1, 1980

ALEX J. ARMIJO  
COMMISSIONER

P. O. BOX 1148  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

REGISTERED MAIL-Returned Receipt Requested

Benson-Montin-Greer Corporation  
221 Petroleum Center Building  
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

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Re: La Plata Mancos Unit  
Expansion  
San Juan County, New Mexico

ATTENTION: Mr. Albert R. Greer

Gentlemen:

The United States Geological Survey records indicate preliminary approval was given on April 30, 1980, to a proposed expansion of the La Plata Mancos Unit. On May 8, 1980, you were advised by this office to submit your proposed expansion for the Commissioner's approval. To date we have received nothing from you on this matter.

In compliance with Chap. 19-10-20, N.M.S.A. 1978 Comp., you are hereby given Thirty (30) days from date of this letter in which to submit your proposal for expansion of the subject unit. Your failure to comply with this request will subject the unit to termination without further notice.

Very truly yours,

ALEX J. ARMIJO  
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

BY:  
RAY D. GRAHAM, Director  
Oil and Gas Division  
AC 505-827-2748

AJA/RDG/s

cc:           OCD-Santa Fe, New Mexico ✓  
              USGS-Roswell, New Mexico  
              USGS-Albuquerque, New Mexico

BENSON-MONTIN-GREER DRILLING CORP.

221 PETROLEUM CENTER BUILDING  
FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO 87401  
PHONE: 325-8874

August 26, 1980



Commissioner of Public Lands  
P.O. Box 1148  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. Ray D. Graham, Director  
Oil and Gas Division

Re: LA PLATA MANCOS UNIT:  
PROPOSAL FOR EXPANSION

Dear Sir:

In response to your recent requests we are sending you copy of our application dated September 28, 1979, addressed to the U.S.G.S., to your office and to the Oil Conservation Division regarding expansion of the La Plata Mancos Unit. We understand that you do not have in your files this application, but you do have Mr. Smith's letter of October 4, 1979 requesting information following receipt of the proposal. To complete your files we are sending you also our response to Mr. Smith's letter.

I believe you have copy of letter from the U.S.G.S. approving the plan and referring to it as a "preliminary application" and allowing a year to present the final application. It was our understanding when we made the application last October that we had done all that was required under the terms of the Unit Agreement to qualify for final approval and that once approved by the U.S.G.S. and the State Land Office, the expansion would be effective - as called for in the Unit Agreement - on the first of the month following the date of the application, which would be November 1, 1979. For this reason, and in order to save paperwork (retroactive adjustments of reporting of production, income and taxes) we have reported the G-32 well as being part of the unit production since November 1, 1979. We have not yet pursued this issue with the U.S.G.S., but it is our intention to do so. If the U.S.G.S. concurs, then when we have received your approval and the U.S.G.S. approval, the effective date will be November 1, 1979 and it will not be necessary to file amended production reports.

If, however, the effective date will be different from November 1, 1979 - or if either the U.S.G.S. or the State Land Office should not approve the application, then we will, of course, be required to file amended reports.

BENSON-MONTIN-GREER DRILLING CORP.

Commissioner of Public Lands

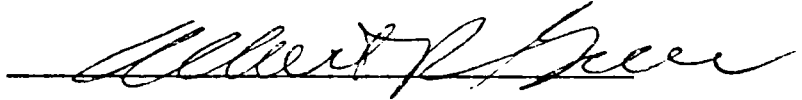
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August 26, 1980

We hereby request that you accept this delayed response to your requests for information and reinstate the Land Office's position in the Unit.

Yours very truly,

BENSON-MONTIN-GREER DRILLING CORP.

BY:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Albert R. Greer", written over a horizontal line.

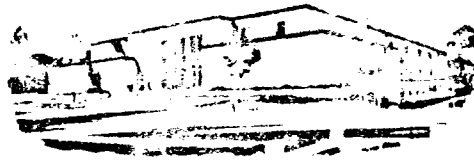
Albert R. Greer, President

cc: U.S.G.S.  
P.O. Box 26124  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87125

cc: Oil Conservation Divison  
P.O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

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State of New Mexico



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ALEX J. ARMIJO  
COMMISSIONER

Commissioner of Public Lands

September 2, 1980

P. O. BOX 1148  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

REGISTERED MAIL-RETURNED RECEIPT REQUESTED

Benson-Montin-Greer Corporation  
221 Petroleum Center Building  
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

Re: La Plata Mancos Unit  
San Juan County, New Mexico

ATTENTION: Mr. Albert R. Greer

Gentlemen:

We have received your letter of August 26, 1980 and a copy of your letter of September 28, 1979, in connection with expansion of the La Plata Mancos Unit. We are reinstating our approval of this unit effective August 22, 1980.

We will review the proposed expansion of the La Plata Mancos Unit and will reply in the very near future.

Very truly yours,

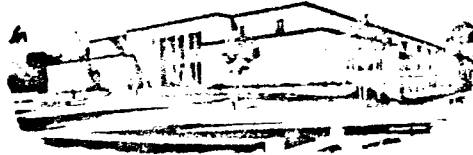
ALEX J. ARMIJO  
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

BY:  
RAY D. GRAHAM, Director  
Oil and Gas Division

AJA/RDG/s  
cc:

OCD-Santa Fe, New Mexico  
USGS-Roswell, New Mexico  
USGS-Albuquerque, New Mexico

State of New Mexico



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Commissioner of Public Lands

August 22, 1980

ALEX J. ARMIJO  
COMMISSIONER

P. O. BOX 1148  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

REGISTERED MAIL-RETURNED RECEIPT REQUESTED

Benson-Montin-Greer Corporation  
221 Petroleum Center Building  
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

Re: La Plata Mancos Unit  
Expansion  
San Juan County, New Mexico

ATTENTION: Mr. Albert R. Greer

Gentlemen:

By our letter of July 1, 1980, you were given Thirty (30) days in which to submit your proposal for expansion of the subject unit to this office. To date we have had no answer to our letter.

This is to officially notify you that we are this date revoking our approval of November 13, 1968 on this unit and all State lands will no longer be a part of the unit agreement.

Please notify all interested parties of this action.

Very truly yours,

ALEX J. ARMIJO  
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

BY:

RAY D. GRAHAM, Director  
Oil and Gas Division  
AC 505-827-2748

AJA/RDG/s  
cc:

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USGS-Albuquerque, New Mexico



WHITE, GILBERT, KOCH & KELLY

(GILBERT, WHITE AND GILBERT)

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

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L. C. WHITE

WILLIAM W. GILBERT

SUMNER S. KOCH

WILLIAM BOOKER KELLY

JOHN F. MCCARTHY, JR.

September 20, 1968

POST OFFICE BOX 787

TELEPHONE 982-4301

(AREA CODE 505)

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission  
P. O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. Dan Nutter

Dear Dan: Re: Sinclair's Application for Approval of  
a Unit Agreement, Guadalupe Ridge Unit Area  
Eddy County, New Mexico

Pursuant to our conversation of yesterday, I enclose the modified Unit Agreement which has been approved by the District Supervisor of the U.S.G.S. This agreement is basically the same as the agreement approved by the Commission in Cause 3832 heard on August 7, 1968. However the new unit agreement does give the Commission supervision over the fee lands.

Assuming we have no opposition to this hearing, it is my understanding that it will not be necessary to have a witness on behalf of Sinclair, but that I may, as their attorney, introduce the unit agreement and make a short statement of explanation. I also understand that this case will be set for the October 9th hearing.

Very truly yours,

*W. B. Kelly*

W. B. KELLY

WBK:cc

cc: Mr. C. R. McClain  
Sinclair Oil & Gas Company  
P. O. Box 1470  
Midland, Texas 79701

DOCKET MAILED

Date 9-26-68



SINCLAIR OIL CORPORATION

P. O. Box 1470  
MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

December 16, 1968

SOUTHERN REGION (WEST TEXAS)  
DOMESTIC OIL & GAS DIVISION

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission  
P. O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

RE: Guadalupe Ridge Unit  
Agreement - Eddy County,  
New Mexico  
Case #3886, Order #R-3471-A

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith is copy of fully executed Unit Agreement for the development and operation of the Guadalupe Ridge Unit Area, Eddy County, New Mexico, together with evidence of approval thereof by the United States Geological Survey.

Yours very truly,

C. R. McClain

CRM:gt  
Encl.

State of New Mexico  
Oil Conservation Commission



**STATE GEOLOGIST  
A. L. PORTER, JR.  
SECRETARY - DIRECTOR**

October 22, 1968

Re: Case No. 3886  
Order No. R-3471-A  
Applicant:  
  
Sinclair Oil & Gas Co.

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Commission order recently entered in the subject case.

*A. L. Porter, Jr.*  
A. L. PORTER, Jr.  
Secretary-Director

Other Unit Division - State Land Office