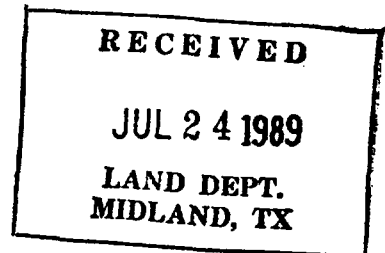


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July 19, 1989

Pending File No. 6-89(0029-89)
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Mr. Patrick J. Tower
Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P.
Permian Basin District
500 W. Illinois, Ste. 500
Midland, Texas 79701

Dear Mr. Tower:

Your request to join in a 12,250' Atoka formation test dated July 12 has been assigned the number 6-89(0029-89) which you should caption in any future correspondence.

When we receive recommendation from management, Mr. Joe B. Thomas, Trades and Units landman, will be contacting you with their decision.

Yours very truly,


Kathryn A. Neeper
Trades Group

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