

## Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 21, 2013 9:47 AM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD; Randall Hicks  
**Cc:** Greg Boans; 'Dean Chumbley'; Jim Burnett; 'Dale Littlejohn'  
**Subject:** RE: Murchison War Horse 3H  
**Attachments:** War Horse #1H - APD - COAs.pdf; War Horse #3H - APD Complete Ltr.pdf

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In reply refer to:

3162.3-1 (P0220)  
NM030752  
ATS-13-276

1/25/2013

Your Reference:

3H-War Horse Fed Com, Lease NM030752  
2290'S. & 0175'E., sec. 21, T. 18 S., R. 29 E., Eddy County, NM

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc

Attn: *Cindy Cottrell*

1100 Mira Vista Blvd

Plano, TX 75093

Gentlemen:

This office has received all information as requested on January 14, 2013 for the referenced well and it has been determined that your Application for Permit to Drill is now complete. In compliance with 43 CFR 3162.3-1(h), Section 366 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and Onshore Order No. 1, the intent of this office is to process your application and take action within 30 days if all regulatory requirements have been met.

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie McKinney at (575) 234-5931.

Sincerely,

*Don Peterson*

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Assistant Field Manager, Minerals

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I saw it and already sent an email to Jim Amos. I do not believe that John Fast put our pit application in the file – it was sent to him on 10/18.

Give us a few days to sort this out before you do anything with respect to this permit

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Gentlemen,

Please see part VI.C on page 4, and part VII.E on page 11 of the well #1H APD-COA.

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