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FW: MARBOB XTX STATE # 1

Attachments:

From: Tom McGuire [mailto:Tom.McGuire@intrepidpotash.com]

Sent: Sun 7/31/2005 4:15 PM To: Arrant, Bryan, EMNRD

Subject: RE: MARBOB XTX STATE # 1

Bryan,

The Location of this well is near the Northwest portion of the old AMAX/Horizon mine. The location of the well is more than a half mile from the open works. The AMAX/Horizon mine is currently considered an abandoned mine, it has no LMR at this point in time.

This well is exempt from complying with R-111P casing regulations.

Let me know if helps you or if you need more information.

Thanks.

Tom McGurie

Senior Mine Engineer

Intrepid Potash – NM, LLC.

From: Arrant, Bryan, EMNRD [mailto:bryan.arrant@state.nm.us]

Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2005 8:16 AM

To: Tom McGuire

Subject: FW: MARBOB XTX STATE # 1

From: Arrant, Bryan, EMNRD Sent: Wed 7/27/2005 8:04 AM

To: TOM.MCGUIRE@INTREPIDPOTASH.COM

Cc: Gum, Tim, EMNRD; JOE.MRAZ@SLO.STATE.NM.US

Subject: MARBOB XTX STATE # 1

Hello Tom.

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(Exhibit "A" of R-111-P).

Clarification meaning whether or not the location of this well falls "Outside Buffer zone but within one-half (1/2) mile of LMR" or "More than one-half mile but less than one mile from LMR", or whatever. As you are aware, this information is found in Section III-"Drilling in the Potash Area" in R-111-P.

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If this well location falls under either one, then we (the NMOCD) will require the operator in cementing and casing requirements set forth in section V of R-111-P.

Thanks.

Bryan G. Arrant 505-748-1283.103

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30-015-34243

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The proposed location in Sec. 32; T18S; R30E; 1830' FSL & 1980' FWL is 3,100 feet from open mine workings. The mine is the abandoned Horizon Potash mine. There currently is not an LMR on this area since it is not leased for potash. Intrepid Potash has filed for a lease modification on the federal portions of the Horizon Mine. If the leases are issued they will be able to file an LMR on this area. BLM restricts the drilling of gas wells to further than 1/2 mile from open mine workings and 1/4 mile for oil wells. The proposed well is further than 1/2 mile from open mine workings. This location looks OK to me.

Craig C. Cranston Mining Engineer BLM

> "Arrant, Bryan, EMNRD" <bryan.arrant@sta te.nm.us>

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Bryan

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July 19, 2005
Bureau of Land Management
620 East Greene St.
Carlsbad, NM 88220-6292
Attn: Craig Cranston or To Whom It May Concern

RE: APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL IN POTASH AREA

OPERATOR:

Marbob Energy Corporation

LEASE NAME:

XTX State #1

LOCATION:

SEC. 32 TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST,

1830' FSL & 1980' FWL (Surface location)

EDDY COUNTY, NM, NMPM

PROPOSED DEPTH: 12,000'

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Thank you for your assistance.

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Sincerely,				
Bryan G. Arrant				
PES, District II Artes	ia NMOCD			
In LMR	Yes	No		
In Buffer Zone	Yes	No		
Comments:				
Signature:			Date:	



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