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In Reply Refer To: 3162.4 (080) NM-97153

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BTA Oil Producers 104 S. Pecos Midland, TX 79701

Gentlemen:

Your Application for Permit to Drill (APD), for the following well has expired because drilling has not commenced within one year of the approval date as stated in the General Requirements for Oil and Gas Operations on Federal Leases.

NM-97153 Vaca Draw 9418 JV-P #2

660'/N & 1980'/E

30-025-35368 Sec. 10, T.25S, R.33E

APD was approved on 01/18/01, last approved APD extension expired on 01/18/03

If drilling operations have commenced on the referenced well, please contact this office at (505) 234-5972 and send all necessary reports (spud, casing/cementing, etc., 1 original and 5 copies) to the Roswell Field Office, 2909 West Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico 88202, so we may correct our records.

If the well has not been spudded, but site construction activities have occurred, please contact this office at the above telephone number for surface reclamation instructions.

If you wish to drill this well at a later date, please submit a complete application (1 original and 5 copies) to the Roswell Field Office. Since the original APD has expired, the resubmitted APD will be subject to all the processing requirements including the 30-day posting requirement. Please note on the resubmitted APD that it was previously approved and we will review the expired file for information which will help expedite the processing. If you have any questions please contact Joe Lara at (505) 234-5915 or Betty Hill at (505) 234-5937.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mary J. Rugwell

Mary Jo Rugwell Assistant Field Manager Lands & Minerals

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