

BLM approves federal wells in potash area so we do not have to worry about this.

STATE & FEE LEASES

Post to map and if within the potash area outlined on map or within 1 mile of that area do the following:

- 1) Make certain operator has filed a plat of the area showing the potash lessees for the area where the well is located as well as the 1-mile radius referred to.
- 2) Make certain operator has notified all of the potash lessees by certified mail of the APD. They must send copy of delivery notice to us since 20-day waiting period starts from delivery date.

- 3) Send letter to BLM and SLO advising them of this APD and request they advise if this location is within LMR or buffer zone.

BUFFER ZONE -- shallow well is 1/4 mile of LMR
-- deep well is 1/2 mile of LMR

- 4) If application is within LMR or buffer zone you must DENY it under R-111-P unless, there is a mutual agreement of lessor and lessees of oil & gas and potash interests. Copy of this agreement must be submitted with APD.
- 5) If application is outside LMR or buffer zone and no objection is received within 20 days from date of receipt by potash lessees of certified notice, the APD may be approved.

3D-025-38907

CHECK LIST FOR PROCESSING APD IN POTASH AREA

OPERATOR: Chesapeake Operating Inc

LEASE & WELL Lost Tank 16 State # 4-D

LOCATION 16-215-32e 330/W & 330/W PROPOSED DEPTH 8700

DATE APD RECEIVED 5/6/08 WAS PLAT OF AREA ATTACHED _____

WERE ALL POTASH LESSEES NOTIFIED BY CERTIFIED MAIL? _____

20-DAY WAITING PERIOD BEGINS _____ ENDS _____

WERE WAIVERS RECEIVED? Yes

DATE SLO NOTIFIED 5/6/08 DATE REPLY RECEIVED 5/12/08

DATE BLM NOTIFIED 5/6/08 DATE REPLY RECEIVED 5/12/08

IS LOCATION INSIDE LMR OR BUFFER ZONE? YES X NO _____

IF LOCATION INSIDE LMR OR BUFFER ZONE WAS LESSEE/LESSOR AGREEMENT FURNISHED _____

DATE APD APPROVED 5/14/08 DATE APD DENIED _____



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RE: APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL IN POTASH AREA

OPERATOR Chesapeake Operating IncLEASE NAME Lost Tank 16 State #4-DPROPOSED LOCATION 16-21s-32e, 33D/W & 33D/WPROPOSED DEPTH 8700'

Gentlemen:

The application for permit to drill identified above has been filed with this office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. Pursuant to the provisions of Oil Conservation Division Order R-111-P, please advise this office whether the location is within an established Life-of-Mine-Reserve are filed with and approved by your office. If not, please advise whether it is within the buffer zone established by the order.

Thank you for your assistance. Please return as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Chris Williams

Supervisor, District I

RESPONSE:

The above-referenced location is in LMR (2007 year)-----Yes ☒ No ☐The above referenced location is within the Buffer Zone-----Yes ☐ No ☐Signed Jami Bailey Date 11/6/07Printed Signature JAMI BAILEYRepresenting SLOJoni 10:20am
11-5-07

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RESPONSE:

The above-referenced location is in LMR (2008 year) ----- Yes ☒ No ☐

The above-referenced location is within the Buffer Zone ----- Yes ☒ No ☐

Signed

Date 5-6-2008

Printed Signature JAMES RUTLEY

Representing DOI - BLM - CFO

Oil Conservation Division * 1625 N. French Dr. *

* Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

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FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE DRILLING OF
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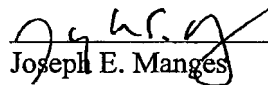
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WITHDRAWAL OF OBJECTIONS

Intrepid Potash - New Mexico, LLC ("Intrepid") by and through its undersigned counsel hereby withdraws its objections to the Applications of Chesapeake Operating, Inc. in the above referenced matters. Chesapeake withdraws this protest without prejudice or waiver of its rights to object to any future wells proposed to be drilled in the R-111-P Potash Area as defined in the regulations, and without waiver of its objections stated in these proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,



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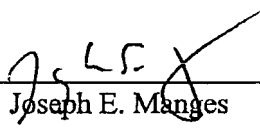
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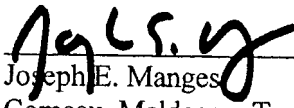
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Subject: RE: Cases Nos. 14100 and 14101; Applications of Chesapeake to drill in the potash area

Mr. Brooks and Ms. Munds-Dry,

I just returned to the office from Abq.

This will confirm that Intrepid has withdrawn its protests to the above applications. Intrepid simply wanted to withdraw the protest while preserving its objections to any future wells. Intrepid will not be appearing at any hearing on the applications. I hope this clarifies our client's position. Thank you

Joe

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Importance: High

Mr. Brooks:

I have not seen a response from Mr. Manges yet but we would appreciate knowing your decision on this matter today if at all possible. My witnesses are supposed to get on a plane first thing tomorrow morning. I understand your inquiry so hopefully Mr. Manges has already responded to you or will do so shortly.

Thanks to all for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Ocean

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Dear Mr. Manges

My attention has been called to Intrepid Potash's Amended Withdrawal of Objections filed in these cases. I have been asked if these cases must still be heard.

It seems to me that Intrepid's amended withdrawal is self-contradictory. It states that "Intrepid withdraws this protest without prejudice or waiver of its rights to object to any future wells proposed to be drilled in the R-111-P Potash Area as defined in the regulations." That is understandable, and says, to my mind, that Intrepid preserves the right to object to any future well proposals other than those specifically proposed in these cases.

But the Amended Withdrawal goes on to say "and without waiver of its objections stated in these proceedings." That statement sounds like Intrepid is attempting somehow to preserve its objections to that it is withdrawing.

Please clarify your clients' position so that the applicant and the hearing examiners can know what course to take with these cases.

Very sincerely

David K. Brooks

Legal Examiner

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