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April 23, 2002

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Attn: Mr. Gordon H. Johnson

Re: **TRACT NOMINATION/NOTIFICATION OF STATUS**

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for your nomination of acreage in New Mexico for oil and gas leasing. We would like to advise you that the state acreage you are nominating for our lease sale will be offered at the terms listed, at the discretion of the Commissioner of Public Lands:

<u>TWP</u>	<u>RGE</u>	<u>SECT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TERMS</u>
15S	36E	26	NW4NE4, NE4SW4, S2SE4	1/6 <sup>th</sup> ROYALTY, ORAL BID

This tract will be offered in our regular lease sale to be held at 9:30 a.m., May 21, 2002 in Morgan Hall at the State Land Office, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail in Santa Fe. If you have nominated acreage by telephone and have not sent written verification to that nomination, please do so immediately. Also, please remember that **nominators are required to bid at least minimum bid on all of their nominated tracts**, if offered as requested.

Please contact either Joe Mraz (505) 827-5774 or Eleanore Nestlerode (505) 827-5748 in this office if you need any further assistance.

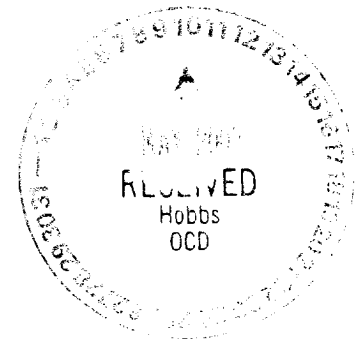
Very truly yours,

RAY POWELL, M.S., D.V.M.  
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

BY:

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Telephone notification: \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_ GEOLOGIST IV APPROVAL: *JM*



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