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U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management **Roswell District Office** 2909 West Second Street Roswell, New Mexico 88202

Gentlemen:

In December 1995, Cross Timbers Operating Company applied for and was granted a permit to drill the SEMGSAU #107 well, to be located 500' FSL & 800' FEL of Sec 30, T17S, R33E in Lea County, New Mexico. The approval date on the permit is 1/17/96 (copy attached).

It now appears that we will be unable to drill this well prior to the expiration date of the permit, primarily due to rig availability and budget constraints. However, we respectfully request that the permit be extended for one year, as we still have plans to drill a well at this location.

Should you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, or need additional information, please contact me at (915)682-8873 at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Bobby I Smith

Bobby L. Smith **Drilling Engineer** 

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