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Attn: Mr. Jerry Sexton
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division District I Supervisor

RE: Temporary Approval to Downhole Commingle
Vacuum Blinbry and Vacuum Drinkard Pools
New Mexico R State NCT-1 #18
Unit Letter H, Section 6, T-18-S, R-35-E
Lea County, New Mexico

Mr. Sexton:

Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. respectfully requests a 30 day temporary approval from October 7th - November 7th, 1996 to downhole commingle the Vacuum Blinbry and Vacuum Drinkard Pools in the above well. This temporary approval will allow TEPI sufficient time to have a downhole commingling application approved by the NMOCD and the New Mexico Land Department. A copy of the application is attached for your information.

This well was spud on 7/10/96 and was initially completed in the Vacuum Drinkard pool in August. A test allowable request for the Vacuum Drinkard was submitted to the NMOCD in August. In September, a retrievable bridge plug was set above the Vacuum Drinkard pay and the Vacuum Blinbry was perforated. A test allowable request for the Vacuum Blinbry was submitted to the NMOCD in September. In October, TEPI's drilling department plans to remove the retrievable bridge plug and downhole commingle the two zones.

Please indicate your approval of the above proposal by signing in the space provided below and returning one copy to Texaco in the self addressed envelope.

If you have any questions concerning this proposal, please contact me at 397-0418. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Monte C. Duncan
Engineer's Assistant

Approved by:

Date:

10/7/96

MDC/s

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, Santa Fe
New Mexico Land Department, Santa Fe