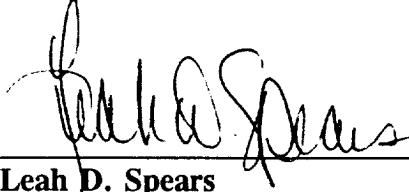


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LEASE RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

I hereby certify that I have inspected the proposed drillsite and access route; that I am familiar with the conditions which presently exist; that the statements made in the plan are, to the best of my knowledge true and correct; and, that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed by F&M Oil and Gas Company and its contractors and subcontractors in conformity with this plan and their terms and conditions under which it is approved. This statement is subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001 for the filing of a false statement.

DATE: 12/10/97



**Leah D. Spears
Corporate Secretary,
F&M Oil and Gas Company**