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November 19, 1996

Mr. Michael E. Stogner State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department **Oil Conservation Division** 2040 South Pacheco Santa Fe NM 87505

> RE: APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL HOOVER 28 WELL #1 LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Dear Mr. Stogner:

Shell Western E&P Inc. (SWEPI) respectfully requests approval of an orthodox location for the proposed Hoover 28 well #1 located 2256' FSL and 1761' FEL of Section 28, T17S-R35E, Lea County, New Mexico to be drilled to a total depth of 9500'. Such location is 384' FNL and 441' FEL of the NW/4 SE/4 (Unit J) of Section 28.

Enclosed please find:

.Form C-101 .Form C-102 for Wildcat-Abo, E. Vacuum - Drinkard & E. Vacuum - Blinebry .Topographic Survey for the NW/4 SE/4 of 31-17S-35E .Location verification plat Vicinity plat

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 281-544-3226.

Attn: Holks

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Yours very truly,

Jeff A. Dethrow CPL Contract Landman Western Asset Administration **Continental Division**

cc - Jeff Dethrow