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January 24, 2001

Well File

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
PO Box 1980
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Attn: Mr. Chris Williams

Re: **30-Day Temporary Approval to Inject**
Well: Central Vacuum Unit #173
Unit letter H, 17S, 34E
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Williams,

Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. respectfully requests a 30-day temporary approval to inject CO₂ in the CVU #173 replacement injection well. The subject wellbore should be completed and ready for CO₂ injection by approximately January 26th, 2001 barring any unexpected project delays.

The subject wellbore was drilled as a replacement well for the CVU #73, which was recently P & A'd due to casing integrity issues. Unfortunately, the location of the CVU #73 was in a critical area within the flood, and supported approximately 650 BOPD of offset production. Prolonged disruption of CO₂ injection in this area of the field could have devastating impact on lease economics and production. Temporary approval to inject will minimize the damages to Texaco as well as provide the Commission additional time to process the application.

The official application (form C-108) requesting permanent CO₂ injection was submitted December 27, 2000 to the Santa Fe office. Unfortunately, at that time, we were unaware of the commission's change of location. Consequently, we addressed the document with the 2040 South Pacheco address, which is no longer valid. The document was returned to our office January 24, 2001 by the mail service. Texaco will re-send the application, along with this letter, via express mail to David Catanach later today.

Please indicate your approval by signing in the space provided below and faxing a copy back to (915) 688-4751. If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact me at (915) 694-2952. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Approved By:

Date:

Sincerely,

Darrell J. Carriger
Production Engineer - Hobbs Operating Unit

DJC/s