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Mr. Chris Williams, Supervisor
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Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

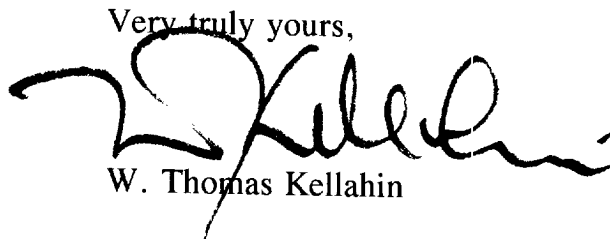
Re: Viper "3" Federal Well No. 1
Administrative Application of
Nearburg Producing Company
for a Directional Wellbore
N/2 Section 3, T20S, R33E
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Williams:

On behalf of Nearburg Producing Company and in accordance with Division Rule 111, please find enclosed the enclosed original of this application for approval to drill this well directionally to a standard subsurface drilling and producing window.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



W. Thomas Kellahin

cc: Mr. Michael E. Stogner (OCD-Santa Fe)
cc: Nearburg Producing Company
Attn: Bob Shelton

*1) Polson Area - Sec 1-36
2) Letter notifying Polson Area
3) Who holds acreage on S1/2 section
surf. location in.*