

## United States Department of the Interior

## **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

Carlsbad Resource Area Headquarters 620 E Greene Street Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220-6292

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Meridian Oil Inc. P. O. Box 51810 Midland, Texas 79710-1810

## Gentlemen:

Your Application for Permit to Drill (APD), along with your extension ending April 8, 1996 for the Jack Tank "8" Federal Well No. 4 located 1980 feet FSL and 660 feet FWL, Section 8, T. 24 S., R. 32 E., Lea County, New Mexico, Lease No. NM-55953, has expired because drilling has not commenced within one year of the approval date as stated in the General Requirements for Oil and Gas Operations on Federal Leases.

If drilling operations have commenced on the referenced well, please contact this office at (505) 887-6544 and send all necessary reports (spud, casing/cementing, etc., 1 original and 5 copies) so we may correct our records.

If the well has not been spudded, but site construction activities have occurred, please contact this office at the above telephone number for surface reclamation instructions.

If you wish to drill this well at a later date, please submit a complete application (1 original and 5 copies). Since the original APD has expired, the resubmitted APD will be subject to all the processing requirements including the 30-day posting requirement. Please note on the resubmitted APD that it was previously approved and we will review the expired file for information which will help expedite the processing.

Sincerely,

/s/ TIMOTHY J. BURKE

Richard L. Manus Area Manager

cc: BLM-Roswell District Office I & E-(Carlsbad/Hobbs) NMOCD (Artesia/Hobbs)

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