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Memorandum

To: Interested Parties

From: Acting Deputy Conservation Manager, Geothermal

Subject: Plan of Operation, Phillips Petroleum Company, Steamboat Springs

Area, Washoe County, Nevada

Ref: 2403-01 N-12085 (POO for CER #182-81)

Phillips Petroleum Company has submitted a Plan of Operation in accordance with 30 CFR 270.34 to drill up to three (3) 10,000-foot (3048 meters) geothermal exploratory wells from five (5) possible sites on Federal Lease N-12085 in the Steamboat Springs Area, Washoe County, Nevada. A copy of the Plan of Operation is available from the Office of the Deputy Conservation Manager for Geothermal, or the Office of the Reno District Geothermal Supervisor.

A Categorical Exclusion Review (CER #182-81) will be prepared by the Office of the Deputy Conservation Manager for Geothermal for the proposed action. A field inspection is not considered necessary at this time. You are encouraged to visit the site at your own convenience. Any inquiries should be directed to Mr. Bernie Moroz, Reno District Geothermal Supervisor, Kietzke Plaza, Building D, Suite 137, 4600 Kietzke Lane, Reno, Nevada (Tel: (702) 784-5676, FTS: 470-5676).

We urge you to send in written commentary and will appreciate hearing from you even if you are of the opinion that the existing regulations, lease terms, and Operational Orders provide adequate environmental protection.

All comments concerning the proposed actions should be received no later than July 31, 1981 by:

Deputy Conservation Manager, Geothermal U.S. Geological Survey, Conservation Division 345 Middlefield Road, MS-92 Menlo Park, CA 94025

Tel: (415) 323-8111, ext. 2841

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All comments will be given serious consideration in the preparation of the Categorical Exclusion Review or any subsequent conditions of approval.

The Deputy Conservation Manager for Geothermal will send copies of the Categorical Exclusion Review to certain Interested Parties such as the surface managing agency, the lessee, GEAP, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Copies of the CER are available upon request, and are available for inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Deputy Conservation Manager for Geothermal and the Carson City BLM District Manager's Office.

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Enclosure

#### STEAMBOAT SPRINGS KGRA

## PROPOSED PLAN OF OPERATIONS

### TO DRILL GEOTHERMAL TEST WELLS

### ON UNITED STATES GEOTHERMAL LEASE

### N-12085

SECTIONS 6, T17N-R20E and 32, T18N-R20E M.D.B.&M.

WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

Proposed operations:

Drill from one to five geothermal wells

Objective:

To confirm the existence and commercial

potential of geothermal resources

Estimated starting date:

September 1981

Estimated completion date:

September 1983

Phillips Petroleum Company

Contractor: Unknown

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