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Memorandum

To:

Area Geothermal Supervisor From:

Interested Parties

Subject:

Pian of Operation, Southland Royalty Company, Federal Leases N-8392, N-8395, N-8489, N-8491, N-9861, N-10706, N-11583, N-17283, N-17285, Dixie Valley KGRA, Pershing & Churchill Counties, NV

Ref: 1760 (2403-01a) N-8392 (POO for EA #111-8)

Southland Royalty Company has submitted a Plan of Operation in accordance with 30 CFR 270.34 to drill 11 geothermal exploratory wells to depths of 2590+ meters (8500+ feet). A copy of the Plan of Operation is attached for your review and files.

An Environmental Analysis (EA#111-8) will be prepared by the Office of the Area Geothermal Supervisor for the proposed action. You are invited to participate in a field inspection to be conducted by Mr. Bernard Moroz, Reno, NV District Geothermal Supervisor, USGS, on June 8, 1978. Participants are asked to meet at the Frenchman Cafe approximately 30 miles east of Fallon, NV, on U.S. 50 at 10:00 am.

Parties planning to attend should notify the Reno District Geothermal Supervisor by June 1, 1978((702)784-5676, FTS 470-5676). Those parties responding will be notified in the event of postponement or cancellation.

All comments concerning the proposed action must be received no later than June 17, 1978 by:

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We urge you to send written comments and suggestions 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 will be given serious consideration in the preparation of the environmental analysis and any subsequent conditions of approval.

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The Area Geothermal Supervisor's Office does not send draft Environmental Analyses (EA's) to interested parties for review for work proposed by lessees under these circumstances. Certain parties, however, such as the surface managing agency, the lessee, GEAP, and USFWS will receive a copy of the completed EA. Other interested parties will not receive a copy of the final EA unless such parties comment on the proposed action in writing or request a copy of the particular EA pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. Copies of Environmental Analyses are available for inspection during normal business hours at the Area Geothermal Supervisor's Office, the Reno District Geothermal Supervisor's Office, the appropriate BLM District Manager's Office, the Nevada State Director, BLM, Office, and the U.S. Forest Service Offices, per the attached list.

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Enclosures

INTERESTED PARTIES Southland Royalty Company Plan of Operation - 11-8500'<u>+</u> Exploratory Wells Federal Leases N-8392, N-8395, N-8489, N-8491, N-9861, N-10706, N-11583, N17283, N-17285 Dixie Valley KGRA, Chruchill & Pershing Counties, NV

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Plan of Operations. per CFR 270.34

The plan is to drill eleven exploratory wells in Dixie Valley, Nevada, to a depth of up to 8,500 feet each.

- a) The locations to the nearest quarter section are shown on the attached map. A schematic of the general layout of mud tanks, pits, racks, etc. is included with the drilling plan. After on site review with the BLM area representative the exact locations will be staked and surveyed and the exact orientation of pits, tanks, etc. will be provided for each welk location.
- b) Existing and planned access roads are shown on the enclosed map.
- c) Location and source of water supply and road building materials are addressed in the drilling plans.
- d) The camp will be established to take advantage of existing concrete pads at the Dixie Site (see enclosed map).
- e) There are no other areas of potential surface distrubance.
- f) The topographic features and drainage patterns are evident on the enclosed map.
- g) Methods of disposing of waste materials are discussed in the environmental section and drilling plans . (attached)
- h) Methods used to protect the environment are discussed in the environmental section (attached).
- This is hopefully covered in the attached material, but the operator will be happy to provide any other information requested by the Supervisor.
- j) Monthly progress reports will be provided in writing. Daily calls will be made to the District Supervisor to advise of well status, plans to test blowout preventers or cement jobs, or other pertinent information.
- k) The operator anticipates a significant lag between the completion of exploratory wells and installation of production equipment. The operator therefore considers it premature to monitor for baseline environmental data prior to the determanation that there is, in fact, a commercially viable resource in Dixie Valley, Nevada.

Plugging and Abandonment Procedure

In the even this well is a dry hole, or when this well is depleted, the following procedure will be followed:

1. Run drill pipe with 7 5/8" bit and clean out to 8500'.

2. Run drill pipe with retainer, set retainer at 7900', fill hole section 7900' - 8500' with 190 sacks cement, pull out of retainer, spot 32 sacks cement in casing, filling casing from 7900' to 7800'. Wait on cement 8 hours, test plug by setting drill pipe weight of 15,000 pounds on top of plug.

3. Fill hole from 7800' to ground level with 9.5# drilling mud.

4. Set 14 sack cement plug at 6' to 50'

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- 5. Cut off 20", 16", and 8 5/8" casing 6' below ground level, weld on a steel plate 20" in diameter and fill cellar.
- 6. Restore the well site to the satisfactions of the Bureau of Land Management personnel.

Drilling and Completion Procedure (in brief)

- 1. Drill 24" hole to 50', run 20" casing, cement 0' to 50'.
- 2. Drill 18 5/8" hole to 1300', run 16" casing, cement 0' to 1300', install casing head and blowout preventers.
- 3. Drill 10 5/8" hole to 3,000', if lost circulation occurs, ream hole to 13 3/4", run 11 3/4" casing, cement 0' to 1300'.
- 4. Drill 10 5/8" hole to 8,000', run 8 5/8" casing, cement 0' to 8,000'.
- 5. Drill 7 5/8" hole from 8,000' to 8,500', fill hole with water, lay down drill pipe, remove blowout preventers, move off rotary rig.

Drilling and Completion Procedure (in detail)

1. Move in and rig up rotary tools. Drill 24" hole to 50' using a fresh water gel mud. Run 20" 94# H-40 casing to 50' and cement with 96 sacks. If cement fails to circulate or falls down the annulus after cementing, wait on cement 8 hours, run 1" pipe into the annulus to top of cement and recement through the 1" pipe, bringing the top of cement to ground level. Wait on cement 12 hours

In as much as Southland Royalty Company has drilled four geothermal test wells in this immediate area to depths below 1300' without encountering water, air, steam, oil or gas flows, we request that the requirement of a blowout preventer on this string of casing be waived and that we be allowed to set surface casing before installing a blowout preventer.

2. Drill 18 5/8" hole to 1300' using a fresh water gel mud. Run electric logs from 50' to 1300'. Run 16" 75# K-55 casing to 1300' and cement with 1225 sacks. If cement fails to circulate or falls down the annulus after cementing, wait on cement 8 hours, run 1" pipe into the annulus to top of cement and recement through the 1" pipe, bringing the top of cement to ground level. Wait on cement 12 hours.

Install a 16" 2000 psi working pressure casing head with 2 - 2" side outlets on the 16" casing at ground level. Install a 2" 2000 psi working pressure value on one casing head outlet, then connect the value to the mud pump and use this opening as a kill line if needed. Install 2 - 2" 2000 psi working pressure values in series on the other casing head outlet, then connect these values to the mud pits for use as a blowdown line if needed. Install a 16" 2000 psi working pressure drilling spool with 2 - 2" side outlets on the 16" casing head. Install a 2" 2000 psi working pressure values on the 16" drilling spool outlet, then connect the valve to the mud pump and use this opening as a fillup line. Install a 2" 2000 psi working pressure valve to the other drilling spool outlet, this valve will be retained for reserve use. Install a manual and remotely controlled hydraulically operated double ram blowout preventer rated at 2000 psi working pressure on the 16" drilling spool. Install an expansion-type blowout preventer rated at 2000 psi working pressure on the 16" double ram blowout preventer All of this well head equipment will have a bore larger than 14" in order to allow passage of 13 3/4" drilling tools. After nippling up this equipment, test the blowout preventers, valves and casing to 2000 psi. The blowout preventers will be pressure tested not less than once each week, alternating the control stations. The blowout preventers will be tested for operating ability not less than once each day. Prior to drilling out cement, the drill string will be equipped with a kelly cock installed between the kelly and the swivel. A full opening drill string safety valve will be kept on the rig floor and ready for use at all times.

3. Drill 10 5/8" hole to 3000' or through volcanic beds using a 9.5 pound per gallon fresh water based gel-chemical mud. If no lost circulation zones have been encountered, continue drilling 10 5/8" hole to 5000'. If severe lost circulation occurs while drilling the 1300' - 3000' interval, ream the hole to 13 3/4", run electric logs, run 11 3/4" 54# K-55 casing to 3000' and cement with 1700 sacks. If cement fails to circulate or falls down the annulus after cementing wait on cement 8 hours, run 1" pipe into the annulus to top of cement and recement through the 1" pipe, bringing the top of cement to ground level. Wait on cement 12 hours.

Install 11 $3/4^{11} \times 16^{11}$ casing slips and packing in the 16¹¹ casing head. Install a 16¹¹ $\times 16^{11} 2000$ psi working pressure casing spool with 2¹¹ side outlets on the 16¹¹ casing head. Install a 2¹¹ 2000 psi working pressure valve on one casing spool outlet, then connect the valve to the mud pump and use this opening as a kill line if needed.

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Install 2 - 2" 2000 psi working pressure values in series in the other casing spool outlet, then connect these values to the mud pits for use on a blowdown line if needed. Install a 16" 2000 psi working pressure drilling spool with 2 - 2" side outlets on the 16" casing spool. Install a 2" 2000 psi working pressure value on one drilling spool outlet, then connect the value to the mud pump and use this opening as a fillup line. Install a 2" 2000 psi working pressure value on the other drilling spool outlet; this value will be retained for reserve use. Install a manual and remotely controlled hydraullically operated double ram blowout preventer rated at 2000 psi working pressure on the 16" drilling spool. Install an expansion - type blowout preventer rated at 2000 psi working pressure than blowout preventer. All of this equipment will have a bore larger than 10 3/4" in order to allow passage of 10 5/8" drilling tools.

After nippling up this equipment, test the blowout preventers, valves and casing to 2000 psi. The blowout preventer will be pressure tested not less than once each week, alternating the control stations. The blowout preventer will be tested for operating ability not less than once each day. Prior to drilling out cement, the drill string will be equipped with a kelly cock installed between the kelly and the swivel. A full opening drill string safety valve will be kept on the rig floor and ready for use at all time.

4. Drill 10 5/8" hole to 8000' using a 9.5 pound per gallon fresh water based gel-chemical mud. Run electric logs. Run 8 5/8" 36# Buttress casing to 8000' and cement with 2100 sacks of a high temperature admix cement. This casing string will be composed of 6000' of 36# K-55 casing (top portion) and 2000 of 36# N-80 casing (bottom portion). Cementing will be accomplished by running drill pipe inside the casing to a stab-in float collar positioned one joint above the casing guide shoe and pumping cement through the drill pipe and up the annulus outside the 8 5/8" casing to the surface.

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A wiper plug will then be pumped through the drill pipe. In the event circulation is lost while cementing and cement does not reach ground level, a wiper plug will be pumped through the drill pipe, the drill pipe pulled, a temperature survey will be run to locate the cement top, the casing will be perforated at the cement top, a cement retainer will be placed above the perforations and the casing will be again cemented. If necessary, this process will be repeated until a continuous column of cement exists from ground level to the casing shoe. After waiting on cement 12 hours, all retainers placed in the casing will be drilled out and the perforations tested to 2000 psi to assure the perforations are well cemented.

5. Drill 7 5/8" hole to 8500' using a 9.5 pound per gallon fresh water based chemical mud. Run electric logs. Run a drill stem test if feasible, setting packers in 8 5/8" casing. Displace mud in hole with fresh water. Lay down drill pipe. Shut in well at 10" master valve. Remove rotating head, expansion type blowout preventer, double ram blowout preventer, drilling spool and all mud lines. Install a second 10" 2000 psi working pressure valve to be used as a production valve. Move off the rotary drilling rig. Allow well to flow fresh water to pits. Begin production testing for pressure, volume, temperature and quality.

6. In the event severe lost circulation occurs while drilling the hole section 3000' to 8000' and it is necessary to case off these lost circulation zones, an 8 5/8" 36# N-80 liner will be run and cemented from 2700' to setting depth, then 7 5/8" hole will be drilled to 8000' where a string of 7" 23# N-80 Buttress casing will be run and cemented, using the techniques described in step 4 above. The hole section 8000' - 8500' will then be drilled with a 6" bit and the completion technique described in step 5 above will be applied.

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In addition to drilling and completion procedure:

- Condition hole and mud before pulling drill pipe to change bits, log or run casing.
- 2. Keep hole full while pulling drill pipe.
- 3. Check mud qualities daily, keep mud testing equipment on location at all times.
- Equipment pits with a high-low level indicator but both visual and audial warning devices.
- 5. Equip mud system with a degasser and desilter.
- Equip mud system with temperature monitors to read and record mud temperatures going into and coming out of hole at intervals of 30' or less.
- A hydrogen sulfide indicator and alarm will be installed on the rig floor while drilling from 1300' to T.D.
- 8. A member of the rig crew or the tool pusher will monitor activity on the rig floor at all times while drilling and completing this well.
- Weight material of quantity needed to raise the weight of the mud system 2 pounds per gallon will be maintained at the well site while drilling the interval 1300' - 8500'.
- 10. Deviation surveys will be made at intervals of 500 feet or less.
- 11. In addition to blowout preventer specifications listed in the drilling procedure, the following procedures will be observed:

- A. Packing elements and ram rubbers will be of high temperature resistant materials.
- B. The hydraulic actuators for opening and closing the ram type and expansion type blowout preventers will be located at the drillers station and at a point on ground level 50' or more from the well bore.
- C. The blowdown line connecting the well head and the mud pits will be equipped with steel or ceramic chores and valves. The line will be anchored at all bends and at the end.
- D. A blowout prevention drill will be conducted weekly for each drilling crew. During this drill, the expansion-type blowout preventer and pipe rams will be operated, using both control station actuators. All crew personnel will participate in these drills. The result of these drills will be entered in the drillers log book. Flange bolts will be inspected for tightness as a part of this drill.
- E. Blind rams in blowout preventers will be checked for operation or each trip.
- F. The expansion-type blowout preventer and pipe ram elements of ram type blowout preventers will be checked daily for operation.

Casing Design Safety Factors:

Burst REQ = 3952

20" 94#, set at 50', using 9.5# maximum mud weight. Rating = 520SF = 20.8Collapse REQ = 25Rating = 487.000SF = 103.6Tension REQ = 4700Burst REQ = 25Rating = 1400SF = 56.016" 75#, set at 1300', using 9.5# maximum mud weight Collapse REQ = 642Rating = 1020SF = 1.6Tension REQ = 97,500Rating = 662,000SF = 6.8Burst REQ = 642Rating = 2400SF = 3.711 3/4" 54#, set at 3000', using 9.5# maximum mud weight Collapse REQ = 1482Rating = 2280SF = 1.5Tension REQ = 162,000Rating = 593,000SF = 3.7Burst REQ = 1482Rating = 3300SF = 2.28 5/8" 36# N-80 Buttress 6000' to 8000', using 9.5# maximum mud-weight Collapse REQ = 3952 Rating = 4270SF 1.08 Tension REQ = 72,000Rating = 1,034,000SF 14.36 Burst REQ = 3952Rating = 5900SF 1.49 8 5/8" 36# K-55 Buttress 0' - 6000', using 9.5 # maximum mud weight Collapse REQ = 2964 Rating = 3420SF = 1.15Tension REQ = 288,000Rating = 981,000SF = 3.40Rating = 4100SF = 1.38Burst REQ = 29647" 23# N-80 Buttress 0' - 8000', using 9.5# maximum mud weight Collapse REQ = 3952 Rating = 4070 SF = 1.03Tension REQ = 184,000Rating = 666,000 SF = 3.62

Rating = 5800

SF = 1.46

BLOWOUT PREVENTION PROGRAM

As detailed in the Drilling and Completion Procedure our blowout prevention program consists of three phases: blowout prevention containment devices (blowout preventers, rotating head and master gate), blowout warning devices (pit level alarm, degasser, temperature monitor), and blowout control drills for crew members.

The containment devices will be equipped with high temperature resistant packing elements and ram rubbers. All of the containment devices used will be rated and tested to 2000 psi. All of the containment devices will be installed and used above ground level so that any leaks will be visible and accessible for repair. As outlined in the Drilling Procedure, blowout preventers will be pressure tested when installed; then pressure tested not less than once each week; and again pressure tested if any of the equipment is removed or if any seals are broken for any reason. The equipment will be tested for operating ability not less than once each day.

The warning device in use on this well will consist of a pit level alarm rigged to actuate both an audio and visual warning in event the level of fluids in the mud pits increases or decreases. The warning device will be located on the rig floor near the drillers station. In addition to mud level monitoring, mud temperatures will be monitored and recorded, which will also serve as a warning device as temperatures increase.

Blowout control drills for crew members will be conducted not less than once each week and will consist of two phases: acquainting every crew member with blowout prevention equipment and controls; and schooling drillers and tool pushers with kick control techniques and calculations. Kick control procedures and worksheets for calculations will be maintained on the rig floor at all times after drilling surface hole. A blowout contingency plan in detail will also be placed in a conspicuous place near the rig floor and will concern actions to be taken after kick control procedures are begun. This plan will consist of three main thrusts; containmnet of well fluids, insulation of the public from danger and cleanup measures.

The reserve pit built on the well site will at all times be capable of handling several thousand barrels of well fluids in addition to drilling fluids discarded as normal operating procedure. If this pit should prove to be inadequate for fluid containment, additional earthen pits will be made to hold well fluids.

The access road to the well site will be equipped with signs warning the general public of possible danger and advising unauthorized personnel to stay away from the well site at all times. In the event a well kick occurs or high temperatures are encountered, the access road will be blockaded to further restrict visitors. If any fluids are being produced by the well, either water, steam or gas, the road will be blockaded and manned to prevent entry by the general public. In the event gas, oil or corrosive waters are produced by the well and are being airborne away from the well site and access road to other public roadways, these roadways will be blockaded and manned to warn the general public of danger.

In the event oil or corrosive water should be produced by this well, these fluids will be confined to the drill site and either transported to a disposal site or buried at the well site when the well site is restored.

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SCHEMATIC OF WELL HEAD AND BLOWOUT PREVENTERS DRILLING PROCEDURE STEP 2







Lessors Intentions with Respect to GRO Order #4

1. <u>Aesthetics</u> - Due to the remoteness of the location and lack of traffic, lessee does not consider the aesthetic impact of the drill site and rig to be significant. In the event production is obtained, suitable design and landscape techniques for the mitigation of aesthetic disturbances will be included in the production plan.

2. Land Use and Reclamation - The drill site will be graded and contoured to approximate its pre-drilling condition. Disturbed surfaces will be reseaded or revegetated according to local BLM recommendations. The area surrounding the drill site will be maintained in a safe and orderly condition and all operations will be conducted in a workmanlike manner. All supplies, equipment and scrap will be removed in a timely and orderly fashion.

3. <u>Public Access</u> - The public will have free access to all parts of the lease except the drill site. Warning signs will be posted about the drill site and it will be fenced to keep out livestock and wildlife.

4. <u>Recreation</u> - The only apparent recreational values of the lease are for dune buggies in the Humbolt Salt Flat or for hiking in the foothills. The drillsite should not interfere with either of these activities.

5. <u>Slope Stability and Erosion Control</u> - The drillsite is located to avoid continual crosional problems on the lease. Severe crosional problems are

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encountered in the foothills surrounding the Humbolt Salt Flat as all drainage from the surrounding mountains flows into the Flat. There is no natural drainage out of the Flat, as it is the lowest area in northern Nevada. Large alluvial fans exist at the entrances to every canyon.

During drilling a diversionary dike will be constructed uphill from the drill site to keep sediments from being washed out of the pits and to prevent erosion of the drill pad. If a productive resource is found, a program for contouring the terrain and stabilizing the soil adjacent to production facilities will be included in the production plan. 6. <u>Biota</u> - The lessee does not know of any endangered species of flora or fauna on its lease, or on the proposed drill site. If evidence of any such species is provided to the Supervisor by recognized experts, the lessee will

consult with the Supervisor and recognized experts to determine what reasonable mitigating measures may be taken to minimize or prevent any adverse effect which would result from drilling this well or could reasonably be expected to result from future production facilities if this well proves that a commercially viable resource exists on the lease.

7. <u>Cultural Resources Preservation</u> - The lessee believes there are no <u>significant</u> archaeological, historical, cultural, paleontological, or unique geologic sites on any of its leases in Dixie Valley. The Dixie Site may be considered an archaeological site, but in the opinion of the lessee it is not significant. Nevertheless, the lessee does not intend to drill within 2,500 feet of the Dixie Site.

8. Subsidence and Seismicity - Benchmarks already exist approximately every

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mile along the road through the lessee's leases in Dixie Valley. In the opinion of the lessee, these benchmarks should be adequate to determine if any subsidence occurs while the well is being tested. If a commercially viable resource is discovered, the lessee would include plans for surveying in the area, establishing additional benchmarks and installing seismographs as part of the production plan.

Reservoir pressure and temperature data will be reported on Form 9-330C within 30 days after completion of measurements conducted to obtain this data. Initial and subsequent production test data including steam/water ratio, surface pressure and temperature, quality and quantity of well effluent will be filed with the Supervisor on Form 9-330C within 30 days after the well is completed.

9. Pollution, Waste Disposal and Fire Prevention - The lessee intends to comply with all applicable Federal, State and local standards with respect to control of all forms of air, land, water and noise pollution, including the control of erosion and the disposal of liquid, solid and gaseous wastes. While waste is being burned, and at all other times while lessee is conducting operations on the lease, fire prevention equipment will be strategically located and in working order.

A. (1) Liquid Disposal - It is the intent of the lessor to dispose of well effluent in a plastic lined pit while the well is being tested. If tests indicate the only significant contaminant contained in the effluent is heat, the lessee intends to hold such effluents until they have cooled to less than 100° F and then release them from the pit so they can join surface waters collecting in the Humbolt Salt

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Flat. If tests indicate harmful dissolved solids are contained in the well effluent, the fluids will be held in the pit to evaporate. Drilling fluids, if toxic, will be left in the mud pits to evaporate and the residue will be removed before the pits are refilled. (2) Solid Waste Disposal - The lessee intends to burn a paper, wood and other easily ignited waste, use acid toilets or portable toilets for human waste, and bury or haul away all other waste or refuse generated in connection with the lessees operations. Burial of waste will not occur without the prior consent of the local BLM representative.

(3) Air Quality - Noncondensible gases will be vented into the atmosphere during well testing so long as they do not exceed Federal, State or regional air pollution standards. If special exceptions are required in order to test the well, copies of permits issued by the appropriate agency and reports required thereunder will be submitted to the Supervisor. Once the nature of the reservoir is known, appropriate measures to control release of non-condensible gases will be included in the production plan.

(4) Pits and Sumps - Pits and sumps will be plastic lined and any harmful chemicals or precipitates will be removed before backfilling. Contents of pits and sumps will not be allowed to contaminate ground waters (there are no lakes or streams). The pits and sumps locations, as well as the rest of the drill site, will be restored to a near natural state as soon as well testing and pit evaporation are completed. As noted in item 3, the well site will be fenced to keep out wildlife and livestock. Surface reclamation will be as noted in item 2. (5) Production Facilities Maintenance - Will be addressed in the production plan, if this well proves there is a commercially viable resource on the lease.

B. Inspection & Reports

(1) Drilling facilities will be inspected daily by the lessee to insure that failures or malfunctions which could lead to pollution are prevented.

(2) Any pollution incident which should occur will be reported orally within 18 hours to the Geothermal District Supervisor and will be followed within 30 days by a written report stating the cause and corrective action taken.

C. Injection - The lessee does not anticipate any injection unless a commercially viable resource is discovered by this well. If injection is required in conjunction with production, it will be covered in the production plan.

10. <u>Water Quality</u> - The lessee intends to comply with State and local as well as Federal water quality standards. The lessee will file, in duplicate, a detailed water analysis report within 30 days after completion and annually thereafter including a determination of arsenic, boron, radioactive content and radioactivity of produced fluids.

11. <u>Hoise Abatement</u> - The lessee does not expect noise to be a problem for anyone but its own personnel due to the lack of habitation in the area of the well site. Nevertheless, the noise level will not exceed 65 db(A) within 0.8 km (one-half mile) from the source on or near the drill site. Due to the location, lessee does not intend to measure noise levels if all equipment used on the lease has mufflers that reduce noise to acceptable levels, unless the Supervisor stipulates that such measurements shall be made despite the lack of habitation in the area.

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SRC 3	<u></u> 11	NE 1, SE 1 SEC. 16, T24N	- R36E, Approximatel	y .71 Mi. Due West of BM	3441 and .43 Mi. Due North of BM 3439
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SRC 7	11	SE 1, SE 1 SEC. 4, T23N	- R36E, Approximatel	y 3.50 Mi. Due South of BI	1 3439 and 3.79 Mi. E.NE. of BM 3484
SRC 8	11	SW 4, SW 4 SEC. 6, T23N	- R36E, Approximatel	y 1.07 Mi. SE of BM 3503	and 1.28 Mi. E.NE of BM 3484
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