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 WESTERN REGION  
 345 Middlefield Road  
 Menlo Park, CA 94025



IN REPLY REFER TO:

Memorandum

To: Interested Parties

From: Acting Deputy Minerals Manager, Geothermal

Subject: Plan of Operation for Exploration, Phillips Petroleum Company,  
 Desert Peak Unit, Federal Lease N-13069, Churchill County, Nevada  
 Ref: 2403-01 (POO/CER 202-82)

Phillips Petroleum Company has submitted a Plan of Operation for exploration in accordance with 30 CFR 270.34 to construct access roads and to drill up to four (4) 5000' geothermal wells on fee land in the Desert Peak Unit and one (1) 5000' geothermal well on Federal Lease N-13069, also within the Unit. A copy of the Plan of Operation for exploration is available from the Office of the Deputy Minerals Manager for Geothermal or the Office of the Reno District Geothermal Supervisor.

Categorical Exclusion Review (CER 202-82) will be prepared by the Office of the Deputy Minerals Manager for Geothermal for the proposed action.

Since several informal field inspections have been held in the immediate vicinity of the proposed wells, a field inspection is not scheduled for this proposed project. However, if you would like to visit the proposed well sites, please contact Mr. Bernie Moroz, Reno District Geothermal Supervisor at (707) 784-5676, or FTS 470-5676.

We urge you to send written comments 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.

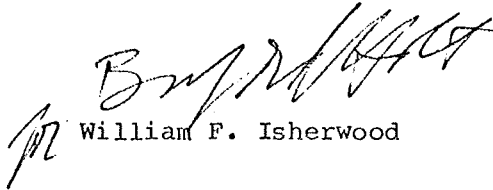
All comments concerning the proposed actions should be received no later than July 12, 1982 by:

Deputy Minerals Manager, Geothermal  
 Minerals Management Service  
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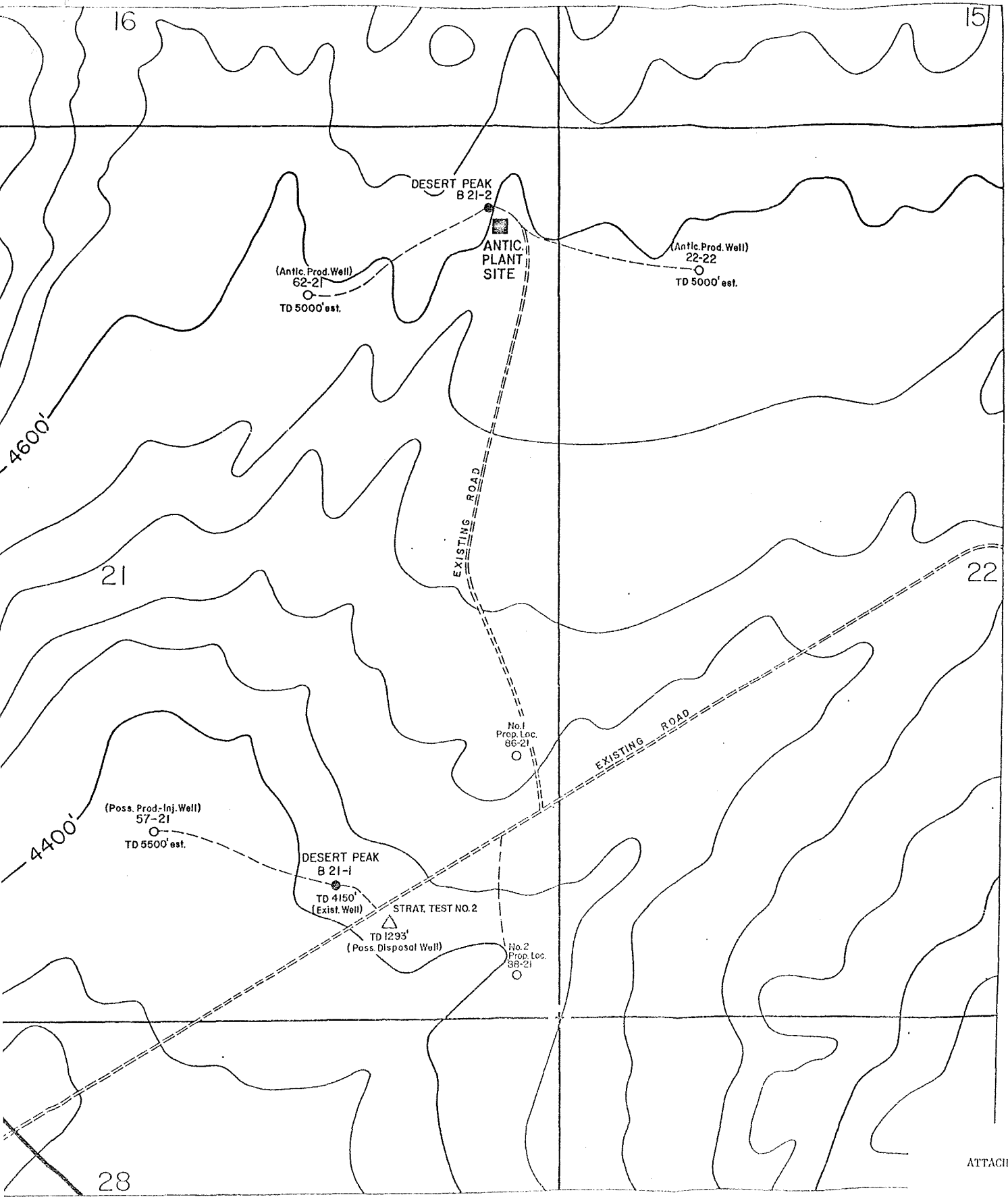
Tel: (415) 323-8111, ext 2841; FTS 467-2841

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

The Office of the Deputy Minerals Manager for Geothermal will distribute copies of the completed final CER to the surface managing agency, the lessee, the Geothermal Environmental Advisory Panel (GEAP) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Other interested parties may receive a copy of the final CER upon request. Copies of the CER will also be available for inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Deputy Minerals Manager for Geothermal, Menlo Park, California, the District Geothermal Supervisor's Office, Reno, Nevada.

  
William F. Isherwood

Enclosure

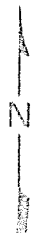


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ATTACHMENT #2

LEGEND

- PROPOSED WELL SITES
- PROPOSED ACCESS ROADS
- EXISTING WELL



PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY  
 GEOTHERMAL OPERATIONS  
 431 SOUTH 300 EAST SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

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 CHURCHILL COUNTY, NEVADA