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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY Conservation Division, MS-92 345 Middlefield Road Menlo Park, CA 94025

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Memorandum

To: Interested Parties

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From: Acting Deputy Conservation Manager, Geothermal

Subject: Plan of Utilization, Ultrasystems, Inc., Federal Lease CA-6219, East Mesa KGRA, Imperial County, California Ref: 2403-01e (POU for EA/CER 183-82)

Ultrasystems, Inc., and U.S. Alcohol Fuels have submitted a Plan of Utilization in accordance with 30 CFR 270.34 to build and operate a 14,980,000 gallon per year fuel grade ethanol from grain refinery. A copy of the Plan is available from the Office of the Deputy Conservation Manager for Geothermal, or from the office of the Reno District Geothermal Supervisor.

You are invited to participate in a field inspection to be led by Mr. Bernard Moroz, Reno District Geothermal Supervisor, USGS on Wednesday, October 21, 1981. Participants are asked to meet at the El Centro BLM office located at 333 South Waterman Avenue, El Centro at 9:00 a.m. The field inspection will also include the pad site for Union Oil Company's wells, which will supply the Ultrasystems plant.

After an environmental review of the project, either an Environmental Assessment or a Categorical Exclusion Review (EA/CER #183-82) will be prepared by the Office of the Deputy Conservation Manager for Geothermal for the proposed project.

We urge you to send your written comments and will appreciate hearing from you even if you are of the opinion that the existing regulations, lease stipulations, and operational orders provide adequate environmental protection.

All comments concerning the proposed actions should be received no later than November 13, 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. 2848 (FTS 467-2848)

All comments will be given serious consideration in the preparation of the environmental document and any subsequent conditions of approval.

The Office of the Deputy Conservation Manager for Geothermal will distribute copies of the environmental document to the surface managing agency, the lessee, the Geothermal Advisory Panel (GEAP), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Other interested parties may receive a copy of the EA or CER upon request. Copies will also be available for inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Deputy Conservation Manager for Geothermal, the Reno District Geothermal Supervisor's office, Reno, Nevada and the Bureau of Land Management, El Centro Office.

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Enclosures