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

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Memorandum

To: Interested Parties

From: Acting Deputy Conservation Manager, Geothermal

Subject: Plan of Development, Union Oil Company, Federal Leases CA-953 and CA-960, Geysers-Calistoga KGRA, Lake County, California Ref: 2403-01 CA-953 (POO for EA #148-80)

Union Oil Company has submitted a Plan of Operation for Development in accordance with 30 CFR 270.34 to improve existing roads, construct new roads, construct well drilling sites and drill and test exploratory wells on Federal Leases CA-953 and CA-960 in The Geysers-Calistoga KGRA, Lake County, California. A copy of the Plan was sent to you in February, 1980, for your review and files. If you need a copy, please contact Dave Fach of this office at (415) 323-8111, ext. 2848.

An Environmental Assessment (EA 148-80) will be prepared by the Office of the Deputy Conservation Manager for Geothermal for the proposed action.

You are invited to participate in a field inspection to be led by Mr. Ted Hudson, Santa Rosa District Geothermal Supervisor, USGS, on November 3, 1980. Participants are asked to meet at the Standard Service Station in Cobb, California, at 10:00 a.m.

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 November 17, 1980, by:

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

The Office of the Deputy Conservation Manager for Geothermal will distribute copies of the completed final EA 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 EA upon request. Copies of EA's will also be available for inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Deputy Conservation Manager for Geothermal, the District Geothermal Supervisor's Office Santa Rosa, California and the BLM, Ukiah, California District Manager's Office.

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