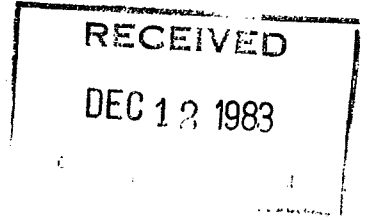




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Mr. H. D. Pilkington
AMAX Exploration, Inc.
1707 Cole Blvd.
Golden, Colorado 80401

Dear Mr. Pilkington:

Thank you for your letter in which you present rationale for proposing a request for extensions of your unit drilling commitments in Nevada. The extensions are approved to the following dates:

| <u>Unit</u> | <u>Spud Date</u> |
|-------------|------------------|
| Fish Lake | April 15, 1984 |
| Tuscarora | July 24, 1984 |
| Alum | August 1, 1984 |
| McCoy | March 6, 1984 |

You may meet the 30-month unit obligations of the McCoy Unit by deepening well 26-8 to a minimum of 5000 feet. Generally, extensions from the above dates will be given only in cases of unavoidable delay, as defined in Article XXI of the unit agreements.

If you should have any questions or comments regarding these extensions to your unit obligations, please contact Richard Hoops of this office at (702) 784-5134.

Sincerely yours,

Edward F. Spang
State Director, Nevada