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Memorandum

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From: Acting Deputy Conservation Manager, Geothermal

Subject: Categorical Exclusion Review (CER #172-81) prepared for eight (8) geothermal test wells on Federal Leases N-18851, N-18854, N-19925, N-20073, Amax Exploration, Inc., McCoy Unit, Churchill and Lander Counties, Nevada

A copy of the Categorical Exclusion Review prepared for the subject Plan of Operation is enclosed for your information.

If you have any questions, please contact William Levine of the Environmental Section of this office, Tel: (415) 323-8111, ext 2848, or FTS 467-2848.

William F. Isherwood

Enclosure

cc: Conservation Manager, WR

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NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Operator/Project Name Amax Exploration, Inc.
 Project Location McCoy Unit Churchill & Lander Counties, NV
 Date Project Submitted December 16, 1980

FIELD INSPECTION

Date Jan. 13, 1981

Field Inspection
 Participants

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW INFORMATION SOURCE

Criteria 516 DM 2.3.A.	Federal/State Agency			Local and Private Corre- spondence (date)	Previous NEPA	Other Studies and Reports	Staff Expertise	Onsite Inspection (date)	Other
	Corre- spondence (date)	Phone Check (date)	Meeting (date)						
Public health and safety					*			✓	
Unique charac- teristics								1/13/81	
Environmentally controversial	1/23/81							✓	GRO Order #4, Sec. 9.A3
Uncertain and unknown risks					*				
Establishes precedent								✓	
Cumulatively significant								✓	
National Register Historic Places	2/24/81	2/24/81							GRO Order #4, Sec. 7
Endangered/ threatened species		3/3/81							
Violate Federal, State, local, tribal law.								✓	POO

I have reviewed the proposal in accordance with the categorical exclusion review guidelines. This proposal would not involve any significant effects and, therefore, does not represent an exception to the categorical exclusions.

* Fort Churchill-Clan Alpine EAR

3/3/81
 Date Prepared

William P. ...
 Signature of Preparer

I concur
3/3/81

Paul A. ...