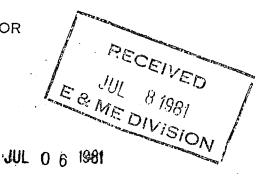


UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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



Memorandum

To:

Interested Parties

From:

Acting Deputy Conservation Manager, Geothermal

Subject: Unit Plan of Operation, Phillips Petroleum Company, Aurora Unit,

Mineral County, Nevada

Ref: 2404-02 Aurora Unit (POO for EA #181-81)

Phillips Petroleum Company has submitted a Unit Plan of Operation in accordance with 30 CFR 270.34 to drill up to three (3) 8000-foot (2462 meters) geothermal exploratory wells on Federal Leases N-30732, N-30735, and N-30738 in the Aurora Unit, Mineral County, Nevada. A copy of the Unit Plan of Operation is available from the Office of the Deputy Conservation Manager for Geothermal, or the Office of the Reno District Geothermal Supervisor.

An Environmental Assessment (EA #181-81) will be prepared by the Office of the Deputy Conservation Manager for Geothermal for the proposed action. A field inspection is not considered necessary at this time. You are encouraged to visit the site at your own convenience. Any inquiries should be directed to Mr. Bernie Moroz, Reno District Geothermal Supervisor, Kietzke Plaza, Building D, Suite 137, 4600 Kietzke Lane, Reno, Nevada (Tel: (702) 784-5676, FTS: 470-5676).

We urge you to send in written commentary 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 21, 1981 by:

> Deputy Conservation Manager, Geothermal U.S. Geological Survey, Conservation Division 345 Middlefield Road, MS-92 Menlo Park, CA 94025

(415) 323-8111, ext. 2841 Tel:

FTS: 467-2841

PROPOSED PLAN OF OPERATIONS

TO DRILL STRATIGRAPHIC TEST WELLS AND

GEOTHERMAL TEST WELLS

ON UNITED STATES GEOTHERMAL LEASES

N-30732, N-30735, N-30738

SECTION 9, T5N-R28E

SECTIONS 24 and 36, T6N-R28E

MINERAL COUNTY, NEVADA

Proposed operations:

Objective

Estimated starting date:

Estimated completion date:

Phillips Petroleum Company

Geothermal Operations

P.O. Box 6256

Reno, Nevada 89513

Telephone: (702) 786-2273

Drill from one to three geothermal wells

To determine the existence and commercial potential of geothermal resources

June, 1981

June, 1982

Contractor: Not Known

Field Supervisors:

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