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To: Field Office Managers, Colorado

From: Acting Deputy State Director, Resource Services

Subject: Approval of Federal Exploratory Unit Plans Of Development (POD)

Following a review of the 2001 PODs and a discussion with the Fluid Minerals personnel in the Field Offices, it has been determined that the PODs are to be filed in the Colorado State Office (CSO).

It is the requirement of 43 CFR 3183, and the Unit Agreement Contract that an Annual POD and Report of Operations be filed in the office of the authorized officer. Our review showed that some of the offices have waived this requirement. It is our intent to reinstate the mandatory plans and reports back to a quality that can assure full development of a unit area and that we have accurate knowledge of the field operations.

The PODs and reports of operation will be processed as follows in the State Office:

1. All POD's will be logged in and processed within ten (10) days. Any operator who files an inadequate POD will be notified of the inadequacy and given a reasonable time to make the correction.
2. The CSO will approve the PODs and distribute one to the Field Office and return an approved POD to the operator. At any time a POD does not have a well or project and a supplement is needed, the supplement should be sent to the CSO. That supplement will be immediately reviewed, approved and copied to the Field Office. For example: A seven- day letter is sent to an operator indicating that the Application for Permit to Drill they are processing is not on the POD and the POD must be supplemented. This supplement will be filed in the CSO and approved .

3. The operators who do not submit PODs are in violation of their Unit Agreements and subject to an incident of noncompliance.

As reminder, PODs are important for reservoir management of units, sources of new maps, Shut In and Temporarily Abandoned Well reports.

This memorandum will be followed by a letter informing the Unit Operators that PODs in the state of Colorado are to be filed in the CSO.

Should you have any questions please contact Richard Ryan at (303) 239-3751.

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