<u>Decision Record</u>

Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)

DOI-BLM-NV-W030-2012-0011-DNA

2012 San Emidio Geothermal 2 Observation Wells

I have reviewed this Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA), DOI-BLM-NV-W030-2012-0011-DNA, and have determined that the proposed action is in conformance with the approved Sonoma-Gerlach Management Framework Plan (1982).

On the basis of the information contained in the DNA Worksheet (attached), it is my determination that implementation of the proposed action will not have environmental impacts beyond those already addressed in Environmental Assessments (EA) DOI-BLM-NV-W030-2010-0006-EA.

It has been determined that the approval of the construction and drilling of 2 observation wells to further evaluate the geothermal resource while reducing surface impacts, disturbance, cultural resource impacts, and exploration costs is consistent with the scope of the EA. Additional mitigation measures were developed during the review of the proposed action in order to protect resources. These mitigation measures have been added to the Conditions of Approval (COAs) for well drilling developed in the EA. With the addition of the necessary mitigations developed during the review of the proposed action, the COAs for well drilling developed in the EA contain appropriate measures to reduce and/or eliminate identified impacts due to drilling operations. A copy of these COAs are attached and made part of this decision. Additionally, the individual lease stipulations developed at the time of issuance of the leases also contain mitigation measures for resource protection, and must also be followed for these drilling operations. Therefore, it is my decision to implement the project, as described, in the DNA Worksheet.

Authorized Official: __/s/Cory Roegner Acting for Sheila Mallory_____
Sheila Mallory, Acting Field Manager, Black Rock Field Office

Date: __6/12/12_____

Attachments:

- DNA Worksheet
- Conditions of Approval