Form 3000-4a
(June 1988)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Bond Number

OIL AND GAS OR GEOTHERMAL EXPLORATION BOND

Act of February 25, 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.)
Act of August 7, 1947 (30 U.S.C. 351-359)
Department of the Interior Appropriations Act, FY 1981 (42 U.S.C. 6508)
Act of December 24, 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1001-1025)
Other Oil and Gas and Geothermal Leasing Authorities as Applicable

CHECK ONE: ☐ OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION ☐ GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION

CHECK ONE:

☐ SURETY BOND

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT _____
(name)

of _____
(address)

as principal, and _____
(name)

of _____, as surety,
(address)

are held and firmly bound unto the United States of America in the sum of _____

_____ dollars ($ _____),
lawful money of the United States, which may be increased or decreased by a rider hereto executed in the same manner as this bond.

☐ PERSONAL BOND

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, That _____
(name)

of _____, as principal, is held and firmly
(address)

bound unto the United States of America in the sum of _____

_____ dollars ($ _____), lawful money of the United States which sum may be increased or decreased by a rider hereto executed in the same manner as this bond.

The principal, in order to more fully secure the United States in the payment of the aforesaid sum, hereby pledges as security therefore United States negotiable securities of a par value equal to the amount specified. The principal, pursuant to the authority conferred by Section 1 of the Act of September 13, 1982 (31 U.S.C. 9303), does hereby constitute and appoint the Secretary of the Interior to act as his attorney. The interest accruing on the United States securities deposited, in the absence of any default in the performance of any of the conditions, or stipulations set forth in this bond and the instrument(s) authorizing exploration activities on Federal lands, must be paid to the principal. The principal hereby for himself/ herself, any heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, joint and severally, ratifies and confirms whatever the Secretary shall do by virtue of these presents.

The principal/surety shall apply this bond or the Secretary shall transfer this deposit as security for the faithful performance of any and all of the conditions as set forth in this bond and the instruments authorizing exploration activities on Federal lands. In the case of any default in the performance of the conditions and stipulations of such undertaking, it is agreed that: (1) for a Surety Bond, the surety/principal shall apply the bond or any portion thereof; (2) for a Personal Bond, the Secretary shall have full power to assign, appropriate, apply or transfer the deposit or any portion thereof, to the satisfaction of any damages, assessments, late payment charges, penalties, or deficiencies arising by reason of such default.

This bond is required for the use and benefit of (1) the United States; (2) the owner of any of the land subject to the coverage of this bond, upon which exploration operations will be conducted, who has a statutory right to compensation in connection with a reservation of the oil and gas and geothermal deposits in the United States; and (3) any lessee, permittee, or contractor, under a lease, permit, or resource sale contract issued, or to be issued, by the United States covering the same land subject to this bond, on which geophysical exploration operations will be conducted, to be paid to the United States. For such payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves and each of our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally.

CHECK ONE:

☐ This bond shall cover all exploration operations conducted in the United States by or on behalf of the principal on Federal surface administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and on all Federal leases regardless of surface ownership (except those within the National Forest System), including the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR-A) provided a rider is obtained.

☐ This bond shall cover all exploration operations conducted by or on behalf of the principal on Federal surface administered by BLM and on all Federal leases regardless of surface ownership (except those within the National Forest System) within the single State of _____ .

☐ This bond shall cover a single exploration operation conducted by or on behalf of the principal on Federal surface administered by BLM and on all Federal leases regardless of surface ownership (except those within the National Forest System) as set forth on reverse.

(Continued on reverse)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

BOND CONDITIONS

The conditions of the foregoing obligations are such that:

WHEREAS the principal has a responsibility for an exploration operation(s) to be conducted on Federal surface or on a Federal lease(s), and administered by BLM; and

WHEREAS the principal has filed a Notice of Intent to Conduct Exploration Operations or a geophysical exploration permit with the authorized officer wherein the operations are to be conducted; and

WHEREAS the principal is obligated to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in such Notice of Intent or geophysical exploration permit; and

WHEREAS the principal and surety hereby agree(s) that notwithstanding the termination of any exploration operation(s) covered by this bond, the bond shall remain in full force and effect as to the terms and conditions of all remaining exploration operations conducted on Federal surface or on a Federal lease(s), and administered by BLM.

NOW, THEREFORE If said principal shall in all respects faithfully comply with all of the terms and conditions of the Notice of Intent or geophysical exploration permit and such other corrective measures to reclaim the land as may be required by the Authorized Officer, the surety shall incur no liability but, if the principal should fail to do so, the surety shall be liable to the extent provided in this bond.

Signed this _____ day of _____ , 19 _____ , in the presence of:

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF WITNESSES

_____ _____
(Principal)

_____ _____
(Business Address)

_____ _____
(Surety)

_____ _____
(Business Address)

If this bond is executed by a corporation, it must bear the seal of that corporation.