



# RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

## SURFACE MINING AND RECLAMATION DIVISION

November 8, 2007

Ms. Julie Rhubottom  
Asst. Lab Manager/Quality Assurance Manager  
Energy Laboratories, Inc.  
415 Graham Road  
College Station, TX 77845

RE: Request for Laboratory Approval

Dear Ms. Rhubottom:

In your letter dated December 4, 2006, received August 23, 2007, you request that Energy Laboratories, Inc. (ELI) be recognized as a qualified laboratory in accordance with §12.241 of our Regulations and the enclosed supporting documentation has been reviewed. You provided a copy of the ELI qualifications manual, which includes a summary of the analytical services offered, a listing of the personnel and their relevant experience, and a summary of the quality control procedures. An equipment list for the laboratory is included in Section 2 and a full listing of the analytical services available is included in Section 4 of the information you provided. The information provided indicates that ELI's standard operating procedures are based upon practices and procedures issued by the EPA, ASTM, the American Public Health Association, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, and OSHA.

The information provided indicates that ELI has the personnel with background and experience and the equipment necessary to conduct water and soil analyses.

ELI meets the requirements to be designated as a qualified laboratory in accordance with §12.241. Should you have any questions, please contact me or Liz Haney.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melvin B. Hodgkiss".

Melvin B. Hodgkiss, P.E., Director  
Surface Mining and Reclamation Division

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