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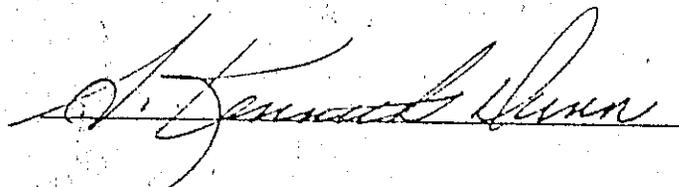
-Desert
Lands-OPERATIONS DIVISION
ADMINISTRATOR'S MEMORANDUM

Casey det. - Enclosed 1

TO: Bureau Chiefs and District Engineers

FROM: A. Kenneth Dunn

Prior to approving any application, the applicant must show possessory interest in the land. This may be done either by establishing the ownership through a contract purchase or having a desert entry application number or other documents to show the applicant does, in fact, have possessory interest to the land and that it is not speculation. In the case of desert lands, the applicant should file with the BLM prior to, or at the same time as filing the application for a water right permit. If he has not filed with BLM at the time of our review, the application would be considered speculation and denied.



1. Applicant first applies to BLM for a desert entry.
BLM then gives pink slip w/ an ident. no. to applicant.
2. Applicant can then apply for water permit, (Dept receives app, & advertises but doesn't approve).
3. BLM eventually will "classify land suitable for entry" if feasible.
4. Dept can then approve the app. & issue permit
(time for development starts w/ issuance of permit)
5. BLM can then "allow the entry" after the water permit is issued.