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September 3, 2010

OXY USA, Inc.
Attn: David Stewart
P.O.Box 50250
Midland, TX 79710-0250

Administrative Order NSL-6253

Re: Lost Tank 3 Federal Well No. 24
API No. 30-015-37922
250 feet FSL & 250 feet FEL
Unit P, Section 3-22S-31E
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Reference is made to the following:

(a) your application (**administrative application reference No. pTGW10-23749910**) submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (the Division) in Santa Fe, New Mexico on August 25, 2010, and

(b) the Division's records pertinent to this request.

OXY USA, Inc. [OGRID 16696] (OXY) has requested to drill the above-referenced well at an unorthodox oil well location, described above in the caption of this letter.

The SE/4 SE/4 of Section 3 will be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 40-acre spacing unit in the West Lost Tank-Delaware Pool (96582). This pool is governed by statewide Rule 15.9.A, which provides for 40-acre units, with wells located at least 330 feet from a unit outer boundary. This location is less than 330 feet from the southern and eastern unit boundaries.

Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 15.13 and 4.12.A(2).

It is our understanding that you are seeking this location to conform to United States Bureau of Land Management potash area drilling restrictions. It is further understood notice of this application to

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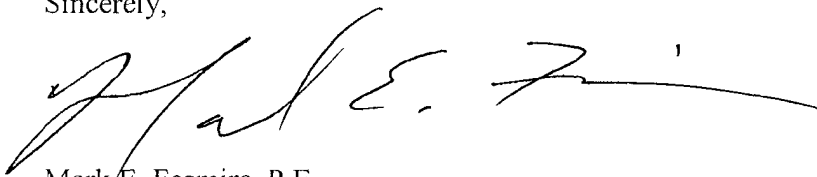
offsetting operators or owners is not required because the only affected operators have executed waivers of objection, which were filed with your application.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 15.13.B, the above-described unorthodox location is hereby approved.

This approval is subject to your being in compliance with all other applicable Division rules, including, but not limited to Division Rule 5.9.

Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark E. Fesmire', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.
Acting Director

MEF/db

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Artesia
United States Bureau of Land Management