

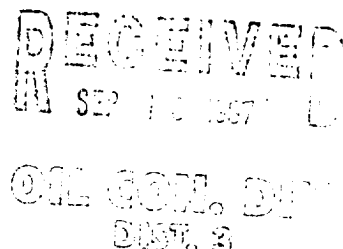


NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS
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September 11, 1997

Burlington Resources
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Attention: Peggy Bradfield



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Dear Ms. Bradfield:

Reference is made to your request for an exception to the tubing setting requirements as contained in Division Rule 107 (j) for the below-named wells.

Pursuant to the authority granted me by Rule 107 (d) (4), you are hereby authorized to make tubingless completions in the following wells:

Well Name, Number and Location:

- Newsom A Well No. 2, API No. 30-045-05996, Unit N, Section 4, Township 26 North, Range 8 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- McManus Well No. 5, API No. 30-045-05537, Unit O, Section 4, Township 25 North, Range 8 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- Cornell Well No. 6, API No. 30-045-08615, Unit C, Section 11, Township 29 North, Range 12 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- Ballard Well No. 9, API No. 30-045-05824, Unit O, Section 15, Township 26 North, Range 9 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- Albright Well No. 1, API No. 30-045-08210, Unit M, Section 15, Township 29 North, Range 10 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- Zachry Well No. 3, API No. 30-045-13361, Unit P, Section 35, Township 29 North, Range 10 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

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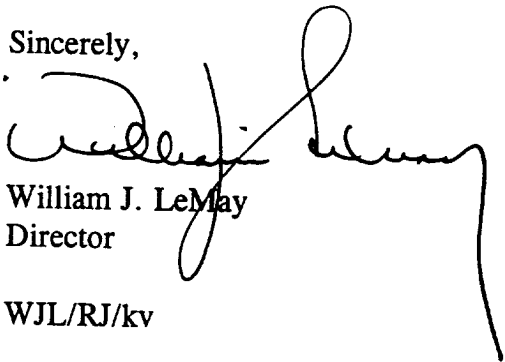
- Zachry Well No. 7, API No. 30-045-07625, Unit M, Section 34, Township 29 North, Range 10 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- Congress Well No. 3, API No. 30-045-07618, Unit M, Section 35, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- Walker SCR Well No. 1, API No. 30-045-08823, Unit G, Section 3, Township 29 North, Range 12 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

Conditions:

The operator shall place adequate cement prior to running 3 ½" casing, or alternatively at the time of plugging and abandonment to insure that the Ojo Alamo Formation is completely sealed off with cement. The methodology to be employed shall be approved by the Division's Aztec office prior to commencement of any remedial work.

The Division reserves the right to rescind this authority in the event that waste appears to be resulting therefrom.

Sincerely,



William J. LeMay
Director

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cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec /