

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

## APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL, DEEPEN, OR PLUG BACK

## 1a. TYPE OF WORK

DRILL ☒DEEPEN ☐PLUG BACK ☐

## b. TYPE OF WELL

OIL  
WELL ☐GAS  
WELL ☒

OTHER

SINGLE  
ZONE ☐MULTIPLE  
ZONE ☐

## 2. NAME OF OPERATOR

Hixon Development Company

## 3. ADDRESS OF OPERATOR

P.O. Box 2810, Farmington, New Mexico 87401

## 4. LOCATION OF WELL (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements.)\*

At surface

1850' FSL, 200' FEL, Section 4, T25N, R12W

At proposed prod. zone

## 14. DISTANCE IN MILES AND DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN OR POST OFFICE\*

24 miles south of Farmington

## 15. DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED\*

LOCATION TO NEAREST  
PROPERTY OR LEASE LINE, FT.  
(Also to nearest drlg. unit line, if any)

## 16. NO. OF ACRES IN LEASE

## 18. DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED LOCATION\*

TO NEAREST WELL, DRILLING, COMPLETED,  
OR APPLIED FOR, ON THIS LEASE, FT.

## 19. PROPOSED DEPTH

1300'

17. NO. OF ACRES ASSIGNED  
TO THIS WELL

160 acres

## 20. ROTARY OR CABLE TOOLS

Rotary

## 21. ELEVATIONS (Show whether DF, RT, GR, etc.)

6183' GLE

## 22. APPROX. DATE WORK WILL START\*

5-15-80

## 23. PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENTING PROGRAM

SIZE OF HOLE	SIZE OF CASING	WEIGHT PER FOOT	SETTING DEPTH	QUANTITY OF CEMENT
8-3/4"	7"	23#	90'	75 sacks *
5"	2-7/8"	6.5#	1300'	150 sacks

The subject well is to be drilled as a replacement for the Pictured Cliffs In Ni Da Pah No. 1 which is uneconomical to operate. It will be drilled with a portable rotary rig using mud. The well will be evaluated with open hole resistivity and porosity logs prior setting casing. Well equipment will conform with NIIP requirements.

The existing In Ni Da Pah No. 1 well will be plugged back to the Farmington Sand and if commercial recompleted. This well has an existing gas sales contract.

\*Surface casing will be cemented to surface.

IN ABOVE SPACE DESCRIBE PROPOSED PROGRAM: If proposal is to deepen or plug back, give data on present productive zone and proposed new productive zone. If proposal is to drill or deepen directionally, give pertinent data on subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths. Give blowout preventer program, if any.

24.

SIGNED

TITLE

Petroleum Engineer

DATE 4-25-80

(This space for Federal or State office use)

PERMIT NO.

APPROVAL DATE

APPROVED BY

TITLE

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY:

APPROVED  
AS AMENDED  
DATEJUL 1 1980  
James F. Sims  
DISTRICT ENGINEER

NMCCG

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO

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All distances must be from the outer boundaries of the Section.

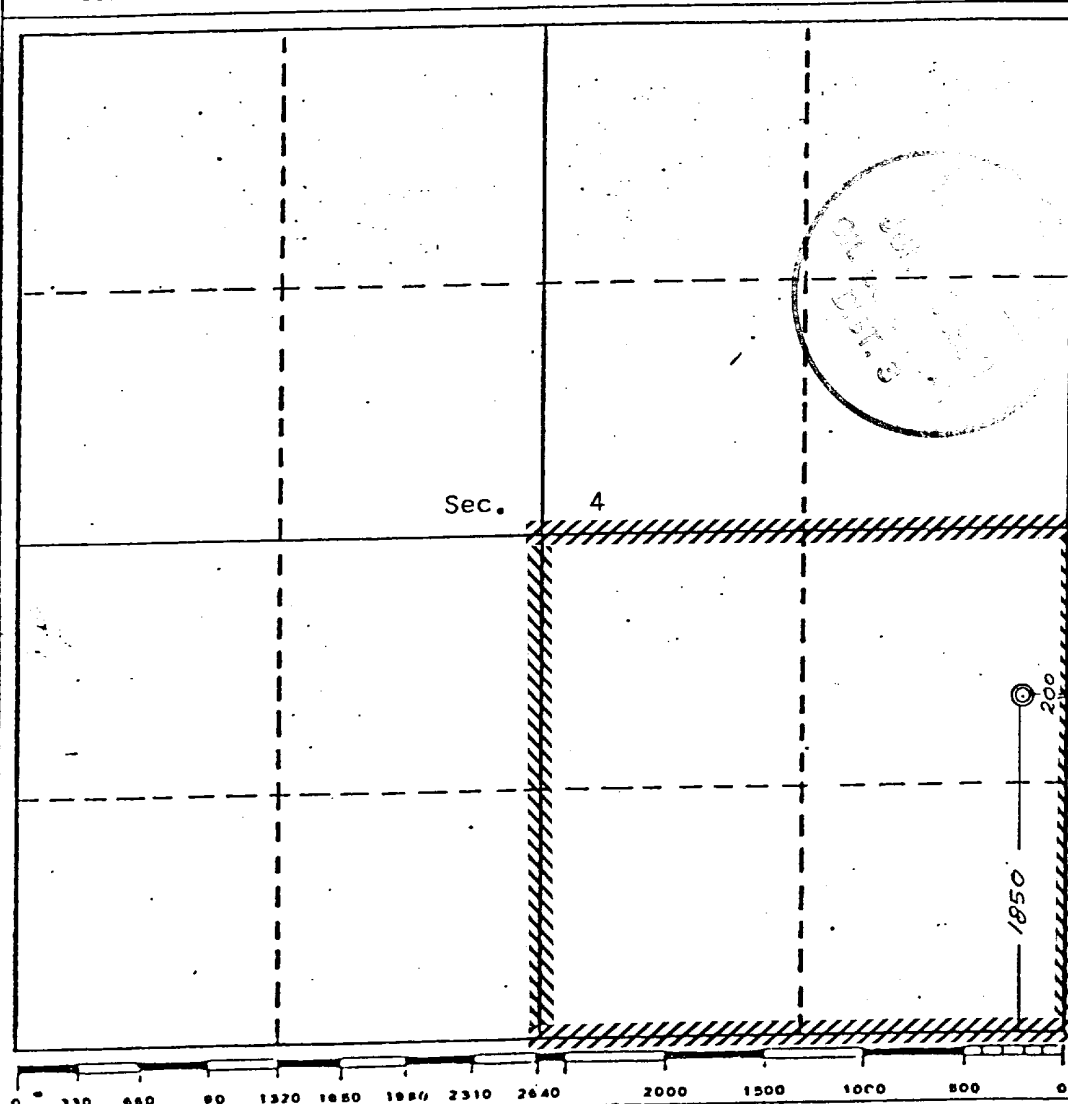
Operator Hixon Development Company			Lease In Ni Dah Pah		Well No. 1R
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## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name

Aldrich L. Kuchera

Position

Petroleum Engineer

Company

Hixon Development Company

Date

4-23-80

I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of a duly surveyed made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date Surveyed

April 19, 1980

Registered Professional Engineer and/or Land Surveyor

Edgar L. Risenhoover  
Certificate No. 5979

Edgar L. Risenhoover, L.S.

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL  
Hixon Development Company  
In Ni Da Pah No. 1-R  
1850' FSL, 200' FEL, Section 4, T25N, R12W  
San Juan County, New Mexico

NTL-6 13 Point Requirement Outline is as follows:

1. Existing Roads - Refer to the attached NIIP layout map and topographic map. The well will be located 500' east of an existing NAPI road. The location is inside the Hixon Development Company operated Central Bisti Unit oil field and also within the NIIP. Existing well location roads in the vicinity of the In Ni Da Pah location are maintained by company construction vehicles. The primary paved access road to this well will be maintained by the San Juan County.
2. Planned Access Roads - Access to this well will be provided by the NIIP. Refer to the attached maps.
3. Location of Existing Wells - A 1-mile radius map showing offset wells is attached.
4. Location of Existing and/or Proposed Facilities - The proposed well location is situated inside a developed oil and gas field containing an extensive system of oil and gas gathering lines, water injection lines, disposal lines, power lines, fuel gas lines etc.

Proposed facilities for the In Ni Da Pah 1-R well will consist of a well head assembly, meter house and an EPNG pipeline riser, i.e. a standard Pictured Cliffs well hookup. Risers, well head assemblies will conform to NIIP field requirements. All lines will be buried 5' deep. The pipeline riser, well head, meter run and meter building will all be located on the proposed well pad schematic. The facility will not pose any problems for any livestock.

Restoration of any disturbed areas no longer needed for operations after drilling will be graded, contoured and raked.

5. Location and Type of Water Supply - Water for drilling will be obtained from the NIIP.
6. Source of Construction Materials - Materials for the drilling pad will be obtained from the proposed well location, i.e. none will be hauled in.

7. Methods for Handling Waste Disposal - Any waste material incurred while drilling will be buried in the mud pits, i. e. 5' deep. Cuttings, drilling fluid, well circulation and stimulation fluids (if any) will be contained in the mud pits. The mud pits will be allowed to dehydrate and will be filled and contoured per regulations. Well site will be properly cleaned up after rigging down rotary tools.
8. Ancillary Facilities - Central Bisti Lower Gallup Unit existing facilities will be used. Additional facilities will not be required.
9. Well Site Layout - Refer to attached plat.
10. Plans for Restoration of Surface - The mud pits will be back filled, area leveled and contoured, raked and waste materials disposed of by burying 5' deep. Revegetation will be carried out per any constructive stipulation.
11. Other Information - Refer to Archeological Report to be submitted.
12. Operator's Representative -  
  
Aldrich L. Kuchera  
Hixon Development Company  
Petroleum Center Building  
Suite 101  
501 Airport Drive  
Farmington, New Mexico 87401  
  
Office (505)325-6984  
Home (505) 325-3448
13. Certification - See Attached.

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Hixon Development Company  
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Other NTL-6 Pertinent Data is as follows:

1. Estimated Log Tops -

Ojo Alamo - Surface  
Kirtland - 455'  
Fruitland - 810'  
Fruitland Coal - 1082'  
Pictured Cliffs - 1111'

2. Estimated Depths of Water, Oil and Gas -

Fresh Water - 0-60' (may not be present because the Ojo Alamo outcrops at this location). Surface casing hole drilling in this area using air will dust indicating limited if any fresh water.

Gas Sands - 180' - TD. Gas sands and 16,800 ppm NaCl water are dispersed from about 180' to TD.

3. Weight and Type of Mud to be Used -

Surface - 0-90'; drill with air. Should water be encountered an Aquagel/lime slurry will be mixed to a 40-50 sec/qt viscosity.

Production Hole - A Dextrid/Cellex low solids mud or equivalent will be used. Any hardness will be treated with soda ash. Mud weight and drilled solids will be controlled. Mud properties will be as follows:

Mud Weight - 8.4 - 8.8#/gal  
Viscosity - 34-45 sec/quart  
Plastic Viscosity - 4 - 8 cps  
Yield Value - 3 - 6#/100 sq. ft.  
Fluid Loss - 8 - 12 cc's/API  
pH - 8.3 - 8.5  
Solids Content - 5-1/2% maximum  
Annular Velocity - 120 FPM

Note: Bottom hole pressure gradient is 3.40#/gallon. Fracture gradient is 19.2#/gallon. We do not anticipate any drilling problems.

4. Open Hole Logs - Induction Electric Survey, Caliper Gamma Ray and Compensated Neutron-Density.
5. Cased Hole Logs - Gamma Ray - CCL and Cement Bond Log.
6. Casing Program - Surface casing will be 90' 7" 20# J-55, 8rd, ST&C, Range 3, Smls, New casing.

Production casing will be 1300' 2-7/8" 6.5# J-55, 8rd, EUE, Range 1, Smls, New casing.

7. Cementing Program - Surface casing will be cemented to surface as follows: (1) break circulation with water (2) pump 75 sacks (400% excess Class B cement slurry with 2% CaCl (3) Drop wooden cement wiper plug and displace to casing shoe (4) WOC 12 hours.

Production casing will be cemented to surface as follows: (1) break circulation with mud (2) pump 20 bbl C-100 chemical wash (3) mix and pump 154 cubic feet (125 sacks) Litepoz 6 cement slurry weighing 13.5#/gal and containing 2% gel, 2% CaCl, 1/4 #/sack D-29 cellophane, 10#/sack Gilsonite (4) follow with 30 cubic feet Class B cement slurry with 2% CaCl (5) flush lines, drop Omega plug and displace plug with acetic acid and 2% KCl water (6) latch in plug with 2000 psi and WOC 48 hours or to a compressive strength of 1000 psi.

8. Drilling Hazards - are minimal in this area. High pressure zones, high temperatures, sour gas or other abnormal deviations are not expected.
9. Duration of Drilling Activity - will be about 15 days from spud date to completion.
10. Pressure Control Equipment - will be either of the two attached BOP schematics.
11. Casing Pressure Testing - Surface casing will be tested for 30 minutes to 500 psi before drilling out shoe. Production casing will be tested to 2000 psi after Omega plug latches in. Both surface and production casing will be factory tested to API specifications and will be new.

12. In the event the well is a dry hole, it will be plugged with prior USGS approval and the drill site restored in accordance with pertinent regulations.

HIXON DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

P. O. BOX 2810

FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO 87401

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that I, or persons under my direct supervision, have inspected the proposed drill site and access route; that I am familiar with the conditions which presently exist; that the statements made in this plan are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed by Hixon Development Company and its contractors and subcontractors in conformity with this plan and the terms and conditions which it is approved.

Aldrich L. Kuchera

April 25, 1980

Aldrich L. Kuchera  
Vice President

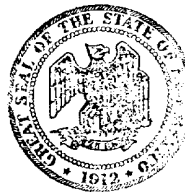
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SUBSCRIBED, SWORN TO AND ACKNOWLEDGED before me this 25th  
day of April 1980.

My Commission Expires: 7-25-83

Cindy Duncan

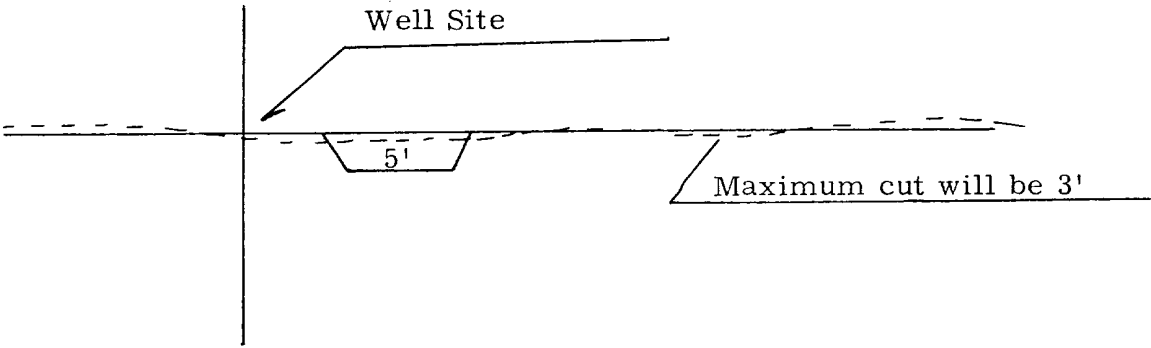
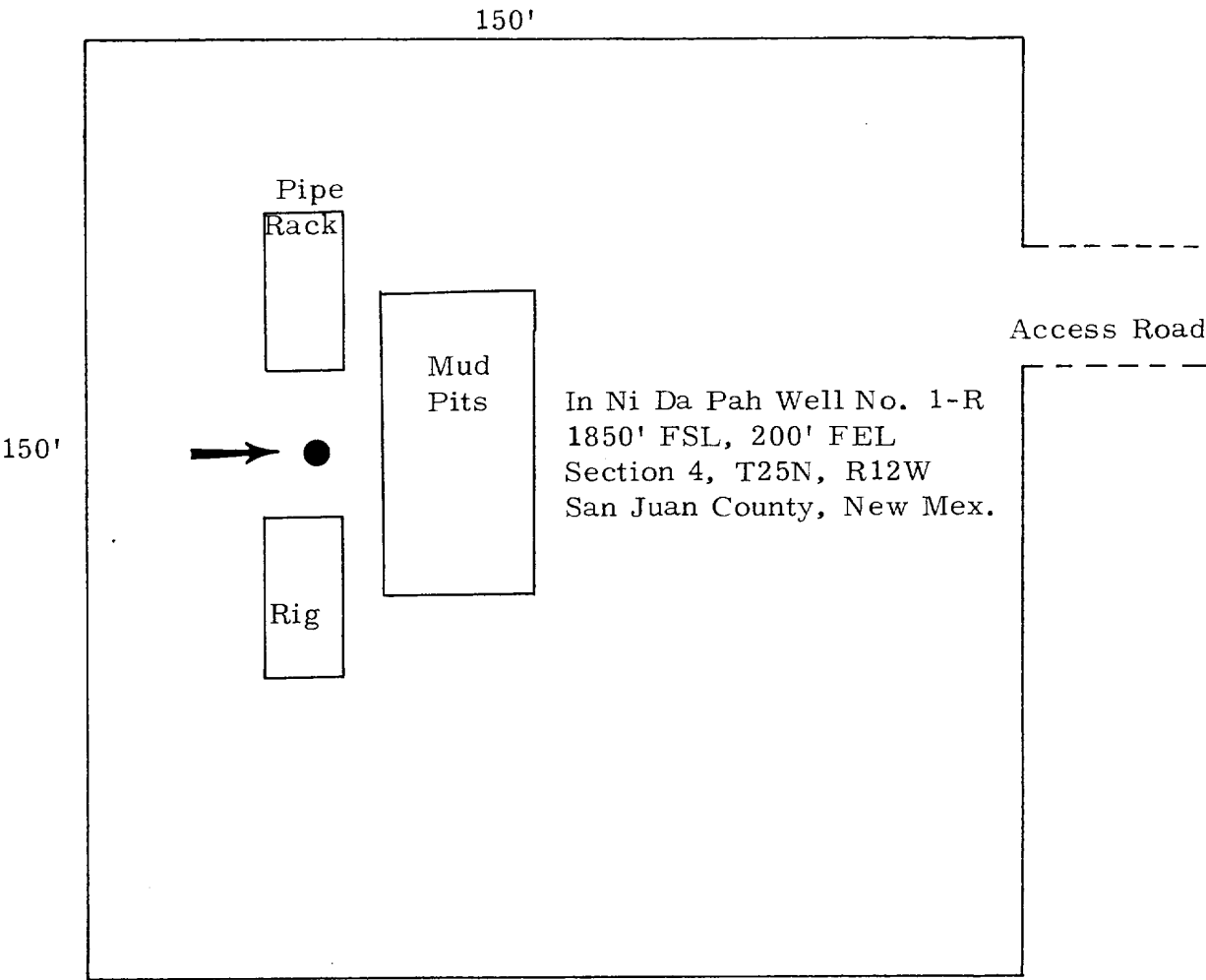
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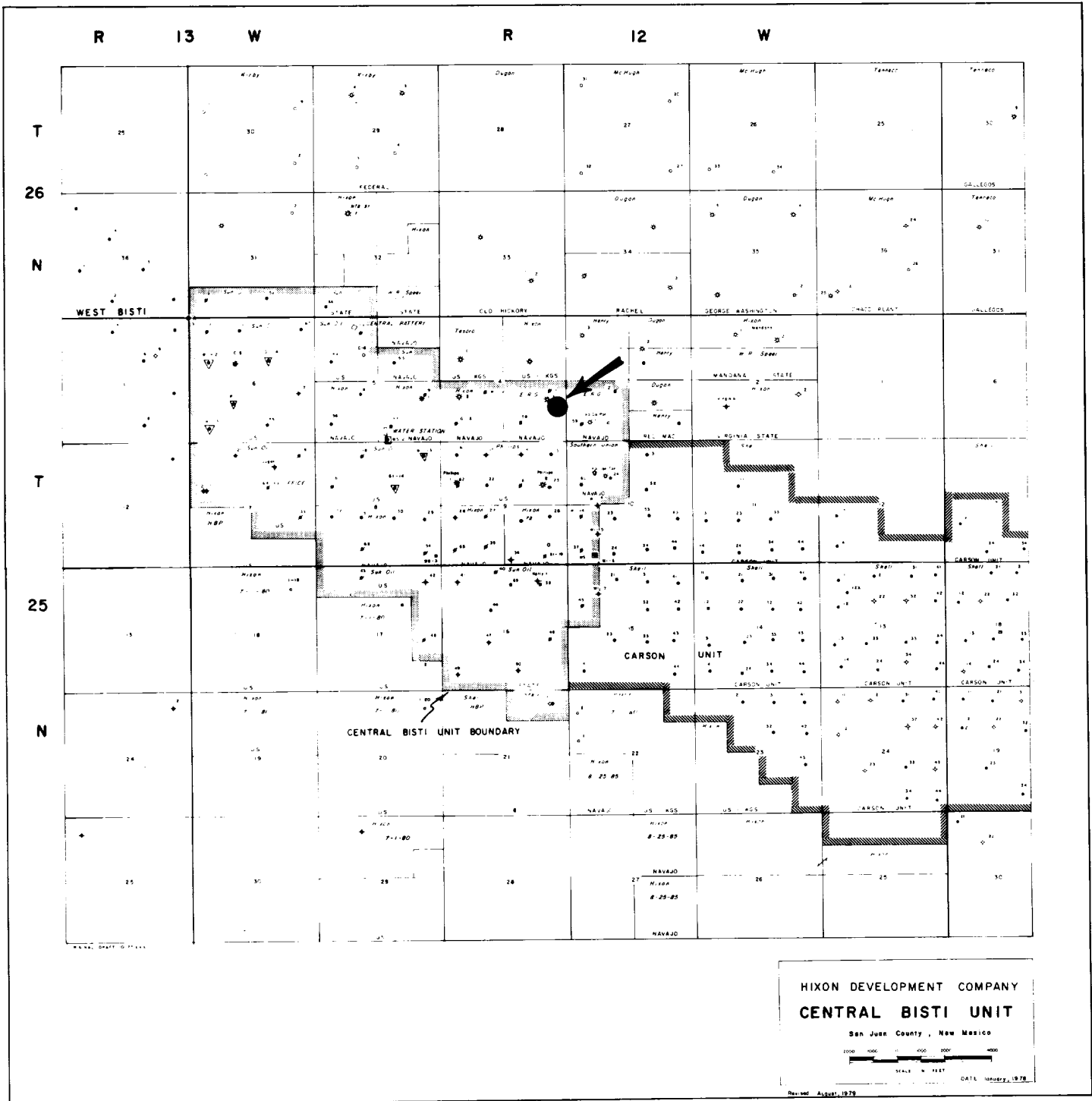
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HIXON DEVELOPMENT COMPANY  
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 DRILLING LOCATION PLAT



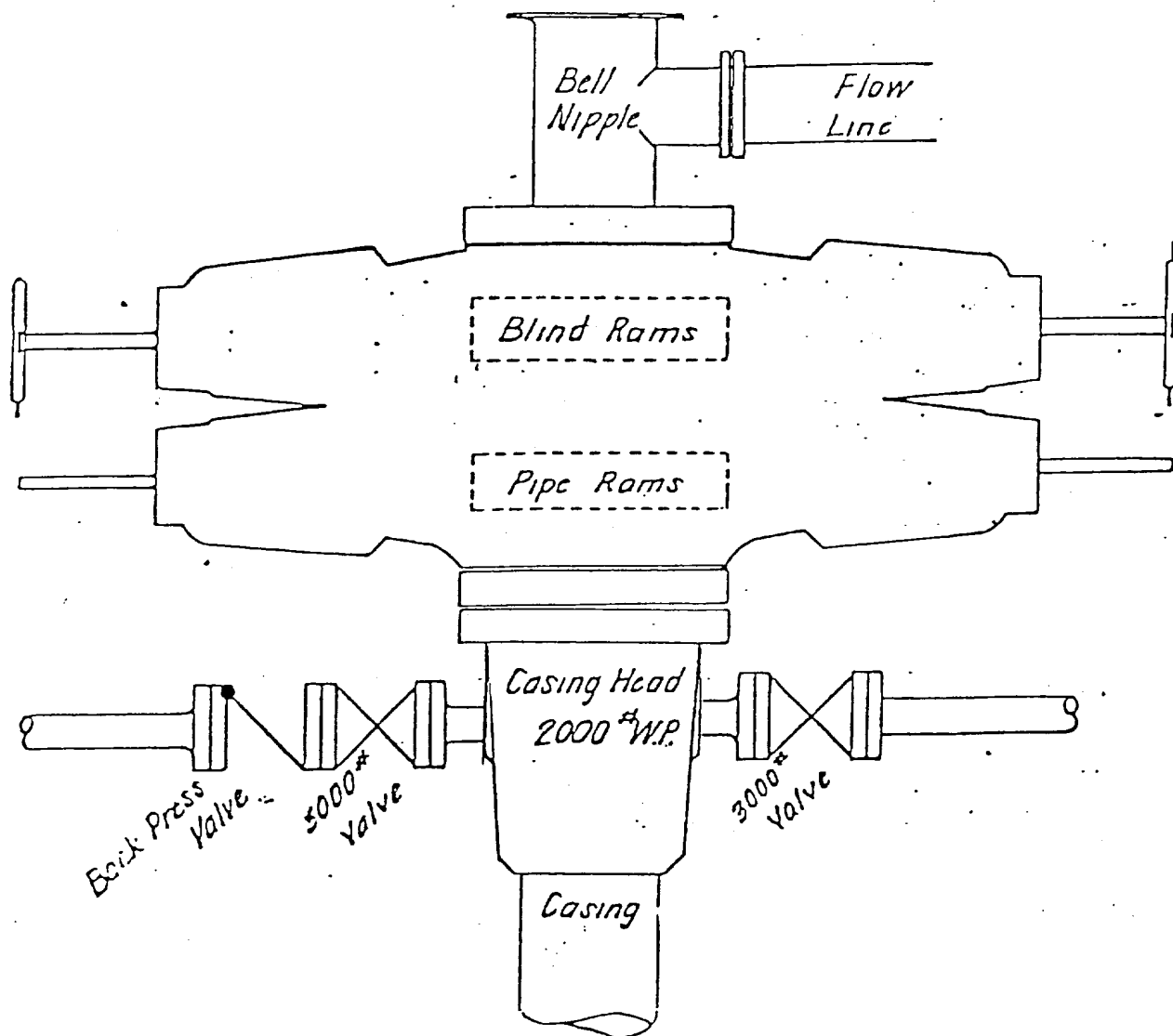
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# SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM

## TESTING PROCEDURES

Install BOP after setting surface pipe and pressure test to 1000 psi after drilling out from under surface pipe.



Shaffer Double Gate Blow Out Preventer  
3000# W.P., 6000# Test, Type E

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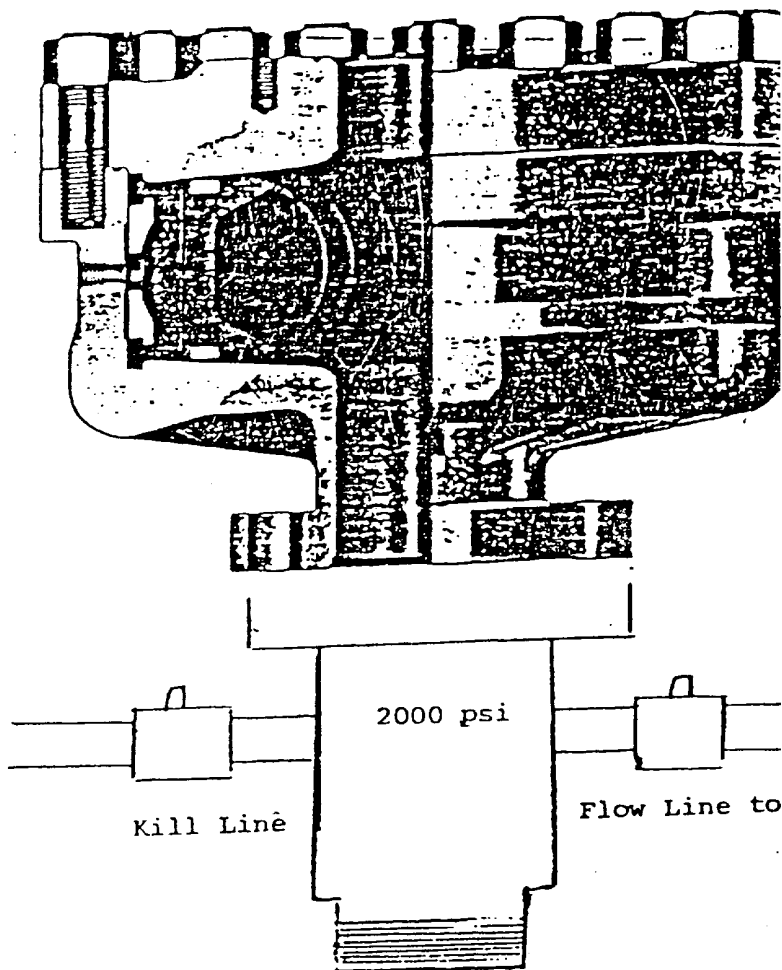
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## REGAN BLOWOUT PREVENTERS

The Regan Torus Blowout Preventer is used primarily on production and workover rigs for well control up to 3000 PSI working pressure

### DESIGN FEATURES

- The Torus Preventer is designed for minimum height to facilitate its use with production and workover rigs.
- The rubber packer will conform to any object in the well bore. Sealing ability is not affected by minor damage to the inner bore.
- The packer will seal on open hole at full working pressure.
- The dual packer design increases the reliability of the preventer since the outer rubber is never exposed to the well bore. Under ordinary service, the outer packer is rarely replaced.



### TORUS BLOWOUT PREVENTER PATENTED

### SPECIFICATIONS

Nominal Size	Test Pressure (psi)	DIMENSIONS (In.)			Weight (lb.)	End Flanges (I)	R/RX Ring Grooves	Side Outlet
		Outside Diameter	Thru Bore	Overall Height				
6	3000 6000	27 28 1/2	7 1/4 7 1/2	19 1/2 21 1/2	1360 1950	Nom. 6 Nom. 6	45 45	Nom 2" L.P.

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FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO 87401

April 24, 1980

Joe D. Ramey, Director  
State of New Mexico  
Oil Conservation Division  
P.O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Subject: Request for Exception to Standard Location  
In Ni Da Pah Well No. 1-R  
SE/4 of Section 4, T25N, R12W  
San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Ramey:

Hixon Development Company requests administrative approval of an exception to standard WAW-Fruitland-Pictured Cliffs location for the subject gas well on the basis of topographic condition. Per the attached plat, we desire to drill the In Ni Da Pah No. 1-R at 1850' FSL, 200' FEL, Section 4, T25N, R12W in order to be outside the NAPI irrigated land. A standard 790' FSL, 790' FEL' location would put the subject well in the path of a proposed/existing irrigation sprinkling system.

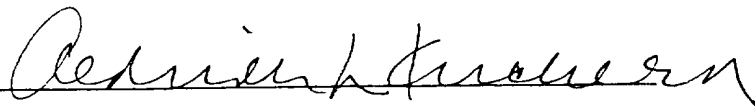
Attached is a copy of a Bureau of Indian Affairs letter from Mr. Albert L. Keller supporting this request. Also attached is a Bureau of Reclamation plat showing the NAPI project boundary along with the proposed well location.

We have also notified offset lease holders (Dugan Production) of the proposed non-standard well location by certified mail with a copy of this letter.

Please give this request your earliest consideration.

Very truly yours,

Hixon Development Company

by 

Aldrich L. Kuchera

April 24, 1980

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Attachments

cc: Hixon Development Company  
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San Antonio, Texas 78205

United States Department of the Interior  
Geological Survey  
P.O. Box 959  
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

Dugan Production Company  
P.O. Box 208  
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

Energy Reserves Group, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1407  
Denver, Colorado 80202



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
Navajo Indian Irrigation Project  
3539 East 30th Street  
Northwest Energy Bldg., Room 103  
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

April 22, 1980

Mr. A. L. Kuchera, Petroleum Engineer  
Hixon Development Company  
P. O. Box 2810  
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

Dear Mr. Kuchera:

You have contacted our office regarding the In Ni Da Pah #1 R well in Section 4, T.25N., R.12W. which is within the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project.

The proposed location of this well was 790' FSL, 790' FEL. This location falls within a field to be irrigated with a mechanical move sprinkler irrigation system and would cause serious problems with the operation of this system.

We request that, if possible, you change the location of this proposed well to 1850' FSL, 200' FEL and that any necessary production equipment be located south of the well. This will put the well and equipment northeast of the area to be irrigated and be of mutual benefit. The well will be located near an existing underground pipeline. Please use caution to not disturb this pipeline nor cross it with excessively heavy equipment during your drilling operation.

Your cooperation in this is appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Albert L. Keller*  
Project Manager

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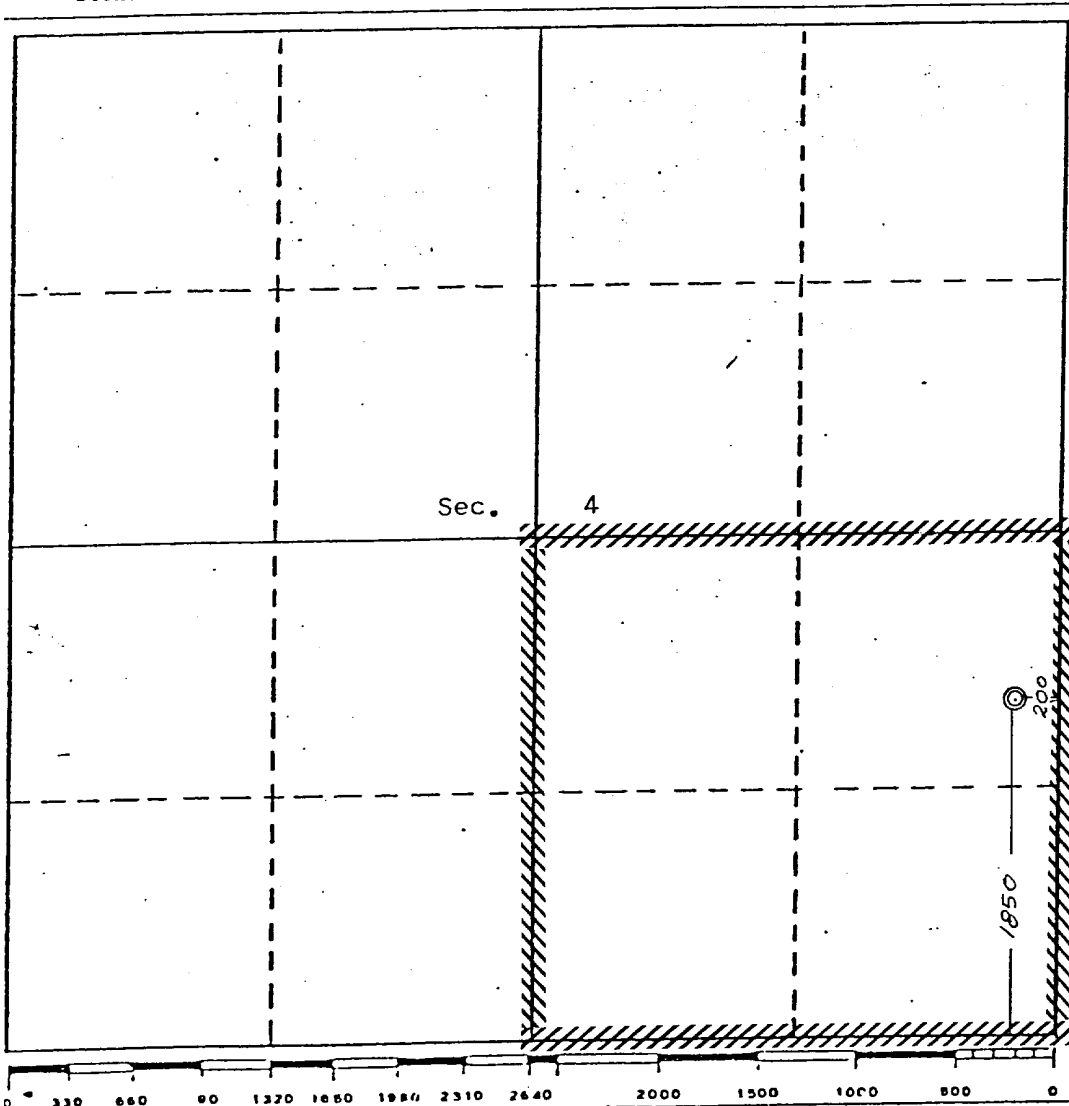
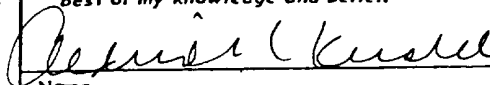
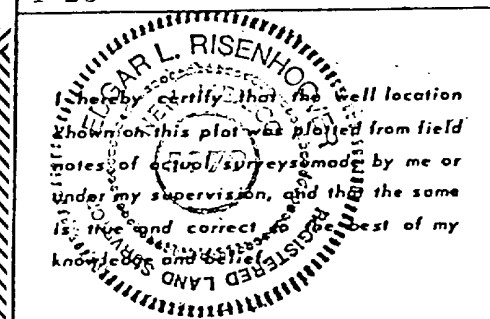

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CENTRAL BISTI UNIT BOUNDARY

CENTRAL BISTI UNIT

San Juan County , New Mexico

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Received August 1977

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