

August 11, 1983

Mr. Joe Ramey  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
Post Office Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. Ramey:

This is a request for administrative approval for an unorthodox gas well location in the Blanco Mesa Verde pool.

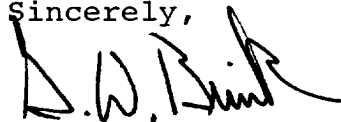
It is intended to locate the El Paso Natural Gas Company's San Juan 27-5 Unit #196 at 1900' from the South line and 888' from the West line of Section 15, T-27-N, R-5-W, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

Extremely rough terrain in the form of steep cliffs in the southwest corner of this section makes it impossible to build an orthodox gas well location.

El Paso operates all proration units offsetting the proposed unorthodox location.

Plats showing the proposed well location and the terrain of Section 15, along with an ownership plat, are attached.

Sincerely,



G. W. Brink

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