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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DHC-1010

Meridian Oil Company
P.O. Box 4289
Farmington, NM 87499-4289

Attention: John D. Clayton

*San Juan 28-5 Unit Well No. 241
Unit K, Section 16, Township 28 North, Range 5 West,
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.
Basin-Fruitland Coal and Undesignated-Pictured Cliffs Pools*

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Dear Mr. Clayton:

Reference is made to your recent application for an exception to Rule 303-A of the Division Rules and Regulations to permit the subject well to commingle production from both pools in the wellbore.

It appearing that the subject well qualifies for approval for such exception pursuant to the provisions of Rule 303-C, and that reservoir damage or waste will not result from such downhole commingling, and correlative rights will not be violated thereby, you are hereby authorized to commingle the production as described above and any Division Order which authorized the dual completion and required separation of the two zones is hereby placed in abeyance.

In accordance with the provisions of Rule 303-C-4., total commingled oil production from the subject well shall not exceed 20 barrels per day, and total water production shall not exceed 40 barrels per day. The maximum amount of gas which may be produced daily from the well shall be determined by Division Rules and Regulations or by the gas allowable for each respective prorated pool as printed in the Division's San Juan Basin Gas Proration Schedule.

Assignment of allowable to the well and allocation of production from the well shall be in accordance with the allocation formula shown on Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof. Any condensate production will be allocated entirely to the Undesignated-Pictured Cliffs interval.

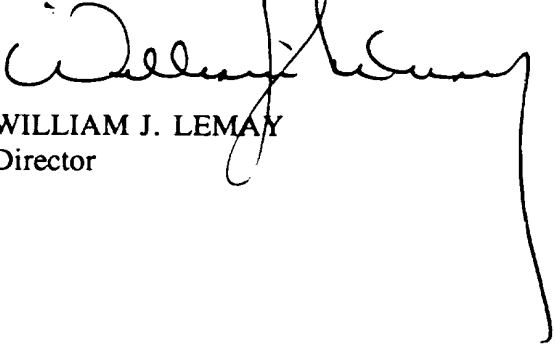
The operator is responsible for reporting the monthly gas production from the subject well to the Division utilizing the allocation formula adopted herein. An annual report shall be submitted by the operator to both the Aztec and Santa Fe offices of the Division showing the complete computations for the previous twelve-month period.

FURTHER: The operator shall notify the Aztec District Office of the Division upon implementation of the commingling process.

Pursuant to Rule 303-C-5, the commingling authority granted by the order may be rescinded by the Division Director if, in his opinion, commingling is not being best served by such commingling.

Approved at Santa Fe, New Mexico on this 25th day of May, 1994.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION


WILLIAM J. LEMAY
Director

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WJL/DRC/amg

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec
U.S. Bureau of Land Management - Farmington

S.J. 28-5 UNIT #241

MONTHLY GAS PRODUCTION ALLOCATION FORMULA

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See Determination of Q_{pci} and PC Estimated Ultimate Recovery (EUR)
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 P^* = INITIAL RESERVOIR PRESSURE (7 DAY SIBHP)
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**** DETERMINED FROM MATERIAL BALANCE (FIELD ANALOGY) AND VOLUMETRIC RESERVES (LOG ANALYSIS)**

By calculating PC EUR FROM SIBHP and determining PC initial flow rate, D_{pc} can then be estimated utilizing the previously described parameters

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REFERENCE: Thompson, R. S., and Wright, J. D., "Oil Property Evaluation", pages 5-2, 5-3, 5-4.

Ernie Busch

From: Ernie Busch
To: David Catanach
Subject: MERIDIAN OIL INC. (DHC)
Date: Tuesday, May 17, 1994 7:48AM
Priority: High

WELL NAME & NO. SAN JUAN 28-5 UNIT #241
LOCATION K-16-28N-05W
RECOMMEND APPROVAL

April 21, 1994

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
Attn: Mr. Bill LeMay
P.O. Box 2088
310 Old Santa Fe Trail
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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RE: San Juan 28-5 Unit #241
Unit K, Section 16, T28N, R05W
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico
Downhole Commingling Request

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Meridian Oil Inc. is applying for an administrative downhole commingling order for the referenced well in the Pictured Cliffs and the Basin Fruitland Coal fields. The ownership of the zones to be commingled is common. All offsetting acreage in this case belongs to Meridian Oil Inc. A letter has been sent to the Bureau of Land Management notifying them.

The Fruitland Coal and Pictured Cliffs wells producing in this area operated by Meridian are marginally productive. Based on offset production in this area, drilling of separate wells and dual completions to produce the Fruitland Coal and Pictured Cliffs are not economically justified. The only economical way to recover the Fruitland Coal and Pictured Cliffs reserves in this drill block is to downhole commingle production from both zones in this well.

It is proposed to complete the Pictured Cliffs formation and test its production. It is then proposed to set a bridge plug above the Pictured Cliffs, perforate and stimulate the Fruitland Coal, and test its production. The bridge plug will then be removed, and both zones produced through a single string of tubing. The reservoir characteristics of each of the subject zones are such that underground waste will not be caused by the proposed commingling. Neither producing interval makes oil, and only minimal amounts of similar water are produced in the offset wells. The average shut-in pressures in the area for the Pictured Cliffs and Fruitland Coal are 1090 and 1070 psi, respectively.

The allocation of the commingled production will be calculated using the attached allocation formula. This formula is based on offset Pictured Cliffs production performance (material balance) and volumetrics, and uses accepted Reservoir Engineering methods to allocate the Pictured Cliffs reserves. This addresses the Fruitland Coal producing characteristics of early life inclining production rates.

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Mr. Bill LeMay
San Juan 28-5 Unit #241
Downhole Commingling Request
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Approval of this commingling application will allow for the prevention of wasted resources and protection of correlative rights. Included with this letter are plats showing ownership of offsetting leases for both the Pictured Cliffs and Fruitland Coal, a copy of the letter to the BLM and an allocation formula.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Clayton", followed by the initials "JDC" in a bold, sans-serif font.

John D. Clayton
Regional Engineer

SHL/rjp
Attachments

cc: Frank T. Chavez - NMOCD/Aztec

April 21, 1994

Bureau of Land Management
1235 La Plata Highway
Farmington, NM 87401

RE: San Juan 28-5 Unit #241
Unit K, Section 16, T28N, R05W
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico
Downhole Commingle Request

Gentlemen:

Meridian Oil Inc. is in the process of applying for a downhole commingling order from the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) for the referenced well located in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. The approved application will commingle the Pictured Cliffs and the Basin Fruitland Coal fields.

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of Meridian's application. If you have no objections to the NMOCD issuing a commingling order, we would appreciate your signing this letter and returning the original to Mr. LeMay at the following address with a copy to this office:

Mr. William LeMay
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
P.O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Your prompt attention to this matter would be appreciated.

Yours truly,



John D. Clayton
Regional Engineer

The undersigned hereby waives objection to the referenced Downhole Commingle Request.

COMPANY/OWNER: _____

TITLE: _____

DATE: _____

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DETERMINATION OF Q_{pci} : (INITIAL PICTURED CLIFFS MONTHLY PRODUCTION)

$$\underline{Q_{pci} = Q_{t(1)} \times Q_{pc(p)} / \{Q_{pc(p)} + Q_{ftc(p)}\}}$$

WHERE:

$Q_{t(1)}$ = FIRST MONTH TOTAL PRODUCTION (MCF)

$Q_{pc(p)}$ = FINAL PICTURED CLIFFS FLOW TEST (MCFPD)

$Q_{ftc(p)}$ = FINAL FRUITLAND COAL FLOW TEST (MCFPD)

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EXAMPLE DETERMINATION OF:

(a) $N_p(pc)$
(b) Q_{pci}
(c) D_{pc}

PC EUR
INITIAL PC MONTHLY FLOW RATE
PC MONTHLY DECLINE RATE

(a) DETERMINATION OF $N_p(pc)$

$$N_p(pc) = 0.81 \text{ (MMCF/PSI)} \times P^* \text{ (PSI)} \times R_f$$

$$P^* = 1090 \text{ PSI (FROM 7 DAY SIBHP)}$$

$$N_p(pc) = 0.81 \text{ MMCF/PSI} \times 1090 \text{ PSI} \times 0.95$$

$$\underline{N_p(pc) = 839 \text{ MMCF}}$$

(b) DETERMINATION OF Q_{pci}

$$Q_{pci} = Q_t(1) \times \{Q_{pc}(p) / (Q_{pc}(p) + Q_{ftc}(p))\}$$

$$Q_t(1) = 15,000 \text{ MCF}$$

$$Q_{pc}(p) = 500 \text{ MCF/D}$$

$$Q_{ftc}(p) = 400 \text{ MCF/D}$$

1ST MONTH TOTAL PRODUCTION

PC FLOW TEST

FTC FLOW TEST

$$Q_{pci} = 15,000 \text{ MCF/M} \times \{500 \text{ MCF/D} / (500 \text{ MCF/D} + 400 \text{ MCF/D})\}$$

$$\underline{Q_{pci} = 8,333 \text{ MCF/M}}$$

(c) DETERMINATION OF D_{pc}

$$D_{pc} = (Q_{pci} - Q_{pcabd}) / N_{pc}$$

$$Q_{pcabd} = 300 \text{ MCF/M}$$

$$D_{pc} = (8,333 \text{ MCF/M} - 300 \text{ MCF/M}) / (839,000 \text{ MCF})$$

$$\underline{D_{pc} = 0.010 / M}$$

$$\underline{\text{THUS: } Q_{ftc} = Q_t \text{ (MCF/M)} - 8,333 \text{ (MCF/M)} \times e^{-\{-(0.010 \text{ (1/M)})\}} \times t \text{ (M)}\}$$

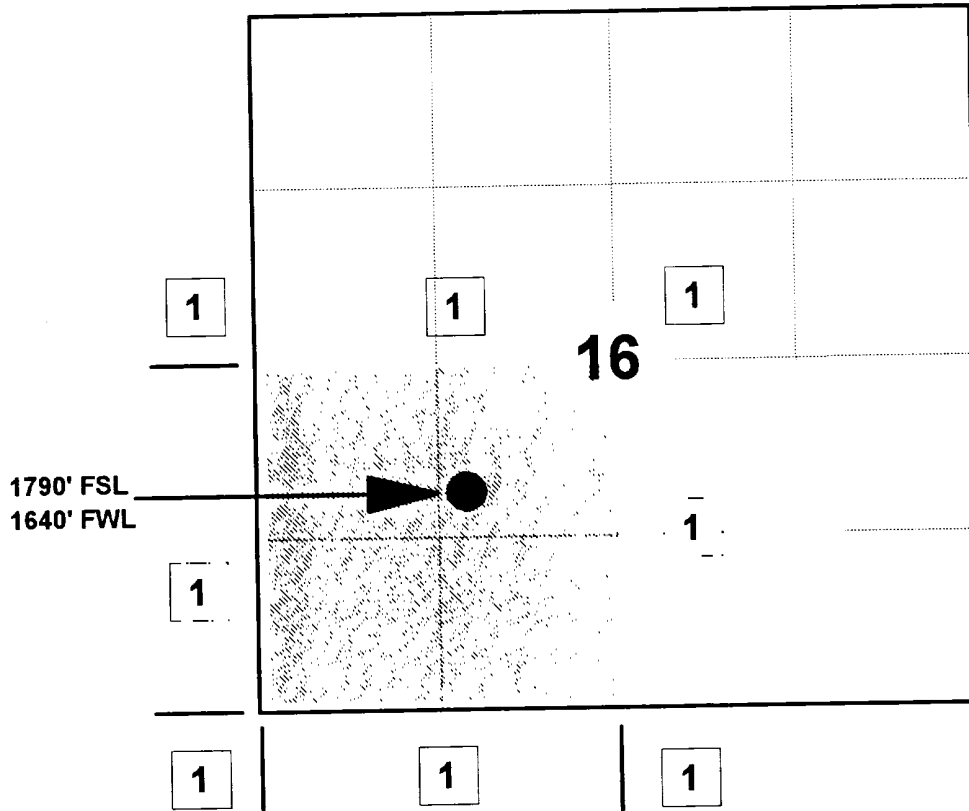
MERIDIAN OIL INC

SAN JUAN 28-5 UNIT #241

OFFSET OPERATOR \ OWNER PLAT

Pictured Cliffs / Fruitland Coal Commingle Well

Township 28 North, Range 5 West



1) Meridian Oil Inc

Pictured Cliffs Formation