STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISIÓN



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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DHC-1002

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

Attention: John D. Clayton

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OIL CON. DIV. DIST. 3

San Juan 29-4 Unit Well No. 201
Unit A, Section 31, Township 29 North, Range 4 West, NMPM,
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.
Basin-Fruitland Coal and Gobernador-Pictured Cliffs Pools

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Pursuant to Rule 303-C-5, the commingling authority granted by the order may be rescinded by the Division Director if, in his opinion, conservation is not being best served by such commingling.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

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WILLIAM J. LEMAY

Director

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WJL/DRC/amg

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec

U.S. Bureau of Land Management - Farmington

MONTHLY GAS PRODUCTION ALLOCATION FORMULA

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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:

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To:

David Catanach

Subject:

MERIDIAN OIL INC. (DHC)

Date:

Tuesday, May 17, 1994 8:25AM

Priority:

High

WELL NAME & NO.

SAN JUAN 28-4 UNIT #201

LOCATION

A-18-28N-04W

RECOMMEND

APPROVAL

DISTRICT 1
F.O. Box 1980, Hobbs, NM 88240
F.O. Box 1980, Hobbs, NM 88240
DISTRICT II
1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

OPERATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT
Form C-115 - Revised 1/1/89
See Distribution and Code
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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

RE:

San Juan 29-4 Unit #201

Unit A, Section 31, T29N, R04W Rio Arriba County, New Mexico Downhole Commingling Request DECEIVED N APR 2 6 1994

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. The offset operator/owners to this well are John E. Schalk, Ruth Zimmerman Trust, Max B. Rotholz, Thomas & Mary Dugan, Langdon D. Harrison, Kerr-McGee Corp., Robert P. Tinnin, MAR Oil & Gas, H.O. Pool Trust, EJE Brown Company, Kathleen Quinn., and Richmond Petroleum. A letter has been sent to the Bureau of Land Management and to the above mentioned notifying them of this downhole commingle.

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 1065 and 1040 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.

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Mr. Bill LeMay San Juan 29-4 Unit #201 Downhole Commingling Request Page Two

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,

Affippin for JDC

John D. Clayton Regional Engineer

SHL/rjp Attachments

cc: Frank T. Chavez - NMOCD/Aztec



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

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Your prompt attention to this matter would be appreciated.

Yours truly,

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MAR Oil & Gas P.O. Box 5155 Santa Fe, NM 87502

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H.O. Pool Trust Attn: Debbie Burney P.O. Box 25189 Oklahoma City, OK 73125

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EJE Brown Company c/o Nationsbank of Texas, N.A. P.O. Box 2546 Forth Worth, TX 76113-2546

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Kathleen Quinn c/o Sunwest Bank of Albuquerque, N.A. Attn: Gail McBrearty P.O. Box 26900 Albuquerque, NM 87125

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Commingle Request.

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The undersigned hereby waives objection to the referenced Downhole

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Richmond Petroleum 2651 N. Harwood, Suite 500 Dallas, TX 75020

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DETERMINATION OF Qpci: (INITIAL PICTURED CLIFFS MONTHLY PRODUCTION)

$Qpci = Qt(1) \times Qpc(p) / \{Qpc(p) + Qftc(p)\}$

WHERE:

Qt(1) = FIRST MONTH TOTAL PRODUCTION (MCF)

Qpc(p) = FINAL PICTURED CLIFFS FLOW TEST (MCFPD)

Qftc(p) = FINAL FRUITLAND COAL FLOW TEST (MCFPD)

EXAMPLE DETERMINATION OF:

(a) Np(pc)

PC EUR

(b) Qpci (c) Dpc INITIAL PC MONTHLY FLOW RATE

PC MONTHLY DECLINE RATE

(a) DETERMINATION OF Np(pc)

Np(pc) = 1.16 (MMCF/PSI) X P*(PSI) X Rf

P* = 1065 PSI (FROM 7 DAY SIBHP)

Np(pc) = 1.16 MMCF/PSI X 1065 PSI X 0.95

Np(pc) = 1174 MMCF

(b) DETERMINATION OF Qpci

 $Qpci = Qt(1) X \{Qpc(p)/(Qpc(p) + Qftc(p))\}$

Qt(1) =

15,000 MCF

1ST MONTH TOTAL PRODUCTION

Qpc(p) =

500 MCF/D

PC FLOW TEST

Qftc(p) =

400 MCF/D

FTC FLOW TEST

Qpci = 15,000 MCF/M X {500 MCF/D/(500 MCF/D + 400 MCF/D)}

Qpci = 8,333 MCF/M

(c) DETERMINATION OF Dpc

Dpc = (Qpci - Qpcabd)/Npc

Qpcabd = 300 MCF/M

Dpc = (8,333MCF/M - 300MCF/M)/(1,174,000MCF)

Dpc = 0.007/M

THUS: Qftc = Qt(MCF/M) - 8,333(MCF/M) \times e^{-(0.007(1/M)) \times t(M)}

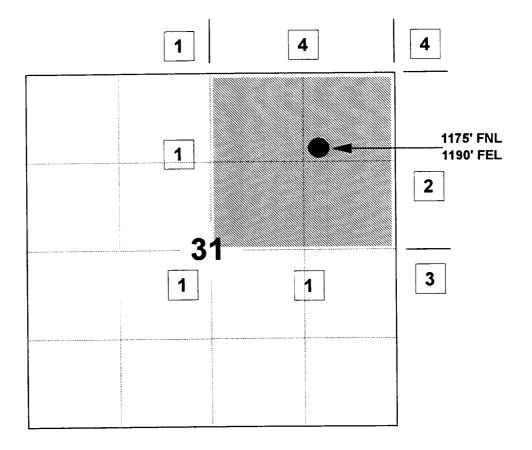
MERIDIAN OIL INC

SAN JUAN 29-4 UNIT #201

OFFSET OPERATOR \ OWNER PLAT

Pictured Cliffs / Fruitland Coal Formation Commingle Well

Township 29 North, Range 4 West



1) Meridian Oil Inc		
2) John E. Schalk		PO Box 25825, Albuquerque, NM 87125
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John E. Schalk		
4) See Attached		
		

Pictured Cliffs Formation

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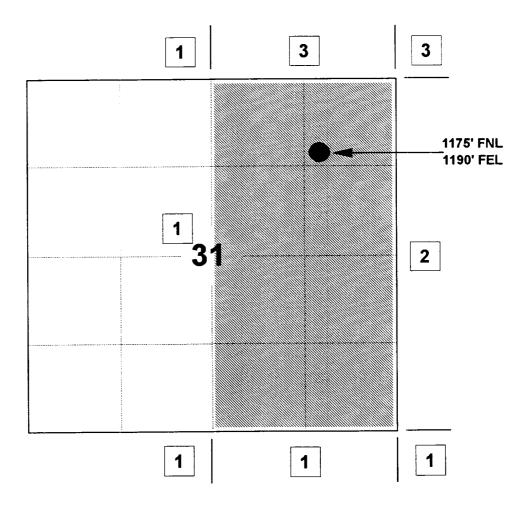
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