

## NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS & NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OL CONSERVATION DIVISION 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 (505) 827-7131

January 11, 1999

Conoco, Inc.

10 Desta Drive - Suite 100W Midland, Texas 79705-5400

Attention: Kay Maddox

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Administrative Order NSL-4197

Dear Ms. Maddox:

Reference is made to your application dated December 17, 1998, which was received by the Division on December 22, 1998, for an off-pattern non-standard Basin-Fruitland coal gas well location for Conoco, Inc.'s existing State "A" Gas Com. Well No. 1-E (API No. 30-045-25147), located 1850 feet from the North line and 800 feet from the West line (Unit E) of Section 36, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico.

According to the well records on file with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division in Santa Fe, the State "A" Gas Com. Well No. 1-E was initially drilled in 1982 by ARCO Oil & Gas Company and completed at a standard infill gas well location in the Basin-Dakota Pool within a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising the N/2 of Section 36.

It is our understanding that Conoco, Inc. intends to abandon the Dakota interval in this well at this time and to recomplete up-hole into the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool. The location of this well is considered to be unorthodox, pursuant to the "Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8768, as amended. Further, the N/2 of Section 36 is to be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Rule 8 of these special pool rules, the above-described unorthodox coal gas well location for the State "A" Gas Com. Well No. 1-E is hereby approved.

Sincerely,

Lori Wrotenbery

Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Aztec

U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Farmington



Mid-Continent Region Exploration/Production

December 17, 1998

Conoco Inc. 10 Desta Drive, Suite 100W Midland, TX 79705-4500 (915) 686-5400

Mr. Michael Stogner New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 2040 Pacheco Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

RE: Application for Unorthodox Coal Location State "A" Gas Com #1E API # 30-045-25147 Section 36, T-29-N, R-11-W, E 1850' FNL & 800' FWL San Juan County, New Mexico DEC 2 1 1998

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Dear Mr. Stogner,

State "A" Gas Com #1E is located in Section 36, T-29-N, R-11-W, San Juan County, NM. In addition to standard 790' set-back requirements, orthodox locations for 320 acre spaced, Basin Fruitland Coal Pool rules state that the wells be located in the NE/4 and/or SW/4 of any given section. The State "A" Gas Com #1E meets the pool set-back requirements but is situated in the NW/4 of Section 36; an orthodox location north half location would be in the NE/4.

In order to prevent economic waste by allowing access to Basin Fruitland Coal reserves in an existing wellbore, Conoco respectfully requests that the NW/4, unorthodox location be approved for completion in the Basin Fruitland Coal Pool.

The offset operator plat shows that Burlington Resources, Chapparal, Cross Timbers. Redworf, Taurus, Manana are the offset operators that could be affected by this unorthodox location. Please find enclosed evidence that they have been notified of this application.

An unorthodox location order is requested based on the reasons given in the preceding paragraphs. If there are further questions concerning this application please call me at (915) 686-5798.

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Regulatory Agent / Conoco, Inc.

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Cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec

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AMENDED REPORT

## WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

API Number	2 Pool Code	3 Pool Name
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State A Gas Com #1E Section 36, T-29-N, R-11-W, E 1850' FNL & 800' FWL San Juan County, NM API # 30-045-25147

**RE: Unorthodox Location for Fruitland Coal Recompletion** 

## **Notification of Offset Operators:**

Burlington Resources PO Box 4289 Farmington, NM 87499

Chapparal Oil & Gas PO Box 100 Aztec, NM 87410-0100

Taurus Exploration 2101 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue N Birmingham, AL 35203-2784

Manana Gas Inc 2520 Tramway Terrace CT NE Albuquercue, NM 87122-1317

Cross Timbers 6001 HWY 64 Farmington, NM 82401

Redwolf Production PO Box 5382 Farmington, NM 87499-5382

The above listed operators have been notified of this application – please see attached evidence.

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