



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS
& NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505
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January 11, 1999

Conoco, Inc.
10 Desta Drive - Suite 100W
Midland, Texas 79705-5400
Attention: Kay Maddox

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DIST. 3

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

LW/MES/kv

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



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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

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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

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, Redwolf, 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.

Sincerely,

Kay Maddox
Regulatory Agent / Conoco, Inc.

KM/

Cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec

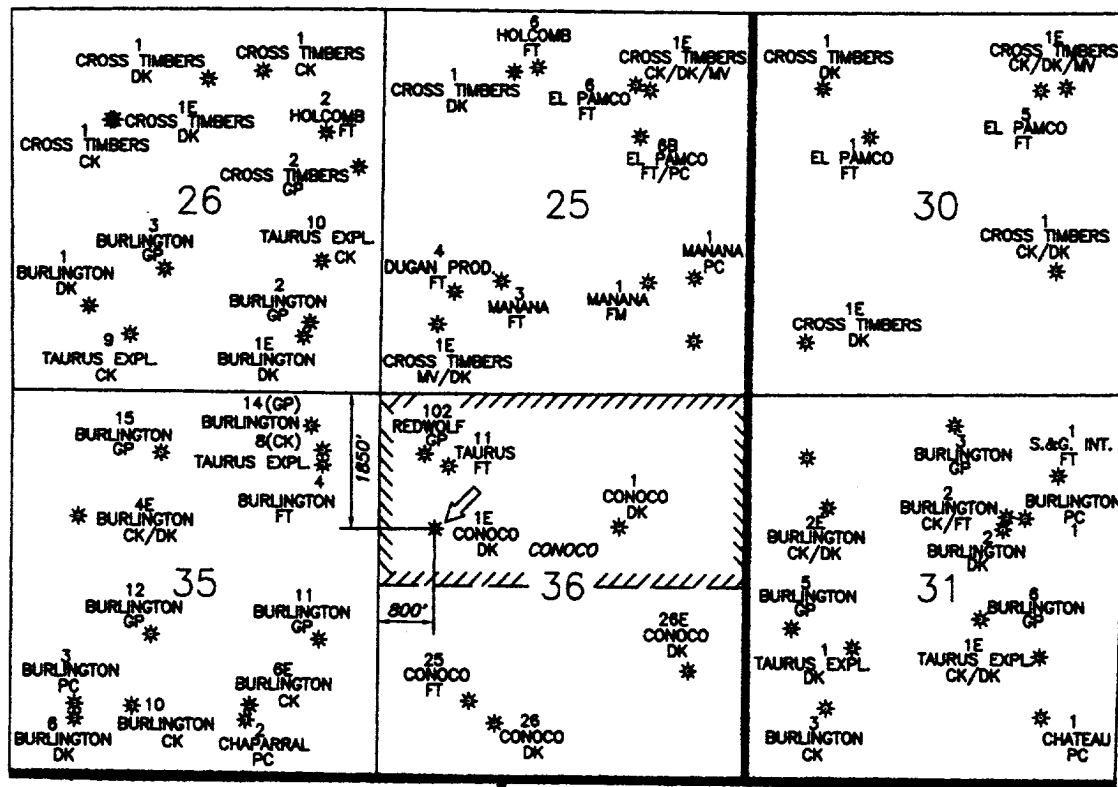
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DATE: 12/16/98

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APPROVED BY:

SCALE: 1" = 2640'

STATE PLANE COORDINATES REFERRED TO
NAD27 - N.M. WEST
STATE PLANE COORDINATES
ZONE - 3003



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NON-ORTHODOX
FRUITLAND COAL

State "A" Gas Com 1E, Sec.36-T29N-R11W
San Juan County, New Mexico

STATE API COUNTY WELL
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STATEA1E

CONOCO INC. OFFICE
10 DESTA DRIVE WEST
MIDLAND, TEXAS 79705

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☐ AMENDED REPORT

Certificate Number

**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 6th Avenue N
Birmingham, AL 35203-2784

Manana Gas Inc
2520 Tramway Terrace CT NE
Albuquerque, 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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Receipt for Certified Mail
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Sent to Taurus Exploration	
Street & Number 7101 1/2 Ave N	
Post Office, State, & ZIP Code Birmingham, AL 35203-2784	
Postage	\$
Certified Fee	
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Sent to Manana Gas Inc	
Street & Number 2520 Transway Road	
Post Office, State, & ZIP Code Albany, NM 87002 B17	
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Street & Number PO Box 4289	
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Street & Number PO Box 5382	
Post Office, State, & ZIP Code Farmington, NM	
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Street & Number PO Box 100	
Post Office, State, & ZIP Code H2 Fee, NM 87410-0100	
Postage	\$
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Special Delivery Fee	
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