



## ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION



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March 22, 1994

POST OFFICE BOX 2088 STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504 (505) 827-5800

BHP Petroleum (Americas), Inc. P.O. Box 977 Farmington, NM 87499

Attention: Fred Lowry

Administrative Order NSL-3371

Dear Mr. Lowry:

Reference is made to your application dated February 22, 1994, for a non-standard gas well location for you Gallegos Canyon Unit Well No. 529 to be drilled 2119 feet from the South line and 1398 feet from the East line (Unit J) of Section 36, Township 29 North, Range 12 West, NMPM, Undesignated West Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico. The SE/4 of said Section 36 shall be dedicated to the well forming a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of General Rule 104.F(1) the above-described unorthodox gas well location is hereby approved.

Sincerely,

William J. LeMay

Director

WJL/MES/amg

cc:

Oil Conservation Division - Aztec

New Mexico State Land Office - Santa Fe

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From: To:

Ernie Busch

Subject:

Mike Stogner BHP PETROLEUM (AMERICAS) INC. (NSL)

Date:

Thursday, April 07, 1994 1:23PM

**Priority**:

High

WELL NAME: GCU #529 LOCATION: J-36-29N-12W FOOTAGE: 2119' FSL; 1398' FEL

RECOMMEND: APPROVAL

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Allo: E. Busch

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February 22, 1994

State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Division P.O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088



Re: Unorthodox Location, Administrative Approval Request
Gallegos Canyon Unit #529
West Kutz Pictured Cliffs
2119' FSL & 1398' FEL, Sec. 36, T29N, R12W, NMPND FGE #5
San Juan County, New Mexico

MAR1 1 1994

Dear Sir:

OIL CON. DIV.

BHP Petroleum (Americas), Inc. respectfully requests that **DIST. 3** non-standard location be administratively approved for the Gallegos Canyon Unit #529.

The standard drilling windows for this location all fall within the subdivided and residential developed area of the San Juan Vista Subdivision. All areas within the orthodox drilling windows are occupied by incompatible residential housing.

Amoco has an existing Dakota location, the GCU #162, located in the  $NW_{4}^{1}$  of the proration unit. The pad size prohibits the use as a shared location. There is existing housing to the west and south and an EPNG pipeline to the east of this location. As can be seen on Exhibit 3 of this application, BHP proposes to locate our location just east and as close to the EPNG ROW as practical. There is existing housing to the south, eliminating any movement to the south. The landowner, Mrs. David Burnham, has existing plans to subdivide and develope the rest of this quarter section in the near future.

For both economic and mechnical reasons BHP does not consider a directionally drilled well into the standard drilling windows as a feasible alternative. Economically a directionally drilled hole adds significant costs which cannot be justified by the expected production. Mechanically, our experience has shown that a rod pump may be required to assit in lifting water from the PC and a directionally drilled well would greatly hinder or prohibit this requirement.

As shown on the Land Plat, Exhibit 1, BHP as the operator of of the Gallegos Canyon Unit is the operator of production to the north, west and south. Conoco Inc. operates to the NE and

BHP Petroleum (Americas), Inc. Gallegos Canyon Unit #529 Unorthodox Location Request

SE. Clayton Investments operates to the northeast and Meridian operates to the east. Notice of this application has been sent to each of these parties.

Should you have any questions concerning this request, please feel free to contact me at (505) 327-1639.

Sincerely,

JRED LOWLY

Fred Lowery

## PROPERTY MANAGEMENT & CONSULTING, INC.

P. O. BOX 2596 FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO 87499-2596 (505) 325-5220

Mr. Fred Lowery BHP Petroleum (Americas), Inc. P.O. Box 977 Farmington, New Mexico 87401 February 22, 1994

Re: Narrative Report - Staking of Gallegos Canyon Unit #529

Dear Mr. Lowery:

Property Management and Consulting, Inc. conducted an onsite inspection of the potential locations for your Gallegos Canyon Unit #529 West Kutz Pictured Cliffs well. As a result of this inspection, the well has been staked non-standard at 2119' FSL & 1398' FEL, Sec. 36, T29N, R12W, San Juan County, New Mexico.

The standard drilling windows for this location are such that they all fall within the subdivided and developed area known as the San Juan Vista Subdivision. As shown on the enclosed San Juan County Land Plat of the SE¼, Sec36, T29N, R12W (Exhibit No. 3), all areas within the orthodox drilling windows are occupied by incompatible residential housing.

There is an existing Amoco Dakota location the GCU #162 in the  $NW_4^1$  of the proration unit. This pad could not be used for your GCU #529 well due to the limited size and the proximity of existing housing to the west and south and an EPNG pipeline to the east (See Enlarged Plat, Exhibit No. 3).

As a result, the well has been staked as close to the east side of the EPNG ROW and north side of the subdivided housing development as possible. The east edge of the pad is approximately 5' west of the future ROW for SJ County RD 5245. The well is 269' north and 52' east of the NE corner of the NW orthodox drilling window. Mr. Bob Stannard of Miller Engineers Inc., representing landowner Mrs. David Burnham, has concurred with the selection of this site as being the most compatible with future subdivision plans.

Sincerely,

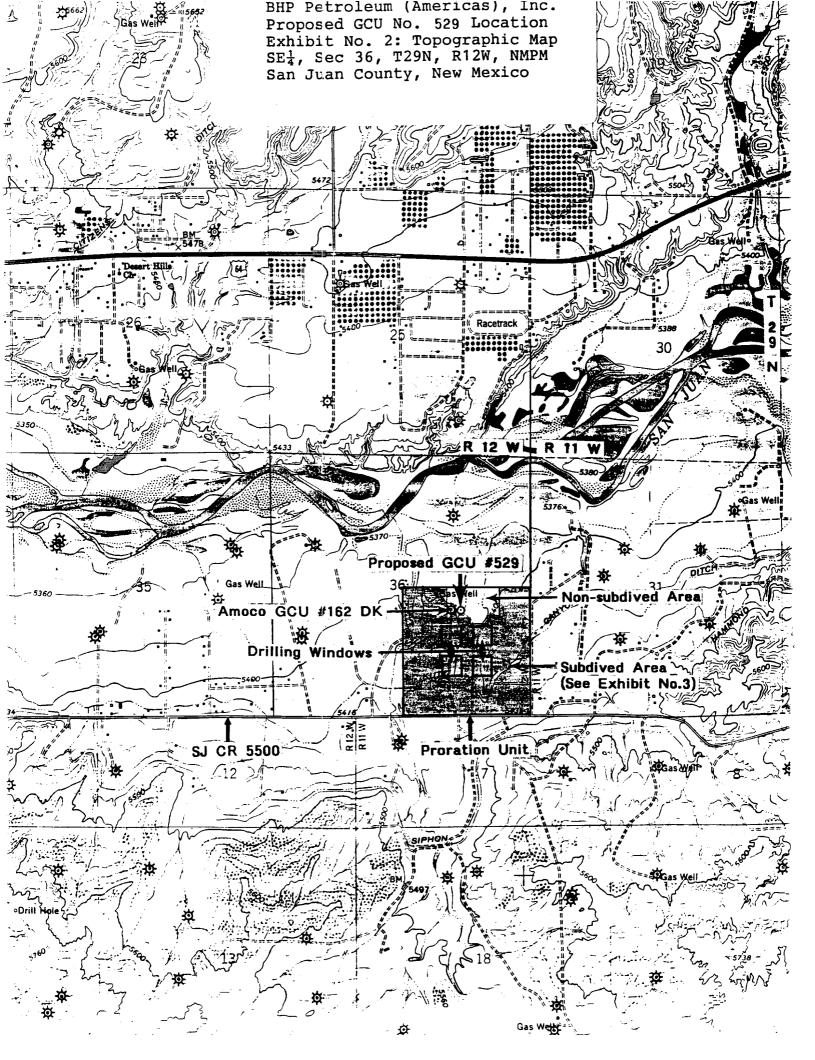
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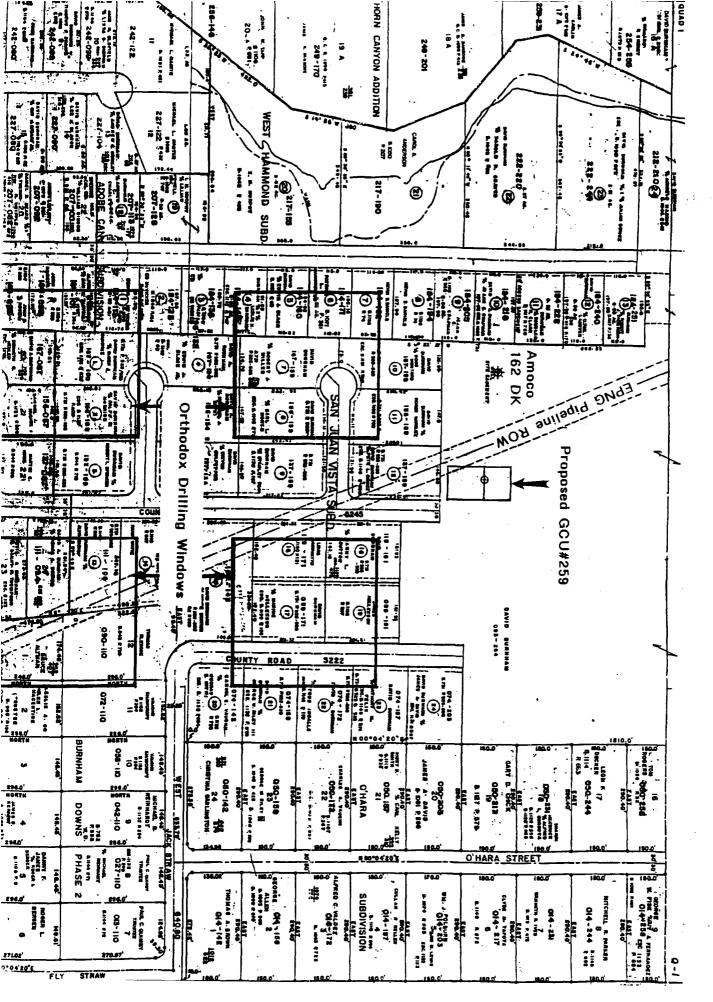
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To the best of mu knowledge, this information is current and correct. Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, BHP Petroleum (Americas), Inc.





BHP Petroleun (Americas), Inc. Exhibit No. 3: Enlarged Plat SE¼, Sec 36, T29N, R12W, NMPM San Juan County, New Mexico

#### Submit to Appropriate District Office Susse Lease - 6 copies Fee Lease - 5 copies

## State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-101 Revised 1-1-09

DISTRICT P.O. Box 1980, Hobbs, NM 88240

DISTRICT P.O. Drawer DD, Artesia, NM 88210

DISTRICT III
1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aziec, NM 87410

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION PPD. (Bo 12088)

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API NO. ( assigned by OCD on New Wells) 30-045-29078 5. Indicate Type of Lease STATE X

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CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY:

ZONE, GIVE BLOWOUT PREVENTER PROGRAM, IF ANY.

Hold c-104 for NSC

Submit to Appropriate District Office State Lease - 4 copies Fee Lease - 3 copies

Operator

## State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Depaiment

Form C-102 Revised 1-1-89

## OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

P.O. Box 2088

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

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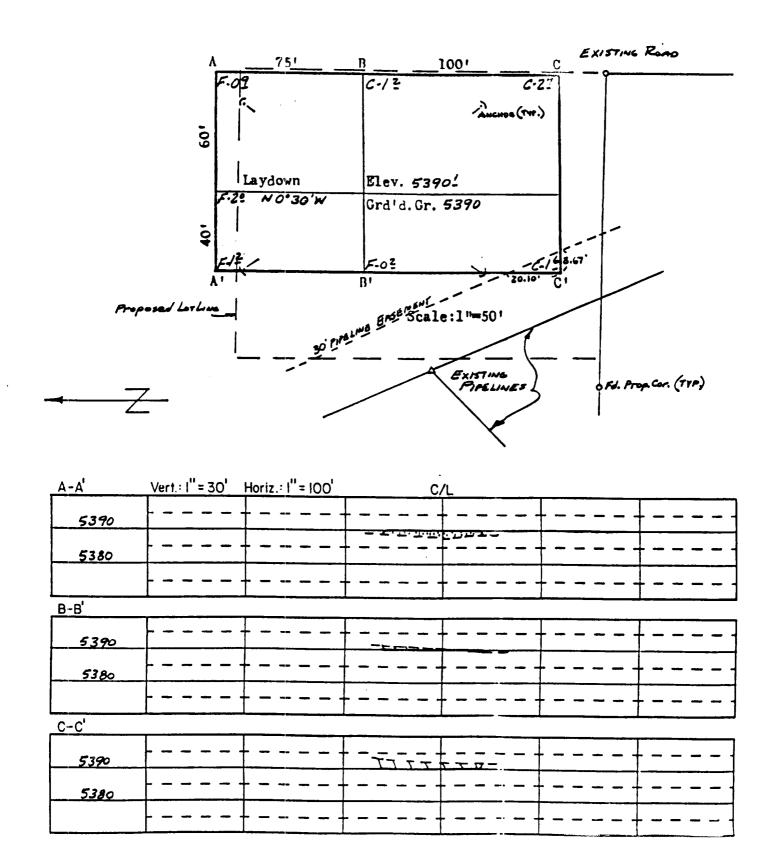
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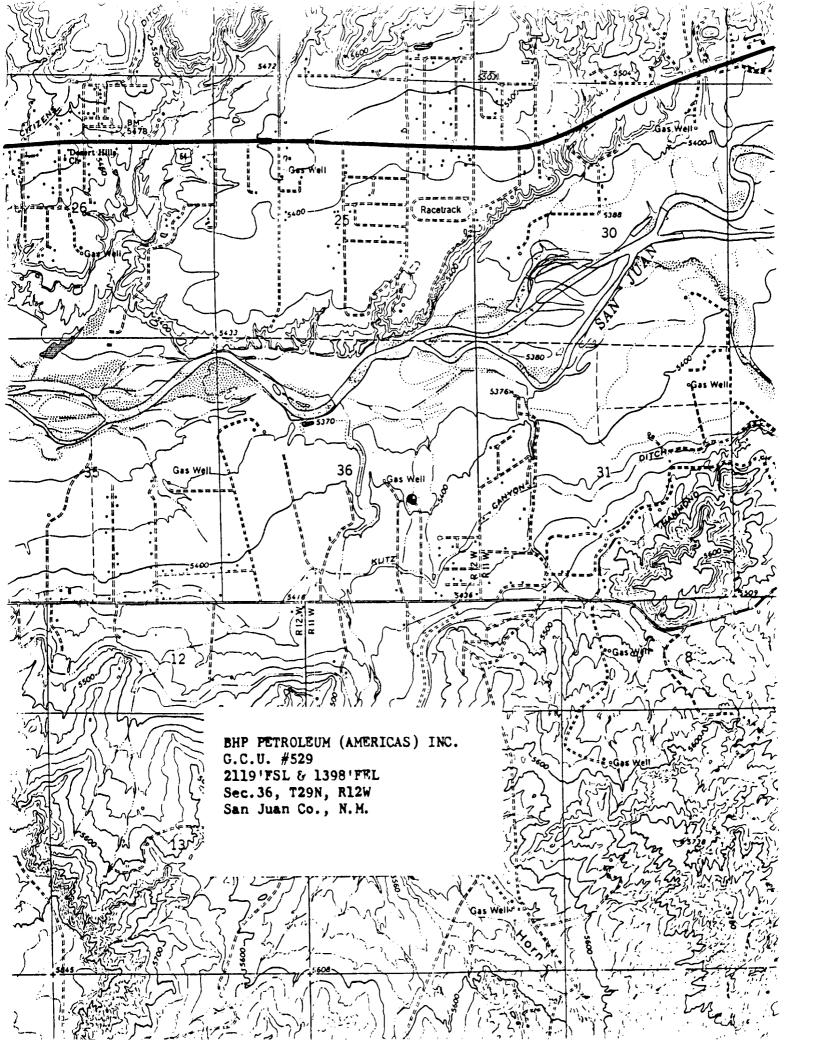
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BHP PETROLEUM (AMERICAS) INC. G.C.U. #529
2119'FSL & 1398'FEL
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BHP PETROLEUM (AMERICAS) INC.

GALLEGOS CANYON UNIT #529

2119'FSL & 1398'FEL

Section 36 T29N R12W

SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

#### TEN POINT PROGRAM

### Surface Formation: NACIMIENTO

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### Estimated Formation Tops:

<u>Formation</u>	<u>Top</u>	Expected Production
Ojo Alamo	120'	
Kirtland	290'	
Fruitland	1100'	
Basal Fruitland Coal	1372'	GAS
Pictured Cliffs	1394'	GAS
TOTAL DEPTH	1560'	

Casing and Cementing Program: A string of 7" 20# K-55 ST&C casing will be set at ± 330' in an 8 3/4" hole and cemented to the surface in a single stage with 85 sx of Class "B" cement (yield=1.18 cf/sk) containing 3% CaCl<sub>2</sub> and 1/4 lb/sk celloflake. Slurry volume assumes 100% excess over calculated hole volume. If the cement job does not circulate to surface, cement will be topped off using 1" pipe down the 8-3/4" by 7" annulus. Centralizers will be run on the bottom four joints across the Ojo Alamo. If boulders are encountered while drilling the surface hole, no centralizers will be run. Minimum clearance between couplings and hole is 1.094". Prior to drilling out the shoe, casing and BOPE will be tested to a minimum of 2000 psig. Safety factors utilized in the design of this casing string were: burst=1.1; collapse=1.125; and tension=1.8 or 100,000 lb overpull, whichever is greater.

A production string of 4-1/2", 10.5# K-55 ST&C casing will be run from the surface to total depth in a 6-1/4" hole. This string will be cemented to the surface with a minimum of 148 sx of 50-50 pozmix containing 2% gel, 10% salt and 1/4 lb/sk celloflake (yield=1.26 cf/sk) followed by 50 sx of Class "B" cement containing fluid loss additive (yield=1.18 cf/sk). Slurry volume assumes a 50% excess over calculate hole volume. Cement volume is subject to change after review and recalculation of hole volume from the open hole calipers. If the primary cement job does not circulate to surface, the cement will be topped of using 1" pipe down the 6-1/4" by 4 1/2" annulus. Centralizers will be spaced such that a minimum of two are located above and two are located below the Basal Fruitland Coal. Minimum clearance between couplings and hole is 1.25"

Prior to perforating the casing for any attempted completion, the casing will be tested to a minimum of 2500 psig. Safety factors utilized in the design of this casing string were: burst=1.1; collapse=1.125; and tension=1.8 or 100,000 lb overpull, whichever is greater.

Following the completion of the cementing operations, a sundry notice detailing the cement volummes and densities for each job will be submitted.

Pressure Control Equipment: (See attached schematic diagram.) A minimum of a 2M psi BOP well control system will be utilized. BOP's and choke manifold will be installed and pressure tested before drilling out under surface casing and then will be checked daily as to mechanical operation condition. Ram type preventors will be tested to 2M psi. The annular preventor will be tested to 50% or its working pressure.

A full opening internal blowout preventor or drill pipe safety valve will be on the drill floor at all times and will be capable of fitting all connections.

6. <u>Mud Program:</u> A fresh water low solids, non-dispersed mud system will be used to drill this well. Sufficient materials will be on location at all times to maintain mud propertied and to control any unforeseen lost circulation problems or abnormal pressures in the Farmington sands within the Kirtland formation. All drilling fluids will be contained in an earthen pit. At the completion of drilling, the drilling fluid will be hauled off to be used for another well. The remaining accumulation of solids in the pit will be allowed to dry and then covered.

Mud program is as follows:

<u>Interval (ft)</u>	<u>Mud Weight (ppg)</u>	Viscosity (sec/qt)
0 - 330	9.0+	40 - 50
330 - 1000	8.4+	30 <b>-</b> 38
1000 - TD	9.3 or less	40 - 55

- Auxiliary Equipment: An upper kelly cock with handle available will be utilized. At a minimum, a flow sensor will be installed in the system and the mud volume will be visually monitored constantly.
- 8. Logging Program: SP-DIL and GR-FDC-CNL logs will be run form TD to surface casing shoe depth.

Coring Program: No cores are planned

Testing Program: No tests are planned.

<u>Stimulation Program:</u> Perforate the Pictured Cliffs with 4 JSPF and fracture stimulate with approximately 3000 lbs of frac sand per foot of perforated interval in either a 70 quality nitrogen foam system or a cross-linked gelled water system.

9. <u>Abnormal Pressure:</u> A possible water flow is expected in the Ojo Alamo. Although not expected, abnormal pressures are possible in the Farmington sand of the Kirtland formation.

Estimated Bottom Hole Pressure: 600 psig.

10. Anticipated Starting Date: As soon as all required approvals are received.

<u>Duration of Operation:</u> It is estimated that a total of 4 days will be required for drilling operations and 5 days for completion operations.

