



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS
& NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

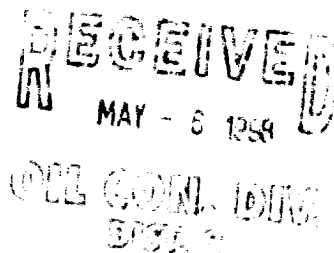
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
2040 South Pacheco Street
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April 23, 1998

CASE NO. 11963

Merrion Oil & Gas Corporation
c/o Roberts & Strother, Attorneys at Law
P. O. Box 129
Farmington, New Mexico 87499

Attention: Tommy Roberts



INTERIM ORDER OF THE DIVISION

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Reference is made to the record in Division Case 11963, heard before Examiner Michael E. Stogner on Thursday, April 16, 1998. Merrion Oil & Gas Corporation is hereby authorized to drill its proposed Vine Com. Well No. 1 (API No. 30-045-29519) at an unorthodox gas well location in order to test the Undesignated West Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool 670 feet from the North line and 1290 feet from the West line (Unit D) of Section 15, Township 29 North, Range 13 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

Authorization hereby granted by this Interim Order shall remain in effect until such time as an Order is issued by the Division in this matter subsequent to the May 14, 1998 hearing.

Sincerely,

Lori Wrotenbery
Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Aztec
File: Case 11963