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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT Oil Conservation Division State Land Office Building Santa Fe, New Mexico 13 June 1979

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(Witnesses sworn.)

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DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. COFFIELD:

Q. Mr. Jeffers, would you state your name, address, occupation, and employer, please?

A. Joseph W. Jeffers, Midland, Texas, Mesa Petroleum Company, Division Geologist.

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A. I have.

Q. And were your qualifications made a matter of record and accepted by the Division?

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MR. COFFIELD: Is the witness considered qualified?

MR. NUTTER: Yes, he is.

Q (Mr. Coffield continuing.) Mr. Jeffers, just basically what -- what does Mesa propose in this particular case?

A. Mesa proposes to drill a directional hole from -- from a location in Section 18, which would be 685 feet from the north line and 1295 feet from the west line, to be vertically drilled approximately 7000 feet and then directionally drilled to a bottom hole location in the Morrow formation within 400 feet of a point 1315 feet from the south line and 1320 feet from the west line of Section 7, all in Township 23 South, Range 30 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

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A. This is a general plat in the Nash Unit Area. It is on a scale of one inch to 2000 feet, covering primarily a portion of Township 23 South, Range 29 and 30 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

It shows the Nash Unit outlined in red and other units in the area are designated by name and outline.

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contour interval is 50 feet. The producing formations are color coded to correspond with the production legend on the map. The proposed location is marked on the map.

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equal structural position to the presently productive well in Section 18.

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Application was filed May the 10th, 1979.

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- A. Well, I might add that this is in the R-111. We've been attempting to get this location to drill in the Nash Unit for two years, over two years, and we finally got a location that we can get approval from everybody to drill.
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8	Α.	They were.
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A. Yes, sir. Well No. 5 and No. 6 were Delaware dry holes. No. 4 was a Delaware completion.

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A. Bell Canyon. I mean Cherry Canyon.

Excuse me.

Q. Now what lands would be dedicated to this

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MR. COFFIELD: We have nothing further

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A. Yes.

Q. And were your qualifications accepted by the Division and made a matter of record?

A. They were.

Q. Are you familiar with Mesa's application in this case?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And with the property and well involved?

A. Yes, sir.

MR. COFFIELD: Is the witness considered

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MR. NUTTER: Yes, he is.

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culties for any reason?						
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Right.

Do you have anything further to add in connection with the engineering aspects of this?

I do not.

Was this Exhibit Four prepared by you or under your supervision?

Yes, it was.

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MR. COFFIELD: No, sir.

MR. NUTTER: Does anyone have anything

they wish to offer in Case Number 6573?

We'll take the case under advisement.

(Hearing concluded.)

REFORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, SALLY WARTON BOYD, a Court Reporter, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the Oil Conservation Division was reported by me; that said transcript is a full, true, and correct record of the hearing, prepared by me to the best of my ability, knowledge, and skill, from my notes taken at the time of the hearing.

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west half of Sec	tion 7 or the south half of Section 7?
۸.	I think I'd go the west half of Section 7.
Q.	So the the bottom hole location, then,

h. That's correct.

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MR. NUTTER: Are there any other questions of this witness?

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MR. COPFINED: I have no more questions of the witness.

MR. NUTTER: Are there any questions of

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Mr. Houston? He may to emerge.

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MR. COFFICLD: No, six.

MR. MUTTER: book anyone have anything

they wish to offer in Case Number 6573?

We'll take the case under advisement.

(Hearing concluded.)

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Sally W. Boyd, C.S.R.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete record of the proceedings in

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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June 29, 1979

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Re: Mr. Conrad M. Coffield Hinkle, Cox, Haton, Coffield & Hensley Attorneys at Law P. O. Dox 3580 Midland, Texas 79702	CASE NO. 6573 ORDER NO. R-6042 Applicant: Mesa Petroleum Company					
Dear Sir:						
Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Division order recently entered in the subject case. Yours very truly,						
JOE D. RAMEY Director						
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Copy of order also sent to:						
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 6573 Order No. R-6042

APPLICATION OF MESA PETROLEUM COMPANY FOR DIRECTIONAL DRILLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on June 13, 1979, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 26th day of June, 1979, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Mesa Petroleum Company, seeks approval for the directional drilling of its Nash Unit Well No. 7, the surface location of which would be 685 feet from the North line and 1295 feet from the West line of Section 18, to be vertically drilled to approximately 7,000 feet, and then directionally drilled to a bottom hole location in the Morrow formation within 400 feet of a point 1315 feet from the South line and 1320 feet from the West line of Section 7, all in Township 23 South, Range 30 East.
- (3) That the applicant should be required to determine the subsurface location of the kick-off point prior to directional drilling, and to determine the subsurface location of the bottom of the hole by means of a continuous multi-shot directional survey conducted subsequent to said directional drilling, if said well is to be completed as a producing well.
- (4) That said well is located in the Cil-Potash Area as defined by Order R-Ill-A, as amended; and the proposed directional drilling will afford protection to known potash reserves,

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may recover otherwise unrecoverable gas reserves, thereby preventing waste, will not impair but will protect correlative rights, and should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Mesa Petroleum Company, is hereby authorized to directionally drill its Nash Unit Well No. 7, the surface location of which would be 685 feet from the North line and 1295 feet from the West line of Section 18, vertically to approximately 7,000 feet, and then directionally to a bottom hole location in the Morrow formation within 400 feet of a point 1315 feet from the South line and 1320 feet from the West line of Section 7, all in Township 23 South, Range 30 East.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that subsequent to the above-described directional drilling, should said well be a producer, a continuous multi-shot directional survey shall be made of the wellbore from total depth to the kick-off point with shot points not more than 100 feet apart; that the operator shall cause the surveying company to forward a copy of the survey report directly to the Santa Fe office of the Division, P. O. Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and that the operator shall notify the Division's Artesia District Office of the date and time said survey is to be commenced.

- (2) That Form C-105 shall be filed in accordance with Division Rule 1105 and the operator shall indicate thereon true vertical depths in addition to measured depths.
- (3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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JOE D. RAMEY

Director

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May 10, 1979



Mr. Dan Nutter Chief Engineer Oil Conservation Division Post Office Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Mesa Petroleum Co.

Application for Approval of Directional Drilling

Dear Dan:

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Transmitted herewith you will find triplicate executed copies of an Application for Mesa Petroleum Co. for approval of directional drilling in Sections 7 and 18, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico.

It is my understanding that the docket setting for June 13 is still available for this matter, and accordingly, we request that it be heard on that date.

I trust that the enclosed copies of the Application are all that is needed in order for this to be set for the June 13 hearing. However, if anything is needed in addition, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

HINKLE, COX, EATON, COFFIELD & HENSLEY

Conrad E. Coffield

CEC:rf Enclosures

xc: Mr. Marion Causey

xc: Mr. John B. Huckabay, Jr.

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

APPLICATION OF MESA PETROLEUM CO. FOR APPROVAL OF DIRECTIONAL DRILLING

Case 6573

Oil Conservation Division Post Office Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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- Applicant has heretofore filed with the Division Form C-101, Application for Permit to Drill. The proposed well is a development well in the Nash Unit, which is in the designated potash area, and the surface location is on lands of the State of New Mexico leased for oil and gas, which lease has been committed to the Nash Unit. The surface location in Section 18 has heretofore been determined by core tests not to be underlain by commercial deposits of potash. The application provides that the well is to be drilled vertically to a depth of approximately 7,000 feet and then directionally drilled toward the north to a proposed target area of 1315 feet from the south line and 1320 feet from the west line of Section 7, Township 23 South, Range 30 East. The target area has a radius of 400 feet from the center of the SW4 said Section 7. The SW4SW4 Section 7 is in the same state lease as the surface location; however, the N\2SW\4 and SE\4SW\4 Section 7 are federal lands and the well could either be bottomed on state or federal lands. Because of this situation, a similar application has been made to the United States Geological Survey.
- 2. The potash leases covering the W½NW¼ Section 18, as well as the rest of Section 18, are owned by Leland A. Hodges. The potash leases covering the W½SW¼, SE½SW¼, S½SE¼, E½NW¼ and NE¼ Section 7 are owned by International Minerals & Chemical Corporation. The NE½SW¼, N½SE¼ and W½NW¼ Section 7 are unleased for potash. The owners of the potash leases were furnished copies of the Applications for Permit to Drill by registered mail, return receipt requested, as required by

Order R-111-A of the Oil Conservation Commission. It is anticipated through contacts with owners of the potash leases, that there will be no objection to the drilling of the proposed development well.

- 3. This application is being filed pursuant to the provisions of Rule R-111(b) and applicant will make a directional survey in connection with the well so that the well will be drilled to the target area, and upon completion of the well a complete directional survey will be filed with the Division, as requested by the regulations.
- 4. Due to the fact that all of Sections 7 and 18, Township 23 South, Range 30 East are committed to the Nash Unit, there is no problem involved by reason of the fact that the well may be bottomed either on state or federal lands.
- 5. Applicant requests that this matter be set for hearing before an examiner at the earliest possible time.

Dated this 10 day of May, 1979.

Respectfully submitted,

MESA PETROLEUM CO.

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Post Office Box 3580 Midland, Texas 79702 Attorneys for Applicant

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

APPLICATION OF MESA PETROLEUM CO. FOR APPROVAL OF DIRECTIONAL DRILLING

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Dated this 10^{10} day of May, 1979.

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Dated this 10th day of May, 1979.

Respectfully submitted,

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ु ुर Dockets Nos. 24-19 and 25-19 are tentatively set for hearing on June 27 and July 11, 1979. Applications for hearing rank be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: COMMISS.OR HEARING - NEDNESDAY - JUNE 6, 1979

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 9 A.M. - ROOM 205 STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

CASE 6495: (DE NOVO)

Application of Amax Chemical Corporation for the amendment of Order No. R-111-A, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Order No. R-111-A to extend the boundaries of the Potash-Oil Area by the inclusion of certain lands in Sections 23 and 24, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, Sections 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 23, 24, and 29, Township 19 South, Range 30 East, and Sections 7, 8, 17, 18, and 19, Township 19 South, Range 31 East, all in Eddy County, New Mexico.

Upon application of Amax Chemical Corporation this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

Docket No. 23-79

DOCKET: EXAMINER REARING - WEDNESDAY - JUNE 13, 1979

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The following cases will be heard before Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner, or Richard L. Stamets, Alternate Examiner:

- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for July, 1979, from fifteen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.
 - (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for July, 1979, from four prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.
- CASE 6560: Application of Exxon Corporation for a dual completion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion (combination) of its "AB" State Well No. 4 located in Unit A of Section 16, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, to produce gas from the Langlie Mattix Pool and oil from the Fowler-Upper Yeso Pool, through parallel strings of casing cemented in a common well bore.
- CASE 6561: Application of Amoco Production Company for directional drilling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, proposes to directionally drill its State "HC" Well No. 1 located 1980 feet from the South and West lines of Section 21, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, Townsend Field, to a bottom hole location within 100 feet of a point 990 feet from the South line and 2310 feet from the East line of said Section 21, the S/2 of said Section 21 to be dedicated to the well.
- Application of Orla Petco, Inc. for salt water disposal, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Ramsey Sand of the Bell Canyon formation through the open hole interval from 2498 feet to 2508 feet in its Gourley-Federal Well No. 4 located in Unit J of Section 31, Township 22 South, Range 28 East, Herradura Bend-Delaware Pool.
- CASE 6563: Application of Roy L. McKay for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for his North Woolworth Ranch Unit Area, comprising 1,280 acres, more or less, of State lands in Township 23 South, Range 35 East.
- CASE 6564: Application of Herndon Oll & Gas Co. for an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its O. A. Woody Well

 No. 1 in the center of Unit E, Section 35, Township 16 South, Range 38 East, Knowles-Devonian Pool.
- Application of Lewis B. Burleson, Inc. for compulsory pooling, a non-standard gas proration unit, and an unorthodox well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Jalmat Gas Pool underlying the W/2 SE/4 of Section 20, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, to form an 80-acre non-standard gas proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 1650 feet from the South and East lines of said Section 20. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

- CASE 6566: Application of Lewis B. Burleson, Inc. for an unorthodox well location and a non-standard proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a 160-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the SW/4 of Section 10, Township 24 South, Range 36 East, Jalmat Gas Pool, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled 2310 feet from the South and West lines of said Section 10.
- CASE 6567: Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for an unorthodox well location, Chaves County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its State 25 Com Well
 No. 1 660 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the West line of Section 25, Township 14 South,
 Range 27 East, Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, the S/2 of said Section 25 to be dedicated to the
 well.
- CASE 6568: Application of Dallas McCasland for approval of infill drilling, Lea County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a waiver of existing well spacing requirements and a finding that the drilling of his Woolworth Well No. 5 located in Unit P of Section 28, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, Jalmat Gas Pool, is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain that portion of the proration unit which cannot be so drained by the existing well.
- Application of Continental Oil Company for a dual completion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion of its Lockhart A-17 Well No. 2 located in Unit I of Section 17, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, to produce gas from the Eumont Gas Pool through the casing-tubing annulus and oil from the Blinebry Oil and Gas Pool through tubing.
- Application of Continental Oil Company for a non-standard gas proration unit and simultaneous dedication, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a 228-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the SW/4 and S.2 SE/4 of Section 18, Township 21 South, Range 36 East, Eumont Gas Pool, to be simultaneously dedicated to applicant's Lockhart A-18 Wells Nos. 2, 3, and 4, located in Units 0, K, and M, respectively, of said Section 18.
- CASE 6571: Application of Continental Oil Company for vertical pool limit redefinition, Lea County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order extending the vertical limits of the Langlie Mattix Pool to include the lowermost 165 feet of the Seven Rivers formation and the concomitant contraction of the vertical limits of the Jalmat Gas Pool underlying the following described lands: SW/4 W/2 SE/4 and SE/4 SE/4 of Section 35, Township 23 South, Range 36 East; and NW/4, W/2 NE/4, and SE/4 NE/4 of Section 1, Township 24 South, Range 36 East.
- CASE 6537: (Continued from May 9, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Harper Oil Company for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for its West Ranger Lake Unit Area, comprising 1,120 acres, more or less, of State lands in Township 12 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 6553: (Continued from May 23, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

Application of The Atlantic Richfield Company for approval of infill drilling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a finding that the Division waived existing well-spacing requirements and found that the drilling of additional wells was necessary to effectively and efficiently drain those portions of the proration units in the Empire Abo Unit located in Townships 17 and 18 South, Ranges 27, 28 and 29 East, which could not be so drained by the existing wells.

- CASE 6572: Application of ARCO Oil and Gas Company to drill a horizontal drainhole, Eddy County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to drill and complete its Empire Abo Unit Well No.

 K-142, located in Unit K of Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 27 East, Empire-Abo Pool, with a single horizontal drainhole of about 200 feet in length in the Abo formation.
- CASE 6573: Application of Mesa Petroleum Company for directional drilling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the directional drilling of its Well No. 7 in the Nash Unit, the surface location of which would be 685 feet from the North line and 1295 feet from the West line of Section 18, to be vertically drilled to approximately 7,000 feet, and then directionally drilled to a bottom hole location in the Morrow tormation within 400 feet of a point 1315 feet from the South line and 1320 feet from the West line of Section 7, all in Township 23 South, Range 30 East.
- CASE 6574: Application of Texas Oil & Gas Corp. for an unorthodox gas well location and compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp through Morrow formations underlying the E/2 of Section 6, Township 17 South, Range 35 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the South and East lines of said Section 6. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 6535: (Continued from May 23, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Torreon Oil Company for a waterflood project, Sandoval County, New Mexico.

Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project in the San LuisMesaverde Pool by the injection of water into the Menefec formation through two wells located in Section
21, Township 18 North, Range 3 West, Sandoval County, New Mexico.

- CASE 6575: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion for an order creating, contracting the vertical limits, and extending the horizontal limits of certain pools in Eddy, Lea, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico:
 - (a) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Wolfcamp production and designated as the Cass Draw-Wolfcamp Gas Pool. The discovery well is Black River Corporation Miller Com Well No. 1 located in Unit C of Section 10, Township 23 South, Range 27 East, NNPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM Section 10: N/2

(b) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Abo production and designated as the Runyan Ranch-Abo Gas Pool. The discovery well is Mesa Petroleum Company Runyan Federal Com Well No. 1 located in Unit E of Section 17, Township 19 South, Range 23 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, NMPM Section 17: NW/4

(c) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the Runyan Ranch-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is Mesa Petroleum Company Gardner State Well No. 1 located in Unit K of Section 8, Township 19 South, Range 23 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, NMPM Section 8: W/2

(d) EXTEND the Austin-Mississippian Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NNPM Section 16: SE/4 Section 17: NE/4

(e) EXTEND the Avalon-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NAPM Section 28: N/2

(f) EXTEND the Avalon-Wolfcamp Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NMRM Section 21: SW/4
Section 28: N/2

(g) EXTEND the Buffalo-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM - Section 6: N/2

(h) EXTEND the Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM Section 12: 5/2 Section 13: N/2

(1) EXTEND the Chaveroo-San Andres Pool in Roosevelt County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 32 FAST, NMPM Section 34: SW/4

(j) EXTEND the South Culebra Bluff-Atoka Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM Section 22: N/2 Section 35: N/2

(k) EXTEND the Diamond Mound-Atoka Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

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(m) EXTEND the East Eagle Creek Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, NMPM Section 13: S/2

(n) EXTEND the South Empire-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

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(o) EXTEND the Eumont Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

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(p) EXTEND the Hardy-Blinebry Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

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(q) EXTEND the Herradura Bend-Delaware Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

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TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM Section 25: S/2 Section 36: W/2

(s) EXTEND the Kennedy Farms-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NMPM Section 10: S/2
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Section 16: E/2

(t) EXTEND the East Lake-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM Section 32: W/2

(u) EXTEND the Logan Draw-Cisco Canyon Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM Section 28: W/2

(v) EXTEND the West Malaga-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM Section 16: N/2

(w) EXTEND the Penasco Draw-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, NMPM Section 25: N/2

(x) EXTEND the Scuth Peterson-Fusselman Pool in Roosevelt County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM Section 31: NW/4

(y) CONTRACT the vertical limits of the Shoe Bar-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool in Lea County, Rev Mexico, to the Atoka formation only and redesignate said pool as the Shoe Bar-Atoka Gas Pool, and extend the horizontal limits of said pool to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, RMPM Section 34: SW/4

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(z) EXTEND the Teague-Abo Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM Section 22: S/2 Section 27: NE/4

(aa) EXTEND the Todd-Wolfcamp Pool in Roosevelt County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NNPM Section 22: NE/4

(bb) EXTEND the Tomahawk-San Andres Pool in Roosevelt County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 32 FAST, NMPM Section 30: W/2 .

(cc) EXTEND the West Tonto-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM Section 7: NW/4

(dd) EXTEND the Turkey Track-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM Section 14: W/2 Section 15: E/2 Section 23: All Section 24: W/2

(ee) EXTEND the Wantz-Granite Wash Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 37 FAST, NNPM Section 3: SE/4 Section 10: NE/4

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Mr. Joe D. Ramey Secretary-Director Oil Conservation Division P.O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Development well - Nash Unit

Dear Mr. Ramey:

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We enclose in triplicate From C-101, the application of Mesa Petroleum Co., the operator of the Nash Unit, for permit to drill development well No. 7. We also enclose copy of a similar application being filed with the United State Geological Survey, together with all the supporting data required by the Department of Interior regulations.

The proposed well is to be located 685 feet from the north line and 1295 feet from the west line of Section 18, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, which is on state lease L-3558. It is proposed to drill the well vertically to a depth of approximately 7,000 feet and then directionally drill the well to a target area which would be within a radius of 400 feet from the center of the SW½ Section 7, Township 23 South, Range 30 East. The W½SW¼ Section 7 is state land and the remainder of the section is federal land. The well could therefore be bottomed on either state or federal land and for that reason we have deemed it necessary to file an application for permit to drill with the United States Geological Survey.

On behalf of Mesa Petroleum Co., the unit operator, we have had correspondence with Walter E. Thayer, Production Manager for International Minerals & Chemical Corporation at Carlsbad, relative to the drilling of the proposed well. We enclose copy of letter dated February 21 from Mr. Thayer in reply to our letter of January

31, in which he advises that IMC will not object to a location in Section 18, Township 23 South, Range 30 East east of a point 1320 feet from the west line and at least 685 feet from the north line. The location conforms to this with the exception that we had to move the location 50 feet to the west in order to avoid drilling the well on the property line between state and federal land.

We have also had correspondence with Ben Donegan who represents Leland A. Hodges and Leonard Resources, who are the owners of the potash leases covering Section 18. We enclose copy of letter from Mr. Donegan on behalf of Leland A. Hodges dated March 26 advising that they will not object to the well location.

On April 26, we sent to Walter E. Thayer and Ben Donegan, by registered mail, copies of the proposed applications and other instruments referred to herein. We received return receipts from Ben Donegan dated April 28 and from International Minerals and Chemical Corporation dated April 30, copies of which are enclosed.

After a lapse of 10 days from April 30, if there are no protests, we will file with you Mesa's application for approval of the directional drilling of the well as required by the rules and will request that an examiner's hearing be held as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

HINKLE, COX, EATON, COFFIELD & HENSLEY

Clarence E. Hinkle

CEH:cs Enc.

cc: Mr. Marion Causey

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INTERNATIONAL MINERALS & CHEMICAL CORPORATION

February 21, 1979

Mr. Clarence Hinkle Hinkle, Cox, Eaton, Coffield & Hensley 600 Hinkle Building P. O. Box 10 Roswell, New Mexico 88201

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter dated January 31, 1979, IMC does object to the proposed well location (Section 18, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, Eddy County, 330 feet from the west line and 550 feet from the north line). However, IMC will not object to a location in Section 18, Township 23 South, Range 30 East; east of a point 1320 feet from the west line and at least 685 feet from the north line, provided the well will be drilled vertically 7,000 feet, then deviated to the north to the center of Section 7, also subject to other contingencies which may arise from the final details of the well design or other matters not yet discussed.

Sincerely yours,

Walter E. May

Walter E. Thayer Production Manager

WET:dh

cc: Potash Company of America
P. O. Box 31
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

Mr. Ben Donegan 3202 Candelaria Road, NE Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107 LEONARD RESOURCES

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March 26, 1979

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Mr. Clarence Hinkle Hinkle, Cox, Eaton, Coffield & Hensley 600 Hinkle Building P. O. Box 10 Roswell, New Mexico 88201

Dear Mr. Hinkle:

With reference to your letter of March 14, 1979 we do not object to your drilling a development well in the Nash Draw Unit at a location 1295 feet from the west line and 685 feet from the north line of Section 18, T. 23 S., R. 30 E.

Very truly yours,

Leland A. Hodges

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At surface 685' FNL and 1295' FMI of Sec. 30 7 10. PIELU AND POOL, OR WILDCAT Nash Draw Morrow 685' FNL and 1295' FWL of Sec 18, T23S, R30E on State Lse L-3358 11. SEC., T., B., M., OR BLK.
AND SURVEY OR AREA Sec 7 & 18, T23S, R30E 1315' FSL & 1320' FWL of Sec 7, T23S, R30E on State Lse L-3358 14. DISTANCE IN MILES AND DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN OR POST OFFICE 12. COUNTY OR PARISH | 13. STATE 10 miles ENE of Loving, New Mexico

13. DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED* on surface - 685'
LOCATION TO NEAREST OR LEASE LINE, FT. at bottomhole - 1315'
PROPERTY OR LEASE LINE, FT. at bottomhole - 1315'
18. DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED LOCATION*
TO NEAREST WELL, DRILLING, COMPLETED,
OR APPLIED FOR, ON THIS LEASE, FT. at bottomhole - none (13,950')

21. ELEVATIONS (Show whether DF, RT, GR, etc.) New Mexico Eddy 16. NO. OF ACRES IN LEASE 17. NO. OF ACRES ASSIGNED TO THIS WELL 320.2 20. ROTARY OR CABLE TOOLS Rotary 22. APPROX. DATE WORK WILL START GR 3012' June 1, 1979 23. PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENTING PROGRAM SIZE OF HOLE SIZE OF CASING WEIGHT PER FOOT SETTING DEPTH 300' MD & TVD 600 sx 26" 20" 94 3400' MD & TVD 17½" 13-3/8" 54.5 & 61 2500 sx 11,185' MD (11,000' TVD) 14,295' MD (13,950' TVD) 43.5-53.5 9-5/8" 124" 3500 sx

Propose to spud well @ 685' FNL & 1295' FWL of Sec 18-T23S-R30E, and vertically drill to approximately 7000' (with above mentioned casing & cement program in effect), then directionally drill to a proposed target of 1315' FSL & 1320' FWL of Sec 7-T23S-R30E. Will attempt to encounter objective Morrow pay within a 400' radius "target area". This "target area" will allow for some variances in drilling control. Even though the drillsite and center of "target area" is on State acreage, the major portion of the target area is on mineral acreage owned by the federal government. The directionally drilled hole should cross the section line (common to both Sec 18 and Sec 7 of T23S, R30E) at an approximate depth of 9617' MD (9514' TVD). BOP and mud programs are included on attachments. Gas will be dedicated to Transwestern.

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IN ABOVE SPACE DESCRIBE PROPOSED PROGRAM: If proposal is to deepen or plug back, give data on present productive zone and proposed new productive

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APPLICATION FOR DRILLING

MESA PETROLEUM CO.
Nash Unit Well No. 7
685' FNL & 1295' FWL of Section 18 (surface location)
1315' FSL & 1320' FWL of Section 7 (bottomhole location)
T23S, R30E
Eddy County, New Mexico

In conjunction with Form 9-331C, Application for Permit to Drill subject well, Mesa Petroleum Co., submits the following items of pertinent information in accordance with U.S.G.S. requirements.

Due to potash mining in the area, this well will be directionally drilled to reach the objective Morrow pay in the SW quarter of Section 7, T23S, R30E. The surface location will be 685' FNL & 1295' FWL of Section 18, T23S, R30E. Plans are to vertically drill to approximately 7000', gradually build angle to a total of $18\frac{1}{2}^{0}$, then continue drilling toward target area consisting of a 400' radius circle whose center is 1315' FSL and 1320' FWL of Section 7 at a true vertical depth (TVD) of 13,500'. The directional hole should cross the common section line at an approximate depth of 9617' measured depth (MD) or 9514' TVD.

- 1. The geologic surface formation in series is Ochoan.
- 2. Estimated tops of geologic markers are as follows:

FORMATION	DEPTH (TVD)	
Lamar Lime	3268	
Delaware Sand	3300	
Cherry Canyon	4865	
Brushy Canyon	5450	
Bone Spring	70 50	
3rd Bone Spring	9950	
Wolfcamp	10,250	
Strawn Carbonate	12,127	
Atoka	12,250	
Morrow	13,100	
Morrow B-II	13,350	
Miss. Shale	13,850	
Total depth	13,950	14,295 MD

3. The estimated depth at which water, oil, or gas are expected to be encountered:

Air 250' oil, water, gas 4850' gas 12,290' gas 13,500'

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4. Casing and Blowout Preventer Program

Conductor

Will drill a 26" diameter hole to approximately 300'. Will run new 20" 94# H-40 ST&C casing to total depth and cement with 600 sx or sufficient volume to circulate cement to surface. After WOC 24 hrs, will install 20" API 2000 psi WP casing flange (temporary) and then nipple up 20" API 2000 psi WP ram type BOP. Propose to test casing and BOP to 600 psi before drilling out.

Surface

Propose to drill a 17½" diameter hole to approximately 3400'. Will run new 13-3/8" 54.5# - 61# K-55 and S-80 ST&C casing to total depth; then cement with 2500 sx or sufficient volume (in one stage) necessary to circulate cement to the surface. If cement does not circulate, propose to run temperature survey to determine top of cement and use 1" tubing in annulus or dump ready mix, as appropriate. Will cut off temporary 20" casing flange, then install 12" API 3000 psi WP casing flange on 13-3/8" casing. BOPs will consist of double hydraulic 12" API 3000 psi WP (pipe and blind rams) and 1 - 12" API 3000 psi WP hydril. After WOC 24 hrs, casing will be tested to 1500 psi before drilling out.

Intermediate:

Propose to drill a 12¼" hole to approximately 7000', then commence angle buildup for horizontal displacement. Will continue angle buildup to a total of approximately 18½ degrees, then hold angle constant while drilling to casing point near 11,185' MD (11,000 TVD). Will run new 9-5/8" 43.5#-53.5# N-80 and S-95 LT&C casing to total depth. Plan to use 2 stage cementing collars (placed at 6500' and 3500') in order to circulate cement to the surface. After cut off, will install 12" API 3000 x 10" API 5000 psi WP casing spool and nipple up double hydraulic 10" API 5000 psi WP BOPs (pipe and blind ram) with addition of 1-10" API 5000 psi WP hydril. Will also use rotating drilling head for additional control while drilling. Casing and BOPs will be tested to 2000 psi after WOC 24 hrs, and before drilling out.

Production Liner

Will drill to total depth of 14,295' MD (13,950' TVD) with $8\frac{1}{2}$ " bit, while holding $18\frac{1}{2}$ degree angle. Will run new $5\frac{1}{2}$ " 20# S-95 LT&C liner to total depth and cement with adequate volume to cover entire liner.

5. Circulating Medium and Control Equipment:

0-300' Will utilize fresh water spud mud, while circulating through a small portion of the lined reserve pit. MW 8.6-9.2 PPG with 45-85 viscosity.

300-3400' Saturated brine water will be used to drill this portion of the hole. Fluid will be circulated through a controlled portion of the lined reserve pit. MW 10-10.3 PPG with 28-32 viscosity.

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3400-11,100' Will drill intermediate portion of hole with fresh water - converting to cut brine near 9500'. A controlled portion of the reserve pit will be utilized until 10,500' when fluid will be routed through the steel pits only. This will afford more accurate monitoring of drilling conditions. MW 8.6-9.8 PPG with 30-34 viscosity.

11,100-14,300' Brine water, polymer mud will be circulated through the steel pits. Pit level and flowline sensors will be utilized to accurately monitor drilling operations. Will add drilling choke and mud-gas separator to assist in controlling drilling conditions. MW 10-12 PPG as required, with 32-38 viscosity.

A full opening safety valve, to fit the drill string in use, will be kept on the rig floor at all times. Kelly cock, safety valve, choke and kill lines will be tested at same time that BOP tests are run. A float will be run in the drill string just above the bit to further aid in safety.

- 6. There is no coring program planned for this well. It is probable that a drillstem test will be run in the Cherry Canyon (4800'-4850') and Strawn (12,150'-12,250'). The logging program will consist of a gamma ray log from total depth to surface. Neutron-Density-Caliper logs will be run from 3400' to total depth as casing program permits.
- 7. Maximum anticipated bottom hole pressure is 7800 psi at approximately 12,200' based on offset well data. Mud weight required to offset this pressure is 12.3 PPG. Bottom hole temperature should not exceed 200° F. No sour gas is expected.
- 8. Anticipated starting date is June 1, 1979, with completion of drilling operations on October 10, 1979. Completion operations (perforating and stimulating) will immediately follow the drilling operations.

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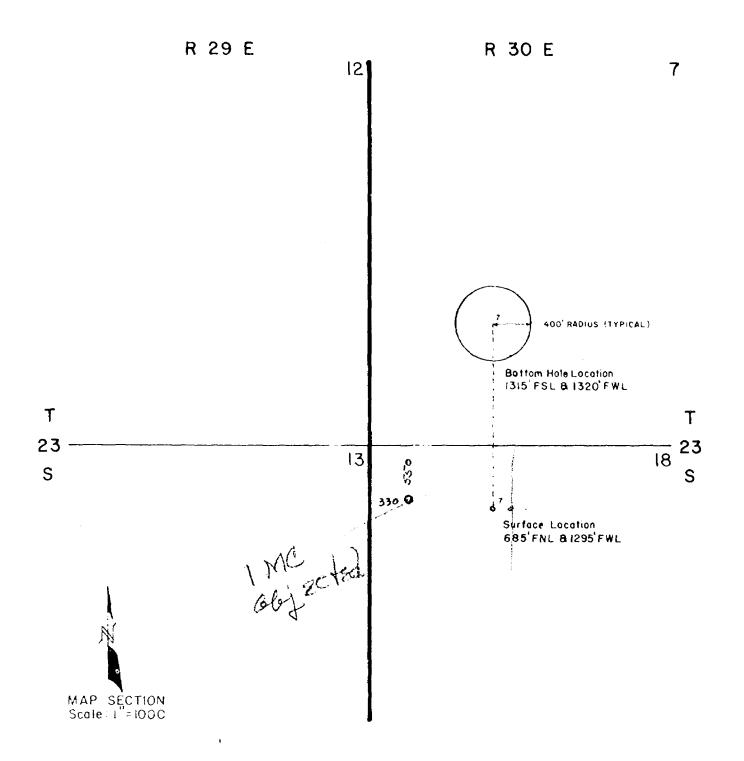
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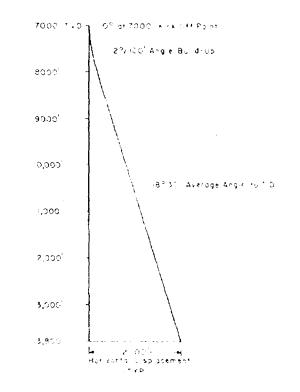
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MESA PETROLEUM CO
NASH UNIT NO. 7
685' FNL and 1295' FWL, Section 18-T23S-R30E
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
(DEVELOPMENT WELL)

This plan is submitted with Form 9-331C, Application For Permit to Drill, covering the above described well. The purpose of this plan is to describe the location of the proposed well, the proposed construction activities and operations plan, the magnitude of necessary surface disturbance involved, and the procedures to be followed in rehabilitating the surface after completion of the operations, so that a complete appraisal can be made of the environmental effects associated with the operations.

1. EXISTING ROADS

Existing roads in the vicinity of the proposed location are shown on attached Exhibit I. As shown, the planned well is approximately 10 miles east-northeast of Loving, New Mexico. The subject well can be reached by traveling 4.1 miles east on State Highway 128, from the intersection of State Highways 128 and 31 (intersection is 7 miles northeast of Loving); then turn south on caliche road and travel approximately 1-3/4 miles. Turn east on caliche road for approximately 1/4 mile. Turn north on approximately 1/8 mile of proposed new road to the location.

2. PLANNED ACCESS ROAD

The planned access road is depicted by attached Exhibits I and II. Grading, and topping with caliche, is all that is planned for the proposed access road. The access road will be 12 rest in width (20' ROW width). A typical cross section is shown on Exhibit III. There will be no culverts set because there is very little elevation change in the proximity of the planned access road. Elevation change from existing road to proposed location is about 5 feet in 1/8 mile as indicated by Exhibit V. There are no fences between the present roadway and the proposed location, therefore, cattleguards or gates will not be necessary.

3. LOCATION OF EXISTING WELLS

All wells within a one mile radius of the proposed well are indicated on Exhibit II.

4. LOCATION OF EXISTING AND PROPOSED FACILITIES

Production equipment, including tank battery, is located on the drilling pad for the Nash Unit #1, #2, #3, and #4. The approximate location and routing of gas gathering lines, which are owned by Transwestern and are buried, are also shown on Exhibit II. If the subject well proves commercial, gas separation process equipment and tank battery will be located on the subject well's drilling pad. A routing for the gas gathering line is sketched in for reference.

5. LOCATION AND TYPE OF WATER SUPPLY

Both fresh and brine water utilized to drill the subject well will be hauled to location by truck transport over the existing and proposed access road. The source for both fresh and brine water is near Carlsbad, New Mexico.

6. SOURCE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Top soil from the location proper will be stock piled near the location for future rehabilitation use. No surface materials will be disturbed except those necessary for the actual grading - leveling of the drill site and access road. (See Exhibit III) With the exception of the 6" caliche top coat (compacted), all construction materials will be of local origin. Caliche to be used for topping the roadway and location, is located approximately 3/10 mile southwest of the proposed location in an existing open pit (shown on Exhibit II). The caliche will be transported over the existing and proposed access roadways.

7. METHODS OF HANDLING WASTE DISPOSAL

Drill cuttings will be accumulated in the earthen reserve pit which will be plastic lined. After the pit has sufficiently dried following drilling operations, the solids accumulation will be buried. Trash and garbage will be contained in an earthen pit and buried once drilling operations are completed. Sewage will be collected in a pit at least 6' deep below an outside latrine; suitable chemicals will be added to aid decomposition of the waste material. The pit will be backfilled following completion of drilling operations. All pits will be fenced with normal fencing material to prevent livestock from entering the area.

8. ANCILLARY FACILITIES - None required.

9. WELLSITE LAYOUT

Rig layout and cross section of the planned drilling site are shown on Exhibits III and IV. The reserve pits will be lined with plastic material.

10. PLANS FOR RESTORATION OF THE SURFACE

Following completion of drilling operations, all pits will be filled and the area surrounding the location will be leveled or returned to its natural grade. Top soil will be stored near the drillsite and utilized to rehabilitate the location once drilling operations have ceased. If the well is not commercial, the drillsite and new access roadway will be graded to conform to original topography, top soil spread, and the entire location re-seeded. We will re-seed with seed type (and quantities) as recommended by the BLM. All re-seeding will be done with reasonable effort to establish a more attractive soil stabilizing growth of vegetation than what previously existed at the site. Re-seeding will take place at the first opportunity following completion of operations in accordance with the recommended seasonal seeding periods.

11. OTHER INFORMATION

The area surrounding the drill site has a very gradual sloping trend to the west. The surface supports a sparse growth of grass, sagebrush, and greasewood. Domestic livestock are grazed in the area. The surface at the location (and ROW for access roadway) are state owned.

NASH UNIT NO. 7 Surface and Operation Plan Page 3

An archaeological survey has been conducted by New Mexico Archaeological Services, Inc., P. O. Box 1341, Carlsbad, New Mexico, and their Archaeological Clearance Report dated April 4, 1979 has been submitted to all interested government agencies.

12. OPERATORS REPRESENTATIVES

The Mesa Petroleum Co. representatives responsible for conducting this drilling operation are:

J. W. Hart P. O. Box 1756 Hobbs, New Mexico 88240 (505) 393-4425 / office (505) 393-4317 / residence M. P. Houston 1600 Vaughn Building Midland, Texas 79701 (915) 683-5391 / office (915) 694-3442 / residence

13. CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I, or persons under my direct supervision have inspected the proposed drillsite and access route; that I am familiar with the conditions which presently exist; that the statements made in this plan are to be best of my know-ledge, true and correct; and that work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed by Mesa Petroleum Co. and its' contractors and sub-contractors in conformity with this plan and the terms and conditions under which it is approved.

Michael P. Houston / Division Engineer

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Permit No. 78-HH-120

Introduction

On 3 thril 1979, New Mexico Archaeological Pervices, Inc., (NIMS), Carlabad, undertook for Pesa Petroleum Co., Midland, an archaeological reconnaissance of lands administered by the Dureau of Land Papagerent in Eddy County, New Mexico. Reconnaitered areas will be impacted by the construction of a drill location and associated access road. This project was expedited by Mr. Michael D. Mouston, Division Engineer, Mesa Detroleum Co., and Dr. J. Hering Hashell, Trincipal Envestigator, MMS. Dr. Maskell merformed the reconnaissance under excellent field conditions.

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Wash Unit Well Mo. 7

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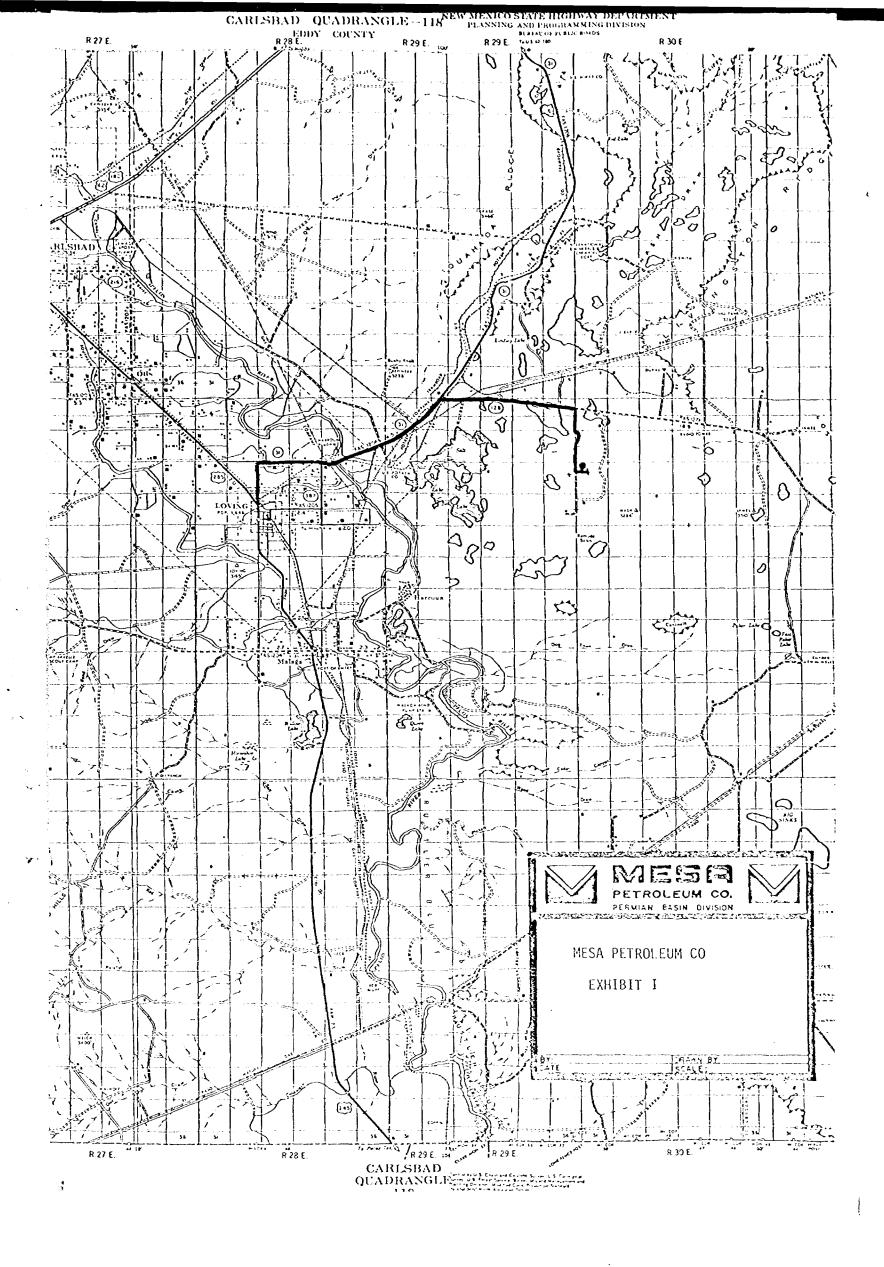
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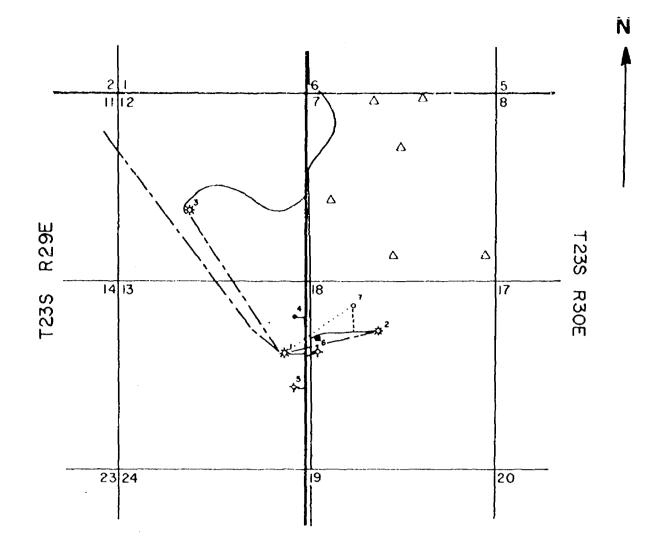
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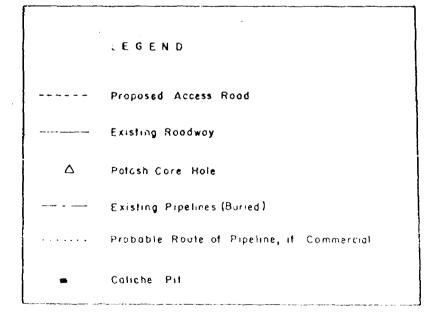
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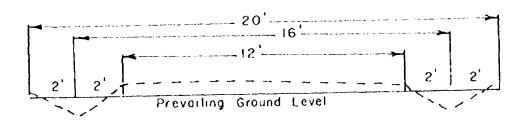






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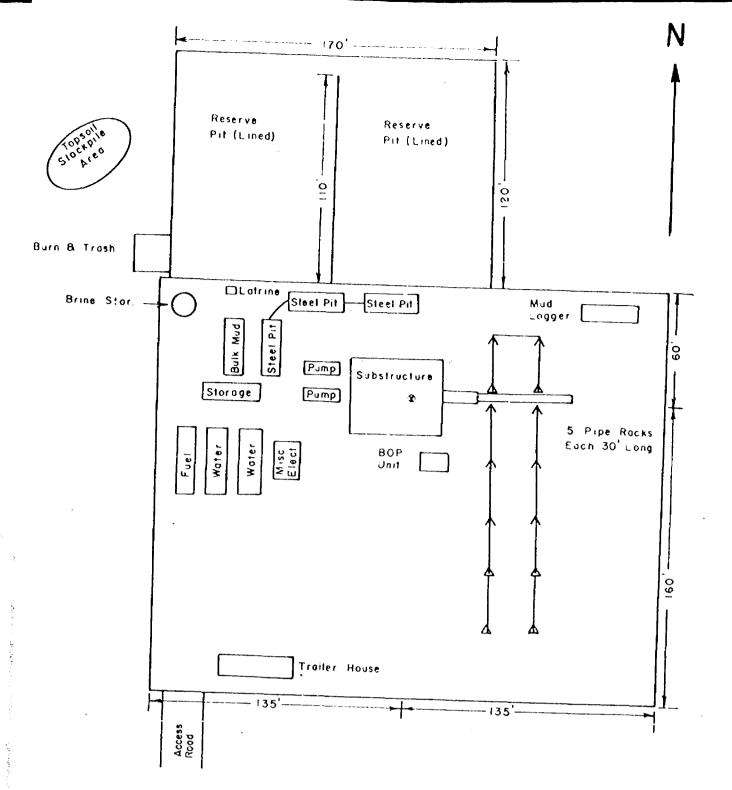
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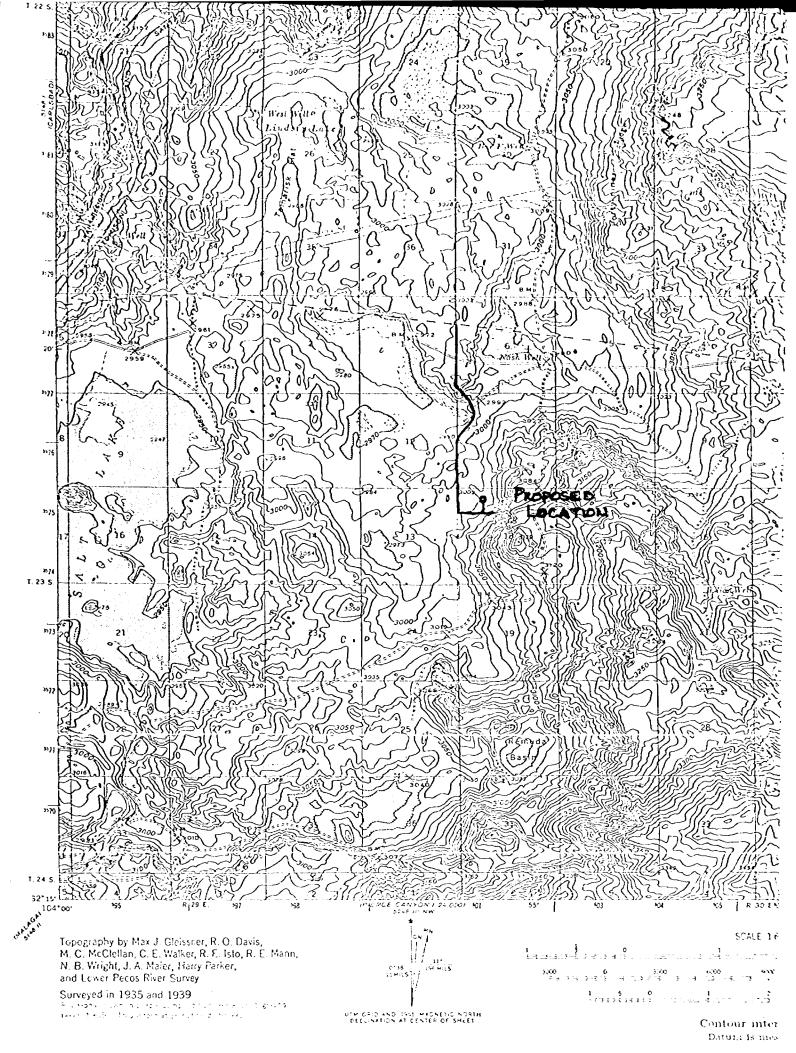
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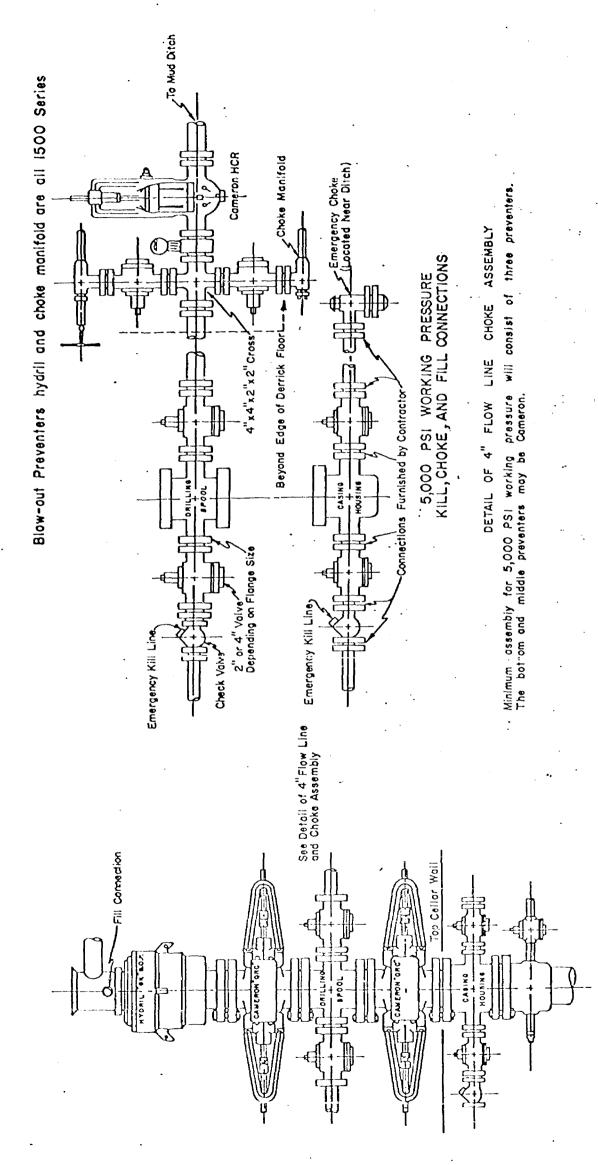


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MESA PETROLEUM CO EXHIBIT V



5,000 PSI WORKING PRESSURE BLOW-OUT PREVENTER HOOK-UP

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE	NO.	6573	
Orde	c No.	R-6042	

APPLICATION OF MESA PETROLEUM COMPANY FOR DIRECTIONAL DRILLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Mesa Petroleum Company, seeks approval Nash Knit
 for the directional drilling of its Well No. 7, in the Nash Unit;

the surface location of which would be 685 feet from the North line and 1295 feet from the West line of Section 18, to be vertically drilled to approximately 7,000 feet, and then directionally drilled to a bottom hole location in the Morrow formation within 400 feet of a point 1315 feet from the South line and 1320 feet from the West line of Section 7, all in Township 23 South, Range 30 East.

(3) That the applicant should be required to determine the of the kick-off point and to determine the subsurface location subsurface location of the bottom of the hole by means of a continuous multi-shot directional survey conducted subsequent to said directional drilling, if said well is to be completed as a producing well.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Mesa Petroleum Company, is hereby Nash Knit
authorized to directionally drill its Well No. 7, in the Nash Unit,
the surface location of which would be 685 feet from the North
line and 1295 feet from the West line of Section 18, to be
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PROVIDED HONEVER, that subsequent to the above-described directional drilling, should said well be a producer, a continuous multi-shot directional survey shall be made of the wellbore from total depth to the surface with shot points not more than 100 feet apart; that the operator shall cause the surveying company to forward a copy of the survey report directly to the Santa Fe office of the Division, P. O. Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and that the operator shall notify the Division's Artesia District Office of the date and time said survey is to be commenced.

(4) That said well in located in the Oil-Potash Area as defined by Order R-111-A, as amended, and the proposed directional drilling will afford protection to known potash reserves, may recover otherwise in recoverable gas reserves, thereby preventing waste, will not impair but will protect correlative rights, and should be approved.

- (2) That Form C-105 shall be filed in accordance with Division Rule 1105 and the operator shall indicate thereon true vertical depths in addition to measured depths.
- (3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

 DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove

designated.