

375 U.S. Highway 64 Farmington, New Mexico 87401 Telephone (505) 325-3587

April 15, 1988

Mr. William J. LeMay N.M. Oil Conservation Division State Land Office Building P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501-2088

Re: Request for Administrative Approval to Intentionally Deviate a Well from Vertical McCord 2E Surface Location: 860' FNL & 1550' FWL Bottomhole Location: 1900' FSL & 2000' FEL Section 34, T30N-R13W San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Union Texas Petroleum (UTP) requests administrative approval to intentionally deviate a well from vertical. UTP desires to place the McCord 2E at a surface location of 860' FNL and 1550' FWL of Section 34, T30N-R13W. This location will be on UTP's McCord 3E well pad (see attached) which is located outside of the Farmington City limits.

UTP intends to directionally drill the McCord 2E from the aforementioned surface location to a bottomhole location of 1900' FSL & 2000' FEL of Section 34, T30N-R13W. This is an unorthodox location which was approved April 21, 1987 pursuant to Administrative Order NSL-2338.

UTP requests this approval for two reasons:

<u>No. 1</u>

The well was initially planned to be drilled straight at the unorthodox location referenced above. After <u>lengthy</u> discussions with the surface landowner and his attorney, UTP could not come to terms for a surface damage agreement. This unorthodox well location is located in a proposed subdivision within the City of Farmington.

<u>No. 2</u>

The proposed surface location will be outside of the City of Farmington and thereby will eliminate the necessity of buried tanks and complying with the City requirements when drilling and producing a well within the City limits. Another benefit of drilling from this location is that a pipeline tie-in is readily available from the existing McCord 3E pipeline.



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UTP believes that by granting approval to intentionally deviate this well from vertical it will prevent waste by allowing UTP to produce a well which may never be drilled if the approval is not granted. In addition, UTP believes that all correlative rights will be protected by granting this application.

Pursuant to Rule 111-(d), UTP realizes that an acceptable bottomhole location will not be farther than 50' away from the approved unorthodox location of 1900' FSL & 2000' FEL, Section 34, T30N-R13W. Pursuant to Rule 111-(e), UTP has notified the offsetting proration unit operators of our intentions. The operators were notified by certified mail as of this date, a copy of which is attached for your review.

If I may be of any further assistance, please advise.

Very truly yours,

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Robert C. Frank Permit Coordinator

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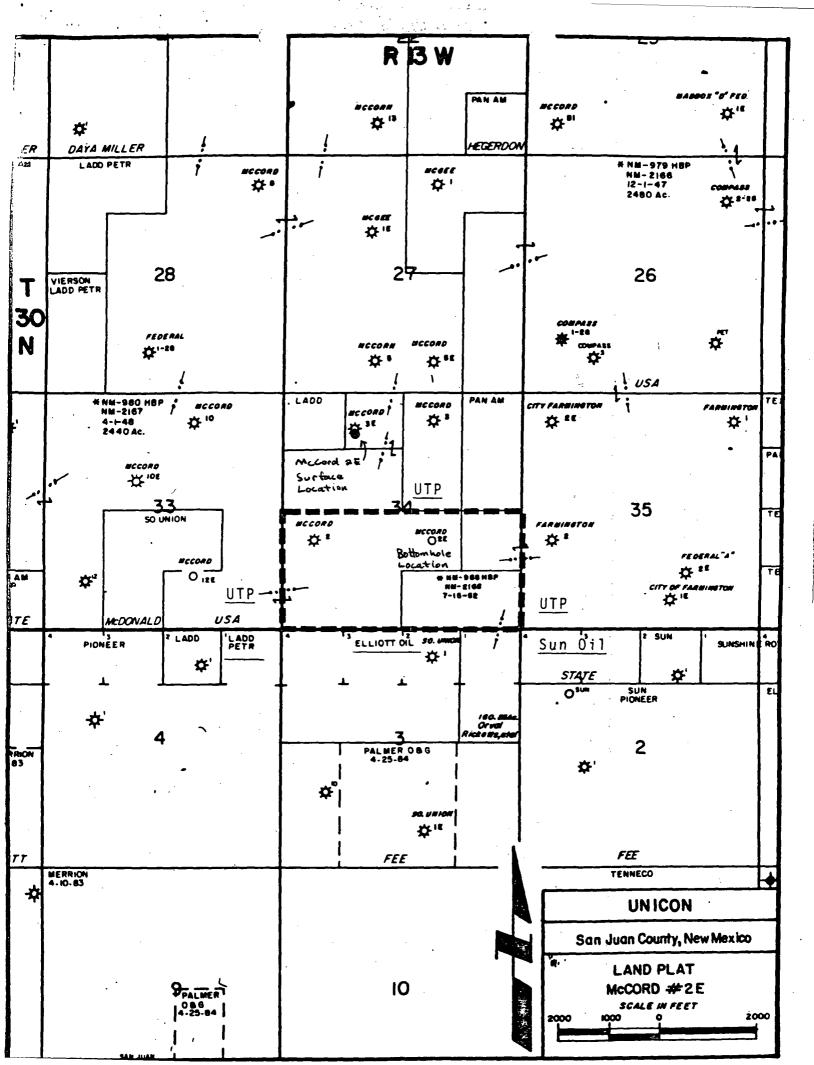
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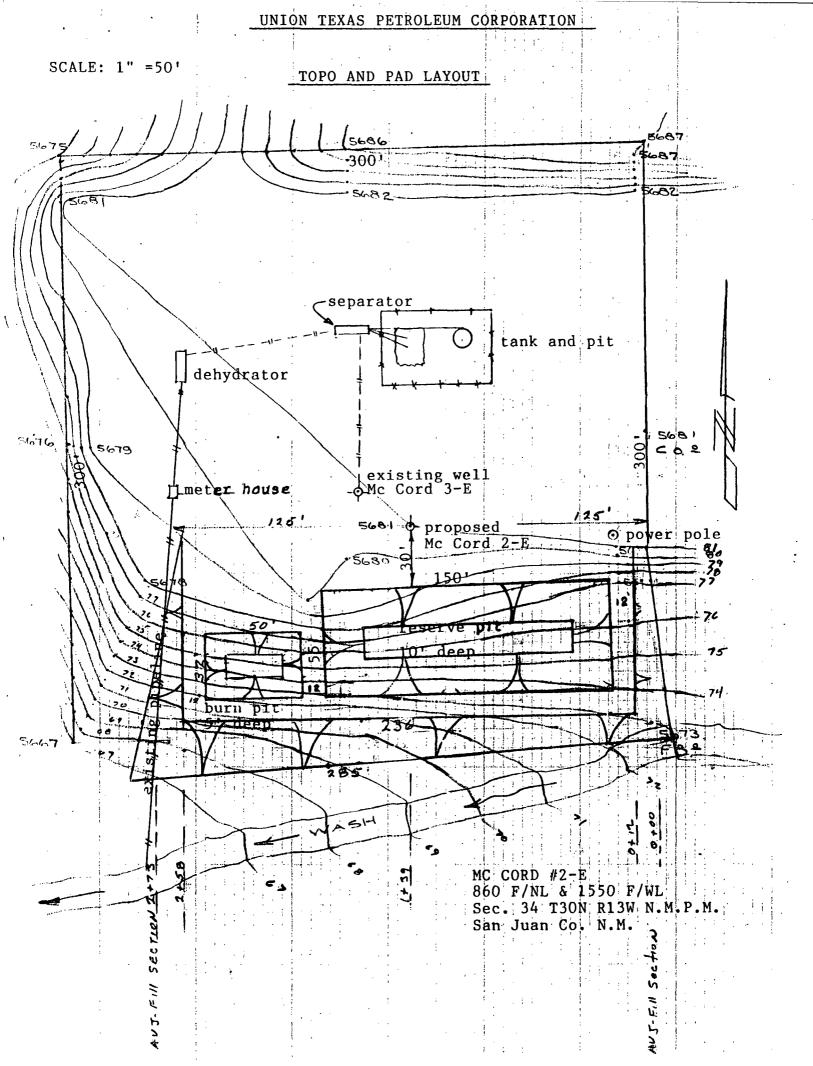
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Operations Manager Sun Exploration and Production Co. Suite 600 3151 South Vaughn Way Aurora, CO 80014

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As an offset operator we are required to notify you of our intentions. If you do not approve of our proposal you must notify the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division in Santa Fe, New Mexico within twenty days of this date. If you are in accord with our proposal, please acknowledge by signing below and returning one copy of this letter to Union Texas Petroleum at your earliest convenience.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION



April 21, 1987

GARREY CARRUTHERS

POST OFFICE BOX 2098 STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING SANTA FE. NEW MEXICO 87501 (505) 827-5800

Union Texas Petroleum 375 U.S. Highway 64 Farmington, New Mexico 87401

Attention: Robert C. Frank

Administrative Order NSL-2338

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your application for a non-standard location for your McCord Well No. 2E to be located 1900 feet from the South line and 2000 feet from the East line of Section 34, Township 30 North, Range 13 West, NMPM, Basin Dakota Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico. The S/2 of said Section 34 is to be dedicated to the well.

By authority granted me under the provisions of Rule 104 F(I), the above-described unorthodox location is hereby approved.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. LeMAY DIRECTOR

WJL/DC/dr

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec Bureau of Land Management - Farmington