

## OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

P. O. Box 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

NFL 114

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENTINFILL DRILLING FINDINGS AND WELL-SPACING WAIVER  
MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 271.305(b) OF THE  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION REGULATIONS,  
NATURAL GAS POLICY ACT OF 1978 AND OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
ORDER NO. R-6013

I.

Operator ARCO OIL & GAS COMPANY Well Name and No. Seven Rivers Queen Unit Well #8  
Location: Unit H Sec. 27 Twp. 22S Rng. 36 E Cty. Lea

II.

## THE DIVISION FINDS:

(1) That Section 271.305(b) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Interim Regulations promulgated pursuant to the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 provides that, in order for an infill well to qualify as a new onshore production well under Section 103 of said Act, the Division must find, prior to the commencement of drilling, that the well is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain a portion of the reservoir covered by the proration unit which cannot be so drained by any existing well within that unit, and must grant a waiver of existing well-spacing requirements.

(2) That by Order No. R-6013, dated June 7, 1979, the Division established an administrative procedure whereby the Division Director and the Division Examiners are empowered to act for the Division and find that an infill well is necessary.

(3) That the well for which a finding is sought is to be completed in the South Eunice Seven Rivers Queen Pool, and the standard spacing unit in said pool is 40 acres.

(4) That a 40-acre proration unit comprising the SE/4 NE/4 of Sec. 27, Twp. 22S, Rng. 36 E, is currently dedicated to the Applicant's Seven Rivers Queen Unit Well located in Unit H of said section.

(5) That this proration unit is () standard () nonstandard; if nonstandard, said unit was previously approved by Order No. NA.

(6) That said proration unit is not being effectively and efficiently drained by the existing well(s) on the unit.

(7) That the drilling and completion of the well for which a finding is sought should result in the production of an additional 79,500 MCF of gas from the proration unit which would not otherwise be recovered.

(8) That all the requirements of Order No. R-6013 have been complied with, and that the well for which a finding is sought is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain a portion of the reservoir covered by said proration unit which cannot be so drained by any existing well within the unit.

(9) That in order to permit effective and efficient drainage of said proration unit, the subject application should be approved as an exception to the standard well spacing requirements for the pool.

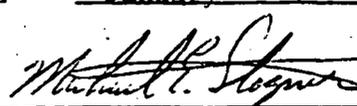
## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant is hereby authorized to drill the well described in Section I above as an infill well on the existing proration unit described in Section II(4) above. The authorization for infill drilling granted by this order is an exception to applicable well spacing requirements and is necessary to permit the drainage of a portion of the reservoir covered by said proration unit which cannot be effectively and efficiently drained by any existing well thereon.

(2) 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 this 28th day of January, 19 86.

cc: OCD Hobbs  
NMO&GEC Hobbs

  
DIVISION DIRECTOR EXAMINER ✓

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I.

Operator ARCO Oil & Gas Company Well Name and No. Seven Rivers Queen Unit Well No. 59  
Location: Unit H Sec. 27 Twp. 22 South Rng. 36 East Cty. Lea

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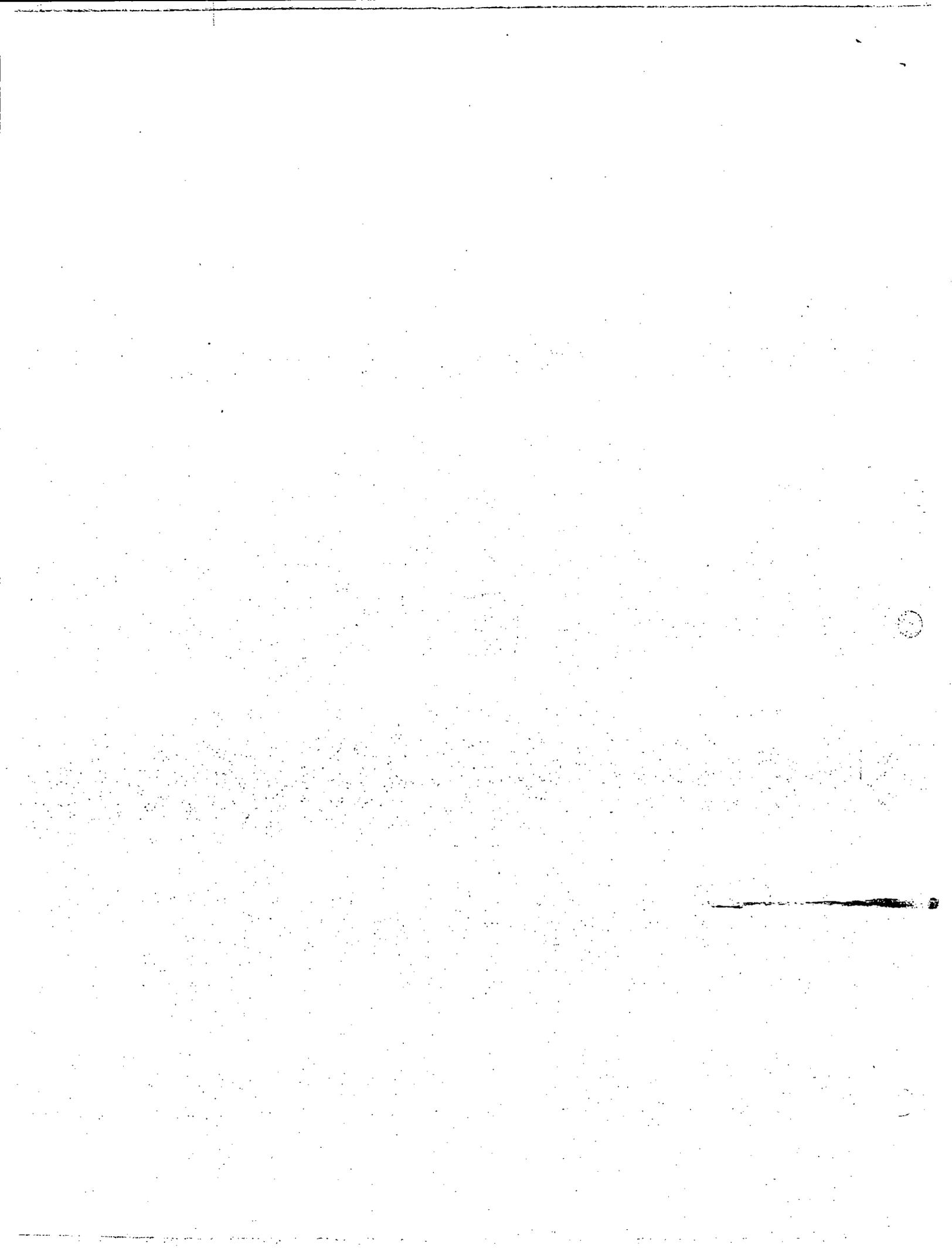
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DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_\_.

cc. - OGD Hobbs  
NMD+GEC Hobbs

DIVISION DIRECTOR \_\_\_\_\_ EXAMINER \_\_\_\_\_



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July 19, 1984



New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
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Dear Sirs:

ARCO Oil and Gas Company (AOGC) respectfully requests the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division grant an infill finding for infill Wells 58, 59, 60, and 61 in the Seven Rivers-Queen Unit (SRQU). AOGC also requests that the infill finding apply to future wells drilled in the SRQU.

Infill drilling is necessary to promote efficient and effective drainage of the South Eunice and Langlie Mattix Pools. The development drilling will result in increased recovery and prevention of waste caused by oil trapped in discontinuities between wells on the present 40-acre spacing. In addition, infill drilling will reduce effects of a steep structural dip which causes a decrease in correlative pay between wells.

Documentation to support these claims is found in the attached engineering discussion. Additional information necessary to the infill finding application is also included. Copies of this application and a request for a waiver of protest have been furnished the offset operators by registered mail. A copy of the letter sent to the offset operators is included in this package. Should any questions arise, please do not hesitate to call me at (915) 684-0149. We will be happy to assist you with any concerns you may have. Your early consideration in this matter would certainly be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Joe R. Hastings

JRH/DCB:sc  
Atts.

ENGINEERING DISCUSSION OF IMPROVEMENT IN RECOVERY  
FROM THE SEVEN RIVERS-QUEEN UNIT

Seven Rivers-Queen Unit Wells 58, 59, 60, and 61 were recently drilled as development wells on 20-acre spacing. The wells were approved by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division under Order Number NSL-1649. They were drilled to produce from locations within the present 40-acre spacing that are not efficiently drained throughout the unitized interval, which consists of the entire Queen formation and bottom 100' of the Seven Rivers. Evidence supporting the need for Wells 58 to 61, as well as future infill wells, follows in the discussion below.

The recovery factor of the SRQU will increase as the effects of reservoir heterogeneity and structural dip are reduced. These factors combine to reduce the correlative pay between wells; subsequently resulting in a low injection efficiency. The unit's waterflood material balance analysis and pattern performance plot (Figures 4 and 5) support the fact that injection efficiency within the unit is low. As shown in Table 1, the injection efficiency lies between 40% and 58% when water injection values are recalculated to the center and edge of the recovery triangle. The stratification and dip which cause this low injection efficiency are illustrated in cross-sections (Figures 6 and 7) through the four infill wells, 58 through 61. These cross-sections, prepared from gamma ray-neutron porosity logs, were correlated using an 8% minimum porosity cutoff; the 8% cutoff is typical for Seven Rivers and Queen zones in the area. No pay is included above the GOR at -150' ss or below the WOC at -285' ss, both industry accepted depths. Production from the gas zone would decrease reservoir energy and reduce recoverable oil. Infill wells, however, were drilled below the WOC to determine if it is actually the start of a transition zone. Preliminary test data indicates commercial production below -285 ss is feasible. Future infill wells will complete into this zone and significantly increase reserves.

Both cross-sections confirm stratification as numerous high porosity stringers fail to correlate. The largest of the zones is the six foot stringer at 3735' in cross-section B-B'. Of the zones that do correlate, net pay may vary dramatically from well to well. For instance, the same cross-section shows the 14' pay zone at 3753' in SRQU #10 reduces to three feet in the adjacent well, SRQU #59. The cross-section A-A' reveals the ten foot pay zone of SRQU #61 diminishing to three feet in the SRQU #24. The infill well, SRQU #61, will recover much oil which otherwise would have been trapped.

The effect of the GOC and WOC on net correlative pay is best seen in cross-section A-A', running through the flank of the anticline (Figure 8). The SRQU #24 shows pay zones at 3666' and 3678' rising above the GOC before reaching the SRQU #32, the closest offset on 40-acre spacing. Water-flooding this zone from adjacent injection wells SRQU #25 and #33 moves

little oil toward the producers, #24 and #32, since the oil is trapped between the water bank and the GOC. Infill drilling, as the SRQU #61 shows, reduces the amount of trapped oil by providing a drawdown to which it can flow. Oil may also become trapped between the water bank and the WOC, as seen in the zones below 3737' for SRQU #32. Because most SRQU wells never penetrated the transition zone, production cannot come from below the WOC. Infill drilling will recover much of this trapped oil.

Continuity curves show the effects of reduced spacing on continuous pay (Figures 10 and 11). The curves were prepared from cross-sections through the north and south halves of the unit (Figure 9). On 40-acre spacing, 75% of the oil productive pay is continuous in the north area while only 63% is continuous in the south. Reducing the spacing to 20 acres, however, increases net correlative pay to 81% and 72%, respectively. The net increase is 7.5% when figures from the north and south areas are averaged.

Seven Rivers-Queen Unit Wells 58 through 61 were drilled to reduce the effects of stratification and structural dip, thus increasing the unit's recovery factor. Wells 58, 59, 60 and 61 are expected to recover 47 to 53 MBO new reserves per well, based on OOIP and the change in recovery efficiency. Daily production figures from offsets indicate the infill wells will increase daily production from the SRQU by 200 BOPD. OOIP for each well was estimated by volumetric analysis using an average net pay of the four offsets to each well, an initial oil saturation of 68% and a porosity of 11% from core analysis data, and 1.21 RVB/STB formation volume factor from a pre-unitization study. Greater recovery efficiency will result from increased injection efficiency and net correlative pay. The change in injection efficiency is +10%, based on experience in the area. The net correlative pay increases, ranging from 6% to 10% for the four wells, is read from the continuity curves. Other variables influencing recovery efficiency are formation volume factor and displacement efficiency. The formation volume factor decreased from an original 1.21 RVB/STB to 1.04 RVB/STB at the time of unitization in 1974. Displacement efficiency is the ratio of movable oil to the initial oil saturation. Example calculations for the SRQU #60 are included in Table 2. SRQU #60 shows an OOIP of 786.5 MBO on 40 acres, a change in recovery efficiency of 5.95%, and estimated new reserves of 46.7 MBO at an initial rate of 100 BOPD.

Should the entire unit be reduced to 20 acre spacing, calculations in the same manner as those above indicate ultimate recovery would increase by 5.21% (Table 3); a change based on 10% and 8% increases in injection efficiency and continuous pay, respectively. OOIP for the unit's 2240 acres is 33,302 MBO from volumetric analysis. The calculations assume a 31' net pay, slightly higher than the 28' used to obtain the primary recovery OOIP of 30,080 MBO. The difference is due to deepening efforts

in existing wells at the time of unitization. The other factors of porosity, initial oil saturation, and formation volume factor are the same as those used in calculations for the SRQU #58.

Figure 12 discloses that reduced spacing has increased ultimate recovery in several other AOGC operated waterfloods in the Permian Basin. As seen, the SRQU can expect an increase of 8% in ultimate recovery, comparable to the 5.21% calculated increase. The lower curve of Figure 12 shows a 20% ultimate recovery on 40-acre spacing, increasing to 28% on 20-acre spacing, a difference of 8%. The 20% figure is quite consistent with the SRQU's 19.24% estimated ultimate recovery on 40-acre spacing. Table 4 shows a 9.75% recovery factor from primary production, plus a 9.49% recovery factor expected from secondary operations. The former is the ratio of production up to the time of unitization, 2932 MBO, to the OOIP for primary operations. The latter represents a ratio of anticipated recoverable reserves, determined from production and decline curve analysis, to OOIP from secondary operations. Through December, 1982 the SRQU had produced 1549 MBO since unitization. Based on a rate of 420 BOPD and an 8% annual exponential decline (Figure 3), recoverable reserves from secondary operations are estimated at 3160 MBO. A reduction in spacing has increased ultimate recovery for several other Permian Basin waterfloods, and the SRQU will follow with a similar increase.

The exhibits show a reduction in the effects of reservoir heterogeneity and structural dip is achieved through infill drilling. Four infill wells, the SRQU Numbers 58, 59, 60, and 61 have already been drilled. Expected to increase production from the unit by 200 BOPD, the four wells initialled an average 171 BOPD. Similar increases are expected from future infill wells drilled in strategic locations. Drilling will result in more efficient and effective drainage of the SRQU of both oil and solution gas reserves.

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# PERMIAN DISTRICT – WEST AREA

## LOCATION MAP

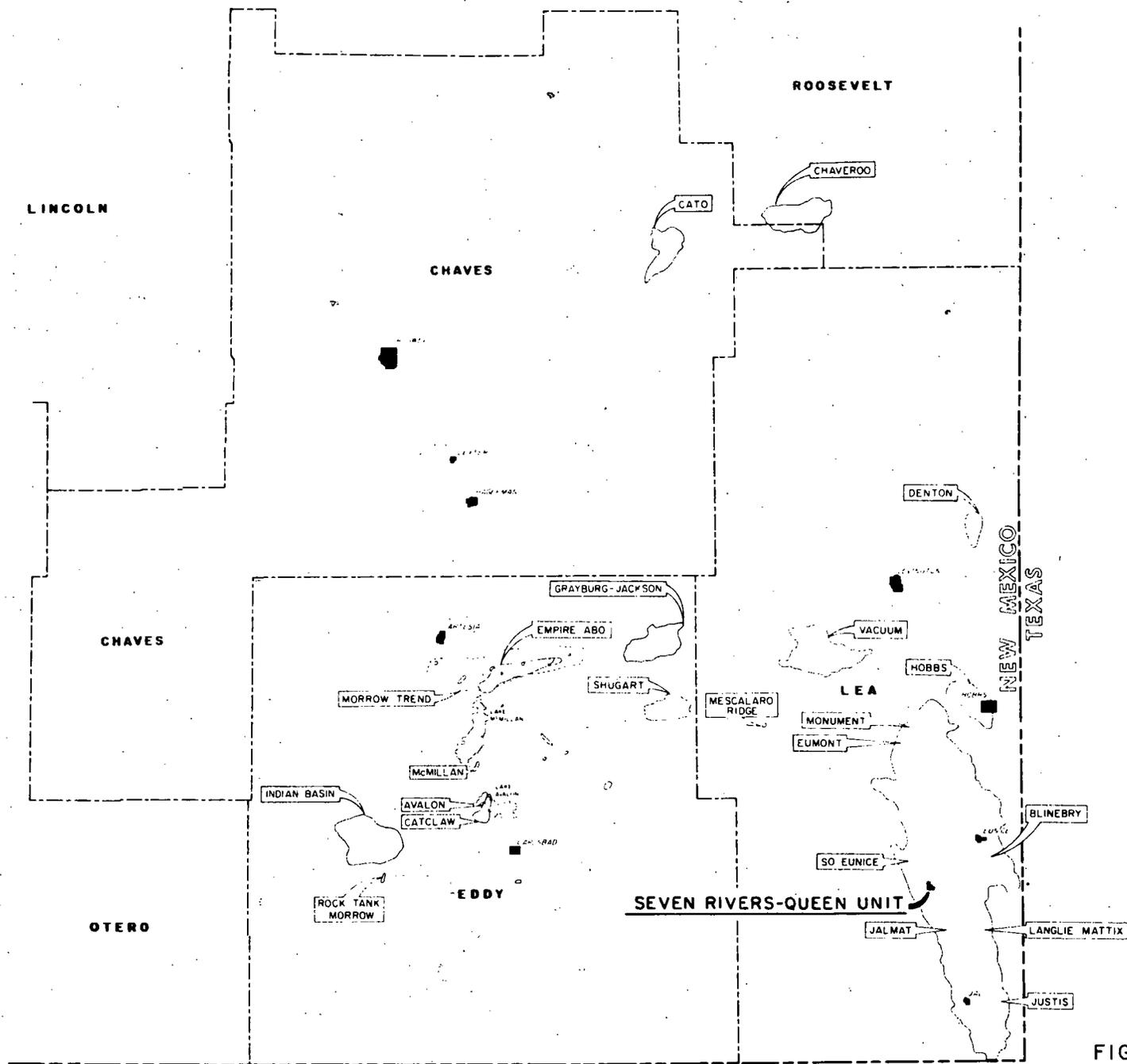
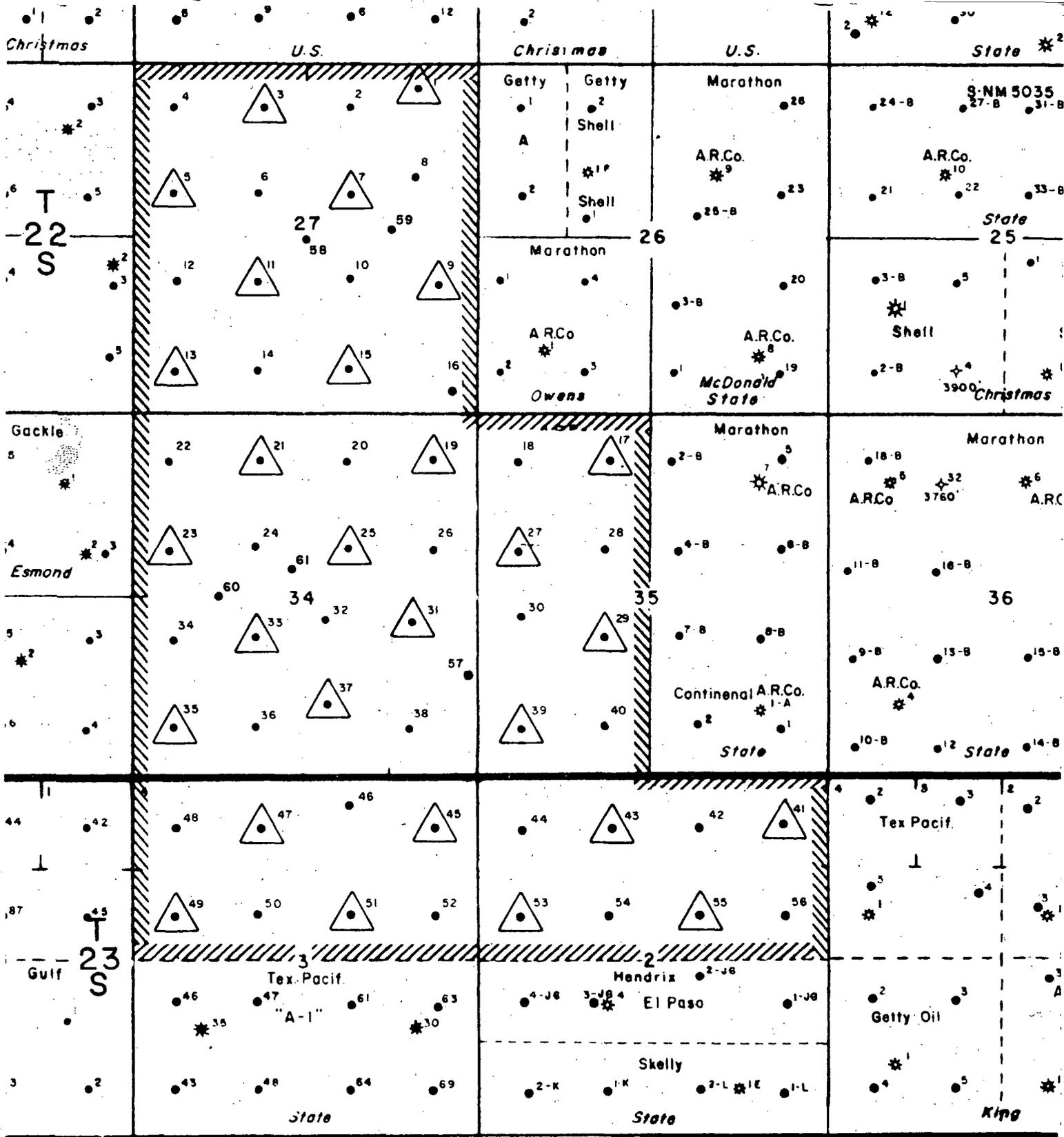


FIGURE 1



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UNIT BOUNDARY

**ARCO Oil and Gas Company**  
 Division of Atlantic Richfield Company  
 Permian District Midland, Texas

**SEVEN RIVERS-QUEEN UNIT**  
 LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

UNIT MAP

Figure 2

SCALE 1" = 2000'

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# PRODUCTION, BPD

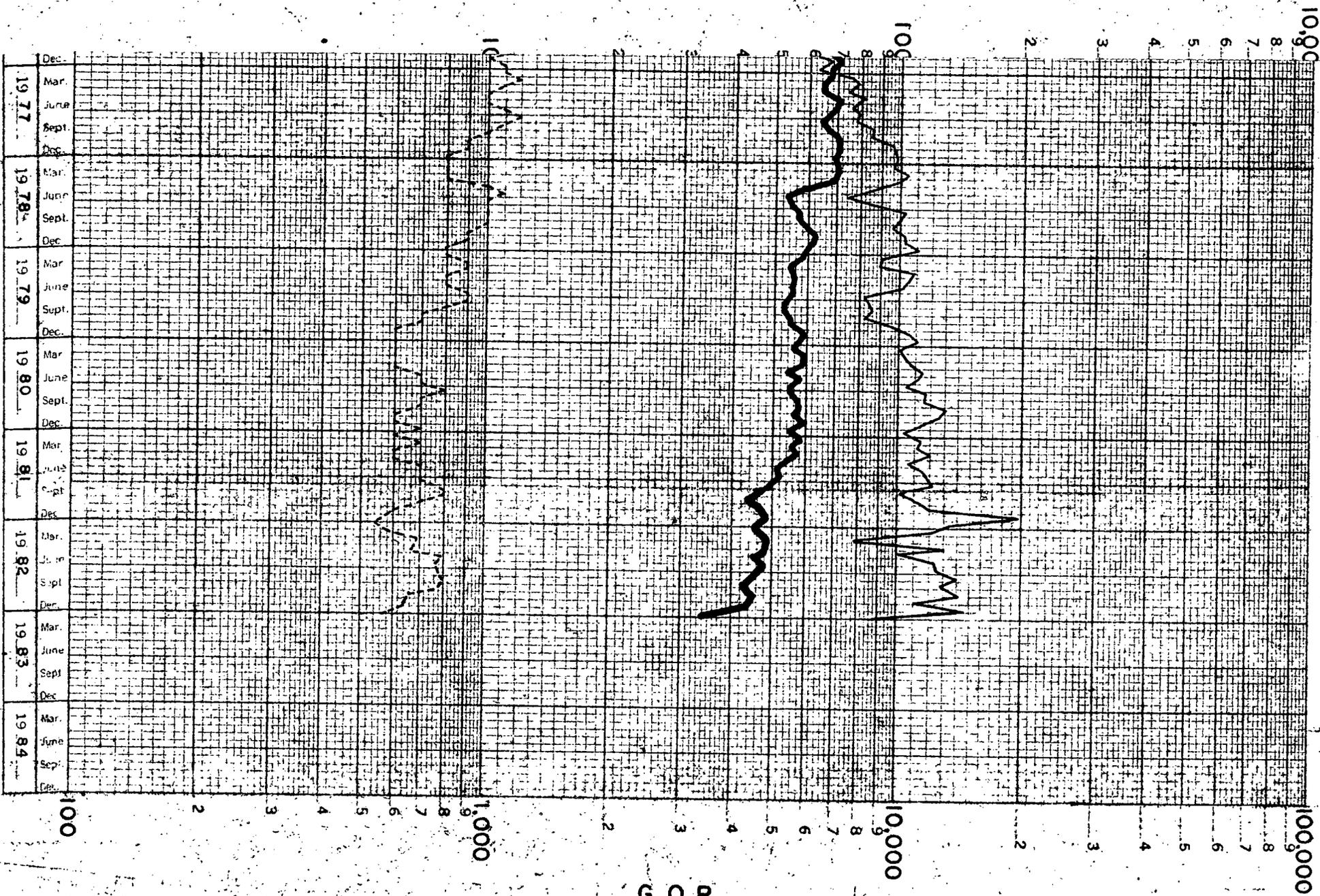


Figure 3

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Field	South Eunice-Langlie Mattix			Map		
Reservoir	Seven Rivers-Queen			SEE TABLE 2		
Element area	2240	Acres				
Average thickness	31	Feet				
Date start of Injection	3/74					
Cumulative production at start of Injection						
Oil (N <sub>p</sub> ) =	2,932	MSTB				
Gas (G <sub>p</sub> ) = Avg. GOR = 1500	4,398	MMCF				
Water (W <sub>p</sub> ) = Avg. WOR = .7	2,052	MBbls				
Rock and fluid data						
φ = .11	S <sub>cw</sub> = .32					
B <sub>ox</sub> = 1.04	S <sub>or</sub> = .32					
B <sub>ol</sub> = 1.21						



Pattern volumetric data

$$V_p = 7758 \times \phi \times h \times \text{Area} = 7758 \times .11 \times 31 \times 2240 = 59,259 \text{ M RVB}$$

$$V_D = V_p \times (1.0 - S_{cw} - S_{or}) = 59,259 \times (1.0 - .32 - .32) = 21,333 \text{ M RVB}$$

$$\text{O.O.I.P.} = \frac{V_p \times (1.0 - S_{cw})}{B_{ol}} = \frac{59,259 \times (1.0 - .32)}{1.21} = 33,302 \text{ M STB}$$

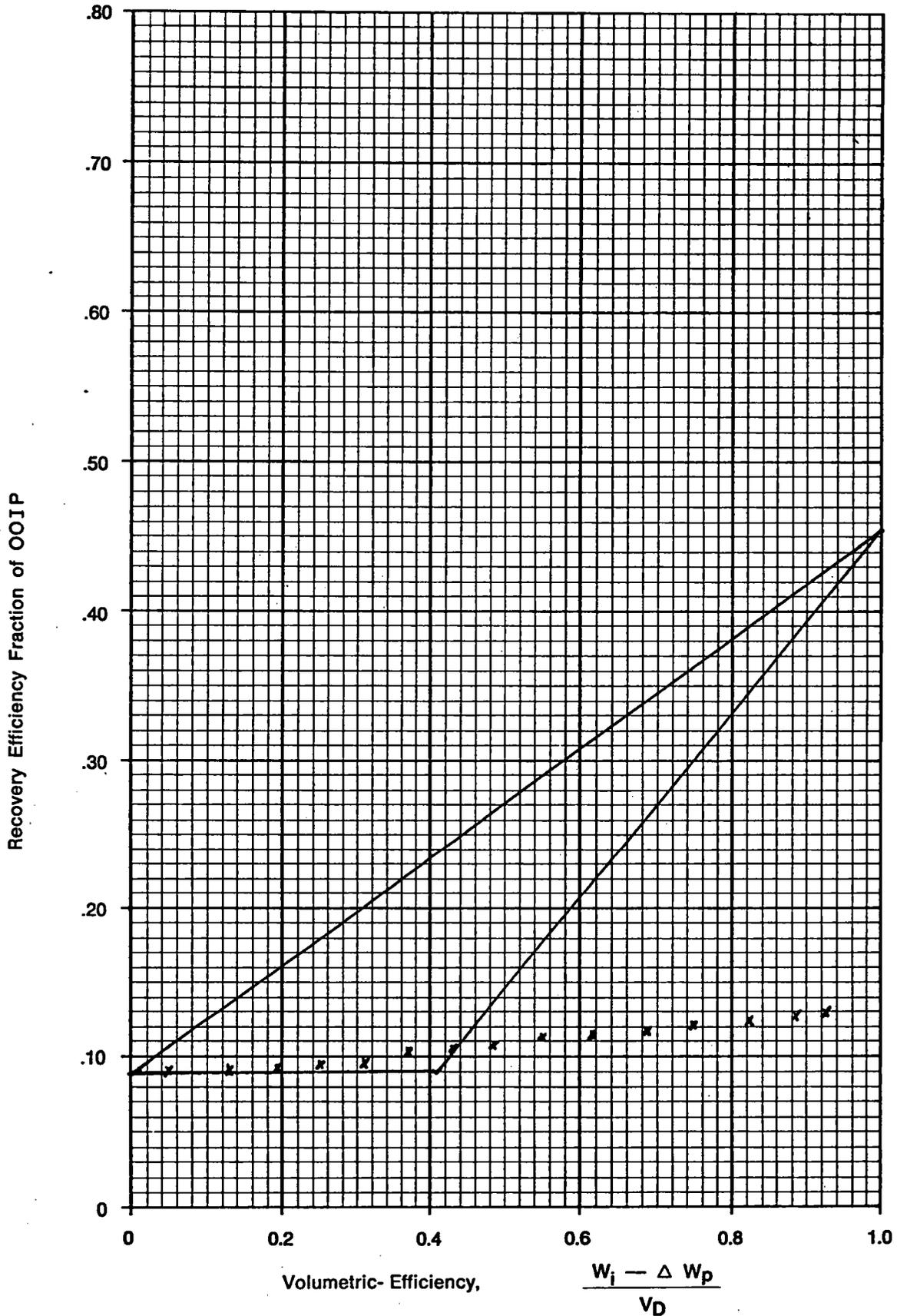
$$S_{gx} = S_{ol} \left[ 1.0 - \frac{B_{ox}}{B_{ol}} (1 - f) \right] = .68 \left[ 1.0 - \frac{1.04}{1.21} (1 - .0880) \right] = .1470$$

$$V_{fillup} = V_p \times S_{gx} = 59,259 \times .1470 = 8709 \text{ RVB}$$

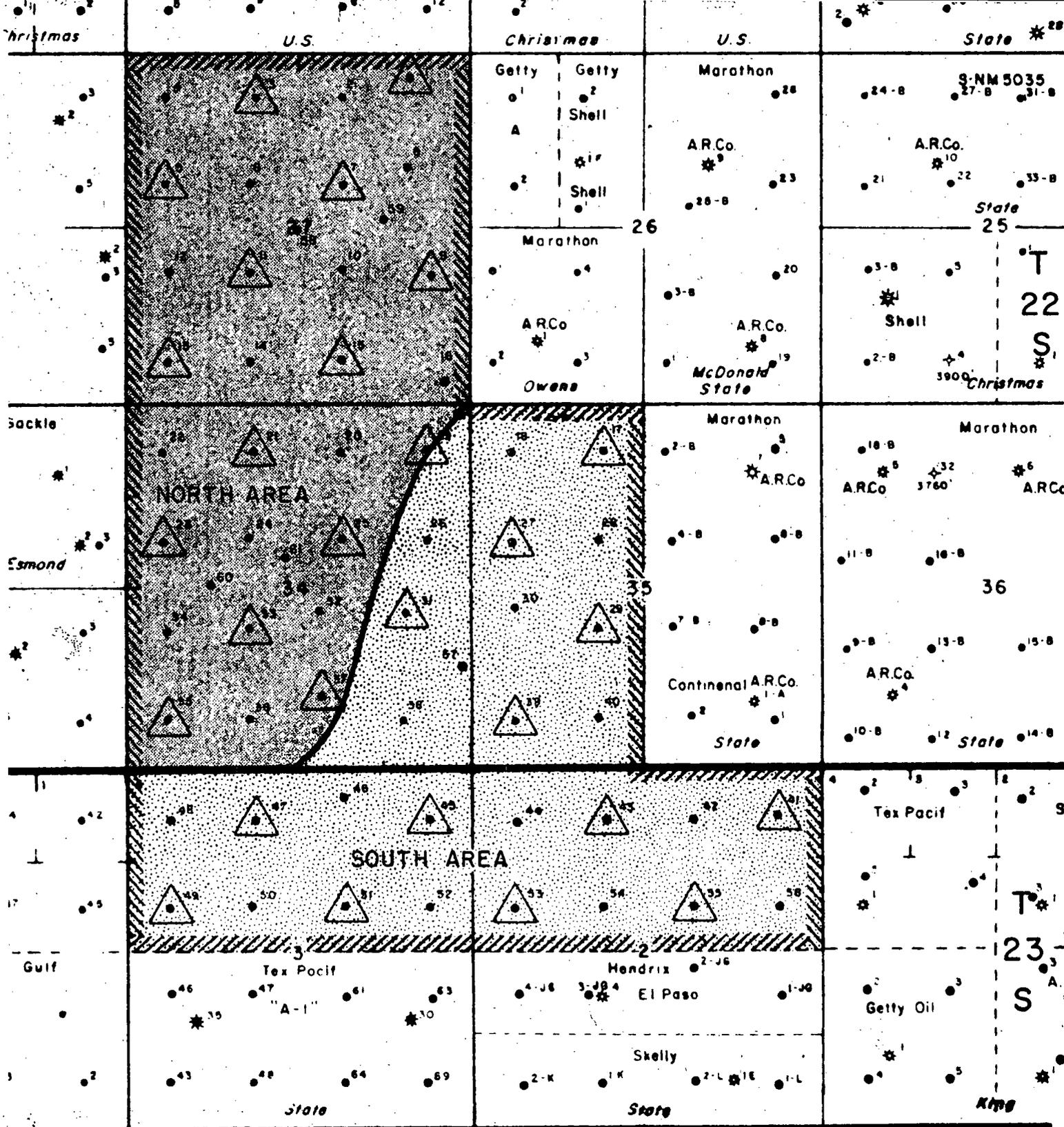
$$\text{Disp. eff. (E}_D) = \frac{S_{ol} - S_{or}}{S_{ol}} = \frac{.68 - .32}{.68} = .5294$$

$$\text{ABAR} = \frac{S_{gx}}{1.0 - S_{cw} - S_{or}} = \frac{.1470}{.36} = .4083$$

F at start of flood .088	ABAR .4083	F at $E_v = 1.0$ $F = 1.0 - \frac{B_{oi}}{B_{ox}} (1.0 - E_D) = 1 - \frac{1.21}{1.04} (1 - .5294)$ .4525	Pattern No. Unit
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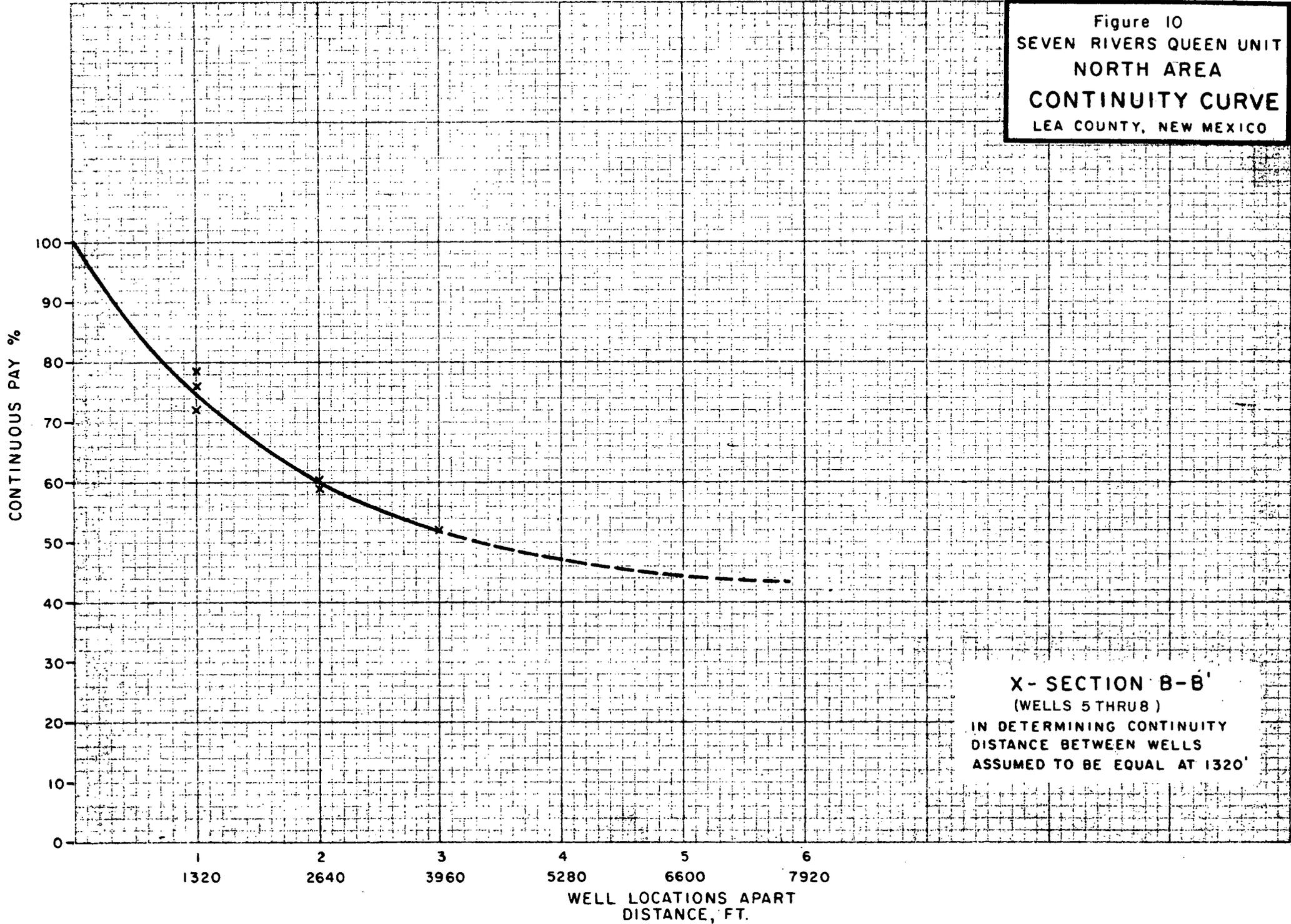
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**NORTH AND SOUTH AREAS**

Figure 9  
 SCALE: 1" = 2000'

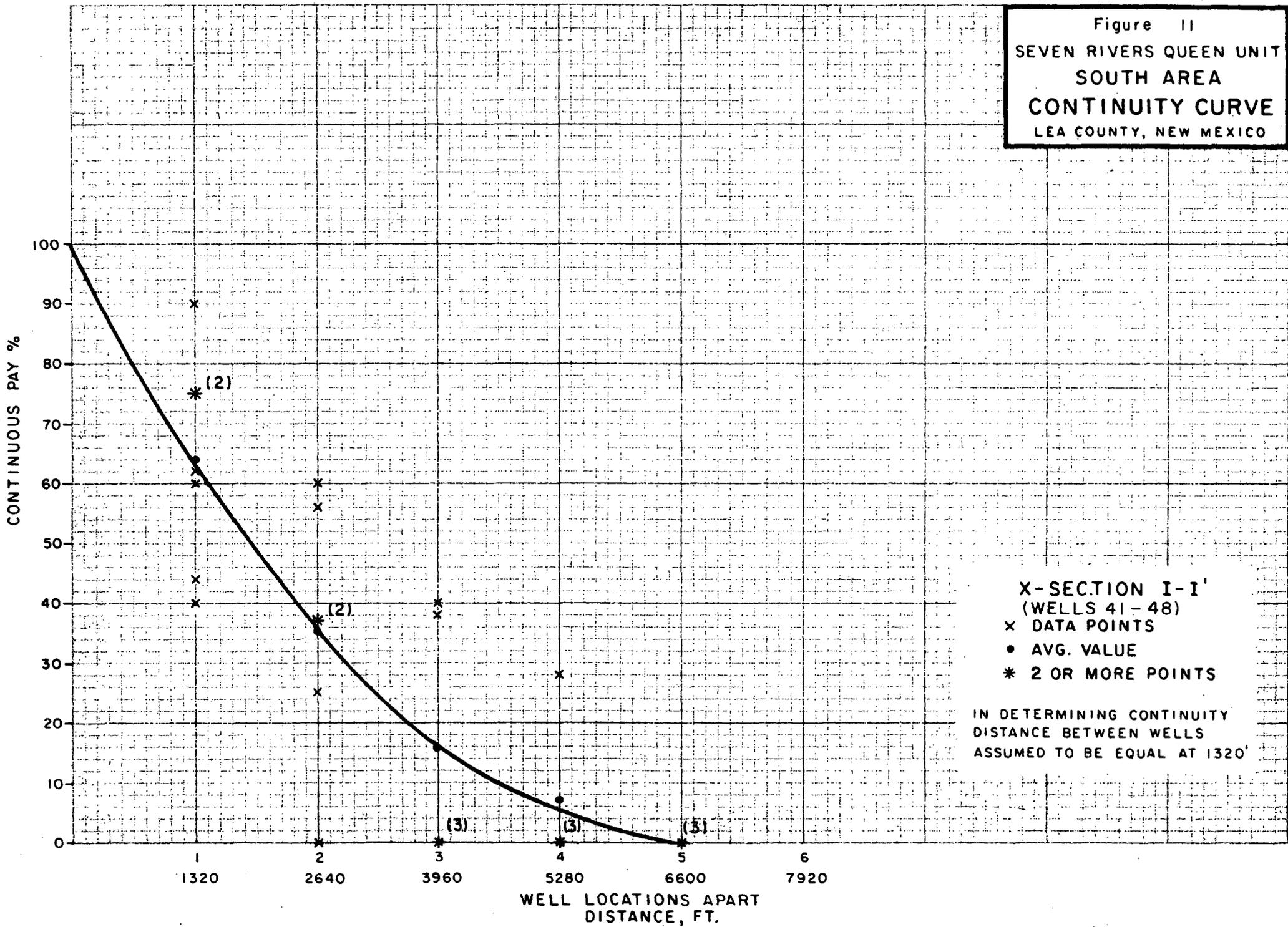
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Figure 10  
SEVEN RIVERS QUEEN UNIT  
NORTH AREA  
CONTINUITY CURVE  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



X - SECTION B-B'  
(WELLS 5 THRU 8)  
IN DETERMINING CONTINUITY  
DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS  
ASSUMED TO BE EQUAL AT 1320'

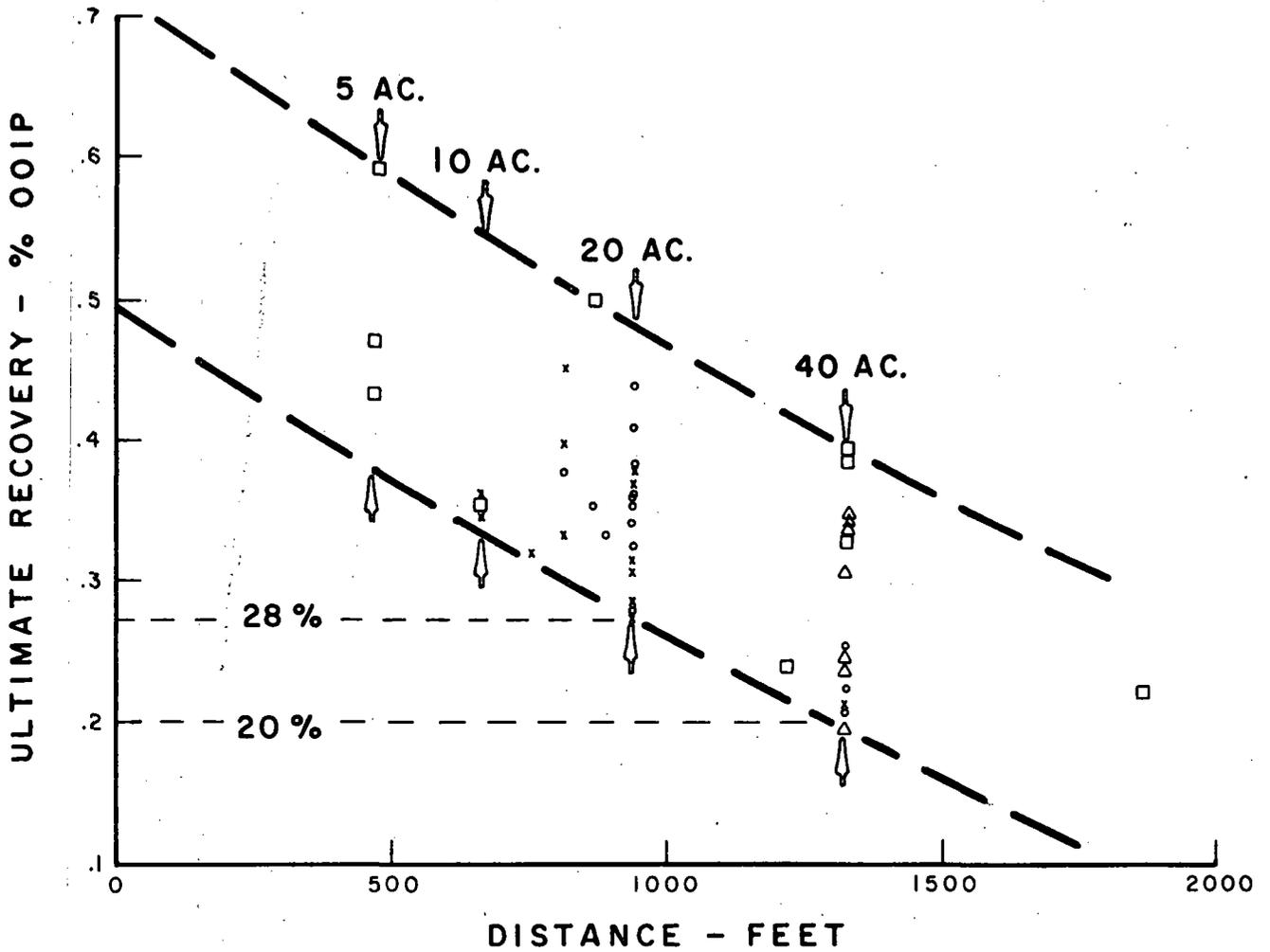
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 SEVEN RIVERS QUEEN UNIT  
 SOUTH AREA  
 CONTINUITY CURVE  
 LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



X-SECTION I-I'  
 (WELLS 41-48)  
 x DATA POINTS  
 • AVG. VALUE  
 \* 2 OR MORE POINTS

IN DETERMINING CONTINUITY  
 DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS  
 ASSUMED TO BE EQUAL AT 1320'

# ULTIMATE RECOVERY AS A FUNCTION OF SPACING



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- N. PERMIAN PROJECTS
- × S. PERMIAN PROJECTS
- △ W. PERMIAN PROJECTS
- MID - CONTINENT PROJECTS

Figure 12

TABLE 1

## INJECTION EFFICIENCY CALCULATION

FROM PATTERN PERFORMANCE PLOT

TO REACH OUTSIDE LINE OF TRIANGLE

$$E_V = .48$$

$$\frac{W_i - W_p}{V_D} = .48$$

$$W_i = .48 V_D + W_p$$

$$W_i = 12,435.1 \text{ MBW}$$

$$\text{INJECTION EFFICIENCY} = \frac{12,435.1}{22,114.1} = \underline{\underline{58\%}}$$

TO REACH CENTER OF TRIANGLE

$$E_V = .30$$

$$W_i = .30 V_D + W_p$$

$$W_i = 8,595.1 \text{ MBW}$$

$$\text{INJECTION EFFICIENCY} = \frac{8,595.1}{22,114.1} = \underline{\underline{40\%}}$$

TABLE 2

SRQU NO. 60  
INCREASED RECOVERY DUE  
TO INFILL DRILLING

Avg. Pay of 4 Surrounding Wells

<u>Well</u>	<u>Net Pay Logged</u>	<u>Estimated Add. Pay</u>	<u>Total Net Pay</u>
No. 23	25+	8'	33'
No. 24	40+	12'	42'
No. 33	28+	19'	47'
<u>No. 34</u>	<u>42</u>	-	<u>42'</u>
Total	135+		164'
Avg.	33.75		41'

Additional pay was estimated by correlating logs to nearest offsets which penetrated the formations below the logged TD's of the shallow wells.

From Avg. of North and South Area

Continuity Curves

% Continuous pay - 40 acre spacing (1320')	69.5%
% Continuous pay - 20 acre spacing ( 933')	77.0%

From Relative Permeability Data

$$S_{oi} = 68\% \quad S_{or} = 32\%$$

$$E_D = \frac{S_{oi} - S_{or}}{S_{oi}} = \frac{.68 - .32}{.68} = .5294$$

From Cores on SRQU Nos. 41, 53, and 57

$$\text{Avg. } \emptyset = 11\%$$

From "Proposed Seven-Rivers Queen Unit Waterflood Study"

$$B_{oi} = 1.21 \text{ RVB/STB}$$

$$B_{ox} = 1.04 \text{ RVB/STB}$$

$$\text{OOIP}_{40 \text{ acres}} = \frac{(7758)(40)(41)(.11)(.68)}{1.21}$$

$$= 786.5 \text{ MBO}$$

TABLE 2 (Cont.)

Primary Recovery From Pattern

<u>Well</u>	<u>Primary Recovery BO</u>	<u>Allocation Factor</u>	<u>Allocated Production BO</u>
No. 23	49,115	.25	12,279
No. 24	71,993	.25	17,998
No. 33	64,360	.25	16,090
<u>No. 34</u>	<u>74,783</u>	<u>.25</u>	<u>18,696</u>
Total	260,251		65,063

From the Waterflood Material Balance Analysis this pattern currently has an injection efficiency of 68%, assuming a 10% increase in injection efficiency through infill drilling yields,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta E_R &= \frac{Bo_i}{Bo_x} E_D [(Ev_2 - Ev_1)f_1 + (Ev_2 - \bar{A})(f_2 - f_1)] \\ &= \left(\frac{1.21}{1.04}\right)(.5294)[(.78 - .68)(.695) + (.78 - .3997)(.77 - .695)] \\ &= .0595 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta E_R = (.0595)(786.5) = \underline{46.7} \text{ MBO}$$

Where:

- Soi = initial oil saturation
- Sor = residual oil saturation to waterflood
- Sgx = gas saturation at start of flood
- ED = displacement efficiency
- Ev = volumetric efficiency
- $\bar{A}$  = displaceable pore volume occupied by gas
- f = floodable pay
- 1 = before infill drilling
- 2 = after infill drilling

TABLE 2 (CONT.)

AtlanticRichfieldCompany

Waterflood Material Balance Analysis

Field	South Eunice - Langlie Mattix		Map	
Reservoir	Seven-Rivers Queen		23	24
Element area	40	Acres		
Average thickness	41	Feet	33	N
Date start of injection	3/74			
Cumulative production at start of injection				
Oil (N <sub>p</sub> ) =	65	MSTB		
Gas (G <sub>p</sub> ) = Avg. GOR 1500	97.5	MMCF		
Water (W <sub>p</sub> ) = Avg. WOR .70	45.5	MBbls		
Rock and fluid data				
φ = .11	S <sub>cw</sub> = 32%			
B <sub>ox</sub> = 1.04	S <sub>or</sub> = 32%			
B <sub>oi</sub> = 1.21				

Pattern volumetric data

$$V_p = 7758 \times \phi \times h \times \text{Area} = 7758 \times .11 \times 41 \times 40 = 1399.5 \text{ M RVB}$$

$$V_D = V_p \times (1.0 - S_{cw} - S_{or}) = 1399.5 \times (1.0 - .32 - .32) = 503.8 \text{ M RVB}$$

$$\text{O.O.I.P.} = \frac{V_p \times (1.0 - S_{cw})}{B_{oi}} = \frac{1399.5 \times (1.0 - .32)}{1.21} = 786.5 \text{ M STB}$$

$$S_{gx} = S_{oi} \left[ 1.0 - \frac{B_{ox}}{B_{oi}} (1 - f) \right] = .68 \left[ 1.0 - \frac{1.04}{1.21} (1 - .0827) \right] = .1439$$

$$V_{fillup} = V_p \times S_{gx} = 1399.5 \times .1439 = 201 \text{ M RVB}$$

$$\text{Disp. eff. (E}_D) = \frac{S_{oi} - S_{or}}{S_{oi}} = \frac{.68 - .32}{.68} = .5294$$

$$\text{ABAR} = \frac{S_{gx}}{1.0 - S_{cw} - S_{or}} = \frac{.1439}{.36} = .3997$$

TABLE 3

Data:

$$\text{Boi} = 1.21 \text{ RVB/STB}$$

$$\text{Box} = 1.04 \text{ RVB/STB}$$

$$\text{EV}_1 = 50\%$$

$$\text{EV}_2 = 60\%$$

$$f_1 = 69\%$$

$$f_2 = 76.5\%$$

$$\bar{A} = .4083$$

$$E_D = .5294$$

$$\emptyset = 11\%$$

$$\text{Scw} = 32\%$$

$$\text{Sor} = 32\%$$

Informational sources same as Table 2

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta E_R &= \frac{\text{Boi}}{\text{Box}} E_D [(\text{EV}_2 - \text{EV}_1)f_1 + (\text{EV}_2 - \bar{A})(f_2 - f_1)] \\ &= \left(\frac{1.21}{1.04}\right)(.5294)[(.60 - .50)(.69) + (.60 - .4083)(.765 - .69)] \\ &= .0521 \\ &= 5.21\% \end{aligned}$$

TABLE 4

Data:

- $Q_i = 420$  BOPD
  - $Q_a = 52$  BOPD
  - $R = 8\%$
  - $N_{p1} = 2932$  MSTBO (primary cumulative production)
  - $N_{p2} = 3086$  MSTBO (estimated cumulative production under secondary recovery)
  - $A = 2240$  acres
  - $h_1^* = 28$  feet
  - $h_1^* = 31$  feet
  - $\phi = 11\%$
  - $Sw = 32\%$
  - $Bo_i = 1.21$  RVB/STB
- Informational sources same as Table 2  
 \* $h_1$  is the average net pay during primary production.  
 $h_2$  is the average net pay during secondary operations. The increase is due to workovers at the time of unitization.

$$OOIP = \frac{7758 A h \phi (1-Sw)}{Bo_i}$$

Primary Production:

$$OOIP = \frac{(7758)(2240)(28)(.11)(1-.32)}{1.21}$$

$$= 30,080 \text{ MBO}$$

$$\text{Recovery Factor} = \frac{2932}{30,080}$$

$$= 9.75\%$$

Secondary Production:

Exponential Decline:

$$N = \frac{(Q_i - Q_a) 365}{-\ln(1-R)} = \frac{(420-52)(365)}{-\ln(1-.08)}$$

$$= 1611 \text{ MBO}$$

Secondary production through December, 1982 = 1549 MBO

Secondary production = 1549 + 1611

$$= 3160 \text{ MBO}$$

$$OOIP = \frac{(7758)(2240)(31)(.11)(1-.32)}{1.21}$$

$$= 33,302 \text{ MBO}$$

$$\text{Recovery Factor} = \frac{3160}{33,302}$$

$$= 9.49\%$$

Ultimate Recovery = 9.75% + 9.49%

$$= 19.24\%$$

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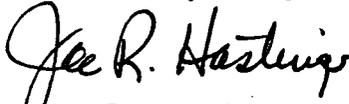
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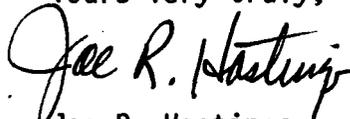
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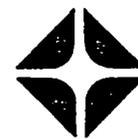
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TONY ANAYA  
GOVERNOR

August 6, 1984

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501  
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ARCO Oil and Gas Company  
P. O. Box 1610  
Midland, Texas 79702

Attention: Joe R. Hastings  
District Engineer

Re: Infill Finding Request  
Seven Rivers Queen Unit  
Wells Nos. 58, 59, 60,  
and 61 and for Any  
Subsequent Well Drilled  
on an Existing Proration  
Unit in the Seven Rivers  
Queen Unit

Dear Mr. Hastings:

Per your letter dated July 19, 1984, concerning the subject Infill Well Findings, this application is being set for the Examiner Hearing to be held on September 5, 1984. This is being done to accommodate the second part of your request and because it is impossible to obtain an Infill Well Finding administratively for a non-existing well (see RULE 2 of Division Order No. R-6013-A).

If you have any questions concerning this matter, you may contact me.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL E. STOGNER  
Petroleum Engineer

MES/fd

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Post Office Box 1610  
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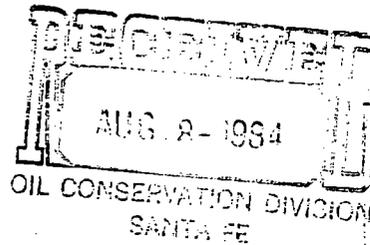
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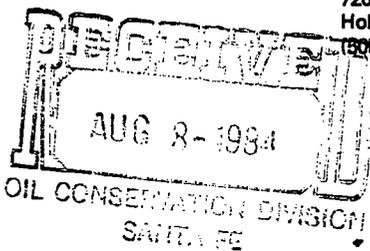
Name: David L. Wacker  
Title: Asst. Division Manager  
Company: Conoco Inc.  
Date: August 4, 1984



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Production Department  
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726 East Michigan  
Hobbs, NM 88240  
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August 6, 1984

New Mexico Oil Conservation  
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Santa Fe, NM 87501

Gentlemen:

Infill Wells Nos. 58, 59, 60, & 61, Arco's Seven Rivers Queen Unit,  
Sections 27 & 34, T-22S, R-36E, Lea County, New Mexico

Conoco Inc. has approved, as offset operator, Arco's request for infill drilling as described in the attached letter ballot. One copy is attached for your file and one copy is being returned to Arco.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. A. Ingram". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

H. A. Ingram  
Conservation Coordinator

:mhe

CC: Arco, Midland

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July 19, 1984

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Name:

*R.D. Dickel, Jr.*

Title:

REGIONAL PRODUCTION MANAGER FOR S. W. REGION

Company:

EL PASO EXPLORATION COMPANY

Date:

JULY 31, 1984

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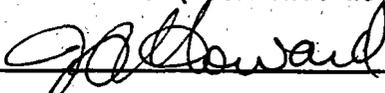
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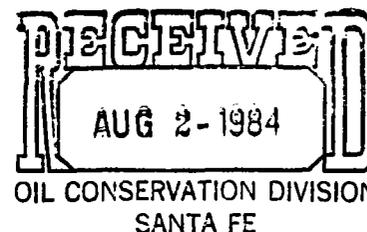
DISTRICT ENGINEER

Company:

GETTY OIL COMPANY

Date:

JULY 30, 1984



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Name:

*J. Howell*

Title:

*District Engineer*

Company:

*Marathon Oil Co*

Date:

*7/30/84*

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August 15, 1984

Mr. Michael E. Stogner  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
P. O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. Stogner:

Infill Finding Request Amendment  
Seven Rivers Queen Unit  
Lea County, New Mexico

ARCO Oil and Gas Company would like to amend its request of July 19, 1984, for an Infill Finding Request for its Seven Rivers Queen Unit, Lea County, New Mexico. We had requested administrative approval of an Infill Finding Request for our Seven Rivers Queen Unit Well No's. 58, 59, 60, and 61 and for any subsequent well drilled on an existing proration unit in the Seven Rivers Queen Unit. We would like to amend the July 19, 1984 letter to limit the request for administrative approval to the Seven Rivers Queen Unit Well No's. 58, 59, 60 and 61. We would like to drop our request of July 19, 1984 for an Infill Finding Request for any subsequent well drilled on an existing proration unit in the Seven Rivers Queen Unit.

If you have any further comments, please contact Mr. C. L. Payken at 915/684-0151.

Yours very truly,

*Joe R. Hastings*  
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JRH:CLP:sc

