

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Application For Nonstandard Location USA Federal "G" Well No. 1

Otero County, New Mexico

TEXACO INC. P. O. BOX 3109 MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

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Attention: Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr.

Gentlemen:

TEXACO Inc. respectively requests administrative approval to drill the USA Federal "G" Well No. 1 at a nonstandard location of 1773 feet FNL and 2496 feet FEL, Section 33, T-18-S, R-8-E, Otero County, New Mexico. The subject location is 139 feet from a quarter-quarter section line.

This application is necessary due to adverse topographical conditions. Attached is a topographic map showing that the location is located on the north slope of a butte. The standard location falls on the top of the butte which has been flattened for a military radar installation. The nonstandard location was selected because of the existence of a prepared site on a natural shelf which was enlarged for a military installation which has been subsequently abandoned. The remaining area within the quarter section consists of steeply dipping unconsolidated rubble which appears to be subject to sliding and therefore would be unacceptable for placing a drilling rig mainly due to safety and the emorbitant cost of preparing a location.

West of Section 33 is an area not subject to lease and TEXACO has the mineral rights leased in all the remaining offset sections, therefore there are no offset operators to notify of the application. The application to drill has been filed with the USGS office at Artesia and is being held pending NMOCC approval of this nonstandard location.

TEXACO desires to commence drilling this location as early as possible, therefore it is requested that your approval be telephoned to Mr. V. F. Dullnig or Mr. C. H. Finkey at Area Code 915, 682-0541. Your cooperation in this request is appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Darrell Smith
Division Manager

E. D. McCarter

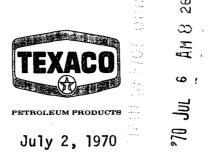
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TEXACO INC. DRAWER 728 HOBBS, NEW MEXICO 88240

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission (3) P.O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Amendment of Administrative Order No. NSL-466

USA Federal 'G' Well No. 1 Otero County, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. A.L. Porter, Jr.

Gentlemen:

It is respectfully requested that Order No. NSL-466 be amended to permit the drilling of the USA Federal 'G' Well No. 1 at a nonstandard location 1552 feet FNL and 1934 feet FEL, Section 33, T-18-S, R-8-E, Otero County, New Mexico. Order No. NSL-466 approved a nonstandard location 1778 feet FNL and 2496 feet FEL, Section 33, T-18-S, R-8-E, Otero County.

Subsequent to the approval of the nonstandard location granted by Order No. NSL-466, it was found that the location could not be used due to imminent plans for a military facility at the location. The proposed location is located Northeast of the approved location but still remains on the North slope of the butte. The requested location and amendment is necessary due to the rough terrain and steeply sloping topographical features present in the remainder of the quarter section.

An amended application to drill, which shows the new location, has been filed with the USGS Office in Artesia this date. Since Texaco desires to commence drilling at the earliest possible time, your cooperation in handling this request is appreciated.

As pointed out in our letter of June 23, 1970, Texaco has the mineral rights leased in all the offset sections except to the West of Section 33 which is not subject to lease. Therefore, there are no offset operators to notify of the requested amendment.

Yours very truly,

W. E. Morgan

District Superintendent

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## NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

Form C-102 Supersedes C-128 Effective 1-1-65

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