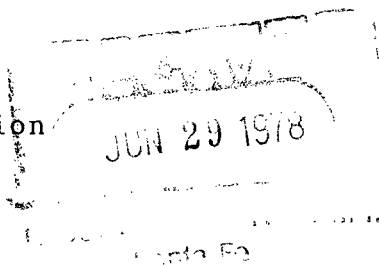




Southland Royalty Company

June 21, 1978

Mr. Joe D. Ramey
Director-Oil Conservation Division
Energy and Minerals Department
State of New Mexico
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501



Dear Sir:

Southland Royalty Company hereby requests administrative approval of an unorthodox location for the Hanks #24 Mesaverde well. The proposed location is 670' FNL & 1850' FEL of Section 5, T27N, R9W, San Juan County, New Mexico.

The unorthodox location is necessary due to topography, specifically the edge of Harris Mesa as shown on the attached map.

The operators of the offset acreage are El Paso Natural Gas and Tenneco Oil Company. They have been notified of this application by certified mail.

Yours truly,

C. C. Parsons
District Engineer

CCP/eg

Attachment

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