

RB**READING & BATES PETROLEUM CO.**

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION
1910 Prudential Plaza Building
1050 Seventeenth Street
Denver, Colorado 80265
303 571-4445

April 9, 1980

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

ATTN: Joe D. Ramey

Federal #17-1
790' FSL 1900' FEL
Sec. 17/T24N-R3W
Rio Arriba Co., NM

NSL-1181
Rule 2(c) R5353
5-5-80

Gentlemen:

Reading & Bates Petroleum Co. is currently drilling a Dakota test at the referenced location. Due to existing topographical conditions (see attached topographic map) the well is being drilled 50 feet further west than is allowed under Chacon-Dakota Associated Pool spacing rules. Therefore, by this letter, we are applying for your approval of this unorthodox location.

All Dakota operators offsetting this well are shown in red on the attached area map along with surrounding wells. Also attached find the surveyors plat for this location and letters sent to Arco and Mobil notifying them of this application.

I hereby certify that I have notified Mr. W. A. Walther, Jr. with Arco Oil & Gas in Denver, Colorado and Mr. G. W. Barb with Mobil Oil Corporation in Midland, Texas by certified mail of this application for an unorthodox location; and have requested them to furnish the Oil Conservation Division in Santa Fe, New Mexico a waiver of objection.

Sincerely,

READING & BATES PETROLEUM CO.

RECEIVED
APR 13 1980
Jerry L. Hofman
Petroleum Engineer
Rocky Mountain Division
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
SANTA FE

JLH/rm

Attachments

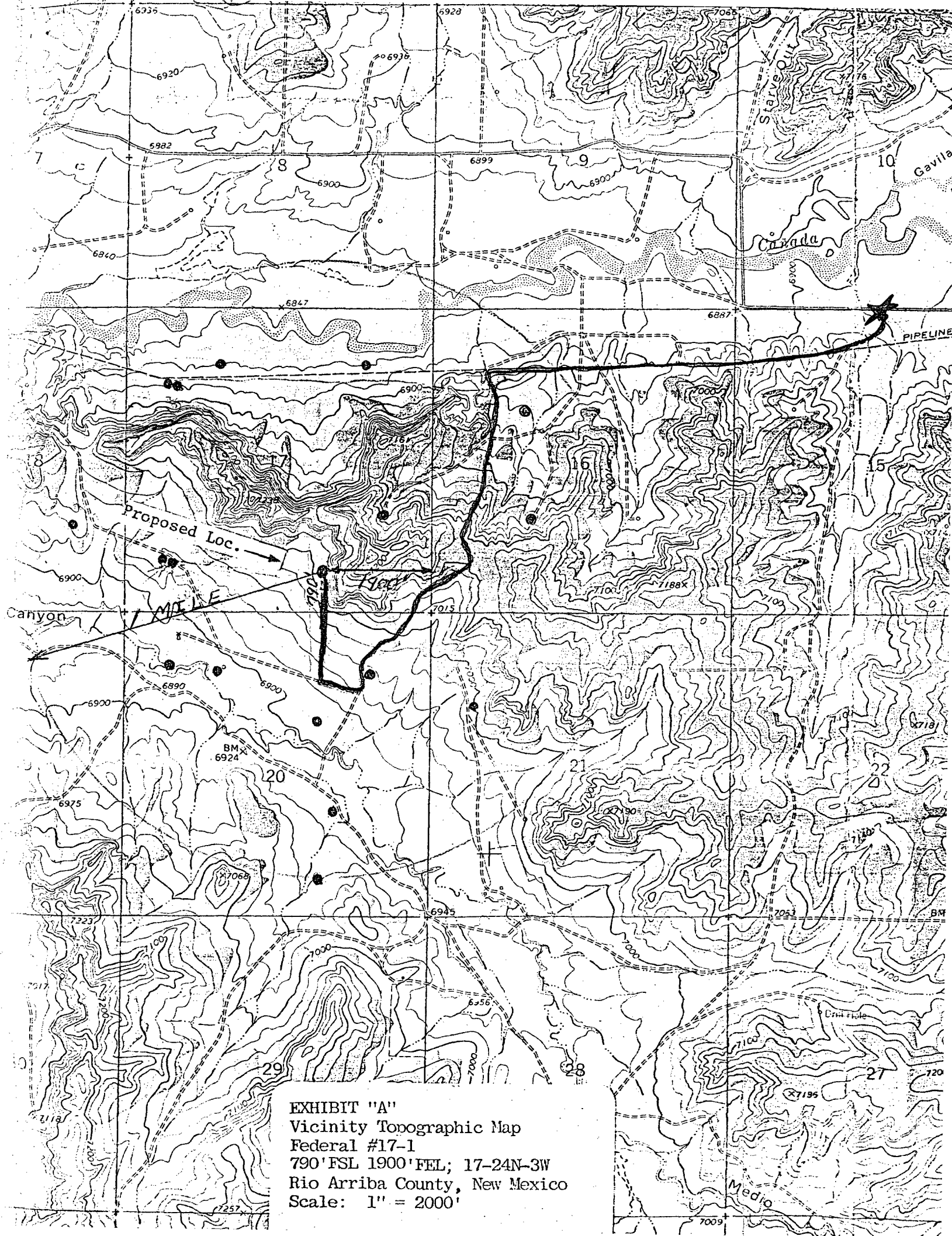
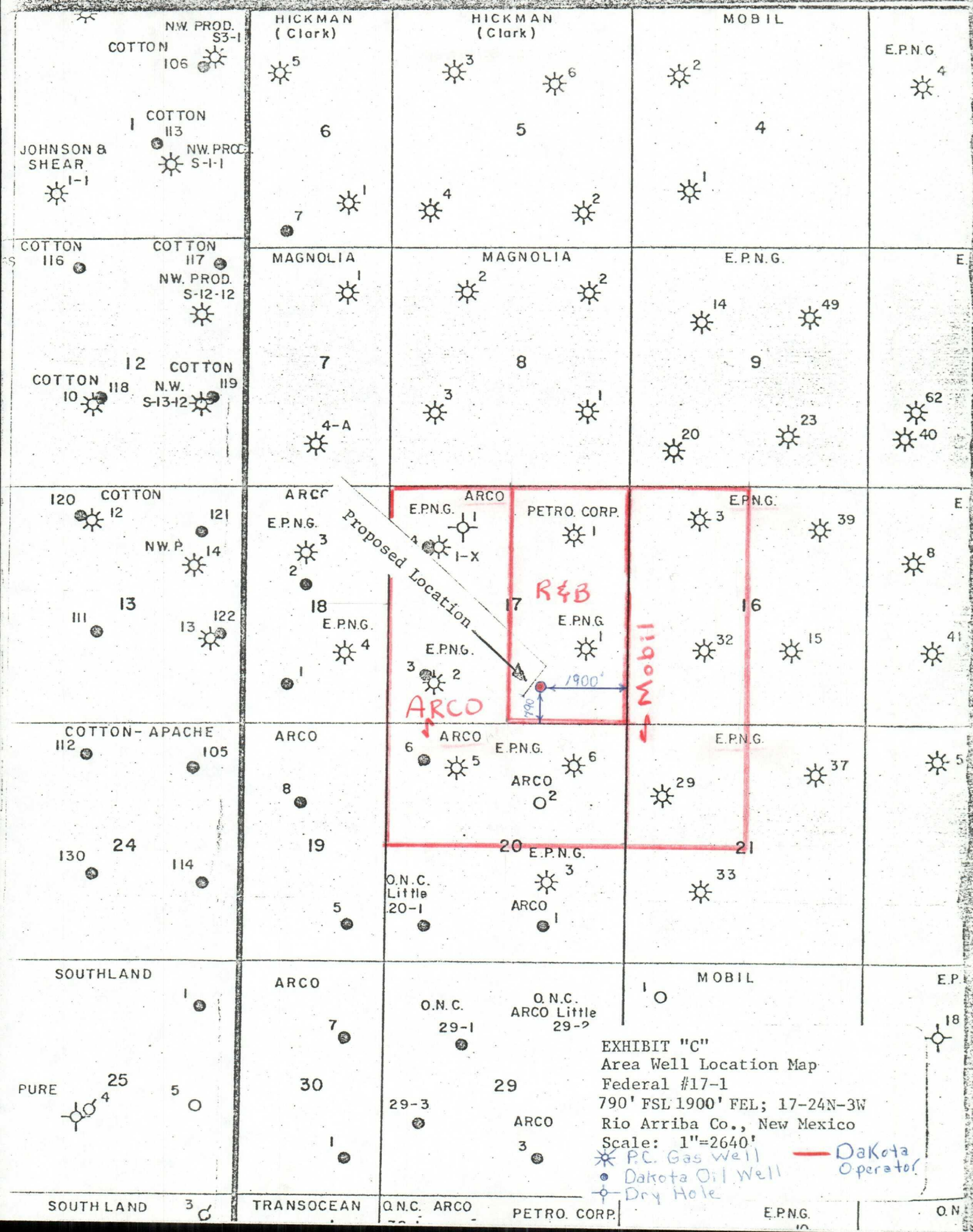


EXHIBIT "A"
Vicinity Topographic Map
Federal #17-1
790' FSL 1900' FEL; 17-24N-3W
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico
Scale: 1" = 2000'



All distances must be from the outer boundaries of the Section.

Operator READING & BATES PETROLEUM CO			Lease FEDERAL 17		Well No. 1
Unit Letter 0	Section 17	Township 24N	Range 3W	County Rio Arriba	
Actual Footage Location of Well: 790 feet from the South line and 1900 feet from the East line					
Ground Level Elev. 7020	Producing Formation		Pool		Dedicated Acreage: Acres

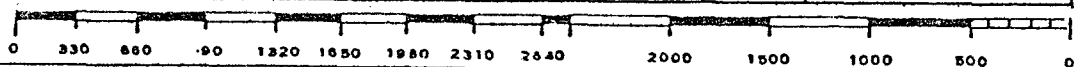
1. Outline the acreage dedicated to the subject well by colored pencil or hachure marks on the plat below.
2. If more than one lease is dedicated to the well, outline each and identify the ownership thereof (both as to working interest and royalty).
3. If more than one lease of different ownership is dedicated to the well, have the interests of all owners been consolidated by communitization, unitization, force-pooling, etc?


☐ Yes ☐ No If answer is "yes," type of consolidation _____

If answer is "no," list the owners and tract descriptions which have actually been consolidated. (Use reverse side of this form if necessary.) _____

No allowable will be assigned to the well until all interests have been consolidated (by communitization, unitization, forced-pooling, or otherwise) or until a non-standard unit, eliminating such interests, has been approved by the Commission.

Sec.	
<div>RECEIVED APR 17 1980 OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION SANTA FE</div>	
790'	1900'



CERTIFICATION	
I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
Name	
Position	
Company	
Date	
I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
Date Surveyed	February 18, 1980
Registered Professional Engineer and/or Land Surveyor	
 Fred B. Kerr Jr.	
Certificate No.	3950



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Arco Oil & Gas
Box 5540
Denver, Colorado 80217

ATTN: W. A. Walther, Jr.

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Rio Arriba Co., NM

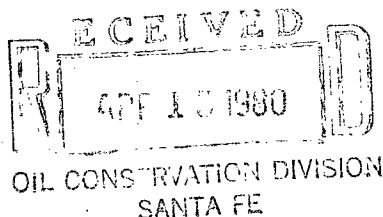
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Oil Conservation Division
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

The attached topographic map shows that a legal location would be impractical to build due to a very steep bluff.

Thank you for your time and feel free to call if you have any questions.



Sincerely,

READING & BATES PETROLEUM CO.

Jerry L. Hofman
Petroleum Engineer
Rocky Mountain Division

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April 9, 1980

Mobil Oil Corporation
P. O. Box 633
Midland, Texas 79702

ATTN: G. W. Barb

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Rio Arriba Co., NM

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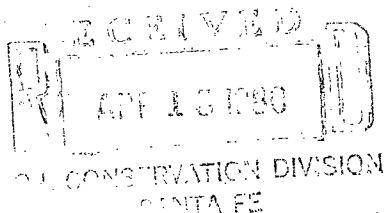
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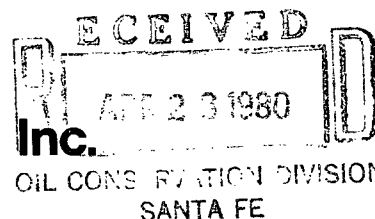
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Jerry L. Hofman
Petroleum Engineer
Rocky Mountain Division



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Mobil Producing Texas & New Mexico Inc.



April 22, 1980

NINE GREENWAY PLAZA—SUITE 2700
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77046

Mr. Joe D. Ramey
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, NM 87501

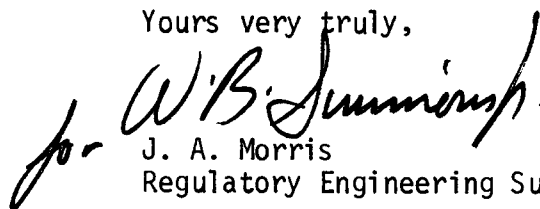
7.01 WAIVER
READING & BATES PETROLEUM CO.
FEDERAL #17-1
RIO ARriba COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Dear Mr. Ramey:

Mobil Producing Texas & New Mexico, Inc. has been informed of the Dakota test currently being drilled by Reading & Bates Petroleum Co. We understand that this well, their Federal #17-1, is located 790' FSL, 1900' FEL, Section 17/T24N-R3W, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Reading & Bates stated that, due to topographical conditions, the well is being drilled 50 feet further west than the Chacon-Dakota Associated Pool rules allow for, thereby necessitating an application for an unorthodox location.

Please be advised that Mobil Producing Texas & New Mexico Inc. waives objection to this application.

Yours very truly,

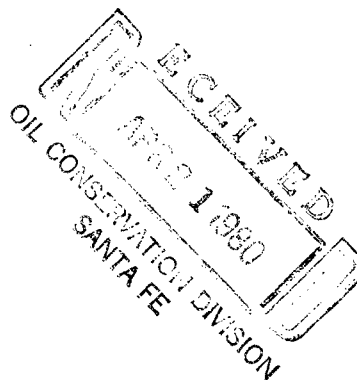

J. A. Morris
Regulatory Engineering Supervisor

WBSimmonsJr/rvs

cc: Reading & Bates Petroleum Co.
Rocky Mountain Division
1910 Prudential Plaza Building
1050 Seventeenth Street
Denver, CO 80265

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ARCO Oil and Gas Company
Rocky Mountain District
717-17th Street
Mailing address: P.O. Box 5540
Denver, Colorado 80217
Telephone 303 575 7026
Arnold H. Brackenridge
Vice President



April 15, 1980

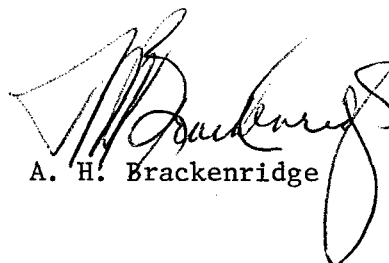
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Gentlemen:

ARCO Oil and Gas Company is an offset operator to the subject unorthodox location, filed for by Reading and Bates Petroleum Co. We have reviewed their proposal and have no objection to the location.


A. H. Brackenridge

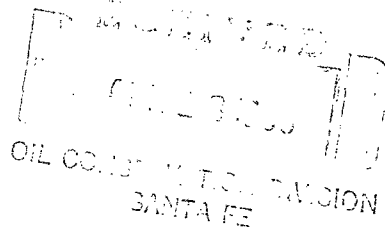
AHB/MR/ve

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Albuquerque DISTRICT

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
BOX 2088
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

DATE April 11, 1980

RE: Proposed MC _____
Proposed DHC _____
Proposed NSL x _____
Proposed SWD _____
Proposed WFX _____
Proposed PMX _____



Gentlemen:

I have examined the application dated April 9, 1980
for the Reading and Bates Federal 17 #1 0-17-24N3W
Operator Lease and Well No. Unit, S-T-R

and my recommendations are as follows:

Approve

Yours very truly,

Frank S. Chang