



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS  
& NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
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Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corp.  
4900 College Boulevard  
Farmington, New Mexico 87402  
Attention: Albert R. Greer

*Administrative Order NSL-3864*

Dear Mr. Greer:

Reference is made to: (i) your original application dated August 6, 1997; (ii) the Division's initial response to said application by letter from Mr. Michael E. Stogner dated August 27, 1997; (iii) two additional responses by the Division through fax transmitted messages from Mr. Stogner dated August 29, 1997; (iv) to your supplemental geological support data of August 29, 1997; and, (v) to the Division's records in past proceedings before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission and the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division concerning the West Puerto Chiquito-Mancos Oil Pool, the West Puerto Chiquito-Mancos Pressure Maintenance Project, and the Canada Ojitos Unit Area in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico: all of which either refers to and/or relates to Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corp. request to drill its proposed Canada Ojitos Unit Well No. 45 (API No. 30-039-25713) at an unorthodox oil well location within the West Puerto Chiquito-Mancos Oil Pool 500 feet from the South line and 2200 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 28, Township 25 North, Range 1 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

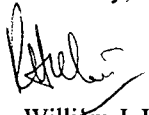
All of said Section 28 being a standard 640-acre oil spacing and proration unit for the West Puerto Chiquito-Mancos Oil Pool is to be dedicated to said well.

The geologic interpretation submitted with this application indicates that a well drilled at the proposed unorthodox oil well location will be at a more favorable geologic position within the Mancos formation than a well drilled at a location considered to be standard.

The application has been duly filed under the provisions of Rule 104.F of the General Rules and Regulations of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Rule 5 of the "*Special Rules and Regulations for the West Puerto Chiquito-Mancos Oil Pool*," as promulgated and altered by Division Order Nos. R-2565-B, R-2565-C, R-6469, R-6469-A, R-6469-B, R-6469-C, R-6469-D, R-6469-E, R-6469-F, R-6469-F-1, R-6469-G, R-6469-G-1, and R-6469-H, and Division General Rule 104.F(2), the above-described unorthodox oil well location is hereby approved.

Sincerely,

by  Deputy Director

William J. LeMay  
Director

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec  
U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Albuquerque