



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
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April 9, 1998

Mallon Oil Company
P. O. Box 3256
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Attention: Terry Lindeman

Administrative Order NSL-3994

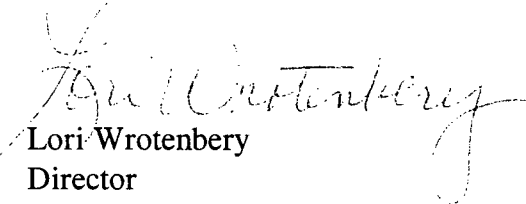
Dear Mr. Lindeman:

Reference is made to your application dated March 18, 1998 for a non-standard wildcat Mancos gas well location for your proposed Jicarilla 457-4 Well No. 2 (API No. 30-039-25780) to be drilled 1510 feet from the South line and 2400 feet from the West line (Unit K) of Section 4, Township 30 North, Range 3 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. The SW/4 of said Section 4 is to be dedicated to said well in order to form a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit.

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 ("Division").

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Division General Rule 104.F(2), the above-described unorthodox gas well location is hereby approved.

Sincerely,


Lori Wrotenbery
Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Aztec
U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Farmington