



# New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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May 3, 2011

Apache Corporation  
Attn: Mr. David Catanach  
6120 S. Yale, Suite 1500  
Tulsa, OK 74136

## Administrative Order NSL-6369

**Re: N B Tween State Well No. 23**  
**API No. 30-015-38593**  
**1635 feet FNL & 2330 feet FEL**  
**Unit G, Section 25-17S-28E**  
**Eddy County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Catanach:

Reference is made to the following:

(a) your application (**administrative application reference No. pTGW11-12247714**) submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (the Division) in Santa Fe, New Mexico on May 2, 2011, and

(b) the Division's records pertinent to this request.

Apache Corporation (Apache) [OGRID 873] has requested to drill the above-referenced well at an unorthodox oil well location, described above in the caption of this letter. The SW/4 NE/4 of Section 25 will be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit in the undesignated Artesia Glorieta-Yeso Pool (96830). This pool is governed by statewide Rule 15.9.A [19.15.15.9.A NMAC], which provides for 40-acre units, with wells located at least 330 feet from a unit outer boundary. This location is less than 330 feet from the northern and western unit boundaries.

Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 15.13 [19.15.15.13 NMAC] and 4.12.A(2) [19.15.4.12.A(2) NMAC].

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It is our understanding that you are seeking this location for engineering reasons, in order to maximize efficient drainage of resources in the reservoir.

It is also understood that notice of this application to offsetting operators or owners is unnecessary due to common ownership.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 15.13.B [19.15.15.13 NMAC], the above-described unorthodox location is hereby approved.

This approval is subject to your being in compliance with all other applicable Division rules, including, but not limited to Division Rule 5.9 [19.15.15.9 NMAC].

Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jami Bailey", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jami Bailey  
Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Artesia  
New Mexico State Land Office