



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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***Administrative Order NSL-4606***

Dear Mr. Bruce:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application dated June 26, 2001 on behalf of the operator Mewbourne Oil Company ("Mewbourne"); and (ii) the records of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") in Santa Fe: all concerning Mewbourne's request for an unorthodox Morrow gas well location for the proposed Esperanza "15" State Com. Well No. 1 to be drilled 2232 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit J) of Section 15, Township 21 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

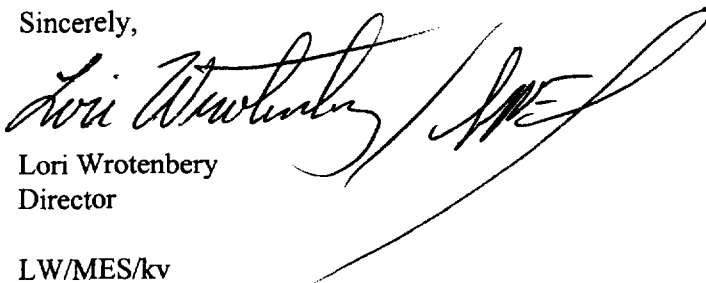
The E/2 of Section 15 is to be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 320-acre stand-up gas spacing and proration unit for the Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool.

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

The subject application has been duly filed under the applicable provisions of the rules governing this pool and the provisions of Division Rule 104.F, revised by Division Order No. R-11231, issued by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission in Case No. 12119 on August 12, 1999.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Division Order No. R-8170-E-1, issued in Case 9872 and dated October 28, 1991, and Division Rule 104.F (2), the above-described unorthodox gas well location is hereby approved.

Sincerely,



Lori Wrotenberg  
Director

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