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Midland Division

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GOV - STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Unorthodox Locations
Rhodes Yates Unit
Well Nos. 14, 15, & 16
Rhodes Yates Seven Rivers Field
Lea County, New Mexico

State of New Mexico
Energy and Minerals Department
Oil Conservation Division
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501-2088

Attention: Mr. Michael E. Stogner

Gentlemen:

An exception, by administrative approval, to Rule 104 F.I. is requested for Texaco Exploration and Production Inc.'s Rhodes Yates Unit Well Nos. 14, 15, & 16. Well No. 15 is on Federal minerals.

The wells must be drilled in these locations to ensure proper development on 20-acre spacing to recover additional reserves in an established waterflood. These reserves could not be recovered with the current 80-acre, 5-spot pattern.

Texaco is the only "affected" offset operator to these wells and we grant ourselves a waiver to this request.

Attached are Forms C-102, showing the location for each well and a lease plat showing the existing wells.

Yours very truly,

C.P. Basham / cwh

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