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**NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**  
 - Engineering Bureau -  
 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505



30-015-41113  
 Lee Federal #73  
 Apache Corp

**ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

THIS CHECKLIST IS MANDATORY FOR ALL ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATIONS FOR EXCEPTIONS TO DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH REQUIRE PROCESSING AT THE DIVISION LEVEL IN SANTA FE

**Application Acronyms:**

- [NSL-Non-Standard Location] [NSP-Non-Standard Proration Unit] [SD-Simultaneous Dedication]
- [DHC-Downhole Commingling] [CTB-Lease Commingling] [PLC-Pool/Lease Commingling]
- [PC-Pool Commingling] [OLS - Off-Lease Storage] [OLM-Off-Lease Measurement]
- [WFX-Waterflood Expansion] [PMX-Pressure Maintenance Expansion]
- [SWD-Salt Water Disposal] [IPI-Injection Pressure Increase]
- [EOR-Qualified Enhanced Oil Recovery Certification] [PPR-Positive Production Response]

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[1] **TYPE OF APPLICATION** - Check Those Which Apply for [A]

- [A] Location - Spacing Unit - Simultaneous Dedication  
 NSL  NSP  SD

Check One Only for [B] or [C]

- [B] Commingling - Storage - Measurement  
 DHC  CTB  PLC  PC  OLS  OLM

- [C] Injection - Disposal - Pressure Increase - Enhanced Oil Recovery  
 WFX  PMX  SWD  IPI  EOR  PPR

[D] Other: Specify \_\_\_\_\_

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[2] **NOTIFICATION REQUIRED TO:** - Check Those Which Apply, or  Does Not Apply

- [A]  Working, Royalty or Overriding Royalty Interest Owners
- [B]  Offset Operators, Leaseholders or Surface Owner
- [C]  Application is One Which Requires Published Legal Notice
- [D]  Notification and/or Concurrent Approval by BLM or SLO  
U.S. Bureau of Land Management - Commissioner of Public Lands, State Land Office
- [E]  For all of the above, Proof of Notification or Publication is Attached, and/or,
- [F]  Waivers are Attached

[3] **SUBMIT ACCURATE AND COMPLETE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE TYPE OF APPLICATION INDICATED ABOVE.**

[4] **CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application for administrative approval is **accurate** and **complete** to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that **no action** will be taken on this application until the required information and notifications are submitted to the Division.

Note: Statement must be completed by an individual with managerial and/or supervisory capacity.

David Catanach  
 Print or Type Name

David Catanach  
 Signature

Agent for Apache Corporation  
 Title

3/4/13  
 Date

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 E-Mail Address

March 4, 2013

**Hand Delivered**

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
1220 S. St. Francis Drive  
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Attention: Ms. Jami Bailey, CPG  
Division Director

Re: Application for Unorthodox Well Location  
Lee Federal Well No. 73  
API No. (30-015-41113)  
1570' FSL & 465' FEL (Unit I)  
Section 20, T-17 South, R-31 East, NMPM,  
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Bailey:

Pursuant to Division Rule 19.15.15.13, Apache Corporation ("Apache") respectfully requests administrative approval of an unorthodox oil well location for its proposed Lee Federal No. 73. This well will be drilled as a development oil well in the Cedar Lake Glorieta-Yeso Pool (96831).

The proposed Lee Federal No. 73 will be dedicated to an existing standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit in the Cedar Lake Glorieta-Yeso Pool comprising the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 20. This unit is currently dedicated to Apache's: i) existing Lee Federal No. 3 (API No. 30-015-30269) located at a standard well location 1700 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the East line; ii) existing Lee Federal No. 13 (API No. 30-015-30425) located at a standard well location 2310 feet from the South line and 330 feet from the East line; and iii) proposed Lee Federal No. 70 (API No. 30-015-41112) located at a standard well location 2260 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the East line.

The Cedar Lake Glorieta-Yeso Pool is currently governed by Division Rule 19.19.15.9 which requires standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration units with wells to be located no closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of the spacing unit.

The attached vicinity map shows that the proposed unorthodox well location is necessary in order to avoid lease roads and pipelines.

The affected offset tract is the SE/4 SE/4 of Section 20, Township 17 South, Range 31 East. There is currently no production from the Glorieta-Yeso interval within

the affected offset tract. Please be advised that the working interest ownership between the NE/4 SE/4 and the SE/4 SE/4 of Section 20 is common. Consequently, notice of this application is not required to any party.

Attached is a Form C-102 showing the proposed well, spacing unit, other existing wells in the spacing unit and the affected offset acreage. Also attached is a vicinity map.

In summary, approval of the application will provide Apache Corporation the opportunity to recover additional oil and gas reserves from the Cedar Lake Glorieta-Yeso Pool underlying the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 20 that may otherwise not be recovered by the existing wells, thereby preventing waste, and will not violate correlative rights.

If you should have any questions, please call me at (505) 690-9453.

Sincerely,



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Xc: OCD-Artesia

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State of New Mexico  
 Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department  
**OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**  
 1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
 Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-102  
 Revised July 16, 2010  
 Submit one copy to appropriate  
 District Office  
 AMENDED REPORT

**WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT**

API Number <b>30-015-41113</b>		Pool Code <b>96831</b>	Pool Name <b>Cedar Lake Glorieta-Yeso</b>
Property Code <b>308720</b>	Property Name <b>Lee Federal</b>		Well Number <b>073</b>
OGRID No. <b>873</b>	Operator Name <b>Apache Corporation</b>		Elevation <b>3,746'</b>

**Surface Location**

UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
I	20	17 South	31 East		1570	South	465	East	Eddy

**Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface**

UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County

Dedicated Acres <b>40</b>	Joint or Infill	Consolidate Code	Order No.
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No Allowable will be assigned to this completion until all interests have been consolidated or a non-standard unit has been approved by the Division

				<p align="center"><b>OPERATOR CERTIFICATION</b></p> <p><i>I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this organization either owns a working interest or unleased mineral interest in the land including the proposed bottomhole location or has a right to drill this well at this location pursuant to a contract with an owner of such a mineral or working interest, or to a voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order heretofore entered by the Division.</i></p> <p>Signature _____ Date _____</p> <p>Printed Name _____</p> <p>E-mail Address _____</p>
				<p align="center"><b>SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION</b></p> <p><i>I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.</i></p> <p>Date of Survey _____</p> <p>Signature and Seal of Professional Surveyor: _____</p>
			<p>Affected Offset Tract. WI Ownership Common w/ Drill Tract</p> <p>1570'</p>	<p>Certificate Number _____</p>

