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January 23, 2015

WPX Energy Production, LLC  
Attn: Ms. Heather Riley

ADMINISTRATIVE NON-STANDARD LOCATION ORDER

**Administrative Order NSL-7228**  
**Administrative Application Reference No. pMAM1502332917**

**WPX Energy Production, LLC**  
OGRID 120782  
**Chaco 2408-25M Well No. 237H**  
**API No. 30-045-35499**

**Proposed Location:**

	<u>Footages</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Sec.</u>	<u>Twsp</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>County</u>
Surface	261FSL & 330 FWL	M	25	24N	8W	San Juan
Penetration Point	405 FSL & 353 FEL	P	26	24N	8W	San Juan
Terminus	897 FSL & 202 FWL	M	26	24N	8W	San Juan

**Proposed Project Area:**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Pool</u>	<u>Pool Code</u>
S/2 S/2 of Section 26	160	Lybrook Gallup	42289

Reference is made to your application received on January 23, 2015.

You have requested to drill this horizontal well at an unorthodox oil well location described above in the referenced pool or formation. This location is governed by statewide Rule 19.15.15.9.A NMAC, which provides for 40-acre units, with wells located at least 330 feet from a unit outer boundary, and Rule 19.15.16.14.B(2) NMAC concerning directional wells in designated project areas. This surface location is outside the project area, and is permitted by Rule 19.15.16.15.B (4) NMAC which allows for surface locations outside project area. This location is unorthodox because portions of the proposed completed interval are closer to outside boundaries of the proposed project area than any location that would be a standard location under the applicable pool rules.

Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 19.15.15.13 NMAC, 19.15.4.12.A(2) NMAC, and 19.15.4.12.A(9) NMAC.

It is our understanding that you are seeking this location because the operator had inadvertently perforated to close to the West boundary of the project area.

It is also understood that you have given due notice of this application to all operators or owners who are "affected persons," as defined in Rule 19.15.4.12 (A) 2 NMAC, in all adjoining units towards which the proposed location encroaches. However, the affected parties have signed a waiver for this application.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 19.15.15.13 (B) 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 19.15.5.9 NMAC.

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

Done at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on January 23, 2015.



DAVID R. CATANACH  
Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Aztec  
Bureau of Land Management – Farmington