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Blackwood & Nichols Co.  
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Attention: William F. Clark

*Administrative Order NSL-2601-A*

Dear Mr. Clark:

By Administrative Order NSL-2601, dated November 8, 1988, the Division granted Blackwood & Nichols Co., Ltd. authority to drill the Northeast Blanco Unit Well No. 429 at an unorthodox coal gas well location 160 feet from the North line and 1555 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 17, Township 30 North, Range 7 West, NMPM, Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

It is now our understanding, by your application of February 21, 1990, that Blackwood & Nichols Co. Ltd., is seeking to drill a replacement well for the No. 429 well due to low production resulting from undesirable completion techniques for this area. The replacement well is within the same quarter-quarter section as the original well No. 429 and is therefore restricted on location placement as the original well.

By the authority granted me under the provision of Rule 8 of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, as promulgated by Order No. R-8768, your application for an unorthodox coal gas well location for the Northeast Blanco Unit Well No. 429R to be drilled 225 feet from the North line and 1600 feet from the East line (Unit B) of said Section 17, is hereby approved. The existing standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising the N/2 of said Section 17 shall be dedicated to the well.

HOWEVER, should the No. 429R well be placed on production, the Northeast Blanco Unit Well No. 429 shall cease production from the subject pool, whereby it will either be converted to a pressure observation well or plugged and abandoned.

Sincerely,

William J. LeMay  
Director

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cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec  
US Bureau of Land Management - Farmington  
US Bureau of Reclamation - Durango