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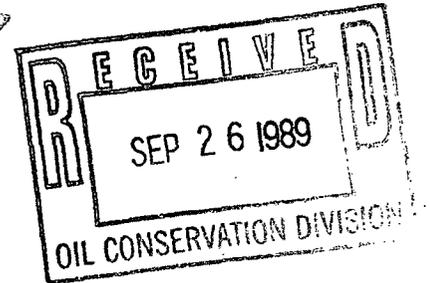
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Houston, Texas 77252-2120
713/623-6544

August 30, 1989

Frank Chavez
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
1000 Rio Brazos Rd.
Aztec, New Mexico 87410

Re: Unorthodox Location
Oxnard 3-B
Sec. 8-31N-8W
450' FNL & 665' FEL
Payne 3-M
Sec. 20-32N-10W
2155' FNL & 355' FEL

COPY



Gentlemen:

We request exception to location of the above listed wells. The wells could not be staked on a legal location due to archaeological interference. The locations were staked and determined to meet the BLM requirements and meet archaeological clearance.

Attached are offset operators for both wells.

Any questions, please call me at 713/968-4004.

Best regards,

Ken E. White
Regulatory Permit Coordinator

- Verbal confirmation
w/ E. Bosch
11/16/89

OFFSET OPERATORS

OXNARD 3-B

El Paso Natural Gas Co.
P.O. Box 4990
Farmington, NM 87401

Northwest Pipeline Corp.
295 Chipeta Way
Saltlake City, UT 84108

Arco Oil and Gas Co.
P.O. Box 1610
Midland, TX 79702

Phillips Petroleum Company
8055 E. Tufts Ave.
Denver, CO 80237

PAYNE 3-M

El Paso Natural Gas Co.
P.O. Box 4990
Farmington, NM 87401

Mesa Ltd. Partnership
P.O. Box 2009
Amarillo, TX 79189

Amoco Production Co.
2325 E. 30th Street
Farmington, NM 87401

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF
UNION TEXAS PETROLEUM'S
OXNARD 3B WELL PAD
SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

LAC REPORT 8933

By
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New Mexico Cultural Resource Use Permit No. 19-2920-89-F

August 4, 1989

Prepared for:
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INTRODUCTION

The archaeological survey of Union Texas Petroleum's Oxnard 3B wellpad was conducted by personnel of La Plata Archaeological Consultants on May 9, 1989. The field work was conducted by Steven L. Fuller, who also acted as administrator for the project. The wellpad had been staked by Cecil Tullis of High Country Surveys, who accompanied Fuller during the archaeological survey. The project was conducted at the request of Mr. Mark Smith of Trigon Engineering, who was acting as a permit agent for Union Texas Petroleum.

The project is located on lands administered by the Farmington Resource Area of the Bureau of Land Management's Albuquerque District and is within San Juan County, New Mexico (Figure 1). All work was conducted under the authority of Cultural Resource Use Permit No. 19-2920-89-F issued to La Plata Archaeological Consultants.

The area was surveyed for a proposed wellpad that was proposed by Union Texas Petroleum. No access road will be required as the proposed wellpad is centered on a developed oilfield access road. A total of 500 by 500 feet were inspected during this survey, covering a total of 5.7 acres. No archaeological sites were encountered during the survey, although two isolated occurrences were located and recorded within the survey area. Archaeological clearance is recommended for the project.

PREFIELD RECORDS SEARCH

On April 27, 1989, the records located in the Farmington Resource Area Office were reviewed. Little survey work has been conducted in the vicinity of the project area. Between 1977 and 1988, approximately six well pads, with associated access roads or pipelines, were surveyed within one mile from the Oxnard 3B location. During these surveys, five sites were recorded within a one mile radius from the Oxnard 3B proposed location (Figure 1a). The closest of these is 0.1 miles to the south of the survey area and was recorded for the original location of the Oxnard 3B well pad surveyed by San Juan College in 1988. These five sites are described as follows:

- BLM31199 - Dinetah phase Navajo sherd and lithic scatter
- BLM31452 - Pueblo I possible habitation
- BLM33397 - Historic camp
- BLM33398 - Basketmaker III - Pueblo I sherd and lithic scatter
- BLM35273 - Multicomponent Anasazi/Navajo sherd and lithic scatter

FIELD METHODS

The proposed well location was staked at the four corners, the center, and at center points along each edge prior to La Plata's survey. The well pad will measure approximately 300 by 300 feet and an additional 100 foot wide buffer was surveyed around the four sides, resulting in a 500 by 500 foot block being delineated, centered on the well center stake. The one person crew then walked pedestrian transects across the 5.7 acre block, with transect spacing set at 15 m or approximately 50 feet. No access route is required as the proposed location is centered on an existing oilfield access road.

When artifacts or cracked cobbles were encountered, they were pin flagged and the area around them was intensively searched for further materials. Sites would have been recorded on Laboratory of Anthropology site survey forms, mapped, and photographed.

ENVIRONMENT

The project area is on the north edge of Pump Mesa overlooking Arena Canyon to the north, which flows west into Pump Canyon, approximately 1.5 miles northwest of the project area. The well pad location is on a bench between sandstone outcrops to the south and west and open alluvial valleys to the north.

The soil on the proposed location is a very shallow sandy residual deposit formed above eroding sandstone bedrock. Sandstone is exposed across much of the location.

The vegetation on the proposed location consists mainly of pinyon, juniper, oak with an understory of sagebrush and other shrubs.

The present land use pattern consists of cattle and sheep grazing and oil and gas development. The nearest known water source is probably in Pump Canyon or Arena Canyon to the north or west of the well location.

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

Project Name: Oxnard 3B wellpad

Legal Description: T31N, R8W, Section 8, NE 1/4, NMPM
San Juan County, New Mexico

Elevation: 6500 feet

Map Reference: USGS Anastacio Springs, New Mexico 7.5' (Provisional 1985)

Land Jurisdiction: Bureau of Land Management, Farmington Resource Area

Project Area: Wellpad will measure 300 by 300 feet.

Surveyed Area: A 500 by 500 foot block was surveyed. Total survey area includes 5.7 acres.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

No archaeological sites were encountered within the 5.7 acre survey area. However, two isolated occurrences were encountered within the area proposed for wellpad construction and are described as follows:

ISOLATED OCCURRENCE 1

Description: IO 1 was located approximately 200 feet southeast of the center stake and consisted of two Dinetah Gray sherds situated on an open bench overlooking a small canyon to the east. They were in an area of apparent redeposited sandy loam and they are inferred to have washed into this area from upslope to the south. Both sherds are brown with a rough surface, sand temper and are highly friable. There is little chance that buried features or deposits are associated with these sherds.

ISOLATED OCCURRENCE 2

Description: Approximately 80 feet southeast of the well center stake is a small historic trash scatter consisting of three tobacco cans, a baking powder lid, a small evaporated milk can, and several axe-cut juniper branches. The IO appears to date to the 1940s-50s and may represent a short-term camp. No features appear to be present and the occurrence does not maintain any integrity.

RECOMMENDATIONS

No archaeological sites have been recorded during the survey for the Oxnard 3B well pad; however two isolated occurrences were encountered within the proposed construction zone. Both IO's have been fully recorded in the field and no further data recovery or protective action is recommended. None of the five previously recorded sites within one mile of the proposed project area will be affected by this action. Archaeological clearance is recommended for Union Texas' Oxnard 3B well pad.



7/5/89

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION REPORTING FORM

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DATE OF CALL
TIME <input type="checkbox"/> A.M. <input type="checkbox"/> P.M.

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CALL TO NAME CECIL TULLIOS (SURVEYOR)

FROM KEN WHITE

COMPANY _____

ADDRESS _____

CONFERENCE CALL NO YES (If YES, list conferees, conferees company, etc. in notes.)

SUBJECT FINAL STAKED FOOTAGES

- PAYNE # 3M, San Juan Co., NM
- Ornard # 3B, "

CONVERSATION NOTES:

It now appears that we have staked locations that

- the BLM
- Archeologist
- UTP ENGR.

can agree upon:

Payne # 3M: 2155' FNL + 355' FEL, SEC. 20-32N-10W

- Will need application for non-standard location
- Also need letter from Cecil or Mark or both giving brief details of how this location was selected + any other options if appropriate.

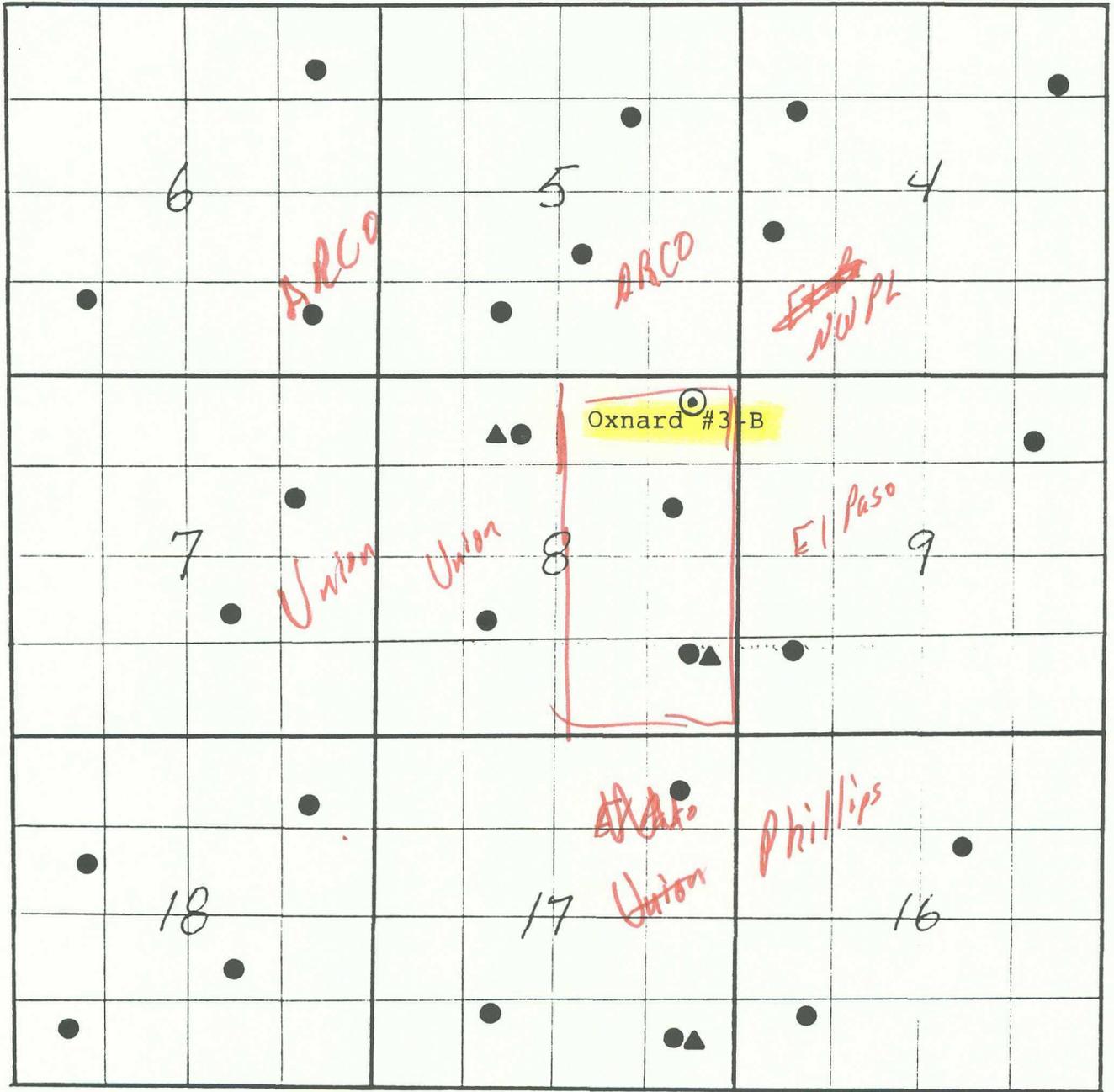
Ornard # 3B: 450' FNU + (655') FEL, Sec. 8-31N-8W

- Will need location exception application. Moving toward ARCO or Meridian or NWPL.
- Will also need letter from surveyor or field represn indicating that these are the only acceptable locations based upon

OXNARD #3-B

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31
N



● MESA VERDE

▲ DAKOTA

← Oxnard 3,
will be plugged -
will not interfere
with 3B.





United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
FARMINGTON RESOURCE AREA
1235 LA PLATA HIGHWAY
FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO 87401



IN REPLY REFER TO:

SF-078510 et al. (PD)
3162.3-1.0 (019)

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LAND OPERATIONS

Union Texas Petroleum Corporation
P. O. Box 2120
Houston, TX 77252-2120

AUG. 23 1989

Gentlemen:

The checklist regarding the present status of the referenced APDs is as follows:

Lease No. SF-080517

Well No. 3-M Payne
sec. 20, T. 32 N., R. 10 W.

Lessee - Unicon Production Company
Operator - Union Texas Petroleum Corporation
Date APD Received - August 18, 1989

Lease No. SF-078510

Well No. 3-B Oxnard
sec. 8, T. 31 N., R. 8 W.

Lessee - John C. Dawson
Operator - Union Texas Petroleum Corporation
Date APD Received - August 17, 1989

The APDs are deficient in the following areas:

1. NMOCD approval of the unorthodox location.

Your APDs are processed; final action pending receipt of further information as noted above.

Sincerely,


Ron Fellows
Area Manager

Note: A retained but deficient APD must be brought to a technically and administratively acceptable level of completion within 45 days of the date of this notice or the application will be returned unapproved.

5/12/89

400' FNL x 620' FEL

Recommended.

Will require letter
for exception due
to loc being outside
window. MRR spoke
w/ M Smith - Magon.

6/29/89

BLM/Choice

Steve Fernandez

Payne 3-M

2155 FNL 355' FEL

SEC 20 32-10

Ornard 3-B

Steve Fernandez

BLM Choice

450 FNL

665 FEL

8-31-8

Tom White

Mountain Air Drilling Service Co.
184 Sunlight Drive Area Code 303
Grand Junction, Co. 81503 Phone 243-5295

Ornard 3B 4/6/88

- Arch probe

where staked

- called Louan /
he is to pass info
on to Brad & they
will decide when to
go-on-site needed.

Expertise for all air drilling applications

**HIGH
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101 West 32nd
Farmington, NM 87401

Phone 326-2959

STATEMENT

DATE	June 19, 1989
NUMBER	176-87.1

FED ID 85-0343465

UNION TEXAS PETROLEUM
375 HWY 64
FARMINGTON, NM 87401

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PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN WITH YOUR REMITTANCE

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DATE	CHARGES AND CREDITS	BALANCE
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5/31/89	OXNARD 3-B Stake location and pad calculate, draft plat. NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 8 T31N R8W N.M.P.M. San Juan Co., NM Tax Made 3 different trips to determine a location that would meet your requirements, BLM requirements and Ark clearance <i>Ok Dennis Hester</i>	500 00 26 25 526 25

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Thank You

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