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State of New Mexico
Oil Conservation Division
P.O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

9/11/90
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E. Busch

RE: Unorthodox Location, Administrative Approval Request
Gallegos Canyon Unit #514
SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 34 T29N R12W
San Juan County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

BHP Petroleum respectfully requests that a non standard location be administratively approved to allow the GCU #514 well to be drilled 880' FSL and 2415' FEL to be completed in the Pictured Cliffs formation.

The non standard location is requested due to topographical reasons. The proposed location can not be moved north or east because of the topography, a residential dwelling, power lines, an orchard, and cultivated fields.

The subject location is immediately adjacent to the existing Amoco well location #199 producing from the Dakota formation.

BHP Petroleum is the operator of all offsetting proration units.

Ernie Busch visited the subject location with J. C. Harris and myself on August 10, 1990 and concurred that the subject location was the most feasible.

For both economic and mechanical reasons BHP doesn't think that directionally drilling the proposed well to a standard location is feasible. Economically it is not feasible based on the extra expense of drilling a directional hole compared to the anticipated production. Our experience has shown that a rod pump will have to be installed to remove excess water from the well bore and a directionally drilled hole would greatly hinder or prohibit that.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

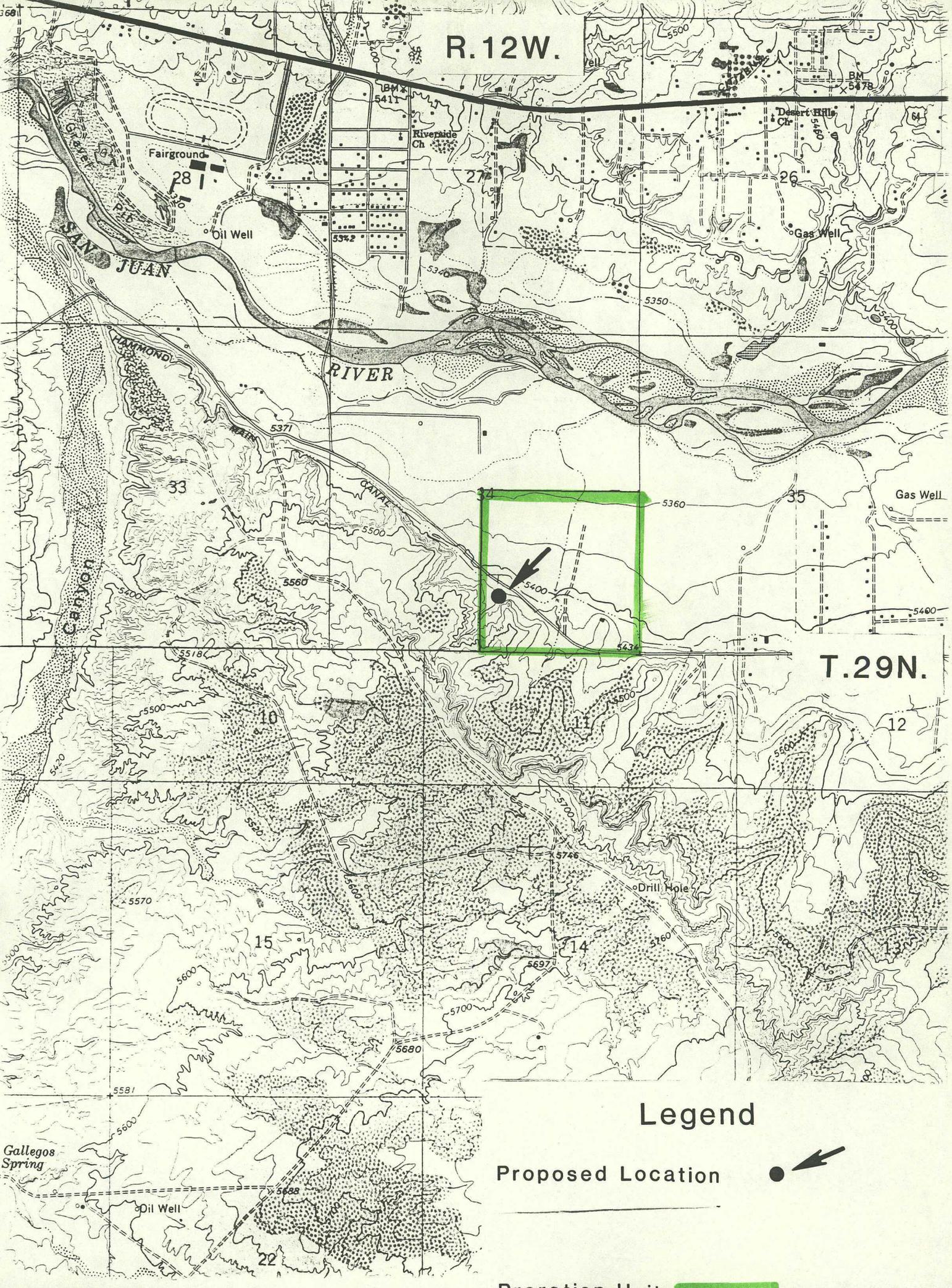
Sincerely,

Chuck Williams

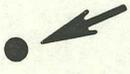
Chuck Williams 
Field Services Administrator

R. 12W.

T. 29N.



Legend

Proposed Location 

Proration Unit 

Chuck

Submit to Appropriate Office
State Lease - 6 copies
Fee Lease - 5 copies

State of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-101
Revised 1-1-89

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P.O. Box 1980, Hobbs, NM 88240

DISTRICT II
P.O. Drawer DD, Artesia, NM 88210

DISTRICT III
1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

API NO. (assigned by OCD on New Wells)

5. Indicate Type of Lease
STATE FEE

6. State Oil & Gas Lease No.

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL, DEEPEN, OR PLUG BACK

1a. Type of Work:
DRILL RE-ENTER DEEPEN PLUG BACK
b. Type of Well:
OIL WELL GAS WELL OTHER
SINGLE ZONE MULTIPLE ZONE

7. Lease Name or Unit Agreement Name

GALLEGOS CANYON UNIT

2. Name of Operator
BHP PETROLEUM (AMERICAS) INC.

8. Well No.

514

3. Address of Operator
5847 SAN FELIPE SUITE #3600 HOUSTON, TEXAS 77057

9. Pool name or Wildcat

W. KUTZ PICTURED CLIFFS

4. Well Location
Unit Letter 0 : 880 Feet From The SOUTH Line and 2415 Feet From The EAST Line
Section 34 Township. 29N Range 12W NMPM SAN JUAN County

10. Proposed Depth
1493'

11. Formation
PICTURED CLIFFS

12. Rotary or C.T.
ROTARY

13. Elevations (Show whether DF, RT, GR, etc.)
5426'

14. Kind & Status Plug. Bond
BLANKET

15. Drilling Contractor
UNKNOWN

16. Approx. Date Work will start
FALL 1990

17. PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENT PROGRAM

SIZE OF HOLE	SIZE OF CASING	WEIGHT PER FOOT	SETTING DEPTH	SACKS OF CEMENT	EST. TOP
8 3/4 "	7"	20#	±130'	50 sx (57.5 cu ft)	SURFACE
6 1/4"	4 1/2"	10.5#	±1493	189 (233 cu ft.)	SURFACE

It is proposed to drill the subject well to 1493' with primary production anticipated in the Pictured Cliffs.

Estimated Formation Tops:	Ojo Alamo	155'
	Kirtland	243'
	Fruitland	1025'
	Basal Fruitland Coal	1330'
	Pictured Cliffs	1343'
	T.D.	1493'

BOPE will consist of Reagen 2000# Bladden Type B.O.P. , Pipe rams + Blind ram B.O.P..

IN ABOVE SPACE DESCRIBE PROPOSED PROGRAM: IF PROPOSAL IS TO DEEPEN OR PLUG BACK, GIVE DATA ON PRESENT PRODUCTIVE ZONE AND PROPOSED NEW PRODUCTIVE ZONE. GIVE BLOWOUT PREVENTER PROGRAM, IF ANY.

I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE Chuck Williams TITLE Field Service Administrator DATE July 31, 1990

TYPE OR PRINT NAME

TELEPHONE NO.

(This space for State Use)

APPROVED BY _____ TITLE _____ DATE _____

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY:

Submit to Appropriate District Office
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 Fee Lease - 3 copies

State of New Mexico
 Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-102
 Revised 1-1-89

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WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

All Distances must be from the outer boundaries of the section

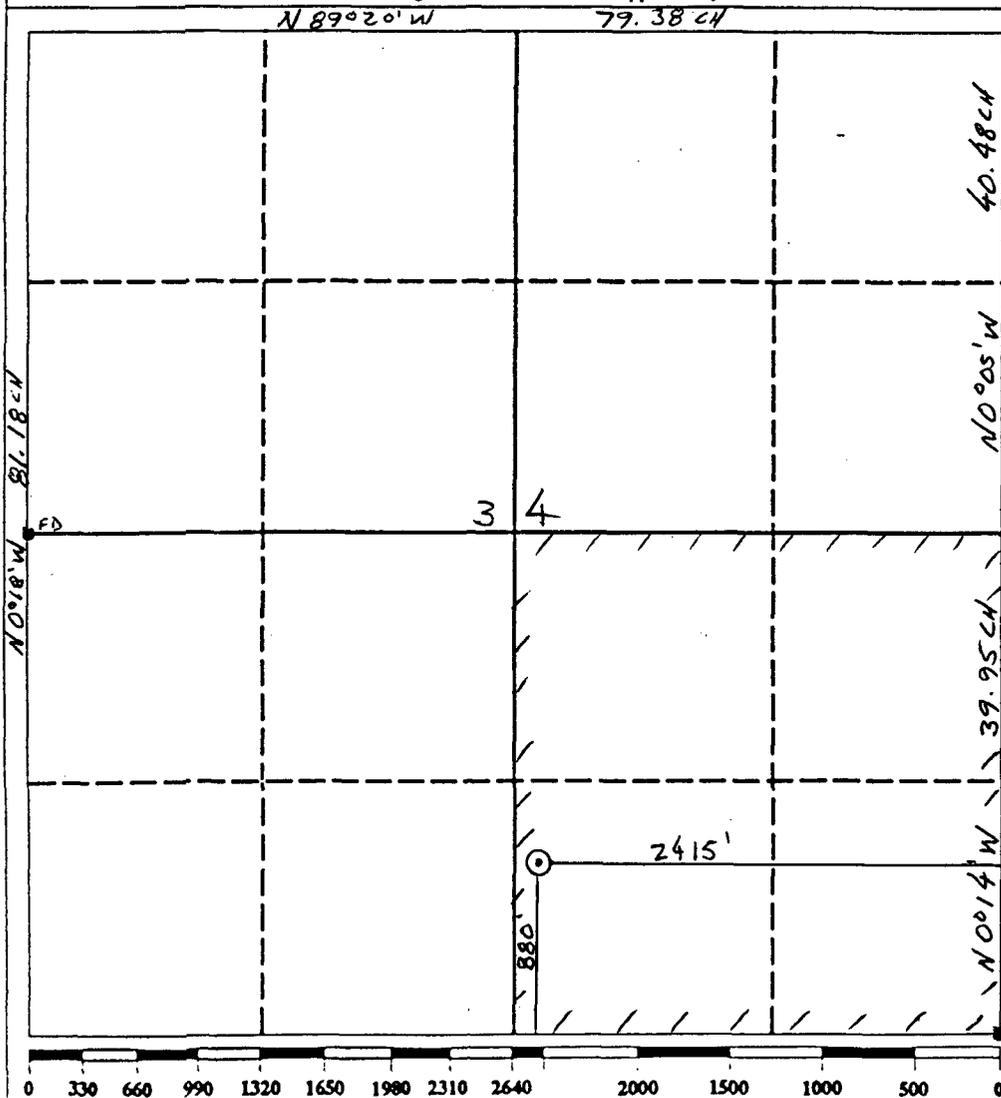
Operator BHP PETROLEUM (AMERICAS) INC.		Lease GALLEGOS CANYON UNIT		Well No. 514
Unit Letter 0	Section 34	Township 29 N	Range 12 W	County San Juan
Actual Footage Location of Well: 880 feet from the South line and 2415 feet from the East line <small>NMPM</small>				
Ground level Elev. 5426	Producing Formation Pictured Cliffs	Pool W. Kutz Pictured Cliffs	Dedicated Acreage: 160 Acres	

- Outline the acreage dedicated to the subject well by colored pencil or hachure marks on the plat below.
- If more than one lease is dedicated to the well, outline each and identify the ownership thereof (both as to working interest and royalty).
- If more than one lease of different ownership is dedicated to the well, have the interest of all owners been consolidated by communitization, unitization, force-pooling, etc.?

Yes No If answer is "yes" type of consolidation _____

If answer is "no" list the owners and tract descriptions which have actually been consolidated. (Use reverse side of this form if necessary.) _____

No allowable will be assigned to the well until all interests have been consolidated (by communitization, unitization, forced-pooling, or otherwise) or until a non-standard unit, eliminating such interest, has been approved by the Division.



OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: *Chuck Williams*
 Printed Name: **Chuck Williams**
 Position: **Field Service Administrator**
 Company: **BHP Petroleum (Americas) Inc**
 Date: **July 31, 1990**

SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION

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 knowledge and belief.

Date Surveyed: **7-3-90**
 Signature & Seal of Professional Surveyor: *Roy A. Rush*
 Certificate No. **8894**

ROY A. RUSH
 NEW MEXICO
 8894
 PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR

BHP PETROLEUM (AMERICAS) INC.
GALLEGOS CANYON UNIT NO. 514
 880' FSL & 2415' FEL SECTION 34 T29N-R12W
 SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
TEN POINT PROGRAM

1. Surface Formation: Nacimiento or valley fill

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3. Estimated Formation Tops:

<u>Formation</u>	<u>Top</u>	<u>Expected Production</u>
Ojo Alamo	155	
Kirtland	243	
Fruitland	1025	
Basal Fruitland Coal	1330	Gas
Pictured Cliffs	1343	Gas
Total Depth	1493	

4. Casing and Cementing Program: A string of 7" 20# K-55 casing with ST&C couplings is to be set at ±130' in an 8 3/4" hole and cemented to the surface in a single stage with 50 sx Class 'H' cement (yield = 1.15 ft³/sx) containing 3 % CaCl₂ and ¼ #/sx celloflake. Slurry volume assumes a 100 percent excess over calculated hole volume. Centralizers will be run on the bottom two joints as long as boulders are not encountered while drilling the surface hole. If boulders are encountered while drilling the surface hole, no centralizers will be run as it has been BHP P(A)'s experience centralizers have a tendency to knock off boulders and hang up the casing while running in the hole. Minimum clearance between collars and hole is 1.094". Prior to drilling out shoe, casing and BOPE will be tested to a minimum of 2000 psi. Safety factors utilized in the design of this casing string were: Burst = 1.1, Collapse = 1.125, and Tension = 1.8 or 100,000# overpull whichever was greater.

A production string of 4½" 10.5# K-55 casing with ST&C couplings will be run from the surface to total depth in a 6½" hole. This string will be cemented to the surface with a minimum of 139 sx of 50-50 pozmix containing 2 % gel, 0.5 % fluid loss additive and ¼ #/sx celloflake (yield = 1.26 ft³/sx) followed by 50 sx of Class 'G' cement containing low fluid loss additives (yield = 1.15 ft³/sx). Slurry volume assumes a 50 percent excess over calculated hole volume. Cement

volume is subject to change after review and recalculation of hole volume from the open hole calipers. Centralizers will be spaced such that a minimum of two are located above and two are located below the Basal Fruitland Coal; and, a minimum of one centralizer will be run just below the base and another into the base of Ojo Alamo. Minimum clearance between collars and hole is 1.25". Prior to perforating the casing for any attempted completion, the casing will be tested to a minimum of 2500 psi. Safety factors utilized in the design of this casing string were: Burst = 1.1, Collapse = 1.125, and Tension = 1.8 or 100,000# overpull whichever was greater.

A chronological log following the completion of the cementing operations detailing the pump rate, pump pressure, slurry density, and slurry volume for each job will be submitted in a Sundry Notice.

5. **Pressure Control Equipment:** (See attached schematic diagrams) A minimum of a 2M BOPE well control system will be utilized. BOP's and choke manifold will be installed and pressure tested before drilling out under surface casing and then will be checked daily as to mechanical operation condition. Ram type preventors will be tested to 70 percent of the internal yield pressure of the casing. The annular preventor will be tested to 50 percent of its working pressure.

A full opening internal blowout preventor or drill pipe safety valve will be on the drilling floor at all times and will be capable of fitting all connections.

6. **Mud Program:** A fresh water Low Solids, Non-Dispersed mud system will be used to drill this well. Sufficient materials will be on location at all times to maintain mud properties and to control any unforeseen lost circulation problems or abnormal pressures in the Farmington Sands of the Kirtland Formation. All drilling fluids will be contained in a steel pit. At the completion of drilling, the drilling fluid will be hauled off to be used for another well. The remaining accumulation of solids in the pit will be dumped into a small earthen pit beside the steel pit. As soon as this pit dries up, it will be covered up.

Mud program summary is as follows:

<u>Interval</u> <u>(feet)</u>	<u>Mud Weight</u> <u>(#/gal)</u>	<u>Viscosity</u> <u>(sec/qt)</u>
0 - 1000	8.4 or less	30 - 38
1000 - TD	9.3 or less	40 - 55

7. **Auxiliary Equipment:**

An upper Kelly Cock will be utilized. At a minimum, a flow sensor will be installed in the system and the mud volume constantly be visually monitored.

8. **Logging Program:** SP-DIL and GR-FDC-CNL logs will be run from TD to surface casing shoe.

Coring Program: No cores are planned.

Testing Program: No tests are planned.

Stimulation Program: Perf the Basal Fruitland Coal with 2 JSPF and frac with 50,000 gals of either a 70 quality nitrogen foam or a crosslinked-gelled water containing a minimum of 50,000 lbs of 20-40 mesh sand.

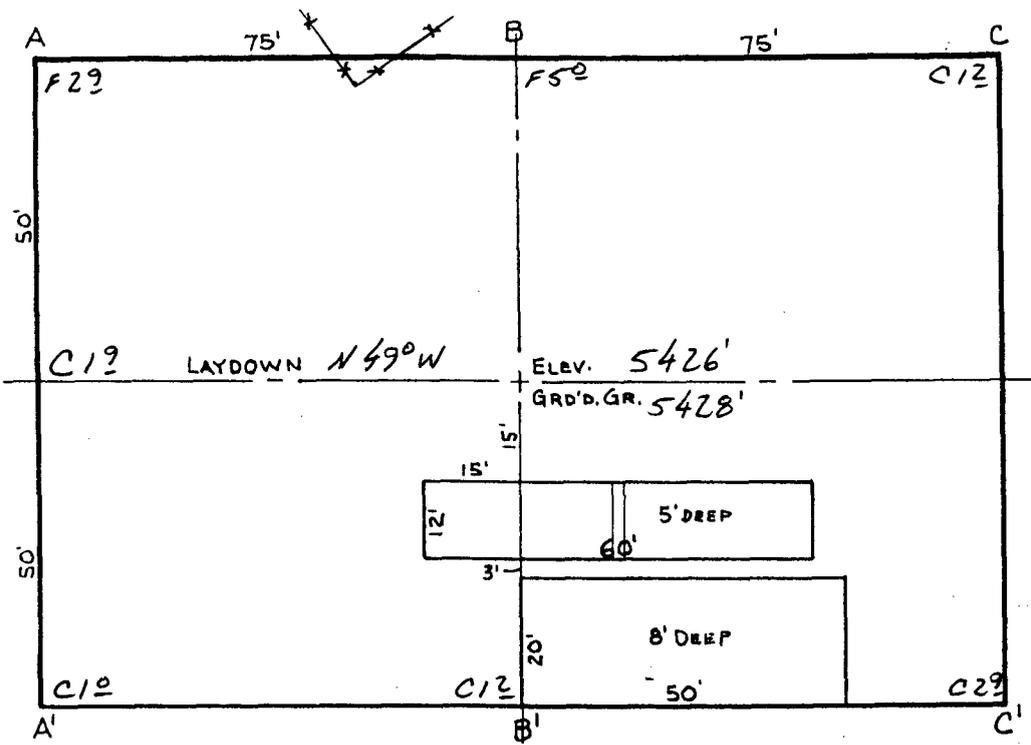
9. **Abnormal Pressure:** Although not expected, abnormal pressures are possible in the Farmington Sands of the Kirtland Formation.

Estimated Bottom Hole Pressure: 400 psi.

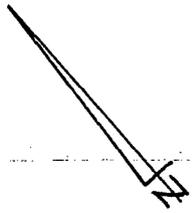
10. **Anticipated Starting Date:** As soon as all required approvals are received.

Duration of Operation: It is anticipated a total of 4 days will be required for drilling operations and 5 days for completion operations.

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 GALLEGOS CANYON UNIT #514
 880'FSL & 2415'FEL
 Sec.34, T29N, R12W
 San Juan Co., N.M.



SCALE: 1" = 30'



A-A' Vert.: 1" = 30' Horiz.: 1" = 50' C/L

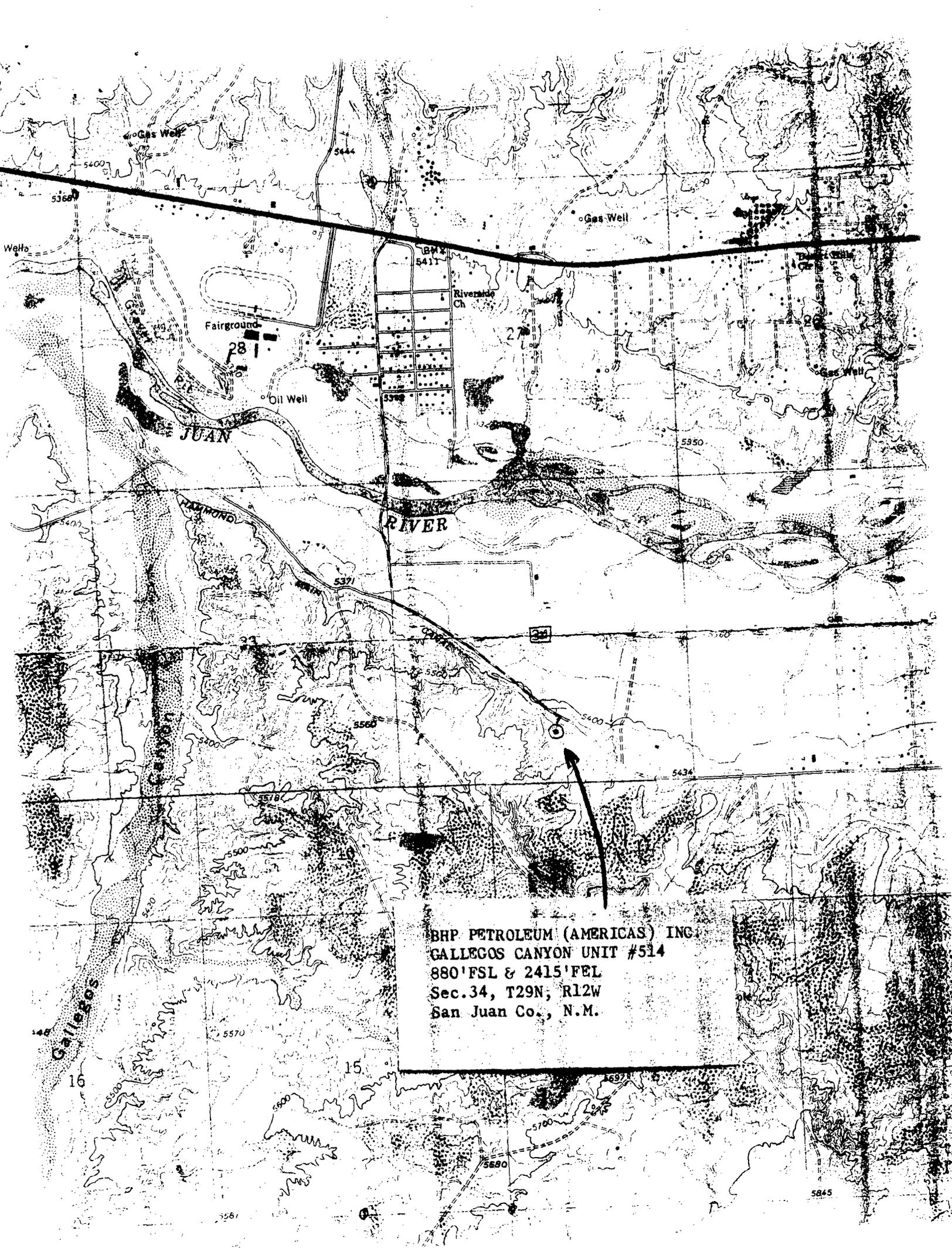
5430'					
5420'					

B-B'

5430'					
5420'					

C-C'

5430'					
5420'					



BHP PETROLEUM (AMERICAS) INC.
GALLEGOS CANYON UNIT #514
880' FSL & 2415' FEL
Sec. 34, T29N; R12W
San Juan Co., N.M.