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September 5, 1990

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



BHP
Petroleum
(Americas) Inc

RE: Unorthodox Location, Administrative Approval Request
Gallegos Canyon Unit #394
SE 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 30 T29N R12W
San Juan County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

BHP Petroleum respectfully requests that a non standard location be administratively approved to allow the GCU #394 well to be drilled 705' FSL and 1555' FWL to be completed in the Fruitland Coal formation.

The non standard location is requested due to topographical reasons. A standard location is not possible due to steep terrain and massive rock out croppings.

The subject location is immediately adjacent to the existing Amoco well location # 187-E producing from the Dakota formation.

BHP 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 economical 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 *CM*
Field Services Administrator

Submit to Appropriate District 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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 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RE-ENTER <input type="checkbox"/> DEEPEN <input type="checkbox"/> PLUG BACK <input type="checkbox"/>		7. Lease Name or Unit Agreement Name Gallegos Canyon Unit
b. Type of Well: OIL WELL <input type="checkbox"/> GAS WELL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE ZONE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE ZONE <input type="checkbox"/>		
2. Name of Operator BHP Petroleum (Americas) Inc.		8. Well No. 394
3. Address of Operator 5047 San Felipe Suite 3600 Houston, Texas 77057		9. Pool name or Wildcat Basin Fruitland Coal

4. Well Location
 Unit Letter N : 705 Feet From The South Line and 1555 Feet From The West Line
 Section 30 Township 29N Range 12W NMPM San Juan County

10. Proposed Depth 1577'	11. Formation Fruitland Coal	12. Rotary or C.T. Rotary
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13. Elevations (Show whether DF, RT, GR, etc.) 5550' GR	14. Kind & Status Plug. Bond Blanket	15. Drilling Contractor Unknown	16. Approx. Date Work will start Fall 1990
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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 (57.5cuft)	Surface
6 1/4"	4 1/2"	10.5#	± 1577'	199 sx (245cuft)	Surface

It is proposed to drill the subject well to 1577' with primary production anticipated in the fruitland Coal.

Estimated Formation Tops:

Ojo Alamo	97'
Kirtland	197'
Fruitland	1005'
Basal Fruitland Coal	1396'
Pictured Cliffs	1427'
T.D.	1577'

B.O.P.E. will consist of 2000# Reagan Bladder type preventor, pipe rams and 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 Services Administrator DATE 8/4/90

TYPE OR PRINT NAME Chuck Williams TELEPHONE NO. (713) 780-544

(This space for State Use)

APPROVED BY _____ TITLE _____ DATE _____

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY:

Submit to Appropriate District Office
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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. 394
Unit Letter N	Section 30	Township 29 N	Range 12 W	County San Juan
Actual Footage Location of Well: 705 feet from the South line and 1555 feet from the West line				
Ground level Elev. 5550	Producing Formation Fruitland Coal	Pool Basin Fruitland Coal	Dedicated Acreage: 320 Acres	

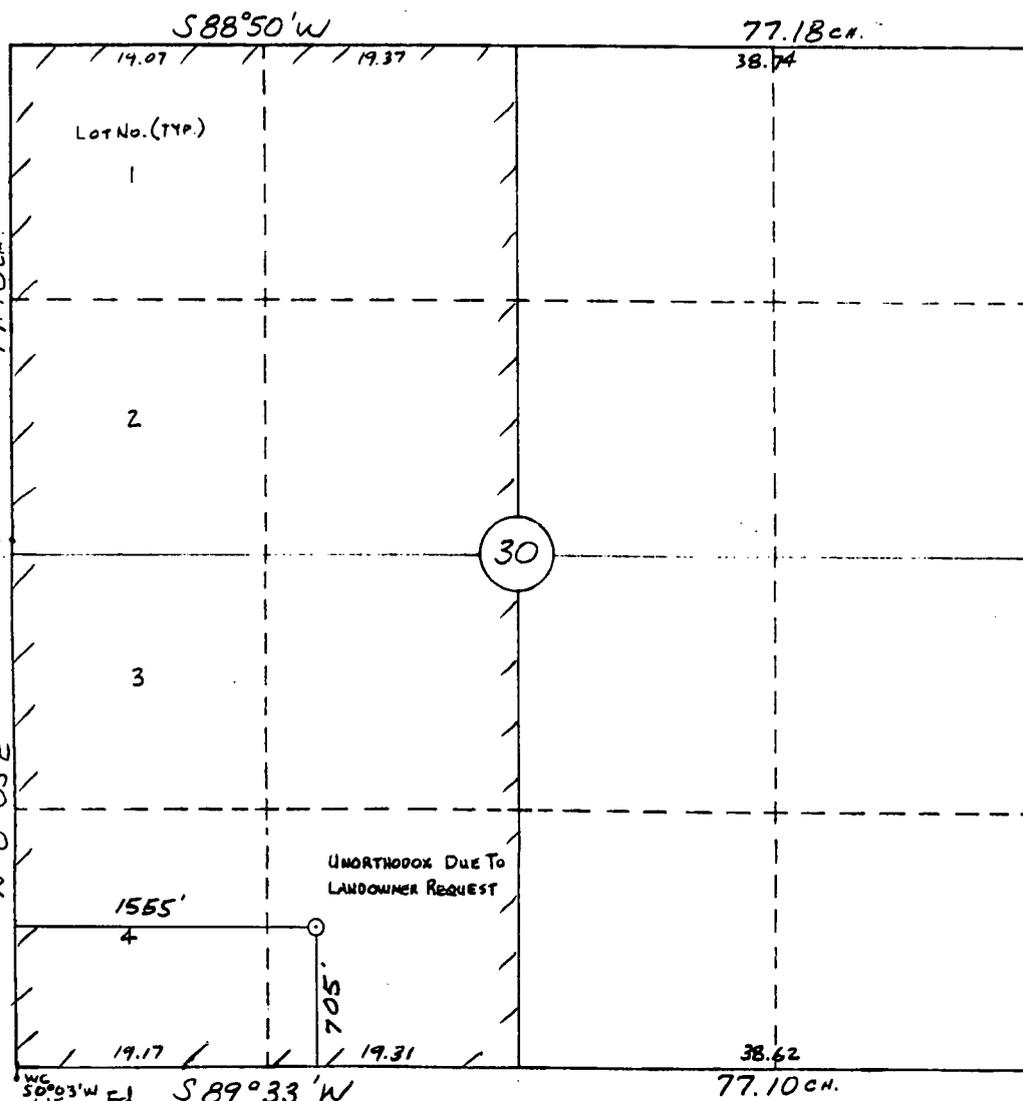
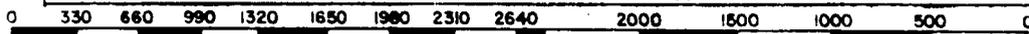
1. Outline the acreage dedicated to the subject well by colored pencil or hachure marks on the plat below.

2. If more than one lease is dedicated to the well, outline each and identify the ownership thereof (both as to working interest and royalty).

3. 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 Services Administrator**
 Company: **BHP Petroleum Americas Inc.**
 Date: **August 4, 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: **7-18-90**
 Surveyor: **William E. Mahnke II**

Signature & Seal of Professional Surveyor

 Certificate No. **8466**

BHP PETROLEUM (AMERICAS) INC.
 GALLEGOS CANYON UNIT NO. 394
 705' FSL & 1555' FWL SECTION 30 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	97	
Kirtland	197	
Fruitland	1005	
Basal Fruitland Coal	1396	Gas
Pictured Cliffs	1427	Gas
Total Depth	1577	

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 6¼" hole. This string will be cemented to the surface with a minimum of 149 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, if any Ojo Alamo is present in the open hole section at the top of the hole, 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.

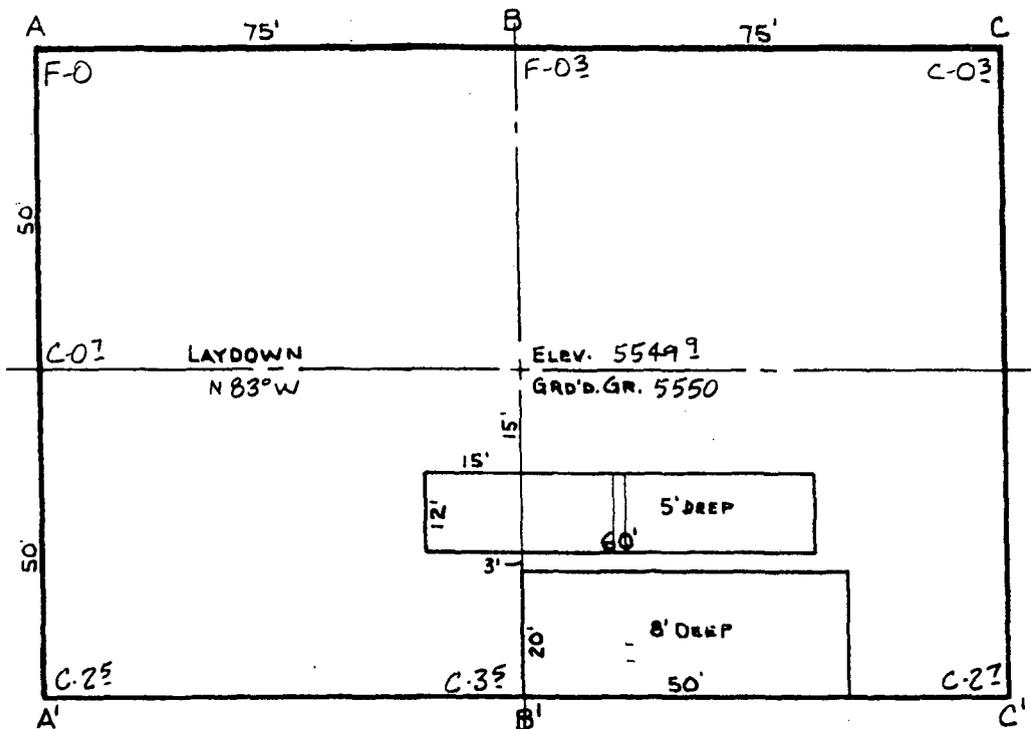
Estimated Bottom Hole Pressure: 400 psi.

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 #394
 705' FSL & 1555' FWL
 Sec. 30, T29N, R12W
 San Juan Co., N.M.

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SCALE: 1" = 30'



A-A'	Vert.: 1" = 30'	Horiz.: 1" = 50'	C/L
5550			
5540			
B-B'			
5550			
5540			
C-C'			
5550			
5540			

R. 13W.

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RIVER

Drill Hole

HAMMOND

Radio Tower

Gas Well

MAIN

CANAL

Oil Well

Oil Well

T. 29N.

Legend

Proposed Location



Proration Unit

