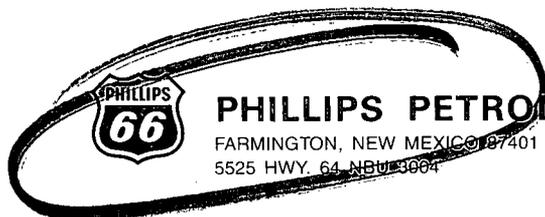


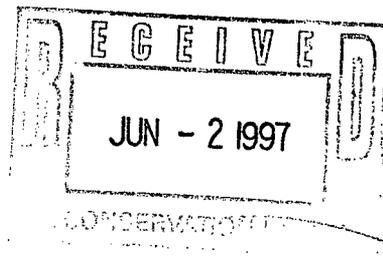
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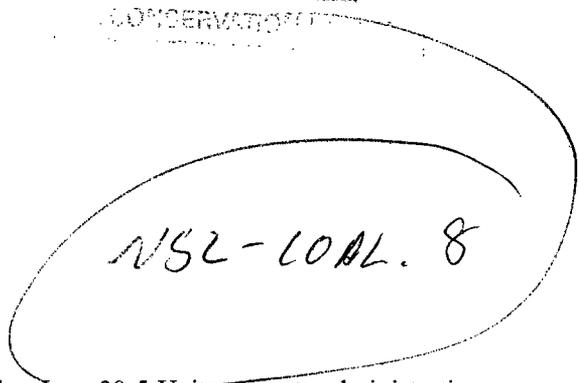
May 30, 1997

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Oil Conservation Division
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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505



ATTN: MR. WILLIAM J. LEMAY

**RE: EXCEPTION FOR UNORTHODOX LOCATION
SAN JUAN 30-5 UNIT #257 WELL
SW/4 SECTION 11-T30N-R5W,
RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**



Gentlemen:

Phillips Petroleum Company ("Phillips"), as Operator of the San Juan 30-5 Unit, requests administrative approval for an exception to the well location requirements of the Basin Fruitland Coal Field Rules.

Phillips proposes to drill the #257 well at a location 550' FSL and 485' FWL of Section 11-T30N-R5W. This unorthodox location was selected at the request of the U. S. Forest Service to accommodate topographical concerns. The drillblock lands (W/2 Section 11) are located on Forest Service lands.

Enclosed is a nine section plat which shows offset operators and a topographical map. The offset operators have been furnished with a copy of this request and plats by certified letter.

Feel free to contact me if you need any further information.

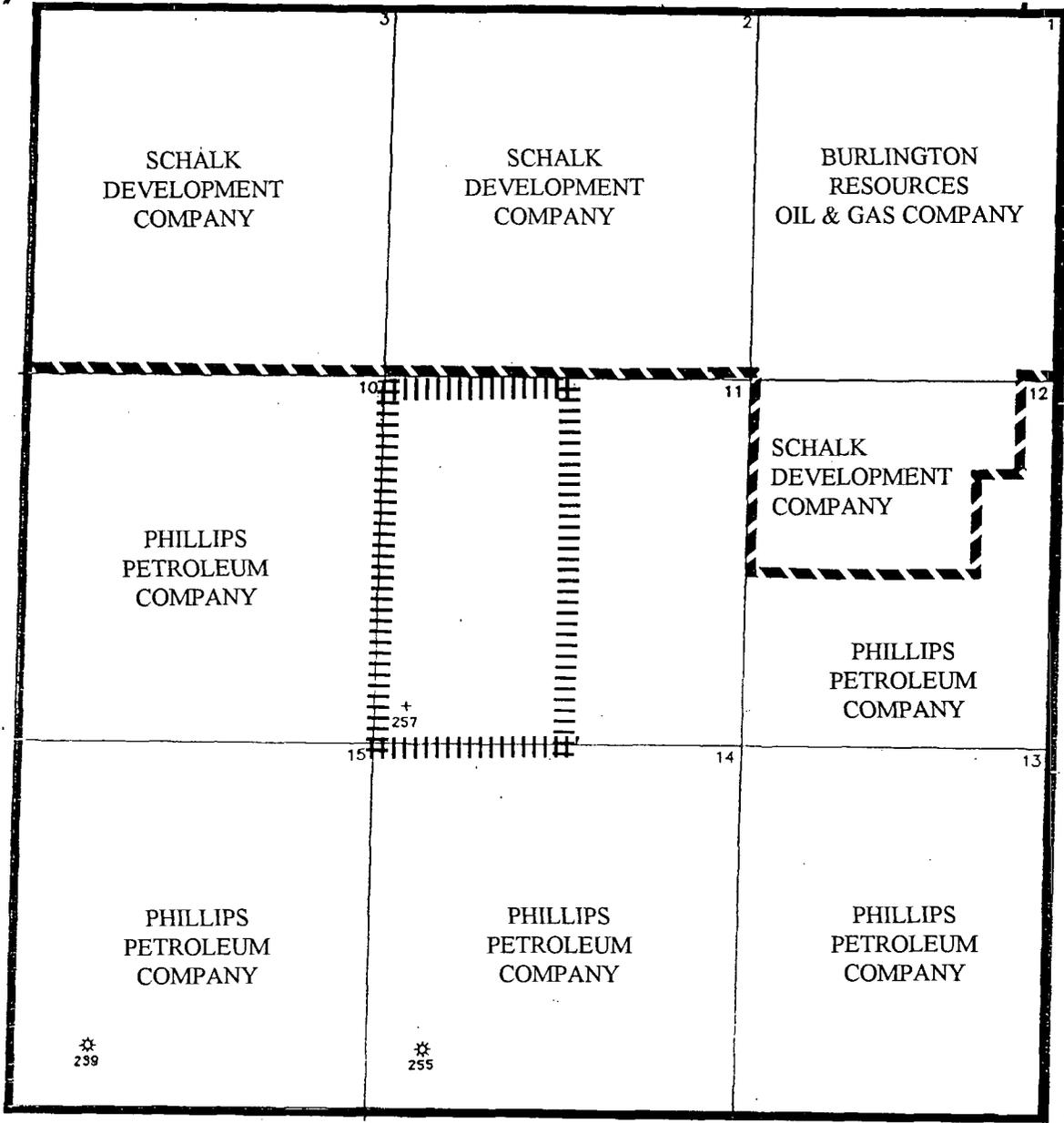
Very truly yours,

Patrick H. Noah
Senior Land Specialist
San Juan Basin
(505) 599-3410

cc: J. L. Mathis (r)G. F. 5397
Ernie Busch - OCD, Aztec
Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company
Schalk Development Company

-107°21'11"
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SAN JUAN 30-5 UNIT NO. 257 WELL LOCATED 550' FSL AND 485' FWL SECTION 11-T30N-R5W

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SAN JUAN 30-5
UNIT BOUNDARY



SAN JUAN 30-5
UNIT NO. 257 DRILLBLOCK

	Phillips Petroleum Company	
AREA <u>SAN JUAN 30-5 UNIT NO. 257</u>		
NINE SECTION PLAT OF OFFSETS		
COUNTY <u>RIO ARRIBA</u>	STATE <u>NEW MEXICO</u>	JOB <u>R7410PHN USR00078</u>
SCALE 1" = 2527 FEET		

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM CO.

SAN JUAN 30-5 #257
SW/4 SEC. 11, T.30 N., R.5 W., N.M.P.M.,
RIO ARriba COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



Sec : 11 Twp : 30N Rng : 05W Section Type : NORMAL

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