



New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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August 25, 2008

Mr. James Bruce  
P.O. Box 1056  
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**Administrative Order NSL-5902**

**Re: Samson Resources Company  
Lea Federal Unit Well No. 23  
API No. 30-025-  
330 feet FNL and 330 feet FWL  
Unit D (Lot 1), Section 18-20S-35E  
Lea County**

Dear Mr. Bruce:

Reference is made to the following:

(a) your application (**administrative application reference No. pKVR08-21133327**) submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (the Division) in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on behalf of Samson Resources Company (Samson), on July 29, 2008, and

(b) the Division's records pertinent to this request.

Samson has requested to drill the above-referenced well at an unorthodox Bone Spring oil well location, described above in the caption of this letter. Lot 1 and the NE/4 NW/4 [N/2 NW/4 equivalent] of Section 18 will be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 80-acre, more or less, spacing unit in the undesignated Lea-Bone Spring Pool (37570). Spacing in this pool is governed by Rules 2 and 3 of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Lea-Bone Springs Pool, as adopted by Order R-1827, issued on December 8, 1960, which provide for 80-acre units with wells to be located within 150 feet of the center of a quarter/quarter section. This location is more than 150 feet north and west from the center of Lot 1 of Section 18.

Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 104.F and 1210.A(2).



It is our understanding that you are seeking this location in order to comply with United States Bureau of Land Management surface siting requirements.

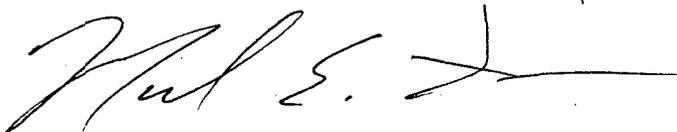
It is also understood that you have given due notice of this application to all operators or owners who are "affected persons," as defined in Rule 1210.A(2), in all adjoining units towards which the proposed location encroaches.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 104.F(2), the above-described unorthodox location is hereby approved.

This approval is subject to your being in compliance with all other applicable Division rules, including, but not limited to Division Rule 40.

Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark E. Fesmire". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.  
Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs  
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