



# New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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September 2, 2008

COG Operating, LLC  
Attn: Ms. Phyllis A. Edwards  
Fasken Center, Tower II  
550 West Texas Ave., Suite 1300  
Midland, TX 79701

**Administrative Order NSL-5910**

**Re: Skelly Unit Well No. 992**  
**API No. 30-015-**  
**Unit E, Section 14-17S-31E**  
**Eddy County**

Dear Ms. Edwards:

Reference is made to the following:

(a) your application (**administrative application reference No. pKVR08-21846932**) submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (the Division) in Santa Fe, New Mexico on August 5, 2008, and

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

COG Operating, LLC (COG) has requested to drill the above-referenced well as a directional oil well to the Yeso formation, at a location that will be unorthodox under Division Rule 111. The proposed surface location, point of penetration and terminus of the well are as follows:

Surface Location: 1750 feet from the North line and 10 feet from the West line  
(Unit E) of Section 14, Township 17S, Range 31E, NMPM  
Eddy County, New Mexico

Point of Penetration: 1682 feet from the North line and 222 feet from the West line  
(Unit E) of said section.

Terminus: 1650 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the West line  
(Unit E) of said section.

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The SW/4 NW/4 of Section 14 will be dedicated to the proposed well to form a standard 40-acre spacing unit in the undesignated Fren-Glorieta/Yeso Pool (26770). This pool is governed by statewide Rule 104.B(1), which provides for 40-acre units, with wells located at least 330 feet from a unit outer boundary. This location is unorthodox because the point of penetration of the Yeso formation will be less than 330 feet from the western boundary of the unit.

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 for topographic reasons, because of sand dunes. It is further understood that notice of this application to offsetting operators or owners is not required because of common ownership.

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', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.  
Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Artesia  
United States Bureau of Land Management - Carlsbad