



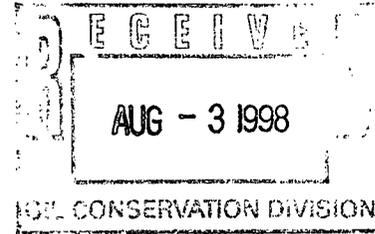
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Mid-Continent Region  
Exploration/Production

Conoco Inc.  
10 Desta Drive, Suite 100W  
Midland, TX 79705-4500  
(915) 686-5400

July 29, 1998

Mr. Michael Stogner  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
2040 Pacheco  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504



RE: Application for Unorthodox Coal Location  
Buttram #3 API # 30-039-06426  
Section 23, T-26-N, R-6-W, C  
990' FNL & 1650' FWL  
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stogner,

Conoco's Buttram #3 is located in Section 23, T-26-N, R-6-W, Rio Arriba County, NM. In addition to standard 790' set-back requirements, orthodox locations for 320 acre spaced, Basin Fruitland Coal Pool rules state that the wells be located in the NE/4 and/or SW/4 of any given section. The Buttram #3 meets the pool set-back requirements but is situated in the NW/4 of Section 23; an orthodox location west half location would be in the SW/4.

In order to prevent economic waste by allowing access to Basin Fruitland Coal reserves in an existing wellbore, Conoco respectfully requests that the NW/4, unorthodox location be approved for completion in the Basin Fruitland Coal Pool. Conoco plans to downhole commingle the Fruitland coal production with existing Blanco Pictured Cliffs South production.

The offset operator plat shows that Caulkins Oil Company and Little Oil & Gas are the offset operators that could be affected by this unorthodox location. Please find enclosed evidence that they have been notified of this application.

An unorthodox location order is requested based on the reasons given in the preceding paragraphs. If there are further questions concerning this application please call me at (915) 686-5798.

Sincerely,

Kay Maddox  
Regulatory Agent / Conoco, Inc.

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Cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec

District I  
PQ Box 1980, Hobbs, NM 88241-1980

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department

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instructions on back

District II  
PO Drawer DD, Artesia, NM 88211-0719

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
PO Box 2088  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

Submit to Appropriate District Office  
State Lease - 4 Copies  
Fee Lease - 3 Copies

District III  
1000 Rio Brazos Rd. Aztec, NM 87410

District IV  
PO Box 2088, Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

API Number 30-039-06426		2 Pool Code 71629		3 Pool Name Basin Fruitland Coal			
4 Property Code 003145		5 Property Name Buttram				6 Well Number #3	
7 OGRID No. 005073		8 Operator Name Conoco Inc., 10 Desta Drive, Ste. 100W, Midland, TX 79705-4500				9 Elevation DF 6809'	

10 Surface Location

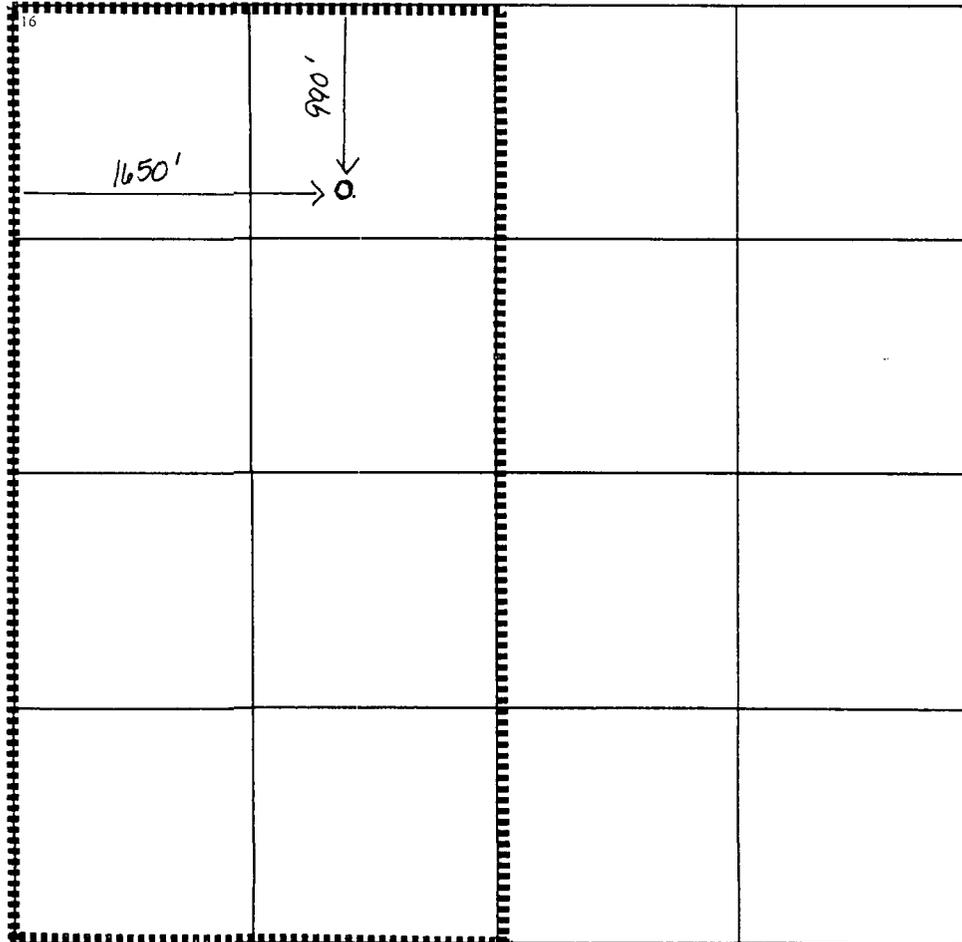
UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
C	23	26N	6W		990'	North	1650'	West	Rio Arriba

11 Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County

12 Dedicated Acres 320	13 Joint or Infill	14 Consolidation Code	15 Order No.
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NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION



17 OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

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

*Kay Maddox*  
Signature

Kay Maddox  
Printed Name

Regulatory Agent  
Title

July 29, 1998  
Date

18 SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION

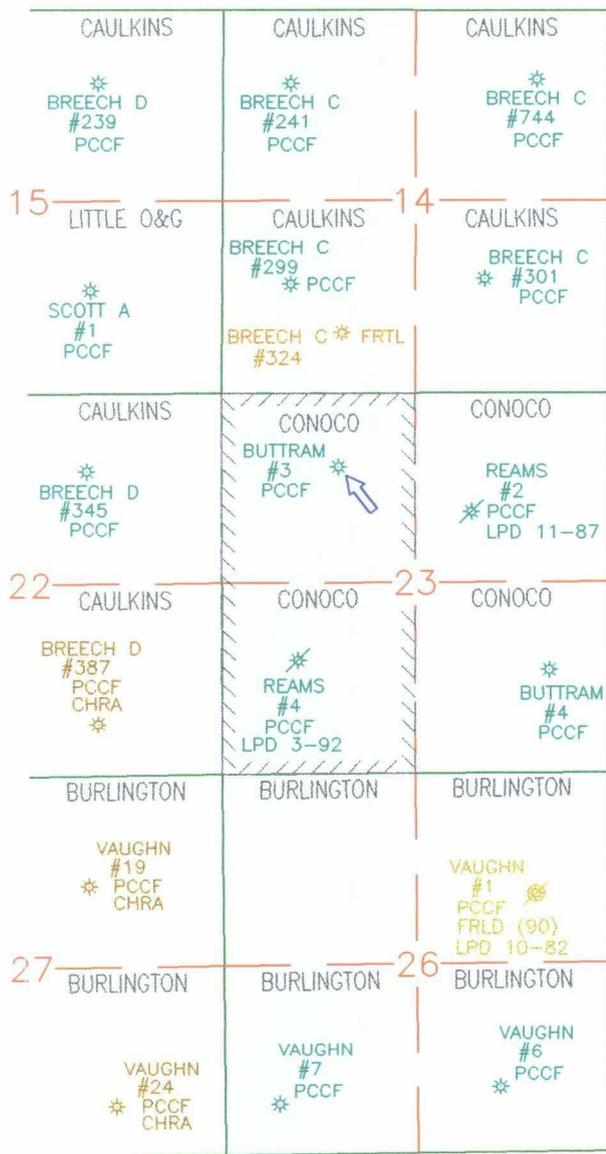
I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.

Date of Survey  
Signature and Seal of Professional Surveyor:

Certificate Number

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NOTES

NOTE:

Conoco intends to recomplate to the Fruitland Coal & DHC with existing Pictured Cliffs production. Plat shows PCCF & FRLD producers. Deeper pool operators are Burlington, Caulkins and Conoco.

DATE: 7/24/98

DRAWN BY: GLG

CHECKED BY:

APPROVED BY:

SCALE: 1" = 2640'

STATE PLANE COORDINATES REFERRED TO  
NAD27 - N.M. WEST  
STATE PLANE COORDINATES  
ZONE - 3003



EPNGNA  
MIDLAND DIVISION

CONOCO INC. - Application For  
Unorthodox Fruitland Coal Location  
#3 Buttram, Unit Ltr. C Sec. 23-26N-6W  
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

STATE	API COUNTY	WELL
30	\ 039	\ 06426

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CONOCO INC. OFFICE  
10 DESTA DRIVE WEST  
MIDLAND, TEXAS 79705

Buttram #3  
 API # 30-039-06426  
 Section 23, T-26-N, R-6-W, C  
 Rio Arriba County, NM

RE: Application for Unorthodox Location for  
 Basin Fruitland Coal Recompletion

**Notification of Offset Operators:**

Caulkins Oil Company  
 1600 Broadway STE 1400  
 Denver, CO 80202-4927

Little Oil & Gas, Inc  
 PO Box 258  
 Farmington, NM 87499-1258

The above listed parties have been sent a copy of the unorthodox location request by certified mail. Please see attached evidence.

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Sent to <b>Little Oil + Gas, Inc</b>	
Street & No. <b>PO Box 258</b>	
P.O. State & ZIP Code <b>Farmington, Nm 87499-</b>	
Postage	<b>\$ 1258</b>
Certified Fee	
Special Delivery Fee	
Restricted Delivery Fee	

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Sent to <b>Caulkins Oil Co</b>	
Street & No. <b>1600 Broadway STE 1400</b>	
P.O. State & ZIP Code <b>Denver, CO 80202-4927</b>	
Postage	<b>\$</b>
Certified Fee	
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