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February 2, 2010

Hess Corporation
Attn: Mr. James S. Hughart
500 Dallas Street
Houston, TX 77002

Administrative Order NSL-6138

**Re: Mitchell 1830 Well No. 181
API No. 30-021-20508
1200 feet FNL and 1650 feet FEL
Unit B, Section 18-18N-30E
Harding County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Hughart:

Reference is made to the following:

(a) your application (**administrative application reference No. pWVJ10-01262909**) submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (the Division) in Santa Fe, New Mexico on January 12, 2010, and

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

Hess Corporation [OGRID 495] (Hess) has requested to drill the above-referenced well at an unorthodox well location described above in the caption of this letter. All of Section 18 will be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 640-acre spacing unit in the West Bravo Dome Carbon Dioxide Gas Area (72480). Spacing in this area is governed by the Special Rules and Regulations for the West Bravo Dome Carbon Dioxide Area, as promulgated by Order R-7737, issued on November 19, 1984, which provide, as to the area affected by this Order, for 640-acre units, with wells to be located at least 1650 feet from a unit outer boundary. This location is less than 1650 feet from the northern unit boundary.

Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 15.13 and 4.12.A(2).



It is our understanding that you are seeking this location for topographic reasons.

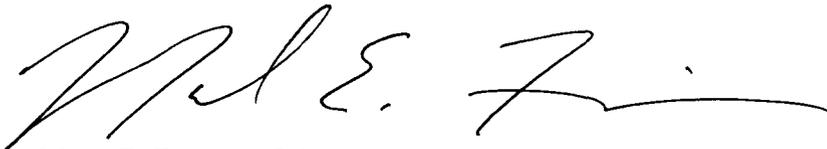
It is also understood that you have given due notice of this application to all operators or owners who are "affected persons," as defined in Rule 4.12.A(2), in all adjoining units towards which the proposed location encroaches.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 15.13.B, 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 5.9.

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 'M.E. Fesmire', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.
Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Santa Fe