



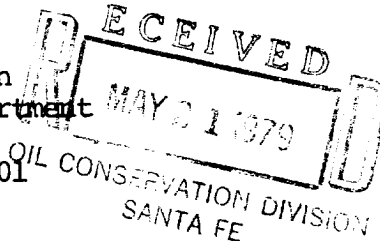
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Oil Conservation Division
Energy and Minerals Department
Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501



Attn: Mr. Joe Ramey

Dear Sir:

My company would like to conduct vacuum tests on two shallow dry gas wells in Colfax County, New Mexico. These wells are located near Raton in 28 North, 21 East, Section 9, and are reported to be approximately 1,000 feet in depth.

This testing would be for:

Bennett Petroleum Corporation
The Denver Center Building
1776 Lincoln Street, Suite 808
Denver, Colorado 80203

We would like to request an exception to Rule 307, or other rules which restrict or prohibit the use of vacuum pumps. The exception or permission to test, would cover only the period of time from May 28 to June 15. The actual test probably would be conducted during a continuous period of less than a week, but the exact starting date cannot be firmly fixed at this time.

These tests would be conducted by our personnel with a trailer-mounted vacuum test unit. The deliverability and analysis of the dry gas would be the primary objective of these tests.

I apologize for the short notice of this request, but it was unavoidably caused by equipment availability. If you could expedite your consideration of this request, we would sincerely appreciate it, and would notify your personnel of the exact starting date and any other information needed.

Very truly yours,

Jack H. Barton
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