

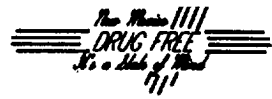


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ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
AZTEC DISTRICT OFFICE

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AZTEC, NEW MEXICO 87410
(505) 334-6178



July 19, 1993

Mr. Steve Dunn
Merrion Oil & Gas Corporation
PO Box 840
Farmington, NM 87499

RE: Illegal Pits in Northwestern New Mexico
Canyon Largo Unit #349, K-08-24N-06W

Dear Steve:

New Mexico Oil Conservation Order R-8952 (for the protection of migratory birds) became effective June 15, 1989 and states that all pits and open top tanks more than 16' in diameter shall be screened, netted or covered.

Field inspections conducted by Jackie Neckels from the BLM on June 8, 1993 revealed that the above mentioned pit contained hydrocarbons. In order for this pit to be in compliance, you are hereby directed to remove all fluid and properly net this pit by July 31, 1993. This July deadline is the same deadline outlined in your letter to the NMOCD dated January 21, 1993.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 505-334-6178.

Sincerely,

Dianna K. Fairhurst

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Deputy Oil & Gas Inspector

xc: Well File
C-134 File
Jackie Neckels - BLM

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P.O. Box 1980, Hobbs, NM 88241-1980

DISTRICT II
P.O. Drawer DD, Artesia, NM 88211-0719

DISTRICT III
1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
P.O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

Permit No. _____
(For Division Use Only)

APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO DIVISION ORDER R-8952
FOR PROTECTION OF MIGRATORY BIRDS Rule 8(b). Rule 105(b). Rule 312(h), Rule 313, or Rule 711(I)

Operator Name: Merrion Oil & Gas Corporation
Operator Address: P. O. Box 840, Farmington, New Mexico 87499
Lease or Facility Name Canyon Largo Unit No. 349 Location K 8 24N 6W
Size of pit or tank: 24' X 24' SEPARATOR Ut. Ltr. Sec. Twp. Rge

Operator requests exception from the requirement to screen, net or cover the pit or tank at the above-described facility.

☒ The pit or tank is not hazardous to migratory waterfowl. Describe completely the reason pit is non-hazardous.

Pit is small and used only for: (1) emergency overflow situations and (2) small volume
of produced water. Because of the pit's small size and only intermittent use, it is
highly unlikely that it will present a hazard to migratory waterfowl.

1) If any oil or hydrocarbons should reach this facility give method and time required for removal:

In the event of an emergency overflow, which sends a substantial quantity of oil to the
pit, a truck will recover the oil within 48 hours after discovery of the occurrence.

2) If any oil or hydrocarbons reach the above-described facility the operator is required to notify the appropriate District Office of the OCD with 24 hours.

Operator proposes the following alternate protective measures: _____

CERTIFICATION BY OPERATOR: I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature T. Greg Merrion Title Production Engineer Date 9-29-89
Printed Name T. Greg Merrion Telephone No. (505) 327-9801

FOR OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION USE

Date Facility Inspected 6/8/93

Inspected by JACKIE NECKELS/BLM

Approved by _____

Title _____

Date _____

NOT APPROVED -

CONTAINING HYDROCARBONS - NO NET
FENCE ALSO IN NEED OF REPAIR.

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Bureau of Land Management

Compliance Inspection Report

Well Name Canyon Leap Unit 349 Lease # SF-078877 Operator Merrion Oil & Gas Corp.Location NE 1/4 L & SW 1/4 L S 8 T 24 N R 1 WType ES Activity SP Office Time 30m Travel Time 34R Inspection Time 30m Trips 1

Construction Activities:

Well Pad

Description

Reserve Pit

Unlined _____

Lined _____

Fenced _____

Proper Construction

Size _____

Cut Slopes _____

Fill Slopes _____

Water Diversion _____

Pipelines On Lease/Off Lease

Construction

Within ROW _____

Reclamation

Water Bars _____

Seeding _____

Drilling Status:

Trash Cages _____

Location Appearance _____

Reclamation:

Reserve Pit

Filled in _____

Reclaimed _____

Slopes

Seeded _____

P&A

Monument marker _____

Pad Reclaimed _____

Seeding Success _____

Clean Location _____

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JUN 24 1993

OIL CON. DIV.
DIST. 3

Remarks:

earthen pit off separator - contains hydrocarbons - clean
and return to production. fence falling down on 1 side - needs rebuilt
NO NET

Signature J. NuecesDate 6/8/93