Distribution: O+4 (BLM); 1-Accounting; 1- Land; 1-File UNITED STATES Form 3160-5 FORM APPROVED (June 1990) DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Budget Bureau No. 1004-0135 Expires: March 31, 1993 **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT** Lease Designation and Serial No. SF-078882 SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS Do not use this form for proposals to drill or to deepen or reentry to a different reservoir. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name Use "APPLICATION FOR PERMIT--" for such proposals 7. If Unit or CA, Agreement Designation SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE Type of Well Oil Gas X Well Well Well Name and No. Name of Operator Canyon Largo Unit 356 API Well No. Merrion Oil & Gas Corporation (14634)30-039-23863 Address and Telephone No. 10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory Area (505) 327-9801 610 Reilly Avenue, Farmington, NM 87401-2634 Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T., R., M., or Survey Description) **Devils Fork Gallup** 11. County or Parish, State 910' fsl & 860' fel (se se) Section 20, T25N, R6W Rio Arriba County, New Mexico CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX (s) TO INDICATE NATURE OF NOTICE, REPORT, OR OTHER DATA 12. TYPE OF ACTION TYPE OF SUBMISSION Abandonment Change of Plans Notice of Intent Recompletion **New Construction** Non-Routine Fracturing Plugging Back Subsequent Report Water Shut-Off Casing Repair Altering Casing Conversion to Injection Final Abandonment Notice Continue TA Status Dispose Water (Note: Report results of multiple completion on Completion or Recompletion Report and Log form.) Describe Proposed or completed Operations Clearly state all pertinent details, and give pertinent dates, including estimated date of starting any proposed work. If well is directionally drilled, give subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths for all markers and zones pertinent to this work.)* Merrion Oil and Gas proposes to continue the Temporary Abandonment status of this well. This well is in an area that will be beneficial for use in the planned waterflood project for the Canyon Largo Unit. The letter from George Sharpe, dated August 23, 2000, summarizing the waterflood plan is attached. JAN 0 1 2002 THIS APPROVAL EXPIRES I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct 1/4/01 Title Contract Engineer Date Signed Connie S. Dinning (This space for Federal or State office use) Title Approved By Conditions of approval, if any: Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, makes it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

MERRION

OIL & GAS

August 23, 2000

Mr. Richard Dembowski Bureau of Land Management 1235 La Plata Highway Farmington, NM 87401

RE: T&A'd Well Status CLU 119, 126, 315, 356 Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Dembowski:

In followup to your letter dated July 12, 2000 and our subsequent meeting on August 23, 2000, this letter discusses Merrion's plans for using the subject (and other) wells in the Canyon Largo Unit Gallup PA for a waterflood. Specifically, Merrion requests that the subject wells (and other wells in the future, if necessary) be allowed to remain temporarily abandoned (or shut in if that is the case) for the near future. The following arguments are presented to support our request.

- 1. Enclosed is a report of a reservoir simulation study performed to evaluate the potential for a waterflood in the Canyon Largo Unit Gallup Formation. The report indicates that a waterflood is technically feasible, but economically marginal at the \$18 oil price assumed in the economics. While oil prices are currently well above \$18/bbl, the futures strip shows prices returning to near that level within two years. Merrion must have confidence that prices will be sustained above \$25/bbl before we would implement a waterflood pilot.
- 2. The waterflood will be extremely capital intensive and will require the use of all existing wellbores combined with additional infill drilling. Even at higher prices, we may not be able to justify the waterflood if we don't have the existing wellbores to use.
- 3. Again, the waterflood will require infilling the field on 80 acre or perhaps 40 acre spacing. Because of the current Resource Management Plan review (RMP), we couldn't do the waterflood right now anyway, even if we wanted to.
- 4. If the existing wells are allowed to be left in place, that would leave their surface locations available if needed during the RMP review period to be used to drill to other formations.
- 5. While Merrion is not ready to implement a waterflood now, or even in the next two years, we think the time will come in the next ten years to install that flood. That, however, may never happen if we are forced to plug out the existing wells. Therefore, the long-term interests of the mineral owners (which is mostly Federal in the Unit) are best served by not forcing Merrion to abandon these locations.

Below is a list of wells in the Canyon Largo Unit Gallup PA that ultimately may be used in the waterflood. We request that, should any of these existing producing wells require it, they be given similar consideration as the four subject wells.

Please call me with any questions at 505-325-9801 ext. 114. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

George Shárpe

Manager, Oil & Gas Investments

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POTENTIAL WELLS FOR GALLUP WATERFLOOD CANYON LARGO UNIT

CLU #s 89, 128, 119, 126, 130R, 131R, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 310, 311, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 319, 321, 324, 326, 327, 328, 331, 332, 333, 335, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 356, 357, 358, 359, 393.