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April 6, 1993

Ms. Shannon McMorris  
Meridian Oil Inc.  
PO Box 4289  
Farmington, NM 87499

RE: Illegal Pits in Northwestern New Mexico  
Payne #2A, D-21-32N-10W (Tank Drain Pit)  
Lindsey #2A, J-11-30N-09W (Blow Pit)

Dear Ms. McMorris:

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 tanks more than 16' in diameter shall be screened, netted or covered.

On April 5, 1993 field inspections revealed that the Payne #2A Tank Drain pit contained approximately 10 bbl water with skim oil and the Lindsey #2A Blow pit contained 1 bbl oil. In order for these pits to be in compliance, you are hereby directed to remove all fluid or properly net these pits by May 5, 1993.

If you have any questions please feel free to call this office.

Sincerely,

*Dianna K. Fairhurst*

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Deputy Oil & Gas Inspector

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

DISTRICT III  
600 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: Union Texas Petroleum Corporation MCI

Operator Address: 375 U.S. Hwy 64 NBU-3004, Farmington, New Mexico 87401

Lease or Facility Name Payne #2A Location 

	D	21	32N	10W
Ut.	Ltr.	Sec.	Twp.	Rge

Size of pit or tank: 20'X20'X4' Tank and Production Unit.

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 has Produced water. No oil.

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

Oil or hydrocarbons will be removed within 72 hours by a vacuum truck and/or  
roustabout service.

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: If oil or hydrocarbons cannot be removed  
a wire covering will be installed.

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

Signature John C. Rector Title Production Superintendent Date 10/11/89

Printed Name John C Rector Telephone No. (505) 325-3587

#### FOR OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION USE

Date Facility Inspected 4/5/93

Inspected by DKF/CG

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

NOT APPROVED -

10 PBL H2O WITH 6KIM - NO NET

Submit 4 Copies  
to Appropriate  
District Office

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-134  
Aug. 1, 1989

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Operator Name: Meridian Oil Inc.

Operator Address: P. O. Box 4289, Farmington, New Mexico 87499

Lease or Facility Name: Lindsey #2A Location: J 11 30N 09W

Size of pit or tank: Blow 10 x 10 x 9 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.

The pit does not contain any substance hazardous to migratory waterfowl.

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

Immediately following discovery, oil or hydrocarbons would be removed by a vacuum truck.

2) If any oil or hydrocarbons reach the above-described facility, the operator is required to notify the appropriate District Office of the OCD within 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 Louis D. Jones Title Acting Production Mgr. Date October 1, 1989

Printed Name Louis D. Jones Telephone No. 505-326-9700

**FOR OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION USE**

Date Facility Inspected 4/5/93 Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

Inspected by DKF/CG Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

NOT APPROVED-  
1. PBL OIL-NO NET