

CASE 6727: CONOCO INC. FOR SALT WATER
DISPOSAL, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter

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17 proposed Devonian perforations.

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19 Seven, would you discuss those exhibits, please?

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21 of the Sanders limestone of the Wolfcamp formation and it
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A Yes.

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1 to 4000 barrels of oil per month from the Wolfcamp.

2 I'd like to point out again that the
3 Devonian wells are currently shut-in because of a lack of
4 disposal facilities.

5 Q And approval of a disposal well is essen-
6 tial to get the Devonian wells back on production, is that
7 correct?

8 A That's right.

9 Q Were Exhibits One through Eight, inclusive,
10 prepared by you or under your supervision?

11 A Yes, they were.

12 MR. KELLAHIN: At this time we offer Ex-
13 hibits One through Eight, inclusive.

14 MR. NUTTER: Exhibits One through Eight
15 will be admitted in evidence.

16 MR. KELLAHIN: That's all we have on this
17 case, Mr. Nutter.

18 CROSS EXAMINATION

19 BY MR. NUTTER:

20 Q Mr. Deckert, No. 16 is still being used
21 for disposal, is it?
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23 A Not right now, no, sir.

24 Q It appears from the tabulation on Exhibit
25 Number Two that the well was taking water fairly well, a

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1 couple of thousand barrels a day, anyway, up until maybe
2 August or September, possibly.

3 A Well, September is when we first had prob-
4 lems with this well and it was at that point we went ahead
5 and shut our Devonian wells in.

6 Q And what zone is disposable in the -- in
7 the -- is the No. 16 disposing into?

8 A It's disposing into the Wolfcamp.

9 Q Lower Wolfcamp?

10 A Uh-huh.

11 Q You never have disposed into the Devonian
12 here, then?

13 A No.

14 Q And now the No. 9 over here in Section 12,
15 it's an old salt water disposal well, too, isn't it?

16 A It was, yes. It was an old disposal well
17 in the San Andres at one time.

18 Q That's a San Andres well?

19 A Uh-huh. It's plugged and abandoned now.

20 Q Now, this schematic here of your No. 8
21 Well, which is Exhibit Number Three, shows the uppermost
22 perforations in the Wolfcamp to be at 9776, I believe.

23 A Uh-huh, to 9816.

24 Q Uh-huh.

25 A Right.

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1 Q And we show 5-1/2 inch pipe was run to
2 13,688 with the top of the cement at 7460. Do you know how
3 that cement top was determined?

4 A It was from a temperature survey.

5 Q So if, indeed, the cement is to that point
6 you have 2500 feet, or 2400 feet, of cement above the top
7 perforation there.

8 A Yeah, above the top of the Wolfcamp, Wolf-
9 camp perfs, right.

10 Q Now, on Exhibit Number Four, which is the
11 way you would propose to equip the well for disposal, you
12 mentioned some Morrow perfs. Now, what were those perfs
13 again?

14 A 12,173 to 192.

15 Q 173 to 12,192, and those perfs have been
16 previously squeezed?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And you will resqueeze them?

19 A Well, we're going to re-test -- we're
20 going to pressure test them and determine if they need to
21 be resqueezed, since we do have a Morrow gas well in this.

22 Q So that interval would be opposite your --
23 or inside of your gross interval that you'd be disposing of,
24 or disposing into, right?

25 A Uh-huh.

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1 Q Then on your Exhibit Number Six, you men-
2 tioned some water injection wells in the Wolfcamp for flooding
3 purposes?
4 A Yes, those are --
5 Q Would that be the wells with the triangles
6 on them?
7 A Right, Wells 3, 6, and 10.
8 Q So there's three wells on the east side
9 there of the pool that you're disposing into -- or injecting
10 into the Wolfcamp?
11 A Right.
12 Q And you'd also be injecting into the
13 Wolfcamp in the subject well?
14 A Right.
15 Q And then on the next exhibit, Number
16 Seven, I see three current Devonian wells, is that correct?
17 A Well, there are only two current Devonian
18 producers, and that's Well No. 1 and 14.
19 Q What about the Gulf CLA Well up there at
20 the north end?
21 A Yes. It is a --
22 Q It's a Devonian producer also?
23 A Yes, it is, uh-huh.
24 Q So there's three Devonian wells in this
25 pool?

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1 A Three Devonian wells in this pool, right.

2 Q Would you be disposing of Devonian water
3 only into this well?

4 A Well, it would be combined stream of De-
5 vonian and Wolfcamp production.

6 Q Well, how do -- do you produce more from
7 the Wolfcamp than you're injecting into the Wolfcamp on your
8 flood?

9 A No, no. But the water all comes together
10 and is mixed, so --

11 Q Oh, the Devonian and the Wolfcamp waters
12 are mixed?

13 A Yes, uh-huh.

14 Q And you don't need all of the water that's
15 produced for your Wolfcamp flood?

16 A Right.

17 Q So what amount of water will be injected
18 into the No. 8 when you put it on disposal?

19 A I would think something in the order of
20 1500 barrels a day.

21 Q And at what pressure do you expect to put
22 that water in?

23 A I wouldn't see that we would need to go
24 above 2000 pounds.

25 MR. NUTTER: Are there any further questions

1 of this witness? He may be excused.

2 Did you have anything further, Mr. Kellahin?

3 MR. KELLAHIN: That's all I had.

4 MR. NUTTER: Does anyone have anything
5 they wish to offer in Case Number 6727?

6 We'll take the case under advisement.

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8 (Hearing concluded.)
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1 to 4000 barrels of oil per month from the Wolfcamp.

2 I'd like to point out again that the
3 Devonian wells are currently shut-in because of a lack of
4 disposal facilities.

5 Q And approval of a disposal well is essen-
6 tial to get the Devonian wells back on production, is that
7 correct?

8 A That's right.

9 Q Were Exhibits One through Eight, inclusive,
10 prepared by you or under your supervision?

11 A Yes, they were.

12 MR. KELLANIN: At this time we offer Ex-
13 hibits One through Eight, inclusive.

14 MR. NUTTER: Exhibits One through Eight
15 will be admitted in evidence.

16 MR. KELLANIN: That's all we have on this
17 case, Mr. Nutter.

18 CROSS EXAMINATION

19 BY MR. NUTTER:

20 Q Mr. Deckert, No. 16 is still being used
21 for disposal, is it?

22 A Not right now, no, sir.

23 Q It appears from the tabulation on Exhibit
24 Number Two that the well was taking water fairly well, a
25

1 couple of thousand barrels a day, anyway, up until maybe
2 August or September, possibly.

3 A Well, September is when we first had prob-
4 lems with this well and it was at that point we went ahead
5 and shut our Devonian wells in.

6 Q And what zone is disposable in the -- in
7 the -- is the No. 16 disposing into?

8 A It's disposing into the Wolfcamp.

9 Q Lower Wolfcamp?

10 A Uh-huh.

11 Q You never have disposed into the Devonian
12 here, then?

13 A No.

14 Q And now the No. 9 over here in Section 12,
15 it's an old salt water disposal well, too, isn't it?

16 A It was, yes. It was an old disposal well
17 in the San Andres, at one time.

18 Q That's a San Andres well?

19 A Uh-huh. It's plugged and abandoned now.

20 Q Now, this schematic here of your No. 8
21 Well, which is Exhibit Number Three, shows the uppermost
22 perforations in the Wolfcamp to be at 9776, I believe.

23 A Uh-huh, to 9816.

24 Q Uh-huh.

25 A Right.

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- 1 Q And we show 5-1/2 inch pipe was run to
- 2 13,638 with the top of the cement at 7460. Do you know how
- 3 that cement top was determined?
- 4 A It was from a temperature survey.
- 5 Q So if, indeed, the cement is to that point
- 6 you have 2500 feet, or 2400 feet, of cement above the top
- 7 perforation there.
- 8 A Yeah, above the top of the Wolfcamp, Wolf-
- 9 camp perfs, right.
- 10 Q Now, on Exhibit Number Four, which is the
- 11 way you would propose to equip the well for disposal, you
- 12 mentioned some Morrow perfs. Now, what were those perfs
- 13 again?
- 14 A 12,173 to 192.
- 15 Q 173 to 12,192, and those perfs have been
- 16 previously squeezed?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q And you will resqueeze them?
- 19 A Well, we're going to re-test -- we're
- 20 going to pressure test them and determine if they need to
- 21 be resqueezed, since we do have a Morrow gas well in this.
- 22 Q So that interval would be opposite your --
- 23 or inside of your gross interval that you'd be disposing of,
- 24 or disposing into, right?
- 25 A Uh-huh.

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1 Q Then on your Exhibit Number Six, you men-
2 tioned some water injection wells in the Wolfcamp for flooding
3 purposes?
4 A Yes, those are --
5 Q Would that be the wells with the triangles
6 on them?
7 A Right, Wells 3, 6, and 10.
8 Q So there's three wells on the east side
9 there of the pool that you're disposing into -- or injecting
10 into the Wolfcamp?
11 A Right.
12 Q And you'd also be injecting into the
13 Wolfcamp in the subject well?
14 A Right.
15 Q And then on the next exhibit, Number
16 Seven, I see three current Devonian wells, is that correct?
17 A Well, there are only two current Devonian
18 producers, and that's Well No. 1 and 14.
19 Q What about the Gulf CIA Well up there at
20 the north end?
21 A Yes. It is a --
22 Q It's a Devonian producer also?
23 A Yes, it is, uh-huh.
24 Q So there's three Devonian wells in this
25 pool?

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- 1 A Three Devonian wells in this pool, right.
- 2 Q Would you be disposing of Devonian water
- 3 only into this well?
- 4 A Well, it would be combined stream of De-
- 5 vonian and Wolfcamp production.
- 6 Q Well, how do -- do you produce more from
- 7 the Wolfcamp than you're injecting into the Wolfcamp on your
- 8 flood?
- 9 A No, no. But the water all comes together
- 10 and is mixed, so --
- 11 Q Oh, the Devonian and the Wolfcamp waters
- 12 are mixed?
- 13 A Yes, uh-huh.
- 14 Q And you don't need all of the water that's
- 15 produced for your Wolfcamp flood?
- 16 A Right.
- 17 Q So what amount of water will be injected
- 18 into the No. 8 when you put it on disposal?
- 19 A I would think something in the order of
- 20 1500 barrels a day.
- 21 Q And at what pressure do you expect to put
- 22 that water in?
- 23 A I wouldn't see that we would need to go
- 24 above 2000 pounds.
- 25

MR. NUTTER: Are there any further questions

1 of this witness? He may be excused.

2 Did you have anything further, Mr. Kellahin?

3 MR. KELLAHIN: That's all I had.

4 MR. NUTTER: Does anyone have anything
5 they wish to offer in Case Number 6727?

6 We'll take the case under advisement.

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8 (Hearing concluded.)
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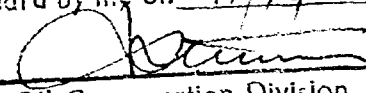
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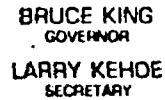
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Re: CASE NO. 6727
ORDER NO. R-6195

Applicant:

Conoco Inc.

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the 'above-referenced Division order recently entered in the subject case.

Yours very truly,

JOE D. RAMEY
Director

JDR/fd

Copy of order also sent to:

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 6727
Order No. R-6195

APPLICATION OF CONOCO INC. FOR
SALT WATER DISPOSAL, LEA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on November 14, 1979, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 21st day of November, 1979, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, Conoco Inc., is the owner and operator of the Anderson Ranch Unit Well No. 8, located in Unit I of Section 11, Township 16 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Anderson Ranch Field, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant proposes to utilize said well to dispose of produced salt water into the Wolfcamp, Mississippian and Devonian formations, with injection into the overall interval from approximately 9,776 feet to 13,620 feet.

(4) That the injection should be accomplished through 2 7/8-inch plastic lined tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 9,700 feet; that the casing-tubing annulus should be filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure gauge or approved leak detection device should be attached to the annulus in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.

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(5) That the injection well or system should be equipped with a pressure limiting switch or acceptable substitute which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 1995 psi.

(6) That the operator should notify the supervisor of the Hobbs district office of the Division of the date and time of the installation of disposal equipment so that the same may be inspected.

(7) That the operator should take all steps necessary to ensure that the injected water enters only the proposed injection interval and is not permitted to escape to other formations or onto the surface.

(8) That approval of the subject application will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells and otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Conoco Inc., is hereby authorized to utilize its Anderson Ranch Unit Well No. 8, located in Unit I of Section 11, Township 16 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Anderson Ranch Field, Lea County, New Mexico, to dispose of produced salt water into the Wolfcamp, Mississippian, and Devonian formations, injection to be accomplished through 2 7/8-inch tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 9,700 feet, with injection into the overall interval from approximately 9,776 feet to 13,620 feet;

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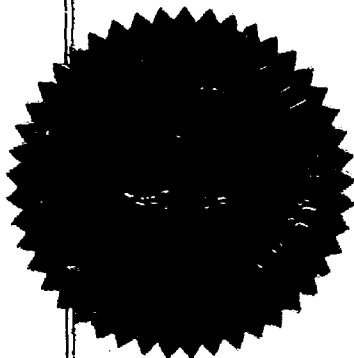
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(4) That the operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Division's Hobbs district office of the failure of the tubing, casing, or packer, in said well or the leakage of water from or around said well and shall take such steps as may be timely and necessary to correct such failure or leakage.

(5) That the applicant shall submit monthly reports of its disposal operations in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Division Rules and Regulations.

(6) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.



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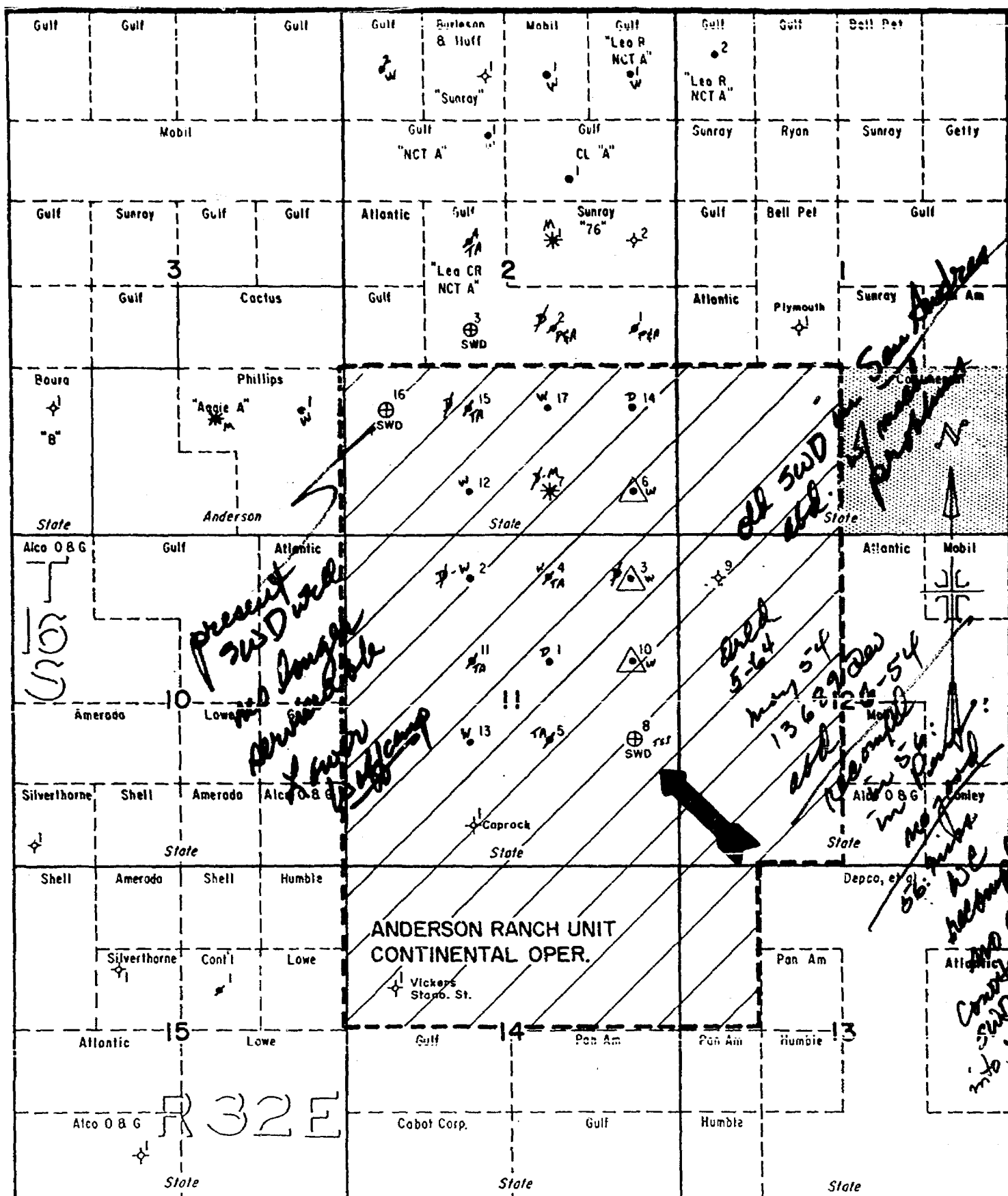
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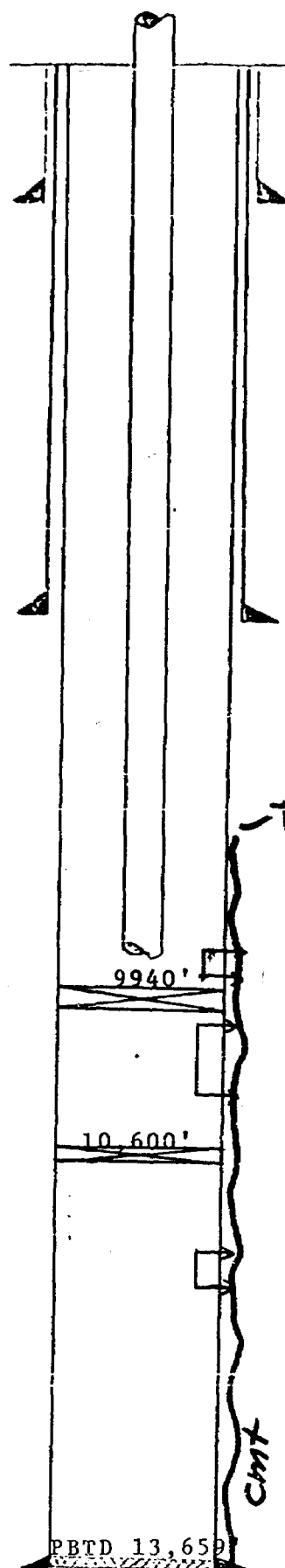
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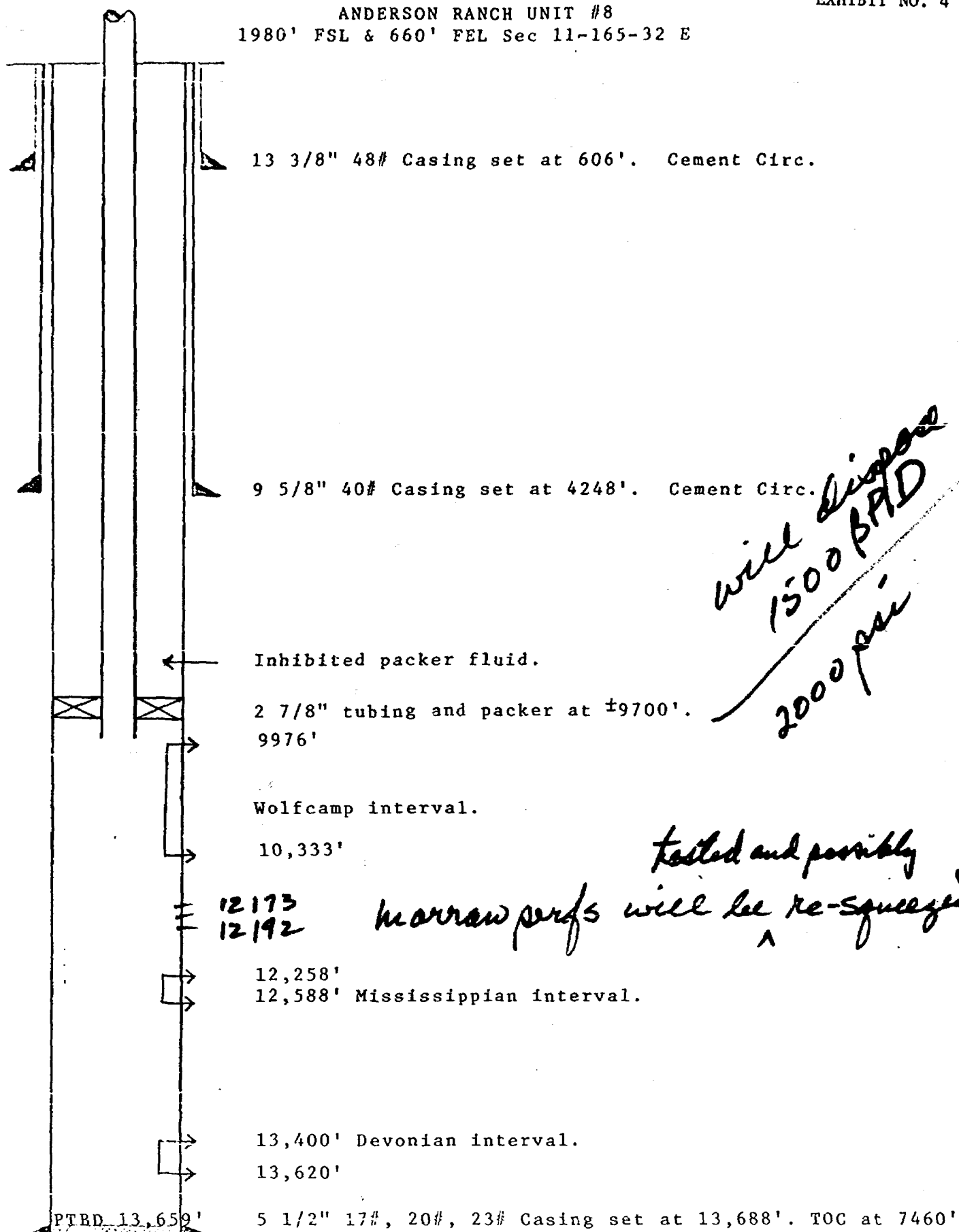
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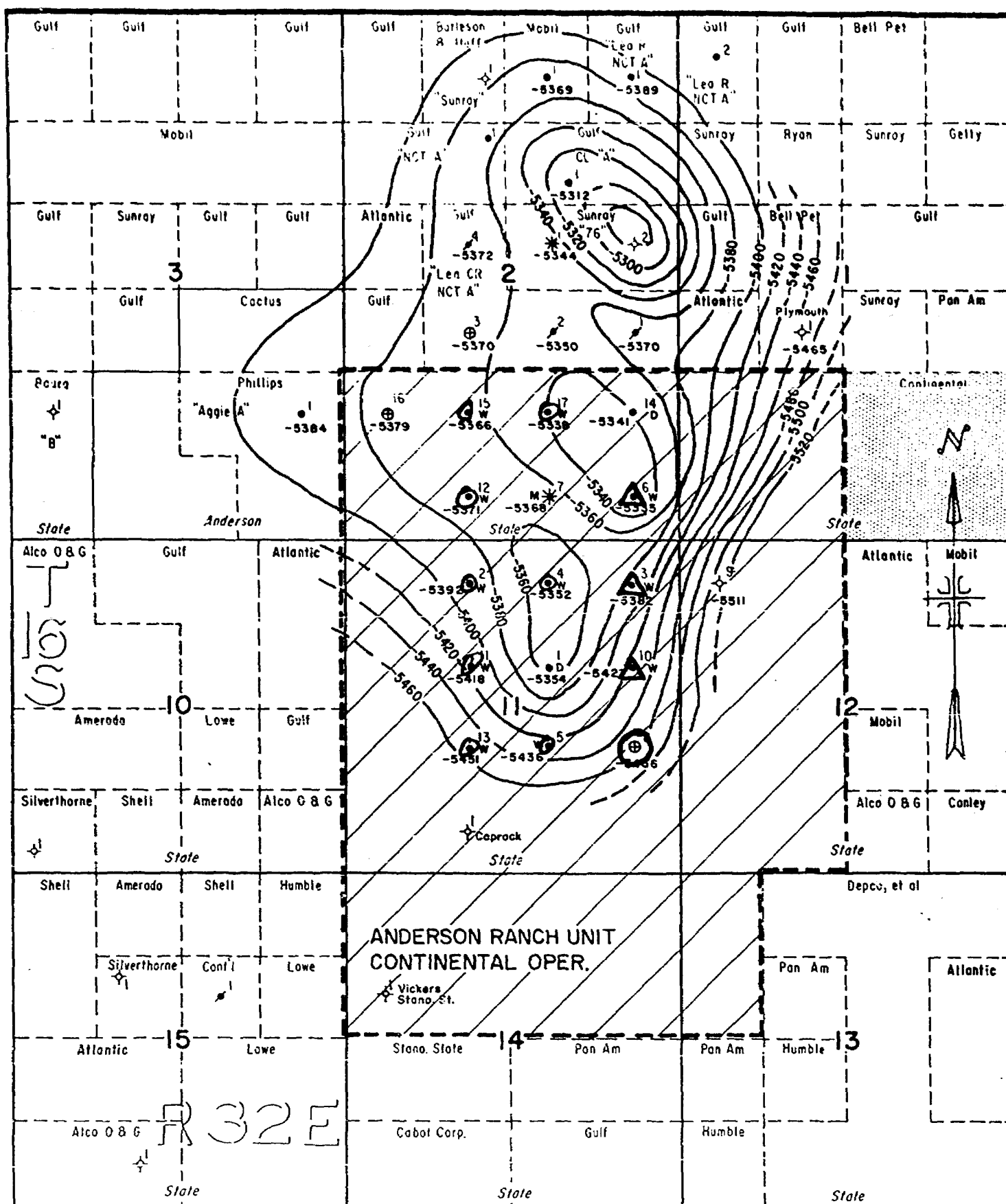
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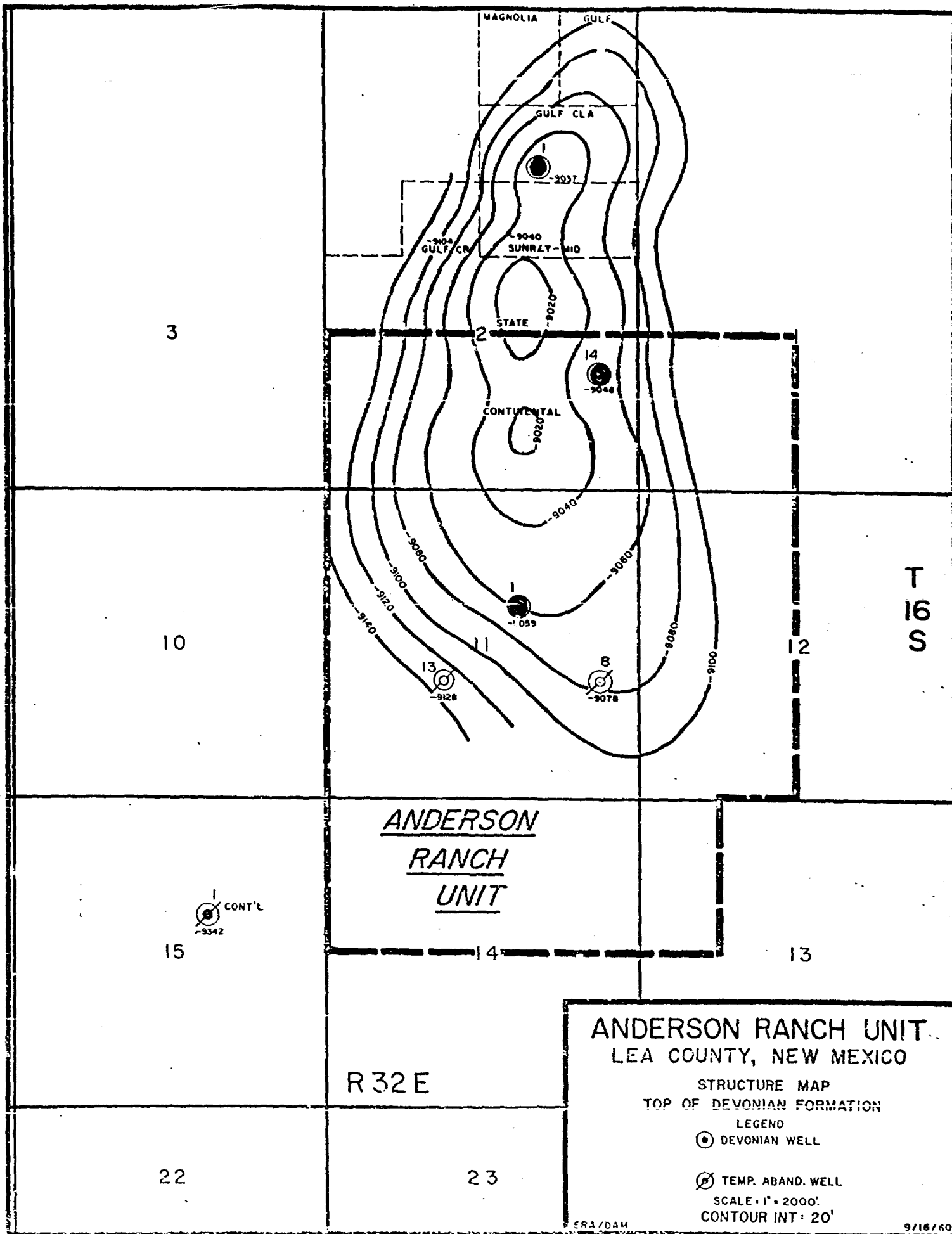
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ANALYTICAL SERVICE LABORATORY REPORT WATER ANALYSIS

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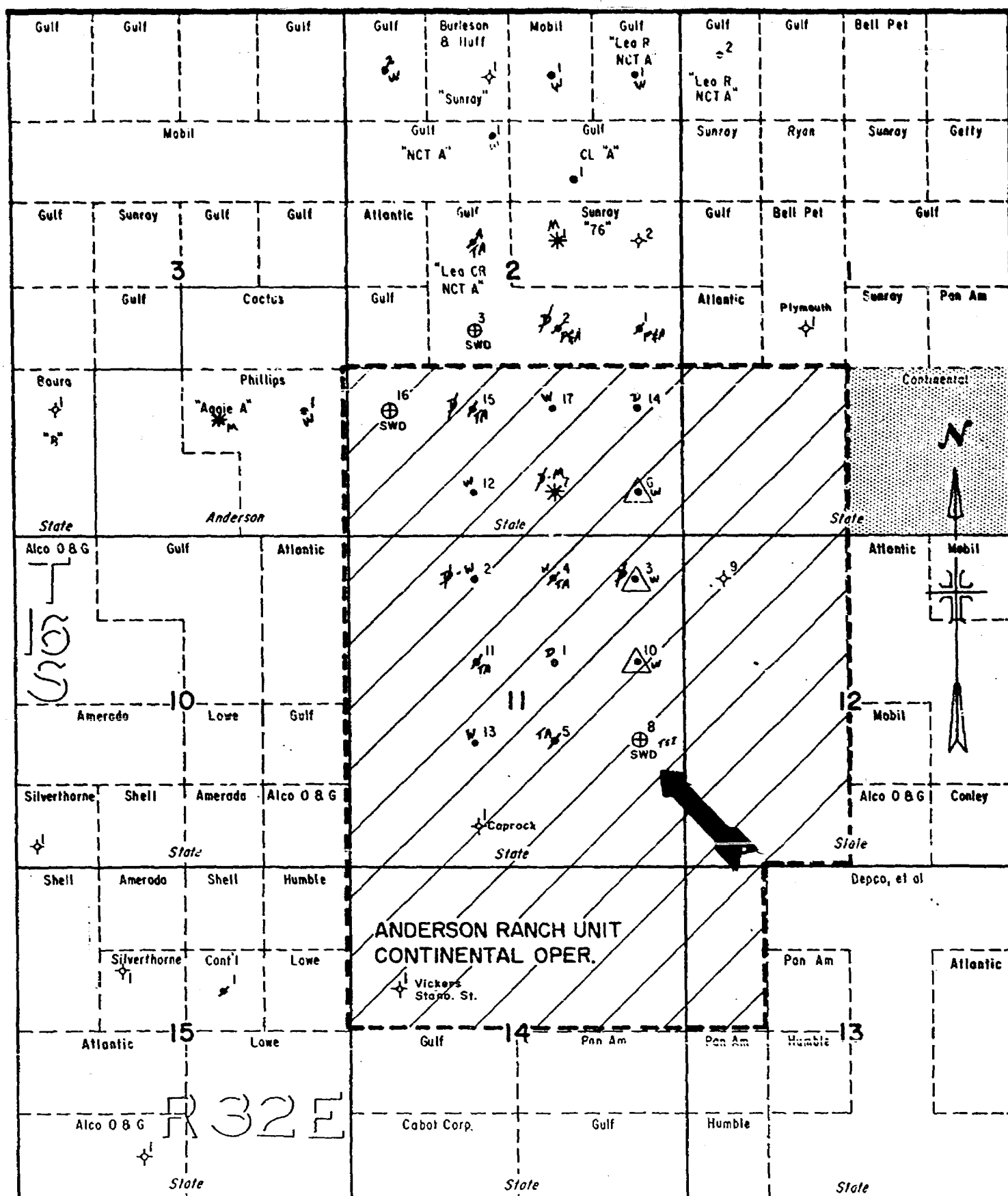
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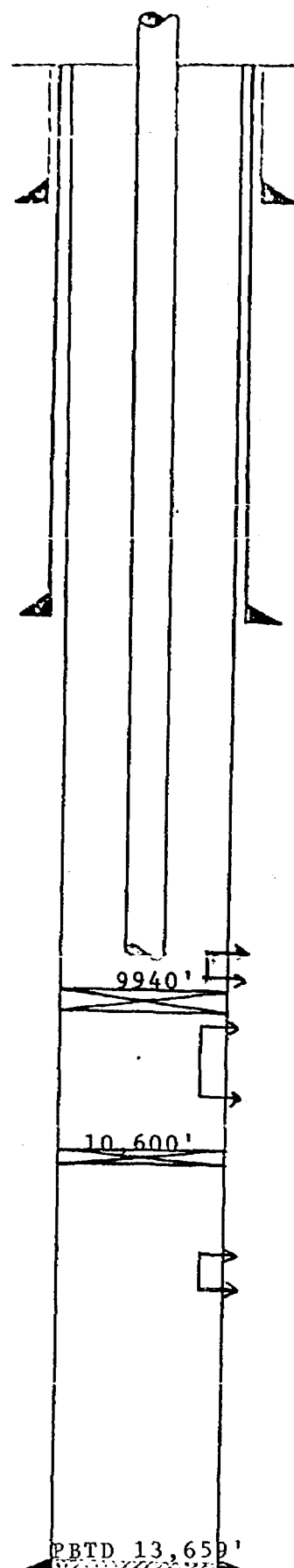
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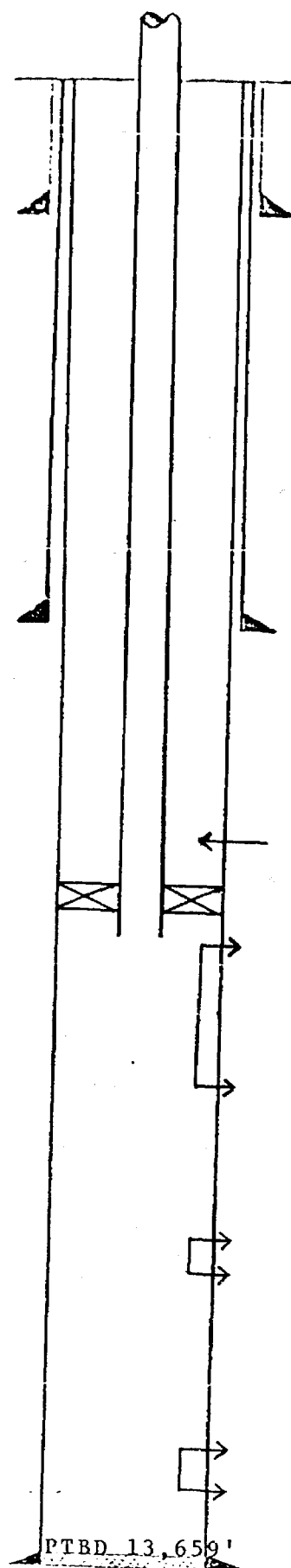
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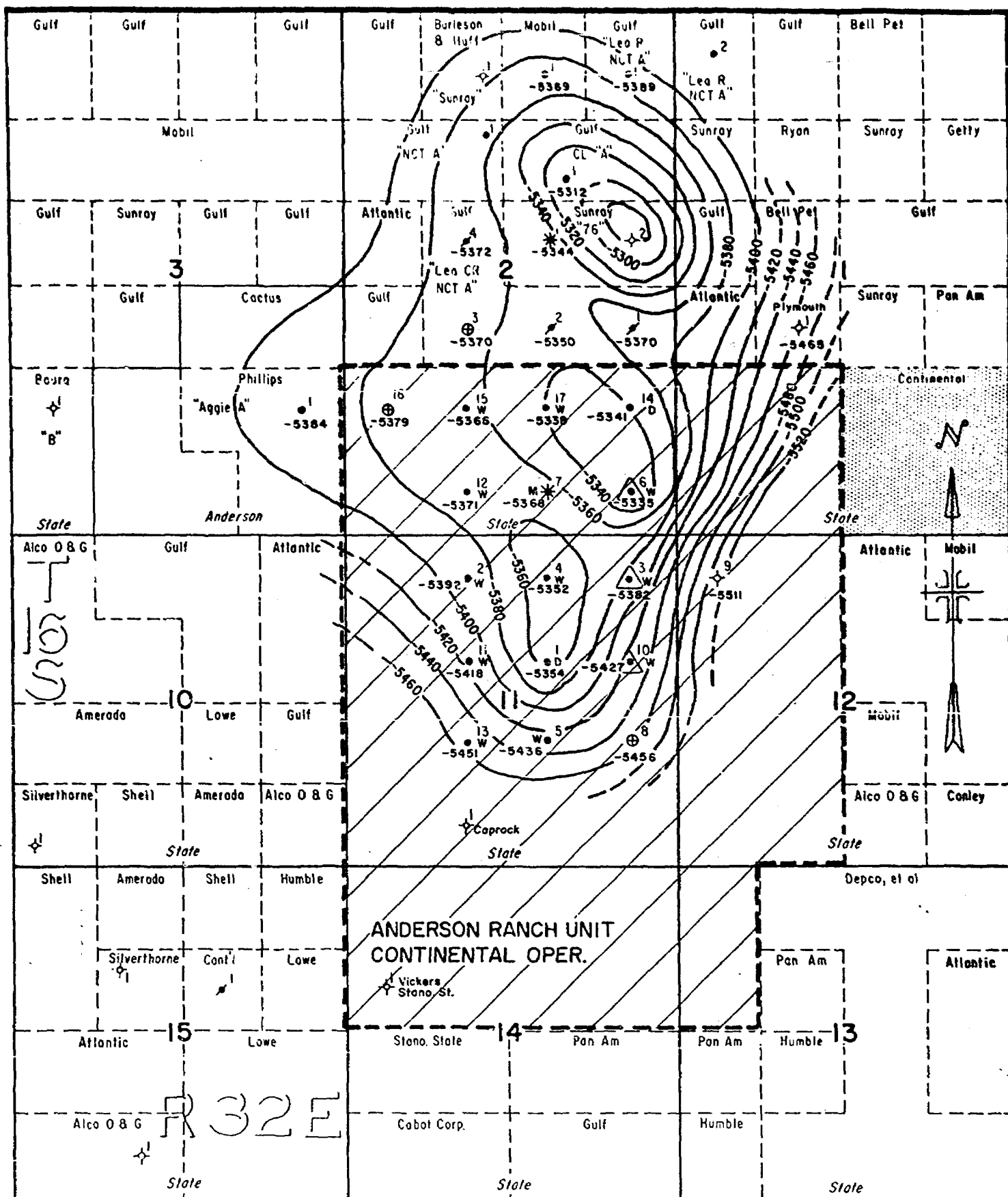
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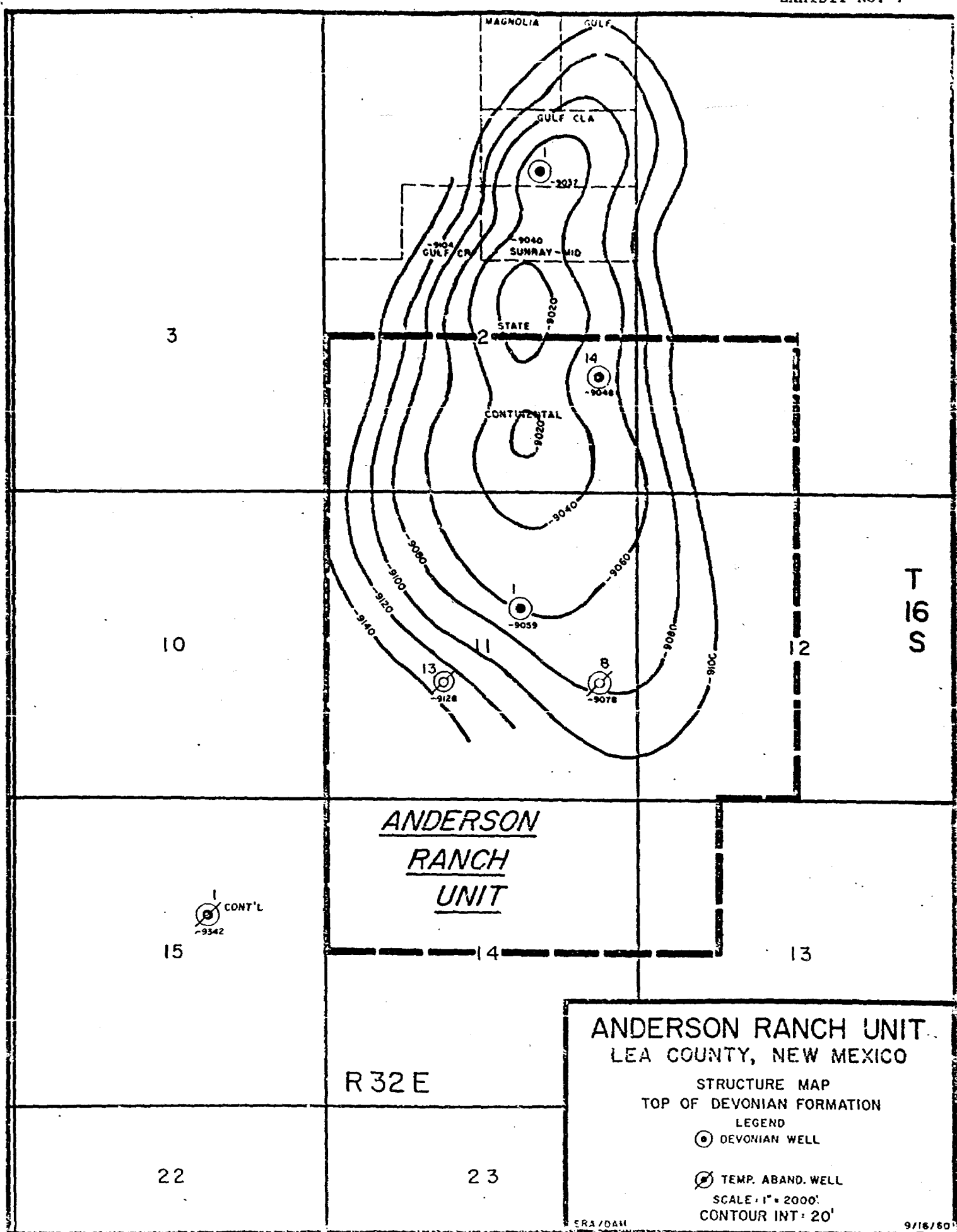
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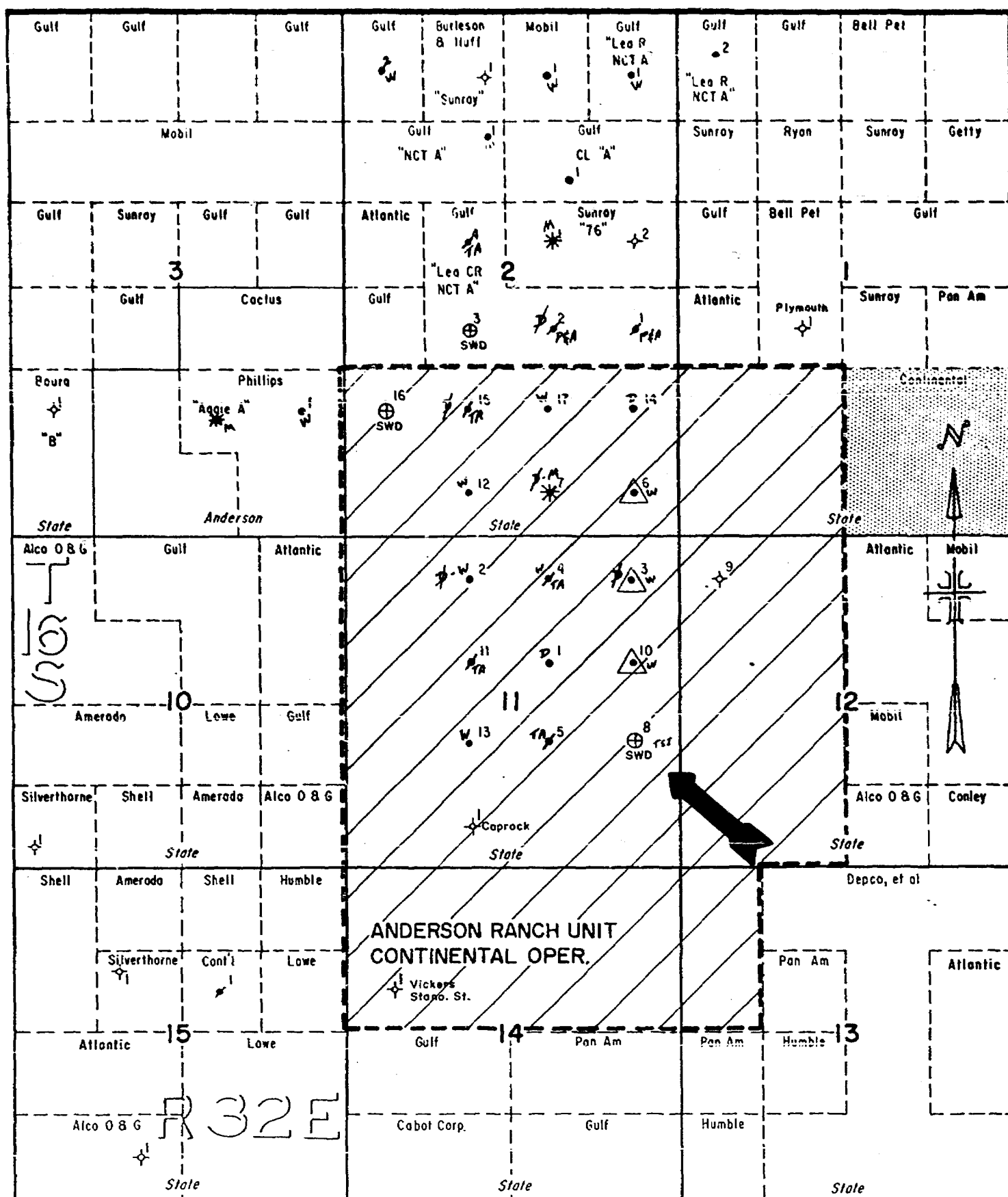
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W - Wolfcamp
M - Morrow
D - Devonian
p - Penetrated Devonian

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ANDERSON RANCH UNIT
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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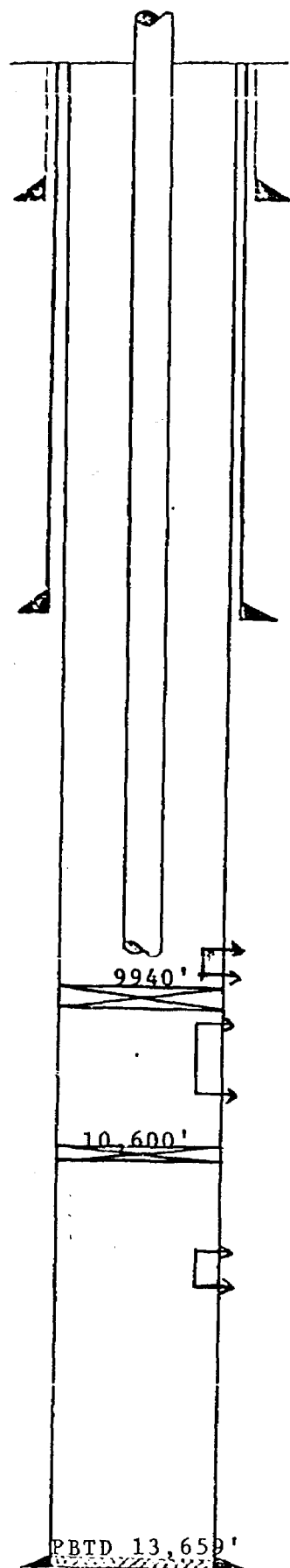
ANDERSON RANCH UNIT
MONTHLY WATER DISPOSAL REPORT

Well No. 16

<u>Month</u>	<u>Volume</u>	<u>Pressure</u>	<u>Cumulative Ending</u>
<u>1978</u>			
October	26,784	350	
November	47,772	580	
December	23,353	350	
<u>1979</u>			
January	12,388	0	
February	18,395	250	
March	20,112	250	
April	25,942	220	
May	1,771	200	
June	63,539	200	
July	62,510	200	
August	45,985	200	
September	9,808	200	12,066,238

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ANDERSON RANCH UNIT #8
1980' FSL & 660' FEL Sec 11-165-32 E



13 3/8" 48# Casing set at 606'. Cement Circ.

9 5/8" 40# Casing set at 4248'. Cement Circ.

2 7/8" Tubing at 9909'.

9776'

9816' Wolfcamp interval 9776'-10,333'

Cement Retainer at 9940'

9970'

Perforated at 9970'-9975'; 10,015'- 10,025'; 10,050'-
10,060'; 10,090'-10,100'; 10,325'- 10,333'.

Bridge Plug at 10,600'

12,528' 12,528'-12,545'; 12,574'-12,588'

12,588' Mississippian interval

5 1/2" 17#, 20#, 23# Casing set at 13,688'. TOC at 7460'.

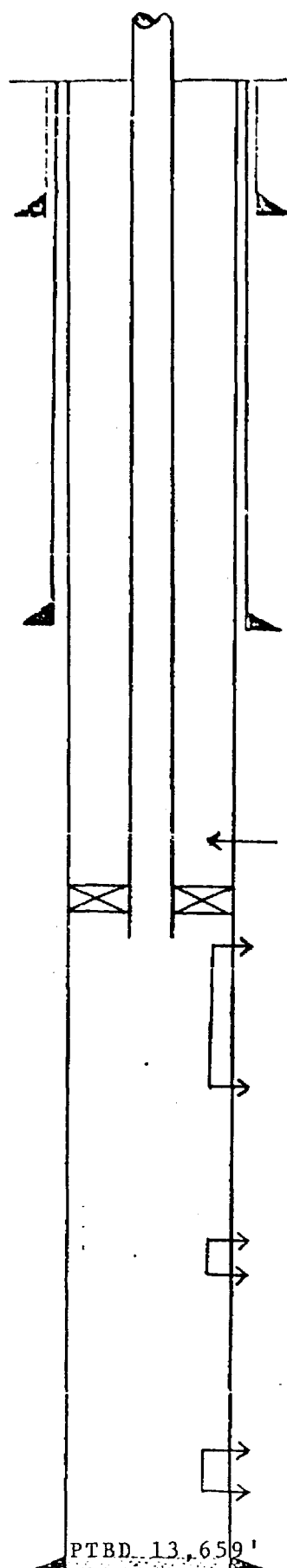
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Conoco Inc. EXHIBIT NO. 3

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Inhibited packer fluid.

2 7/8" tubing and packer at ±9700'.
9976'

Wolfcamp interval.

10,333'

12,250' 528
12,588' Mississippian interval.

13,400' Devonian interval.

13,620'

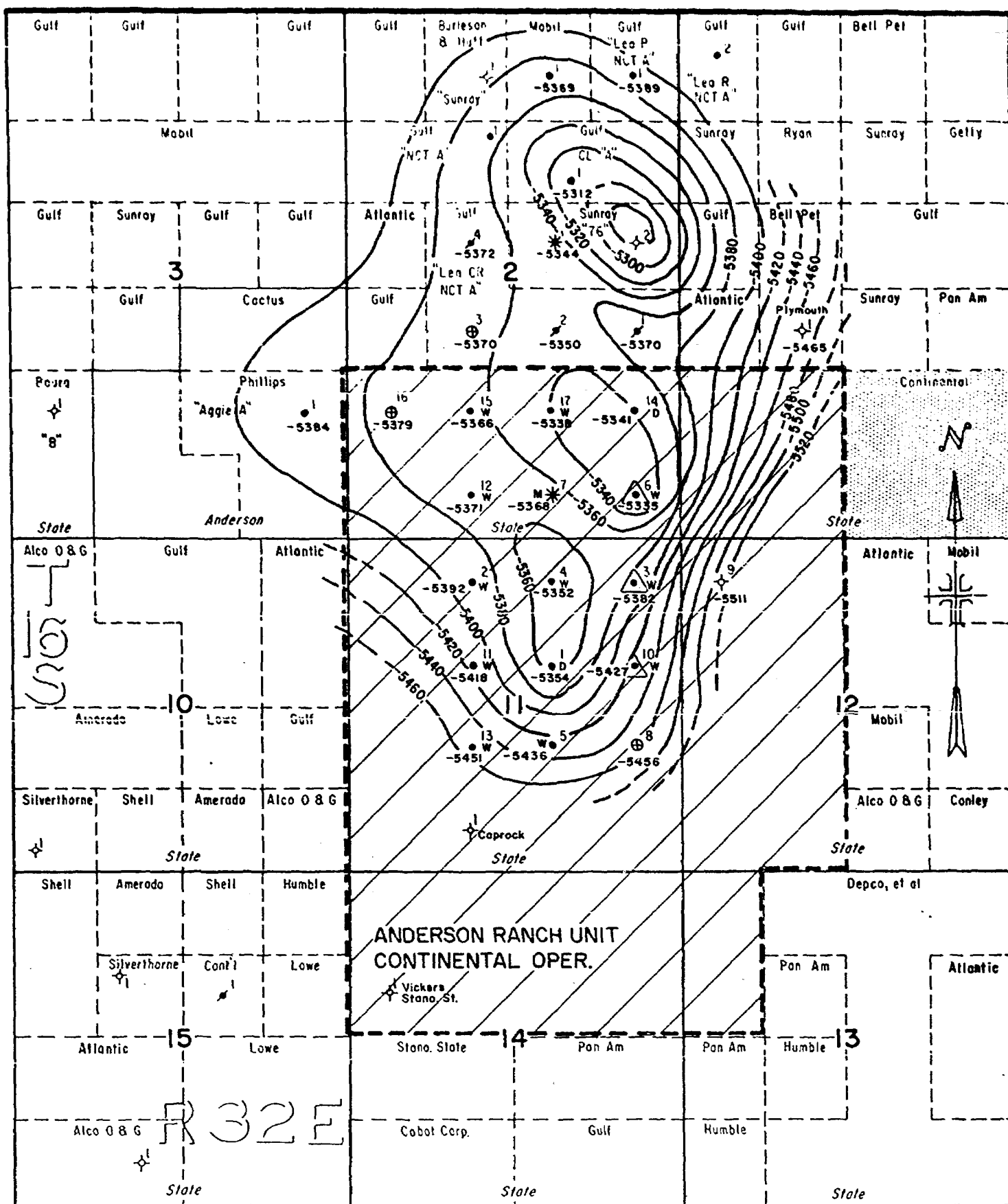
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PROPOSED

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W-WOLFCAMP PRODUCER
D-DEVONIAN PRODUCER

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ANDERSON RANCH UNIT

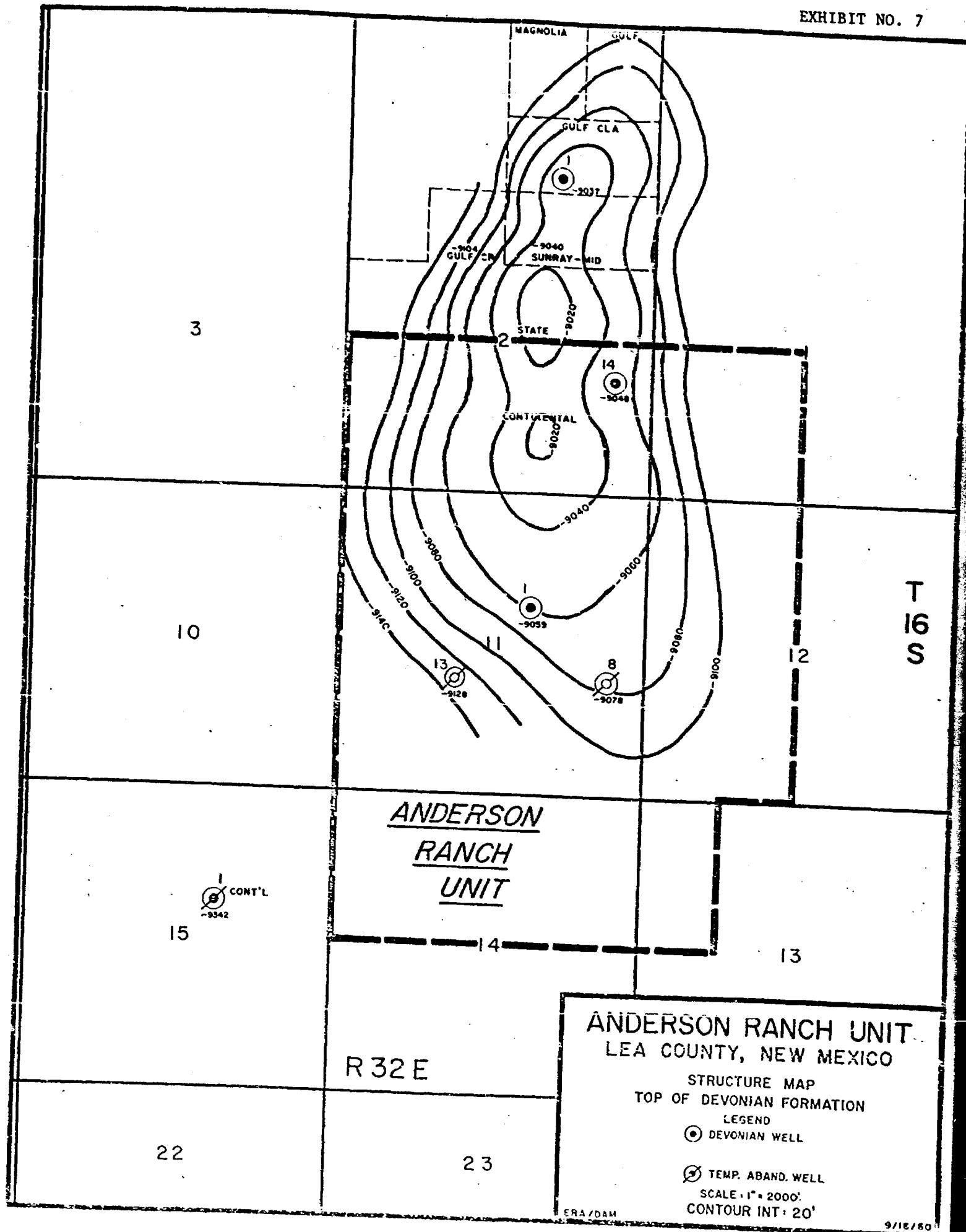
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STRUCTURE MAP
TOP OF SAUNDERS LIMESTONE
WOLFCAMP FORMATION
CONTOUR INT: 20'

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Comco Inc. EXHIBIT NO. 6
CASE NO. 6727



BEFORE EXAMINER NUTTER
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Comco & Inc. EXHIBIT NO. 7

CASE NO. 6727



ANALYTICAL SERVICE LABORATORY REPORT

WATER ANALYSIS

Company: CONOCO OIL COMPANY
HOBBS, NEW MEXICO
DIST. 6-5

Date Printed 30-Jun-77
Analysis No. 77V1259,8
Date Sampled 5-25-77
Date Received 6-20-77

Sample Marked: ARU DISPOSAL DEV & WC

WATER ANALYSIS			RESULTS AS COMPOUNDS	
DISSOLVED SOLIDS	mg/l	meq/l		mg/l
CATIONS				
Sodium, Na(calc.)	20200.	877.		
Calcium, Ca	1520.	76.0	as CaCO ₃	3800.
Magnesium, Mg	389.	32.0	as CaCO ₃	1600.
Barium, Ba	.0	.0	as BaSO ₄	.0
Sum of Cations	22100.	985.		
ANIONS				
Chloride, Cl	33400.	940.	as NaCl	55000.
Sulfate, SO ₄	1690.	35.2	as Na ₂ SO ₄	2500.
Carbonate, CO ₃			as CaCO ₃	
Bicarbonate, HCO ₃	590.	9.7	as CaCO ₃	484.
Sum of Anions	35700.	985.		
TDS CALCULATED	57800.			
Total Iron, Fe	1.5	.1	as Fe	1.5
Acid to Phen, CO ₂	24.6	.6	as CaCO ₃	56.0
OTHER PROPERTIES				
pH (units)	6.8	-0.2	@ 70F	-33.5
Spec Gravity	1.030	.5	@ 120F	-33.4
Turbidity (jtu)	1.6	1.2	@ 170F	-30.5

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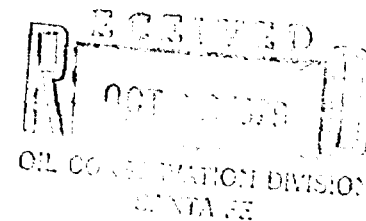
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CASE NO. 6227

- CASE 6721: Application of Aminoil USA, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp-Pennsylvanian formations underlying the N/2 of Section 10, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 6684: (Continued from October 31, 1979, Examiner Hearing)
Application of CO₂-In-Action, Inc. for creation of a new carbon dioxide gas pool and special pool rules, Harding County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of the North Bueyeros-Santa Rosa CO₂ Gas Pool and the promulgation of special pool rules therefor, including a provision for 40-acre spacing and proration units. Said pool would comprise all or parts of Sections 1 thru 4, Township 20 North, Range 30 East, and Sections 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 32, 33 and 34, Township 21 North, Range 30 East.
- CASE 6722: Application of Lloyd Davidson for an unorthodox oil well location, McKinley County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of his Santa Fe Pacific Well No. 1, a Gallup-Entrada-Dakota test 960 feet from the South line and 1230 feet from the East line of Section 29, Township 16 North, Range 6 West, the SE/4 SE/4 of said Section 29 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 6723: Application of Merrion & Bayless for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pictured Cliffs formation underlying the SW/4 of Section 27, Township 24 North, Range 2 West, South Blanco-Pictured Cliffs Pool, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 6713: (Continued from October 31, 1979, Examiner Hearing)
Application of Depco Inc. for a unit agreement, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the White Ranch Unit Area, comprising 18,962 acres, more or less, of State, Federal, and fee lands in Townships 12 and 13 South, Ranges 29 and 30 East.
- CASE 6724: Application of Coquina Oil Corporation for a non-standard gas proration unit and an unorthodox location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of a well to be drilled 660 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the East line of Section 7, Township 19 South, Range 32 East, Lusk-Morrow Gas Pool, the S/2 of said Section 7 to be dedicated to the well as a non-standard 320-acre proration unit.
- CASE 6725: Application of Tenneco Oil Company for three non-standard gas proration units, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a 291.23-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the W/2 of Section 6 and the NW/4 of Section 7, a 347.58-acre unit comprising the W/2 of Section 19 and the NW/4 of Section 30, and a 375.17-acre unit comprising the SW/4 of Section 30 and the W/2 of Section 31, all in Township 29 North, Range 8 West, Basin-Dakota Pool, each unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon.
- CASE 6726: Application of Tesoro Petroleum Corporation for a waterflood project, McKinley County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project in the South Hospah-Upper Sand Oil Pool by the injection of water into the Upper Hospah Sands through three wells located in Units E and M of Section 5 and Unit I of Section 8, Township 17 North, Range 8 West. Applicant further seeks an administrative procedure for expansion of said project.
- CASE 6727: Application of Conoco Inc. for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water in its Anderson Ranch Unit Well No. 8 located in Unit I of Section 11, Township 16 South, Range 32 East, Anderson Ranch Field. Applicant would dispose into the Wolfcamp, Mississippian, and Devonian formations in the overall interval from 9775 feet to 13,620 feet through selective perforations.
- CASE 6728: Application of Conoco Inc. for pressure maintenance expansion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the expansion of its Scarborough Eaves PM Project by the conversion of its Eaves "A" Well No. 7 located in Unit J of Section 19, Township 26 South, Range 37 East, to water injection in the Yates Seven Rivers formations.

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Case 6727

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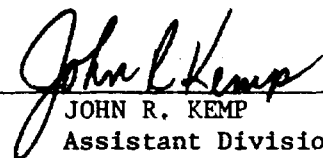
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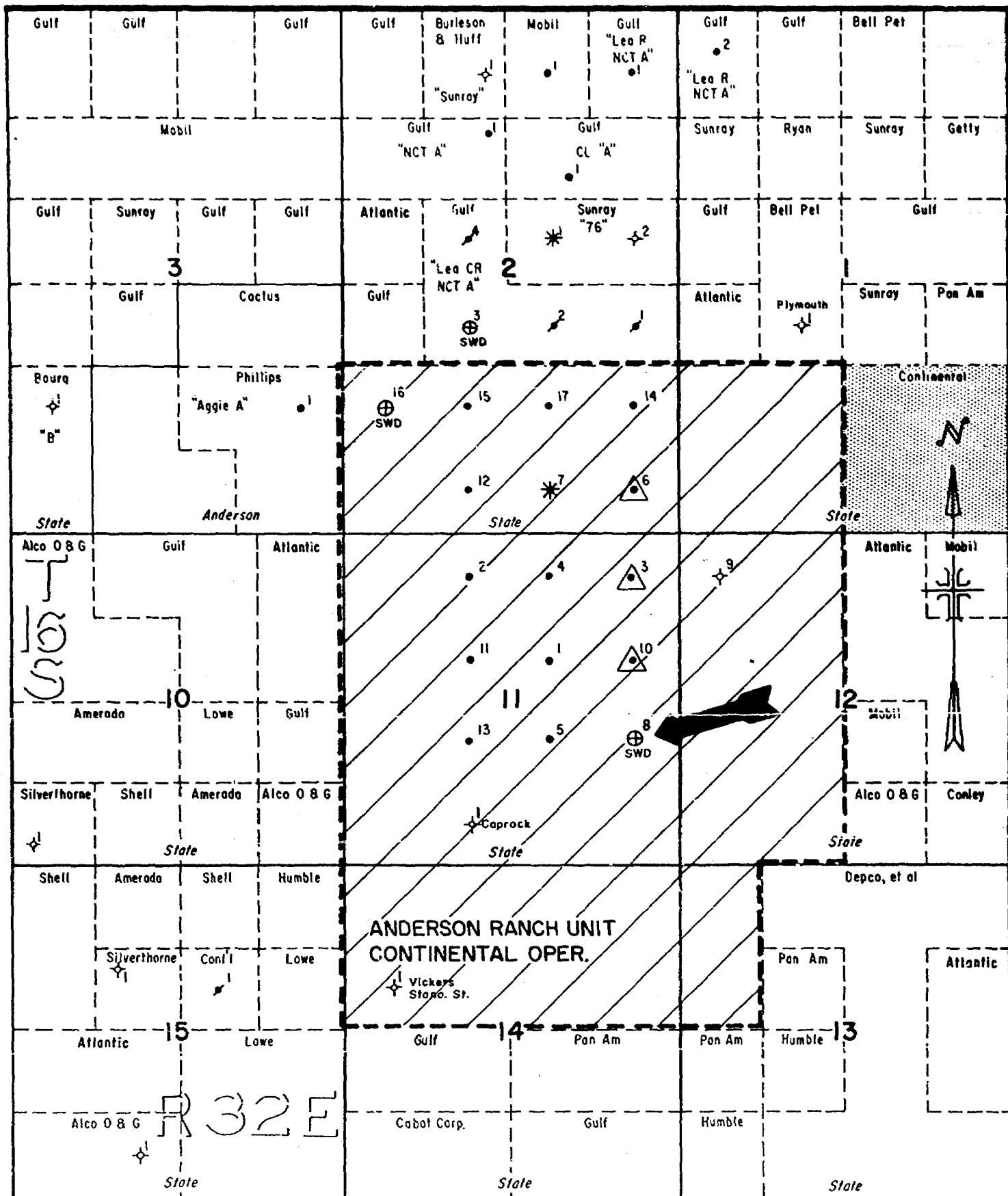
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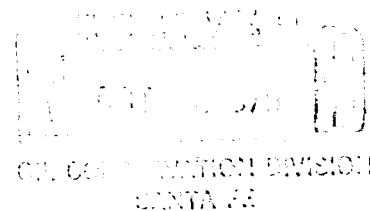
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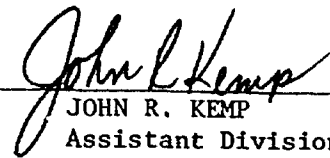
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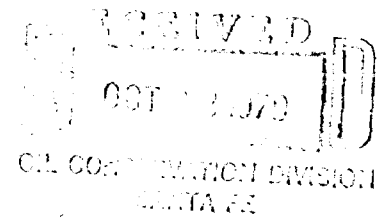
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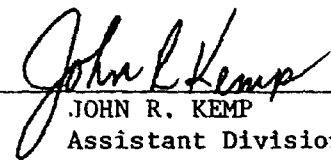
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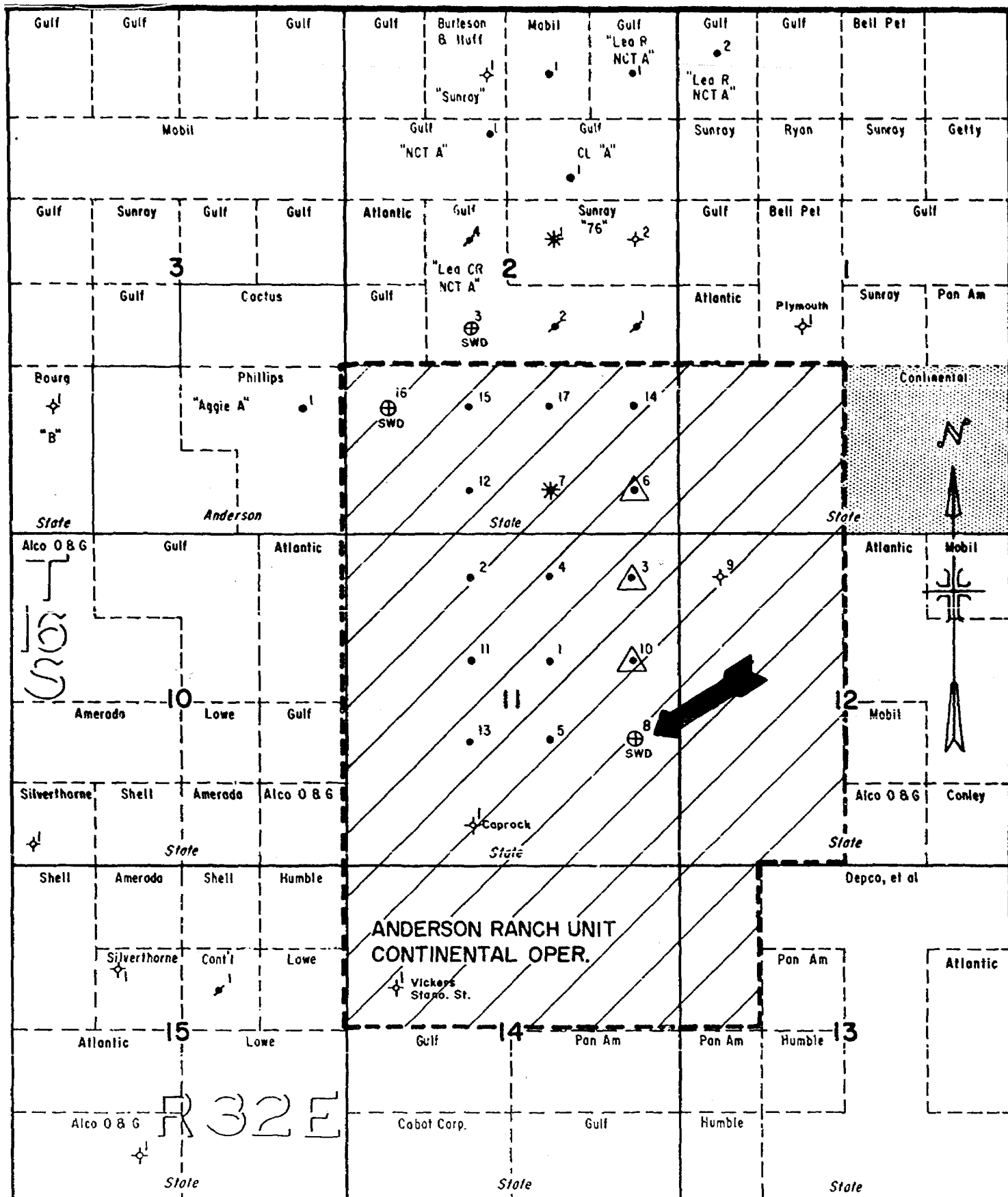
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
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CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 6727

Order No. R- 6196 6195

APPLICATION OF CONOCO INC. FOR SALT
WATER DISPOSAL, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on November 14
19 79, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter

NOW, on this _____ day of November, 19 79, the Division
Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the
recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the
premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by
law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject
matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, Conoco Inc.,
is the owner and operator of the Anderson Ranch Unit Well No. 8,
located in Unit I of Section 11, Township 16 South,
Range 32 East, NMPM, Anderson Ranch Field,
Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant proposes to utilize said well to
dispose of produced salt water into the Wolfcamp, Mississippian and
formations, with injection into the overall
interval from approximately 9776 feet to 13,620 feet.

(4) That the injection should be accomplished through 2 7/8
-inch plastic lined tubing installed in a packer set at approxi-
mately 9700 feet; that the casing-tubing annulus should be
filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure gauge or approved
leak detection device should be attached to the annulus in order

Devonian

to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.

(5) That the injection well or system should be equipped with a ^{pressure limiting switch} ~~pop-off valve~~ or acceptable substitute which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 1995 psi.

(6) That the operator should notify the supervisor of the Hobbs district office of the Division of the date and time of the installation of disposal equipment so that the same may be inspected.

(7) That the operator should take all steps necessary to ensure that the injected water enters only the proposed injection interval and is not permitted to escape to other formations or onto the surface.

(8) That approval of the subject application will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells and otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Conoco Inc. is hereby authorized to utilize its Anderson Ranch Unit Well No. 8 located in Unit I of Section 11, Township 16 South Range 32 East, NMPM, Anderson Ranch Field Lea County, New Mexico, to dispose of produced salt water into the Wolfcamp, Mississippian, and Devonian formations, injection to be accomplished through 2 7/8 -inch tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 9700 feet, with injection into the overall interval from approximately 9,776 feet to 13,620 feet;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the tubing shall be plastic-lined; that the casing-tubing annulus shall be filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure gauge shall be attached to the annulus

or the annulus shall be equipped with an approved leak detection device in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.

(2) That the injection well or system shall be equipped with a ^{pressure limiting switch} ~~pop-off valve~~ or acceptable substitute which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than ~~145~~ psi.

(3) That the operator shall notify the supervisor of the Hobbs district office of the Division of the date and time of the installation of disposal equipment so that the same may be inspected.

(4) That the operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Division's Hobbs district office of the failure of the tubing, casing, or packer, in said well or the leakage of water from or around said well and shall take such steps as may be timely and necessary to correct such failure or leakage.

(5) That the applicant shall submit monthly reports of its disposal operations in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Division Rules and Regulations.

(6) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.