

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

*CASE NO. 11327
ORDER NO. R-10472*

**APPLICATION OF MERRION OIL & GAS CORPORATION FOR A HIGH
ANGLE/HORIZONTAL DIRECTIONAL DRILLING PILOT PROJECT AND FOR
THE PROMULGATION OF SPECIAL OPERATING RULES THEREFOR,
SANDOVAL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on September 7, 1995, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this 29th day of September, 1995 the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

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

(2) The applicant in this matter, Merrion Oil and Gas Corporation ("Merrion"), seeks authority to initiate a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project in the designated and Undesignated Snake Eyes-Entrada Oil Pool underlying a single fee lease comprising all or portions of Sections 19, 20, and 21, Township 21 North, Range 8 West, NMPM, Sandoval County, New Mexico. Further, the applicant seeks the promulgation of special operating rules and procedures for wells within said project area including provisions for administrative authorization for horizontal wells, the formation of oversized and irregular shaped spacing and proration units to accommodate such wellbores, the assignment of a special oil allowable or formula for the project area and the designation of a target window such that horizontal or producing portions of such a wellbore shall be no closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of the project area.

(3) This application was processed by the Division "administratively" under the provisions of **Rules 111.D** and **E** of the General Rules and Regulations of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, revised by Division Order No. R-10388, issued by the Oil Conservation Commission in Case 11,274 on June 13, 1995, and approved by Division Administrative Order DD-111(H), dated August 18, 1995.

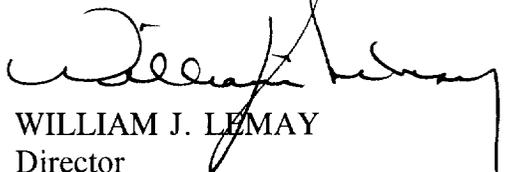
(4) The issuance by the Division of said Administrative Order DD-111(H) thereby makes this case unnecessary. This matter should therefore be dismissed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

Case No. 11327 is hereby dismissed.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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WILLIAM J. LEMAY
Director

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