

## NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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April 2, 2004

Joanna Prukop Cabinet Secretary Acting Director Oil Conservation Division

Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company, L.P. P. O. Box 4289 Farmington, New Mexico 87499-4289

Attention: Joni Clark, Regulatory Specialist

Re: Carson "SRC" Well No. 101-S 2420' FNL & 340' FWL (Unit E) Sec. 1, T30N, R5W, NMPM, Rio Arriba County API No. 30-039-27577

Dear Ms. Clark:

Reference is made to your application dated March 31, 2004 for an exception to the well location requirements [Rule 7 (a) (1)] provided within the "Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8768, as amended, for a the above-described well to be drilled at an unorthodox infill coal gas well location within an existing 267.14-acre lay-down gas spacing unit for the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool (71629) comprising Lots 5 through 9, the SW/4 NE/4, and S/2 NW/4 (N/2 equivalent) of Section 1, Township 30 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

In reviewing your application, I was unable to find where Burlington's existing well holding this spacing unit, Carson "SRC" Well No. 101 (**API No. 30-039-26384**) located 2075 feet from the North line and 840 feet from the East line (Unit G) of Section 1, received approval for its unorthodox coal gas well location. Please either provide me a copy of or reference the Division order approving this location. Please e-mail this information to "<u>mstogner@state.nm.us</u>" or fax to (505) 476-3462.

Once this information is provided, I will process this application. Thank you.

Sincerely

Michael E. Stogner Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Aztec
U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Farmington
W. Thomas Kellahin, Legal Counsel for Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company, L.P. – Santa Fe

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## Stogner, Michael

From:	Clark Joni [JClark@br-inc.com]
Sent:	Tuesday, April 06, 2004 10:36 AM
To:	mstogner@state.nm.us
Subject:	Carson SRC Well No. 101

Dear Mr. Stogner:

I received your letter today dated April 2, 2004 in reference to the approval of a nonstandard location on the Carson SRC Well No. 101S. You stated in your letter you could not locate approval from your office to Burlington Resources on the unorthodox coal gas well location on the Carson SRC Well No. 101 located with the same Section 1, Township 30 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

I have researched our files and cannot locate where a non-standard location application was ever submitted to your office for approval. As this was a mistake on our part, I will go ahead and submit an application for an unorthodox well location on the #101, unless other direction should be taken.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. We are sorry for the inconvenience this has caused your agency.

Sincerely,

Joni Clark

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## Stogner, Michael

From:Stogner, MichaelSent:Tuesday, April 06, 2004 12:29 PMTo:'Clark Joni'Cc:Hayden, StevenSubject:RE: Carson SRC Well No. 101

As the Well No. 101-S is an infill well within an existing coal gas spacing unit that is not appropriately permitted. I will hold this application pending approval of the No. 101 well.

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Sent Federal Express

April 14, 2004

Mr. Michael Stogner New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Re: Carson SRC #101 2075' FNL, 840' FEL, Section 1, T-30-N, R-5-W, Rio Arriba County 30-039-26384

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Dear Mr. Stogner:

Burlington Resources is applying for administrative approval of an unorthodox gas well for the Basin Fruitland Coal formation. We apologize for the oversight by Burlington Resources in which no administrative approval was ever applied for before drilling this well.

The subject well was staked and drilled at the above referenced location due to steep terrain, as shown on the attached topographic map. The Fruitland Coal has a standard dedicated spacing unit of 267.14 acres, encompassing Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, the S/2NW/4 & the SW/4NE/4 of Section 1, T30N, R5W.

The following attachments are for your review:

- > Approved application for Permit to Drill and C-102 at referenced location
- > Offset operators plat
- > 9 Section Plat
- Drilling Window Topographic Map
- Topographic Map of Section 1

Again, we apologize for the oversight on our part concerning this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions about this application.

Sincerely,

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Joni Clark Regulatory Specialist

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