# State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Susana Martinez Governor

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David R. Catanach, Division Director Oil Conservation Division



December 13, 2016

WPX Energy Production, LLC Attn: Ms. Jordan Kessler

## ADMINISTRATIVE NON-STANDARD LOCATION ORDER

**Administrative Order NSL-7491** 

WPX Energy Production, LLC OGRID 120782 Chaco 2206 16A Well No. 221H API No. 30-043-21148

## **Proposed Location:**

	<b>Footages</b>	Unit	Sec.	Twsp	Range	County
Surface	738'FNL & 270' FEL	Α	16	22N	6W	Sandoval
Penetration Point	376'FNL & 64' FEL	Α	16	22N	6W	Sandoval
Final Penetration	363` FNL & 341` FWL	D	16	22N	6W	Sandoval
Terminus	363' FNL & 291' FWL	D	16	22N	6W	Sandoval

## **Proposed Project Area:**

<b>Description</b>	Acres	_ Pool	Pool Code
N/2 N/2 Section 16	160	Lybrook Gallup	42289

Reference is made to your application received on November 23, 2016.

You have requested to drill this horizontal well at an unorthodox oil well location described above in the referenced pool or formation. This location is governed by statewide Rule 19.15.15.9.A NMAC, which provides for 40-acre units, with wells located at least 330 feet from a unit outer boundary, and Rule 19.15.16.14.B (2) NMAC concerning directional wells in designated project areas. This location is unorthodox because portions of the proposed completed interval are closer to outside boundaries of the proposed project area than any location that would be a standard location under the applicable pool rules.

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Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 19.15.15.13 NMAC,19.15.4.12.A(2) NMAC, and 19.15.4.12.A(9) NMAC.

It is our understanding that you are seeking this location because the operator is planning on completing an upper portion of the Mancos formation in the subject well which is non-standard.

It is also understood that you have given due notice of this application to all operators or owners who are "affected persons," as defined in Rule 19.15.4.12 (A) 2 NMAC, in all adjoining units towards which the proposed location encroaches. However, the affected party had signed a waiver.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 19.15.15.13 (B) NMAC, the above-described unorthodox location is hereby approved.

This approval is subject to your being in compliance with all other applicable Division rules, including, but not limited to Division Rule 19.15.5.9 NMAC.

Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

Done at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on December 13, 2016.

DAVID R. CATANACH

Director

DRC/mam

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Aztec

New Mexico State Land Office – Oil, Gas, and Minerals

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## NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

- Engineering Bureau -

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## ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION CHECKLIST THIS CHECKLIST IS MANDATORY FOR ALL ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATIONS FOR EXCEPTIONS TO DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH REQUIRE PROCESSING AT THE DIVISION LEVEL IN SANTA FE Application Acronyms: [NSL-Non-Standard Location] [NSP-Non-Standard Proration Unit] [SD-Simultaneous Dedication] [DHC-Downhole Commingling] [CTB-Lease Commingling] [PLC-Pool/Lease Commingling] [PC-Pool Commingling] [OLS - Off-Lease Storage] [OLM-Off-Lease Measurement] [WFX-Waterflood Expansion] [PMX-Pressure Maintenance Expansion] [SWD-Salt Water Disposal] [IPI-injection Pressure Increase] [EOR-Qualified Enhanced Oil Recovery Certification] [PPR-Positive Production Response] TYPE OF APPLICATION - Check Those Which Apply for [A] X En engy production [1] Location - Spacing Unit - Simultaneous Dedication ☐ NSL ☐ NSP ☐ SD Check One Only for [B] or [C] Commingling - Storage - Measurement ☐ DHC ☐ CTB ☐ PLC ☐ PC ☐ OLS ☐ OLM [C] Injection - Disposal - Pressure Increase - Enhanced Oil Recovery WFX PMX SWD IPI EOR PPR [D] Other: Specify \_ NOTIFICATION REQUIRED TO: - Check Those Which Apply, or Does Not Apply Leady [2] Working, Royalty or Overriding Royalty Interest Owners · ChAco 220616A 30-043-2114g-POII - Lybnoone GALLYS Offset Operators, Leaseholders or Surface Owner [B] Application is One Which Requires Published Legal Notice [C] [D] Notification and/or Concurrent Approval by BLM or SLO U.S. Bureau of Land Management - Commissioner of Public Lands, State Land Office For all of the above, Proof of Notification or Publication is Attached, and/or, 42285 [E] Waivers are Attached SUBMIT ACCURATE AND COMPLETE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE TYPE [3] OF APPLICATION INDICATED ABOVE. CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application for administrative approval is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that no action will be taken on this application until the required information and notifications are submitted to the Division. Note: Statement must be completed by an individual with managerial and/or supervisory capacity. Attorney Jordan L. Kessler Title Print or Type Name Signature

WPXENERGY.

Brennan West Landman Phone 539-573-2878 Brennan,west@wpxenergy.com

December 13, 2016

## VIA EMAIL DELIVERY

David Catanach
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals
and Natural Resources
1220 South Saint Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Application of WPX Energy Production, LLC for administrative approval an unorthodox well location in Lybrook Gallup Pool for its Chaco 2206-16A #221H well in the N2N2 of Section 16, Township 22 North, Range 6 West, N.M.P.M., Sandoval County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Catanach:

WPX Energy Production, LLC (OGRID 120782) seeks administrative approval of an unorthodox well location for its Chaco 2206 16A #221H (API 30-043-21148) well to be completed within the Lybrook Gallup Pool (Pool Code 42289). This well has been drilled from a surface location 738 from the North Line and 270 from the West line (Unit A) of Section 16, Township 22 North, Range 6 West with a bottom hole location 363 feet from the North line and 291 from the West line (Unit D) of Section 16, Township 22 North, Range 6 West. The first perforation of the recompletion will be located 376 from the North Line and 64 feet from the East line (Unit A) of Section 16, Township 22 North, Range 6 West and the last perforation will be 363 feet from the North Line and 341 feet from the West Line (Unit D) of Section 16, Township 22 North, Range 6 West. Since this acreage is governed by the Division's statewide rules which provides for wells to be located no closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of the spacing unit, this well will be unorthodox because the completed interval will be closer than 330 feet to the East boundary of the project area.

Enclosed as Exhibit A is the Well Location and Acreage Dedication Plat (Form C-102), which shows that the completed interval of the proposed Chaco 2206-16A #221H well encroaches on the spacing and proration units to the East.

Enclosed as Exhibit B is a land map depicting the proposed Chaco 2206-16A #221H well in relation to adjoining spacing units which reflects that Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. is the operator of the spacing unit to the East and is an affected party by the encroachment. A courtesy copy of this application with all attachments has be sent by certified mail to the Bureau of Land Management.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Brennan West

LANDMAN

WPX Energy Production, LLC

cc: Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. Attn: Mona Binion 370 17th Street, Suite 1700

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 1220 South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, NM 87505 Form C-102 Revised August 1, 2011

Submit one copy to Appropriate District Office

AMENDED REPORT

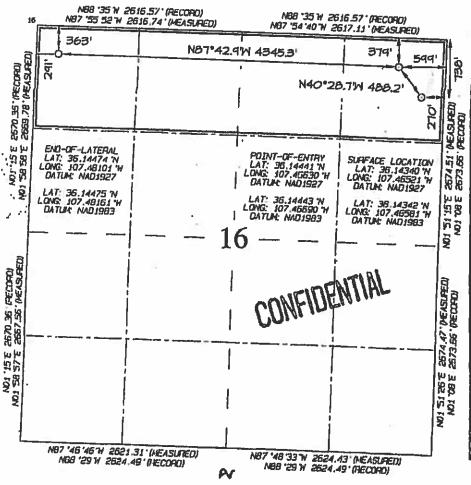
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## WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

'API Number , 30-043-21148	1.22.27			
'Property Code 399089	*Property Name CHACO 2206-16A		*He11 Number 221H	
'0GAID №. 120782	*Operator WPX ENERGY PRO		Elevation 7148	

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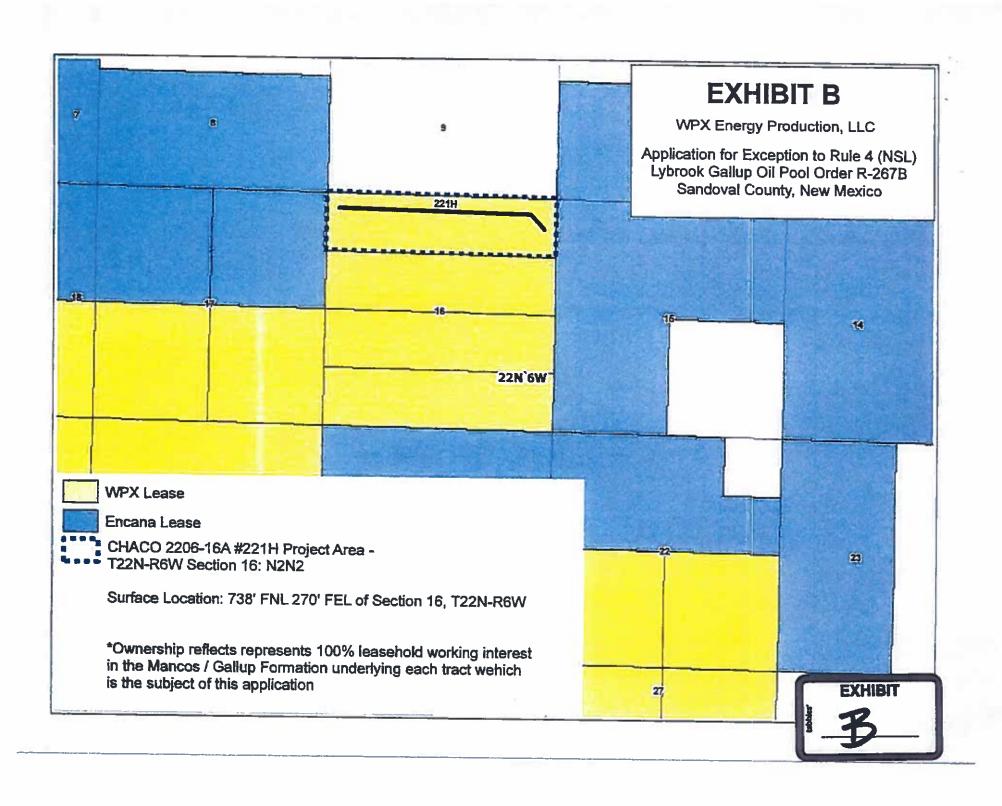
NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION



DIST. 3 OPERATOR CERTIFICATION: Therety certify that the information contained furnish is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and bellef, and that this organization after some a morking interest or unlessed where I interest in the less including the proposed bottom-hole location or has a right to crill this well at this location gurduont to crill this well at this location gurduont to a contract with an owner of such a mineral or winking interest, or by a voluntary pooling aprachment or a concustor pooling apprehens either by the flying or nor inactions either by the flying or nor location archives on the contract. Heather Riley Printed Hass heather.riley@wpxenergy.com E-mall Address "SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION I hereby cartify that the well location shown on this plat was platted from field notes of actual surveys made by ma or and my supervision, and that his sace is the and correct to the best of my ballef. Date Revised: AUGUST 27, 2013 Date of Survey: JULY 31, 2013 Signature and Seal of Professional Surveyor SECH C. EOWARD SH MEXIC THE THE PARTY OF 15269 ğ Si G APOFESSION!







## McMillan, Michael, EMNRD

From:

McMillan, Michael, EMNRD

Sent:

Wednesday, December 7, 2016 3:28 PM 'West, Brennan'; Lowe, Leonard, EMNRD

To: Cc:

Jordan Kessler; Goetze, Phillip, EMNRD; Jones, William V, EMNRD; Brooks, David K,

**EMNRD** 

Subject:

RE: Chaco #221H Non Standard Location

## Brennan:

Based on the new information in this e-mail, which was not part of the original application, WPX shall be required renotice Encana. WPX shall provide proof of notice and return receipts for affected parties. WPX will be expected to provide the first and last perforations in the application. Encana may also be provided the opportunity to waive their objection.

Similar scenarios in which operators are less than 100 feet from the boundaries of the project area have occurred in the Southeast, and the OCD required proof of notice and return receipts for the affected parties.

Thank You

MICHAEL A. MCMILLAN
Engineering Bureau, Oil Conservation Division
1220 south St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe NM 87505
O: 505.476.3448
Michael.McMillan@state.nm.us

----Original Message-----

From: West, Brennan [mailto:Brennan.West@wpxenergy.com]

Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 3:09 PM

To: McMillan, Michael, EMNRD < Michael.McMillan@state.nm.us>; Lowe, Leonard, EMNRD

<Leonard.Lowe@state.nm.us>

Cc: Jordan Kessler < JLKessler@hollandhart.com > Subject: RE: Chaco #221H Non Standard Location

Mike,

After talking to Geology, the actual target perf will be in the curve at 56' FEL and 370' FNL.

Also, the last perf at the terminus of the lateral is 341' FWL.

Let me know if you need anything further.

Thanks,

Brennan West Landman O: 539-573-2878

## McMillan, Michael, EMNRD

From:

McMillan, Michael, EMNRD

Sent:

Monday, December 12, 2016 10:07 AM

To:

'West, Brennan'

Cc:

Jones, William V, EMNRD; Lowe, Leonard, EMNRD; Goetze, Phillip, EMNRD

Subject:

RE: Chaco #221H Non Standard Location

#### Brennan:

Your letter does not comply with the OCD request.

The OCD required that the first and last perforation be included in the application to the affected party.

Your application only listed the first perforation.

The OCD will require that a new letter be sent to the affected parties that states the first perf, last perf, and the perforated interval is in the horizontal portion (if in fact the is the case).

#### Thank You

## ----Original Message-----

From: West, Brennan [mailto:Brennan.West@wpxenergy.com]

Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 9:47 AM

To: McMillan, Michael, EMNRD < Michael. McMillan@state.nm.us>

Subject: RE: Chaco #221H Non Standard Location

## Mike,

See attached correspondence to Encana that includes the revised application and waiver and we have been in discussions with them over the last couple days regarding this NSL. Some folks have been out so we haven't received the signed waiver but I expect to have it this afternoon and will submit it to the OCD. Let me know if there is anything additional that the OCD will require for approval as we are planning to move on the location this Wednesday/Thursday....

Thanks,

# Brennan West

Landman

O: 539-573-2878 C: 918-691-3111

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Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 10:32 AM

To: West, Brennan <Brennan.West@wpxenergy.com>; Lowe, Leonard, EMNRD <Leonard.Lowe@state.nm.us>

Cc: Jordan Kessler < JLKessler@hollandhart.com>; Goetze, Phillip, EMNRD < Phillip.Goetze@state.nm.us>; Jones, William

V, EMNRD <William V.Jones@state.nm.us>; Brooks, David K, EMNRD <David K.Brooks@state.nm.us>

Subject: RE: Chaco #221H Non Standard Location

#### Brennan:

I need clarification on your reason for the NSL.

You stated that the well is planning on being perforated in the vertical portion of the well.

However, after reviewing the well file, the planned perforations are in the horizontal portion of the well.

If the well is in fact being perforated in the horizontal portion of the well, the OCD will require a revised reason for the NSL.

Also the affected parties will have to be notified that the new perforations are in the horizontal portion of the well (if this is the actual case).

Thank You

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December 12, 2016



Sent via Email

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. ("Encana")
ATTN: Mona Binion
370 17th Street, Suite 1700
Denver, CO80202

Rc:

Request for Waiver of NSL

Chaco 2206-16A 221H Well

Section 16, Township 22 North, Range 6 West, San Juan County, New Mexico

SHL:

738 feet from the North line and 270 feet from the East line (Unit A)

First Perf:

376 feet from the North line and 64 feet from the Bast line (Unit A)

Last Perf:

377 feet from the North line and 83 feet from the linst line (Unit A)

Dear Ms. Binion:

WPX Energy Production, LLC owns 100% of the working interest in the N/2 N/2 of Section 16, Township 22 North, Range 6 West N.M.P.M., Sandoval County, New Mexico. WPX has submitted an application to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division requesting a non-standard location for the above-referenced well.

WPX respectfully requests that Encana waive any objection to the captioned well's non-standard location. Please indicate your agreement to waive any objection to this non-standard location by having an authorized party date and execute both copies of this letter in the spaces provided below on behalf of your company. Please return one executed copy to the attention of Brennan West at the address listed below.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 539-573-2878. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Regards,

Brennan West Land Representative Encana hereby waives its right to object to the application of WPX Energy Production, LLC for an administrative order from the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division approving WPX's application for a non-standard location for the Chaco 2206-16A 22111 Well.

I wrive the right to object to the captioned well's current non-standard location.	
I do not waive the right to object to the captioned well's current non-standard location	
in Theresa Wisla	
TS: Development Cargles	
DATE: 12/13/16	

## McMillan, Michael, EMNRD

From:

West, Brennan < Brennan.West@wpxenergy.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, December 13, 2016 1:57 PM

To:

McMillan, Michael, EMNRD

Subject:

RE: NSL Letter for #221H

Per our conversation, the perfs are in the curve of the lateral and will test an upper part of the Mancos formation.

Brennan West

Landman

O: 539-573-2878 C: 918-691-3111

----Original Message----

From: West, Brennan

Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 1:17 PM

To: 'McMillan, Michael, EMNRD' <Michael.McMillan@state.nm.us>

Subject: RE: NSL Letter for #221H

We are requesting the NSL because of first perforation is 64 feet FEL and since that is less than 330 feet, our location is unorthodox and thus we have a NSL.

**Brennan West** 

Landman

O: 539-573-2878 C: 918-691-3111

----Original Message-----

From: McMillan, Michael, EMNRD [mailto:Michael.McMillan@state.nm.us]

Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 12:22 PM

To: West, Brennan < Brennan. West@wpxenergy.com>

Subject: RE: NSL Letter for #221H

Why are you requesting the NSL application?

It is the last thing I need before submitting to the Director Mike

----Original Message-----

From: West, Brennan [mailto:Brennan.West@wpxenergy.com]

Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 10:23 AM

To: McMillan, Michael, EMNRD < Michael. McMillan@state.nm.us>

Subject: Re: NSL Letter for #221H

They have already signed and waived the NSL to the east. What else do they need to waive?

Sent from my iPhone

> On Dec 13, 2016, at 11:09 AM, McMillan, Michael, EMNRD < Michael. McMillan@state.nm.us > wrote:

>

> That looks good.