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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

- Engineering Bureau -

1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505



ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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Note: Statement must be completed by an individual with managerial and/or supervisory capacity.

Print or Type Name

Signature

Title

Date

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March 2, 2005

**ChevronTexaco**

Request for Administrative Approval of  
Unorthodox Oil Well Location and  
Simultaneous Dedication

Mr. Michael E. Stogner  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Dear Mr. Stogner:

ChevronTexaco respectfully requests administrative approval of an unorthodox oil well location for the following well:

**V.M. Henderson #19**  
1300' FNL & 2280' FWL, NE/4 NW/4 of  
Section 30, T21S, R37E, Unit Letter C  
Lea County, New Mexico

The proposed well will be as an infill producer in the Penrose Skelly, Grayburg Pool, which is an oil pool spaced on 40 acres. This well is a follow-up to our recent infill drilling in the same Pool which recently concluded. ChevronTexaco's technical analysis of the reservoir still supports the contention that typical Grayburg wells cannot drain 40 acres.

The NE/4 NW/4 of Section 30 will be simultaneously dedicated in the Penrose Skelly, Grayburg Pool to the proposed well and to the V.M. Henderson #6. The V.M. Henderson #6 was drilled in 1961 and is currently completed as a Blinbry and Paddock producer. ChevronTexaco has plans to complete the Henderson #6 in only the Penrose Skelly, Grayburg, within the next few months. ChevronTexaco also requests approval of the simultaneous dedication.

This application is based on geological and engineering analysis. The analysis and justification for this request is attached as Exhibit 1, along with other supporting documentation. There are six wells that have produced the Grayburg formation in the E/2 NW/4 and the W/2 NE/4 of Section 30. The proposed well will be located in the approximate center of those wells. Based on drainage calculations, ChevronTexaco believes that drilling the infill well will recover reserves that would not be recovered by existing Grayburg producers.

A land plat highlighting the proposed well's location is attached as Exhibit 2. The N/2 of Section 30 is covered by two fee leases which have common royalty and working interest ownerships. For that reason and the proposed location of the infill well, there are no adversely affected interest owners and no one has been notified of this application.

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If you have any questions concerning this application or need additional information, please contact me by phone at (281) 561-3659 or by email at [mrvallalva@chevrontexaco.com](mailto:mrvallalva@chevrontexaco.com). If I am not available, you can also reach George Pritchard by phone at (281) 561-4918 or by email at [GPritchard@chevrontexaco.com](mailto:GPritchard@chevrontexaco.com). Thank you for consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Villalva". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' and 'V'.

Michael R. Villalva  
Petroleum Engineer

Attachments

cc: NMOCD District 1 – Hobbs, NM  
Michael R. Villalva  
George Pritchard  
Well File

## **NOTIFICATION LIST**

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- |    |   |                  |
|----|---|------------------|
| 1. | Chevron U.S.A. Inc.<br>11111 S. Wilcrest<br>Houston, TX 77099 | Operator/100% WI |
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 Signature

Petroleum Engineer  
 Title

Mar 2, 2005  
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mrvillalva@chevrontexaco.com  
 e-mail Address

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The reservoir was also analyzed by mapping the Hydrocarbon Pore Volume (HCPV) (Exhibit 5). HCPV is the product of feet of net pay (h) times average porosity (phi) times oil saturation ( $S_o$ ). The attached map is the arithmetic product of grids interpreted from those values. The values were obtained as follows:

1. Net pay was read from either modern neutron-density logs or estimated from a map developed from gross pay times net-to-gross ratio (Exhibit 4).
2. Average porosity was calculated from modern well logs using a minimum of 6% crossplot porosity and a maximum of 20%.
3. Oil saturation was calculated from a fractional flow curve using representative water cut values.

The following table provides drainage areas calculated from the HCPV map and reserves of the offsetting wells.

Operator	Well	Location	Formation	Drainage Acres	EUR	
					MBO	MMCF
Chevron	Henderson #4	30-C	Grayburg	4	24	85
Chevron	Henderson #5	30-B	Grayburg	9	48	709
Chevron	Henderson #6	30-C	Grayburg	9	60	304
Chevron	Henderson #7	30-F	Grayburg	2	11	82
Chevron	Henderson #9	30-G	Grayburg	3	14	21
Chevron	Henderson #18	30-F	Grayburg	11	60	304

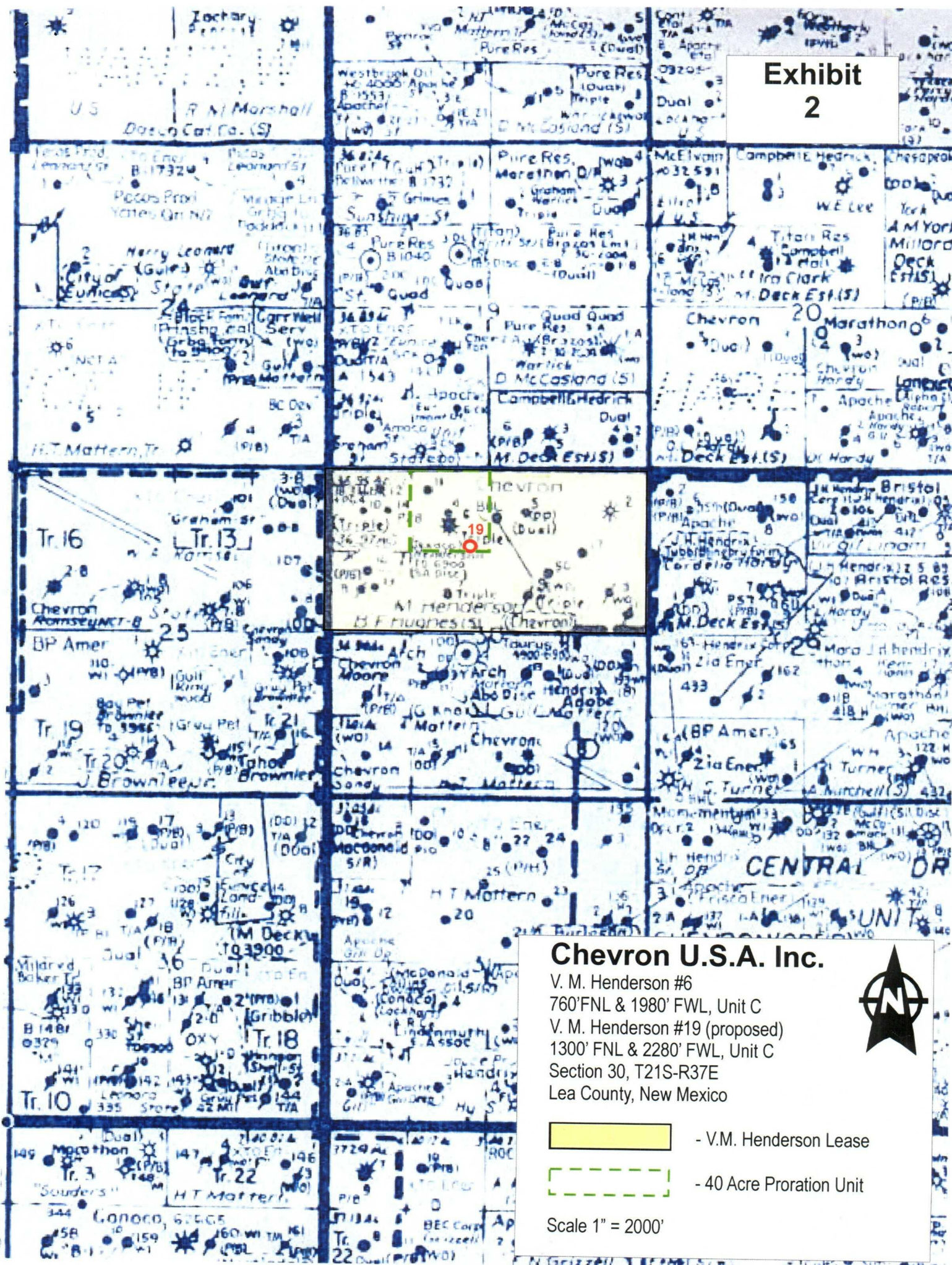
As seen above, the average drainage area of the offsetting locations is 10 acres, and additional reserves can be recovered by drilling the proposed infill well. The new well was moved from the approximate center location of the existing offsetting producers due to surface related issues. Reserves for the proposed location were calculated using the HCPV map, a 10 acre drainage area, and a 15% recovery factor. The results are as follows:

Operator	Well	Location	HCPV	Drainage Acres	EUR	
					MBO	MMCF
Chevron	Henderson #19	30-C	6.5	10	55	329

4. The N/2 of Section 30 is covered by two fee leases which have common royalty and working interest ownerships. Chevron is the operator and 100% working interest owner of the Grayburg wells toward which the proposed well will encroach. Therefore, there are no offset interest owners or adversely affected parties to notify of this application.
5. The proposed V.M. Henderson #19 will share a 40-acre proration unit and will be simultaneously dedicated with the Henderson #6 as a Penrose Skelly, Grayburg producer in Section 30, Unit Letter C.
6. Approval of this application will allow for the recovery of oil and gas reserves which would not otherwise be recovered.



# Exhibit 2



## Chevron U.S.A. Inc.

V. M. Henderson #6  
760' FNL & 1980' FWL, Unit C  
V. M. Henderson #19 (proposed)  
1300' FNL & 2280' FWL, Unit C  
Section 30, T21S-R37E  
Lea County, New Mexico



- V.M. Henderson Lease
- 40 Acre Proration Unit

Scale 1" = 2000'



# Exhibit 3

## DISTRICT I

1825 N. FRENCH DR., BOBBS, NM 88240

## DISTRICT II

1301 W. GRAND AVENUE, ARTESIA, NM 88210

## DISTRICT III

1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

## DISTRICT IV

1220 S. ST. FRANCIS DR., SANTA FE, NM 87505

## State of New Mexico

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

## OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 1220 SOUTH ST. FRANCIS DR. Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Form C-102

Revised JUNE 10, 2003

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Fee Lease - 3 Copies

## WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

☐ AMENDED REPORT

API Number	Pool Code	Pool Name
Property Code	Property Name <b>VM HENDERSON</b>	Well Number <b>19</b>
OGRID No.	Operator Name <b>CHEVRON U.S.A., INC.</b>	Elevation <b>3493'</b>

### Surface Location

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
C	30	21-S	37-E		1300	NORTH	2280	WEST	LEA

### Bottom Hole Location if Different From Surface

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
Dedicated Acres	Joint or Infill	Consolidation Code	Order No.						

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

LOT 1	1300'	
36.95 AC	2280'	
LOT 2		
36.97 AC		
LOT 3		
36.99 AC		
LOT 4		
37.01 AC		

GEODETIC COORDINATES  
NAD 27 NME  
Y=530534.9 N  
X=848793.3 E  
LAT.=32°27'12.51" N  
LONG.=103°12'09.38" W

**OPERATOR CERTIFICATION**  
I hereby certify the the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

**SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION**  
I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.

JANUARY 11, 2005

Date Surveyed \_\_\_\_\_ JR

Signature & Seal of Professional Surveyor  
GARY G. EIDSON  
1/14/05  
04111716  
Certificate No. GARY EIDSON 12841

**District I**  
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240

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**Exhibit 3.1**

☐ **AMENDED REPORT**

**WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT**

<sup>1</sup> API Number 30-025-06912	<sup>2</sup> Pool Code 50350	<sup>3</sup> Pool Name Penrose Skelly; Grayburg
<sup>4</sup> Property Code	<sup>5</sup> Property Name V.M. Henderson	<sup>6</sup> Well Number 6
<sup>7</sup> OGRID No. 4323	<sup>8</sup> Operator Name Chevron U.S.A., Inc.	<sup>9</sup> Elevation 3496' GL

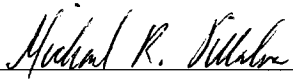
<sup>10</sup> **Surface Location**

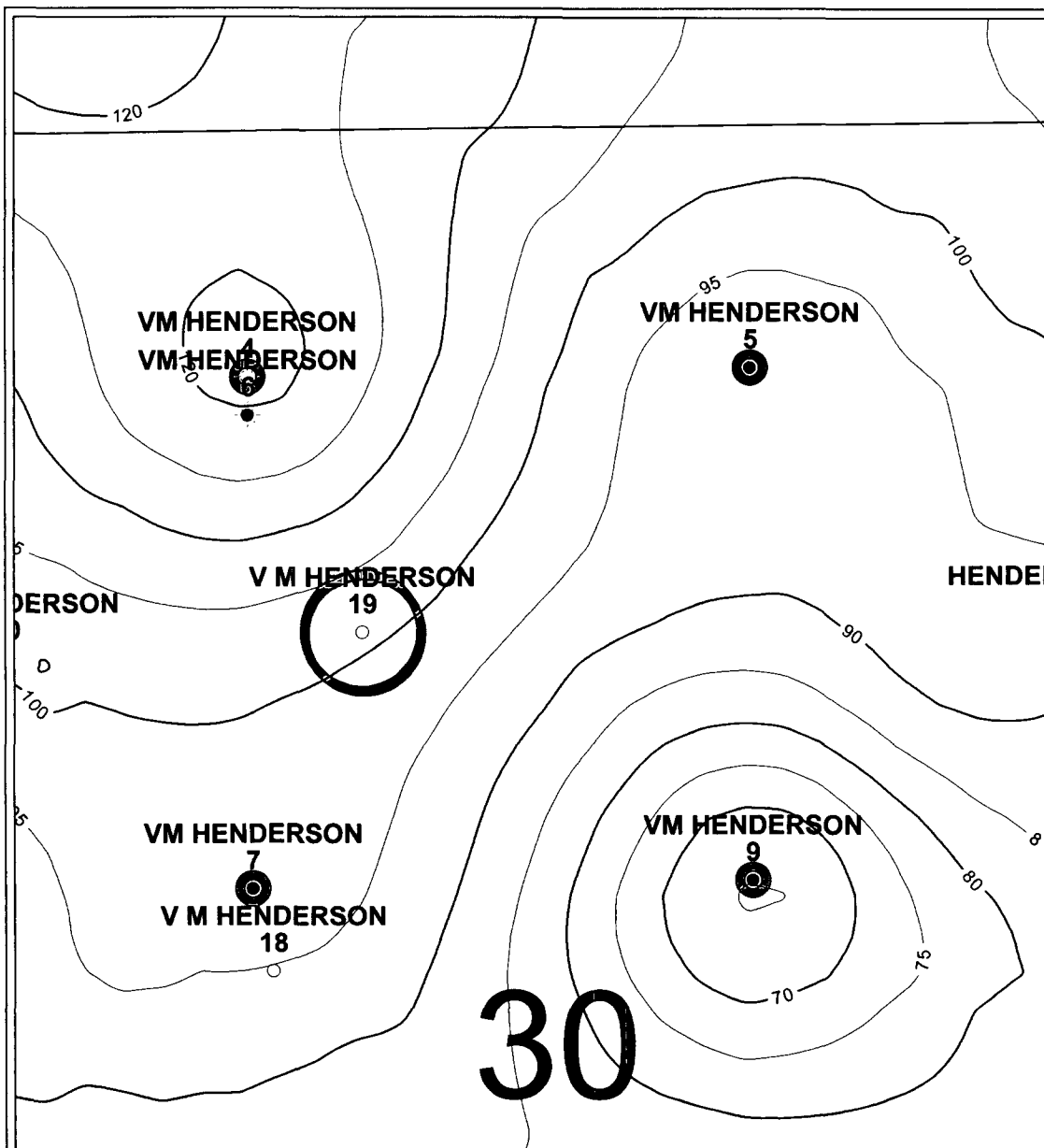
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C	30	21S	37E		760	North	1980	West	Lea

<sup>11</sup> **Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface**

UL or Lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
<sup>12</sup> Dedicated Acres 40	<sup>13</sup> Joint or Infill	<sup>14</sup> Consolidation Code	<sup>15</sup> Order No.						

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<div><p>16</p><p>1980'</p><p>760'</p><p>6</p><p>40-acre proration unit</p><p>19</p><p>30</p><p>V.M. Henderson Lease</p></div>	<div><p><sup>1</sup> <b>OPERATOR CERTIFICATION</b></p><p><i>I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.</i></p><p></p><p>Signature <b>Michael R. Villalva</b></p><p>Printed Name <b>Petroleum Engineer</b></p><p>Title <b>February 21, 2005</b></p></div>
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## EXHIBIT 4

### PENROSE-SKELLY FIELD V M HENDERSON #19

Sec. 30, T21S-R37E, Lea Co, New Mexico

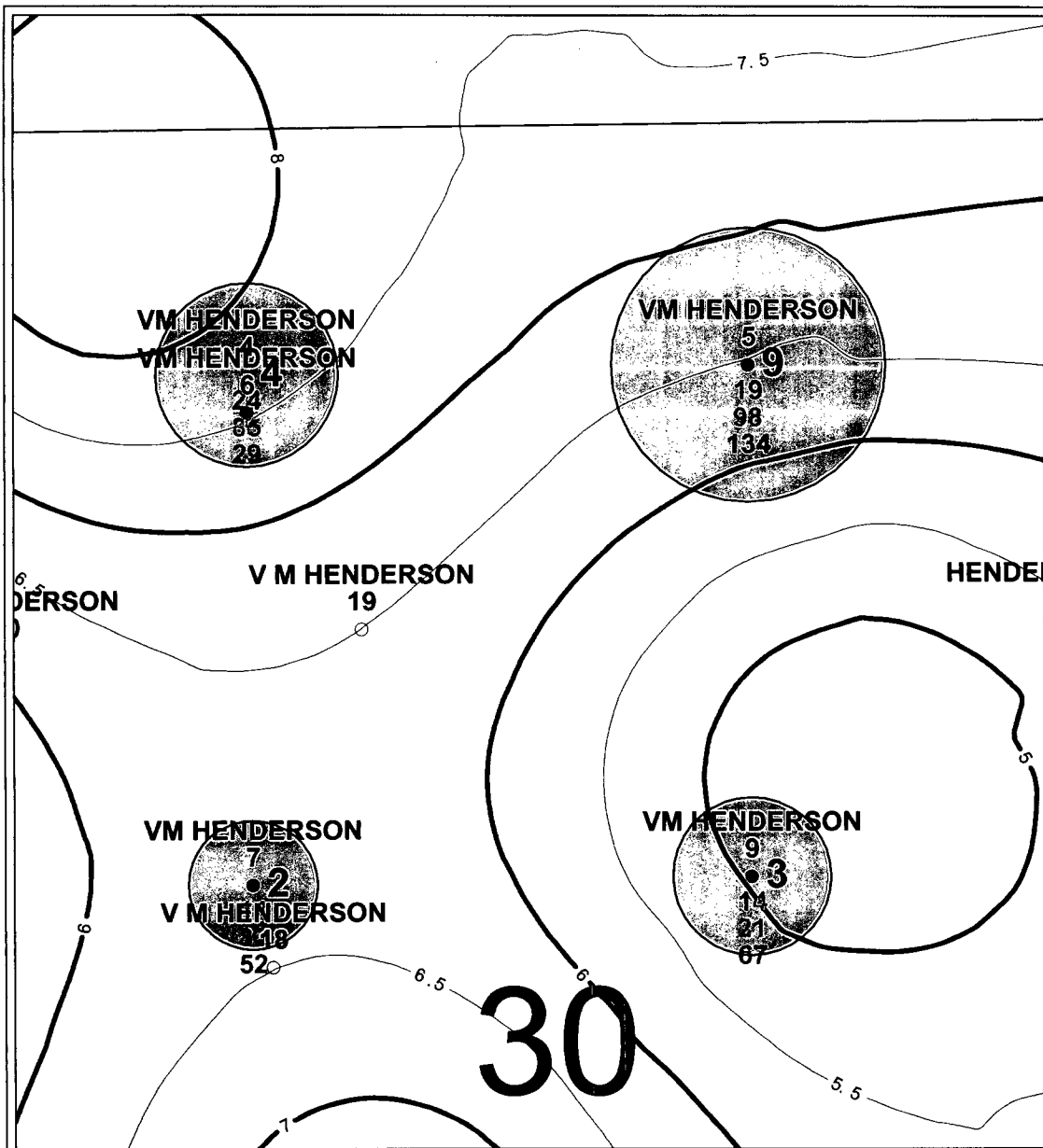
Grayburg Net Pay CI=5.' [Gr<40, Por>6%]

### POSTED WELL DATA

Well Name  
Well Number



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## ChevronTexaco

### EXHIBIT 5

#### PENROSE-SKELLY FIELD V M HENDERSON #19

Sec. 30, T21S-R37E, Lea Co, New Mexico

Grayburg HCPV CI=0.5 & EUR - Drainage

#### POSTED WELL DATA

Well Name  
Well Number

● GFP\_GRAYBURG - EUR-GRAYBURG-ACRES[GFP]

WELL - GRAYBURG-CUM\_OIL\_(MBO)  
WELL - GRAYBURG-CUM\_GAS\_(MMCF)  
WELL - GRAYBURG-CUM\_WATER\_(MBW)



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INQUIRE LAND BY SECTION

04/04/05 11:51:42

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2 36.97  Federal owned A A	F 40.00  Fee owned A A	G 40.00  Fee owned A A	H 40.00  Fee owned A A
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