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September 2, 2011

Chesapeake Operating, Inc.
c/o Holland & Hart LLP
Attn: Ms Ocean Munds-Dry

Administrative Order NSL-6461
Administrative Application Reference No. pTWG11-21527872

Chesapeake Operating, Inc.
OGRID 147179
PLU Big Sinks 23 24 30 USA Well No. 1H
API No. 30-015-

Proposed Location:

	Footages	Unit	Sec.	Township	Range	County
Surface	100 FNL & 1980 FEL	B	23	24S	30E	Eddy
Penetration Point	same as surface location					
Terminus	330 FSL & 1980 FEL	O	23	24S	30E	Eddy

Proposed Project Area:

Description	Acres	Pool	Pool Code
W/2 E/2 Section 23	160	Wildcat Bone Spring	996403

Reference is made to your application received on August 3, 2011.

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 15.9.A [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 15.16.14.B(2) [19.15.16.14.B(2) NMAC] concerning directional wells in designated project areas. This location is unorthodox because portions of the proposed producing interval are less than 330 feet from an outer boundary of the project area.

Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 15.13 [19.15.15.13 NMAC] and 4.12.A(2) [19.15.4.12.A(2) NMAC].

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It is our understanding that you are seeking this location for engineering reasons, in order to maximize the portion of the target zone within the producing area penetrated by the well bore lateral.

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 4.12.A(2), in all adjoining units towards which the proposed location encroaches.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 15.13.B, 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 5.9 [19.15.15.9 NMAC].

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jami Bailey", with a stylized, cursive script.

Jami Bailey
Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Artesia
United States Bureau of Land Management