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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
 - Engineering Bureau -  
 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505



*Chesapeake*  
147179

*PLU Pierce Canyon 712420*

**ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

*30-015-39768 USA*

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]

[1] TYPE OF APPLICATION - Check Those Which Apply for [A]  
 [A] Location - Spacing Unit - Simultaneous Dedication  
 NSL  NSP  SD

Check One Only for [B] or [C]

[B] 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 \_\_\_\_\_

[2] NOTIFICATION REQUIRED TO: - Check Those Which Apply, or  Does Not Apply

- [A]  Working, Royalty or Overriding Royalty Interest Owners
- [B]  Offset Operators, Leaseholders or Surface Owner
- [C]  Application is One Which Requires Published Legal Notice
- [D]  Notification and/or Concurrent Approval by BLM or SLO  
U.S. Bureau of Land Management - Commissioner of Public Lands, State Land Office
- [E]  For all of the above, Proof of Notification or Publication is Attached, and/or,
- [F]  Waivers are Attached

[3] SUBMIT ACCURATE AND COMPLETE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE TYPE OF APPLICATION INDICATED ABOVE.

[4] 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.

Adam G. Rankin  
 Print or Type Name                      Signature

Attorney                      3/5/12  
 Title                                      Date

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*B-21-245-30E*  
*NSL*  
*6460*

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*Amend*  
*NSL-6460*

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March 5, 2012

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Jami Bailey  
Oil Conservation Division  
New Mexico Department of  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources  
1220 South St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

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**Re: Application of Chesapeake Operating, Inc. for Amendment to Administrative Order NSL-6460 Approving An Unorthodox Well Location for the PLU Pierce Canyon 21 24 30 USA Well No. 1H in Section 21, Township 24 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.**

Dear Ms. Bailey:

By Administrative Order NSL-6460, dated September 2, 2011, and attached as **Exhibit A**, the Division approved an unorthodox well location for Chesapeake Operating, Inc.'s ("Chesapeake") PLU Pierce Canyon 21 24 30 USA Well No. 1H located in Section 21, Township 24 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico. Under the NSL Order, the wildcat well is to be drilled in the Bone Spring formation at a surface location and a penetration point 130 feet from the North line and 1940 feet from the East line, and a terminus location 330 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 21. Notice was provided to the affected parties and no objection was received by the Division prior to issuance of Order NSL-6460.

As reflected on the attached amended C-102 report, attached as **Exhibit B**, Chesapeake now seeks to drill the well to a terminus location 100 feet from the South line of Section 21 in order to maximize the length of the completion interval within the target zone. Notice of Chesapeake's application to amend NSL-6460 has been sent to ConocoPhillips, **Exhibit C**, the lessee being encroached upon to the south.

Accordingly, Chesapeake respectfully requests that Administrative Order NSL-6460 be amended to reflect approval of a terminus location 100 feet instead of 350 feet from the South line of Section 21.

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Your attention to this application is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Adam G. Rankin  
**ATTORNEY FOR CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.**

AGR

cc: David K. Brooks  
Teresa Long, Chesapeake Operating, Inc. w/o encls



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,



Jami Bailey  
Director

JB/db

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

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State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-102  
Revised August 1, 2011

Submit one copy to appropriate  
District Office

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

AMENDED REPORT

API Number 30-015-39768	Pool Code 96403	Pool Name WILDCAT; BONE SPRING
Property Code 38970	Property Name PLU PIERCE CANYON 21 24 30 USA	Well Number 1H
GRID No. 147179	Operator Name CHESAPEAKE OPERATING CO.	Elevation 3353'

Surface Location

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
B	21	24 S	30 E		130	NORTH	1940	EAST	EDDY

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
O	21	24 S	30 E		100	SOUTH	1980	EAST	EDDY

Dedicated Acres 160	Joint or Infill	Consolidation Code	Order No.
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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

<p><b>SURFACE LOCATION</b> Lat - N 32.21012306' Long - W 103.8838613' NMSPC - N 440467.503 E 680350.408 (NAD-83) Lat - N 32.209999848' Long - W 103.883375686' NMSPC - N 440408.685 E 639166.261 (NAD-27)</p>		<p><b>OPERATOR CERTIFICATION</b> I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this organization either owns a working interest or unleased mineral interest in the land including the proposed bottom hole location or has a right to drill this well at this location pursuant to a contract with an owner of such a mineral or working interest, or to a voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order heretofore entered by the division.</p> <p><i>Bryan Arrant</i> 02/21/2012 Signature Date Bryan Arrant Printed Name bryan.arrant@chk.com Email Address</p>
		<p><b>PROPOSED BOTTOM HOLE LOCATION</b> Lat - N 32.196248048' Long - W 103.883991213' NMSPC - N 435419.818 E 680331.314 (NAD-83) Lat - N 32.196124688' Long - W 103.883506203' NMSPC - N 435361.108 E 639147.012 (NAD-27)</p>

EXHIBIT  
**B**

**EXHIBIT C**

**Chesapeake's Application to Amend NSL-6460  
PLU Pierce Canyon 21 24 30 USA Well No. 1H**

ConocoPhillips  
Attn: Mr. Tom Atkins, Land Manager  
3300 N. A Street, Building 6-100  
Midland, TX 79705

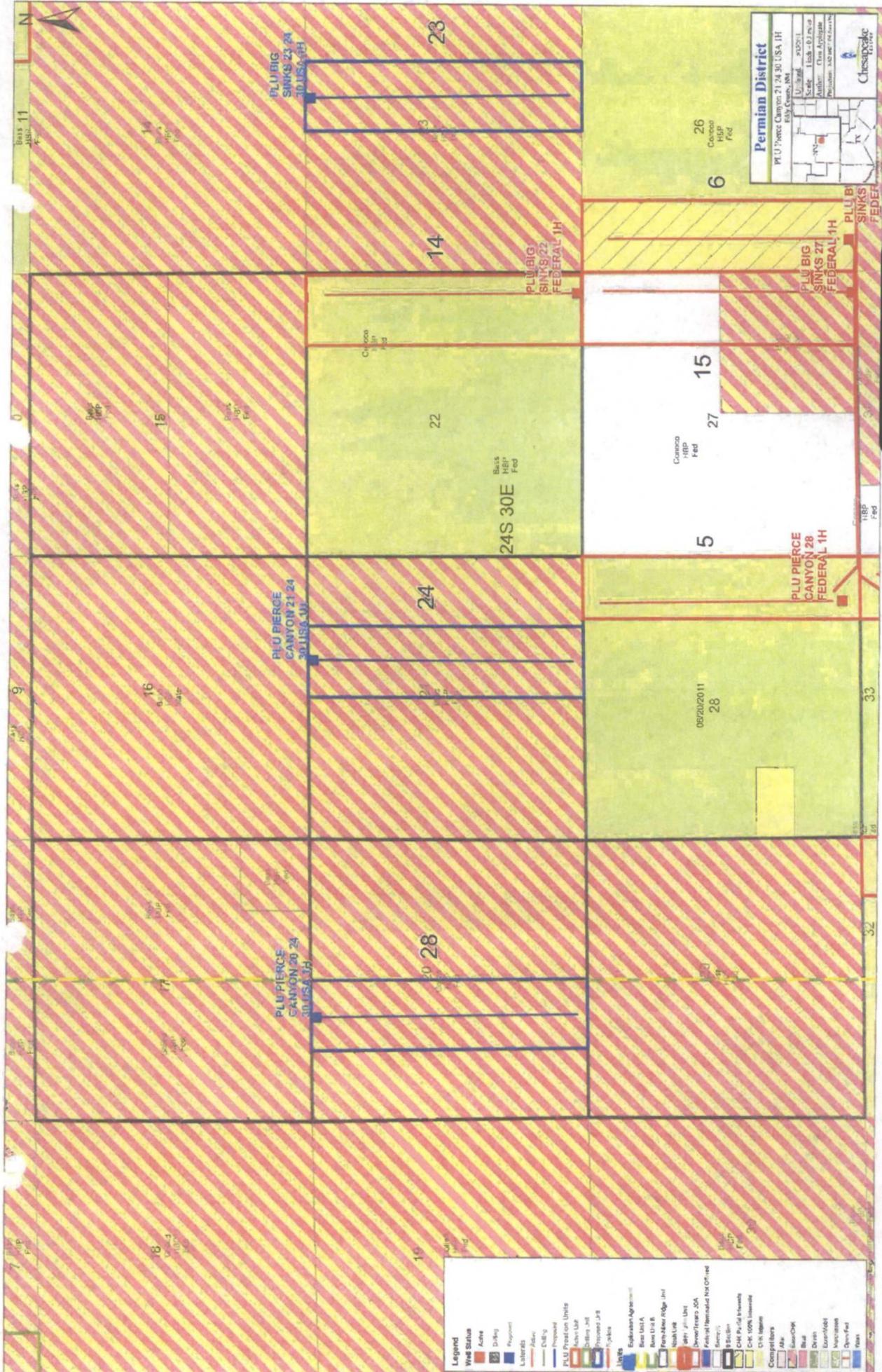


EXHIBIT  
**D**  
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March 5, 2012

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

**TO AFFECTED PARTIES**

**Re: Application of Chesapeake Operating, Inc. for administrative approval of an unorthodox well location for its PLU Pierce Canyon 21 24 30 USA Well No. 1H well in the Bone Spring Pool Section 21, Township 24 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico.**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of the above-referenced application to amend NSL-6460 which was filed with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on this date by Chesapeake Operating Co. for administrative approval of an unorthodox well location for its PLU Pierce Canyon 21 24 30 USA Well No. 1H. The proposed wildcat well is to be drilled in the Bone Spring formation at a surface location and a penetration point 130 feet from the North line and 1940 feet from the East line, and a terminus location 330 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 21.

As an owner of an interest that may be affected by the proposed well, you may object to this application. Objections must be filed in writing within twenty days from this date at the Division's Santa Fe office that is located at 1220 South Saint Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico. 87505. If no objection is received within this twenty-day period, this application for an unorthodox well location may be approved.

Sincerely,



Adam G. Rankin

**ATTORNEY FOR CHESAPEAKE OPERATING,  
INC.**

Enclosures

**Brooks, David K., EMNRD**

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**From:** Adam Rankin [AGRankin@hollandhart.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 19, 2012 11:04 AM  
**To:** Brooks, David K., EMNRD  
**Subject:** Chesapeake application to amend NSL 6460, PLU Pierce Canyon 21 24 30 1H

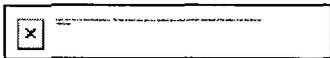
David,

This is a confirmatory email reflecting my request to expedite approval of the above-referenced application to amend NSL-6460. The application was filed and received by the Division on March 5. The application will be ripe for approval on March 26, assuming no objections are received. Because of its rig schedule, Chesapeake is currently drilling this well and would appreciate a timely approval.

Thanks for your consideration and attention this request.

**Adam G. Rankin**

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