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June 5, 2012

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Jami Bailey, Director
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Department of Energy,
Minerals and Natural Resources
1220 South Saint Francis Drive
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Re: Application of Chesapeake Operating, Inc. for Amendment to Administrative Order NSL-6576 Approving An Unorthodox Well Location for the PLU Big Sinks 35 24 30 USA Well No. 1H in Section 35, Township 24 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Bailey:

By Administrative Order NSL-6576, dated March 30, 2012, the Division approved an unorthodox well location for Chesapeake Operating, Inc.'s ("Chesapeake") PLU Big Sinks 35 24 30 USA Well No. 1H located in Section 35, Township 24 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico. Under the attached NSL Order, the well is to be drilled in the Wildcat Bone Spring formation at a surface location 150 feet from the North line and 1980 from the West line with a penetration point 330 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line with a terminus location 100 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line of Section 35. Notice was provided to the affected parties and no objection was received by the Division prior to issuance of Order NSL-6576.

As reflected on the attached amended C-102 report, Chesapeake now seeks to amend NSL-6576 to approve a standard surface location and a first perforation in the completed interval 360 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line of Section 14.

Exhibit A is a land plat for Section 35 and the surrounding sections that shows the adjoining units and existing wells. The proposed amendment to NSL-6576 does not further encroach on any proration or spacing units.



Exhibit B is the Well Location and Acreage Dedication Plat (Form C-102), which shows that the proposed change to the PLU Big Sinks 35 24 30 USA Well No. 1H well will place its first perforation within the 330-foot setback requirements of the Division's statewide rules.

Accordingly, Chesapeake respectfully requests that Administrative Order NSL-6576 be amended to reflect approval of a surface location and first perforations in the completed interval 360 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 35.

Your attention to this application is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Adam G. Rankin ATTORNEY FOR

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.

Enclosures AGR

cc: David

David K. Brooks

Teresa Long, Chesapeake Operating, Inc. w/o encls.

State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Susana Martinez Governor

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Brett F. Woods, Ph.D. Deputy Cabinet Secretary Jami Belley Division Director Oil Conservation Division



March 30, 2012

Chesapeake Operating, Inc. c/o Holland & Hart LLP Attn: Mr. Adam G. Rankin

ADMINISTRATIVE NON-STANDARD LOCATION ORDER

Administrative Order NSL-6576
Administrative Application Reference No. pTWG12-06031971

Chesapeake Operating, Inc.
OGRID 147179
PLU Big Sinks 35 24 30 USA Well No. 1H
API No. 30-015

Proposed Location:

	Footages	Unit	Sec.	Township	Range	County
Surface	150 FNL & 1980 FWL	С	35	24S	30E	Eddy
Penetration Point	330 FNL & 1980 FWL	Ċ	35	245	30E	Eddy
Terminus	100 FSL & 1980 FWL	N	35	248	30E	Eddy

Proposed Project Area:

Description	Acres	Pool	Pool Code	e
E/2 W/2 of Section 35	161.45	Wildcat Bone Spring		-

Reference is made to your application received on February 28, 2012.

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 completed 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 productive length of the wellbore lateral within the producing area.

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

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February 28, 2012

VIA HAND DELIVERY

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Re: Application of Chesapeake Operating, Inc. for administrative approval of an unorthodox well location for its PLU Big Sinks 35 24 30 USA 1H well in the Bone Spring Pool Section 35, Township 24 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Bailey:

Chesapeake Operating, Inc. (OGRID No. 147179) hereby seeks administrative approval pursuant to the provisions of Division Rule 19.15.15.13 NMAC for an unorthodox well location for its PLU Big Sinks 35 24 30 USA No. 1H to be located in Section 35, Township 24 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico. The proposed wildcat well is to be drilled at a surface location 150 feet from the North line with a penetration point 330 feet from the North line approximately 1980 feet from the West line of Section 35. The bottom-hole location will be 100 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line of Section 35. A 161.45-acre project area has been dedicated to this horizontal well comprised of the E/2 W/2 of Section 35.

Exhibit A is a land plat for Section 35 and surrounding sections that shows the proposed non-standard location of the PLU Big Sinks 35 24 30 USA No. 1H in relation to adjoining units and existing wells. This location is unorthodox because the Bone Spring formation under this acreage is governed by the Division's statewide rules which provide for wells on 40-acre spacing units to be located no closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of the spacing unit. The bottomhole location of this well will be located 100 feet from the South line of Section 35 for engineering reasons, and is, therefore, closer to the section line than allowed by Division rules.

Exhibit B is the Well Location and Acreage Dedication Plat (Form C-102), which shows that the proposed PLU Big Sinks 35 24 30 USA No. 1H well encroaches on the spacing and proration unit to the South.



PLU Big Sinks 35 24 30 USA 1H February 28, 2012 Page 2

Exhibit C is a list of the affected parties. Pursuant to 19.15.4.12(A)(2)(c) NMAC, affected parties are those toward whom the non-standard location encroaches. Here, the proposed bottom-hole location encroaches on the spacing and proration unit to the South. The affected lessee is XTO Energy Inc. A copy of this application with all attachments was mailed to the notice recipient.

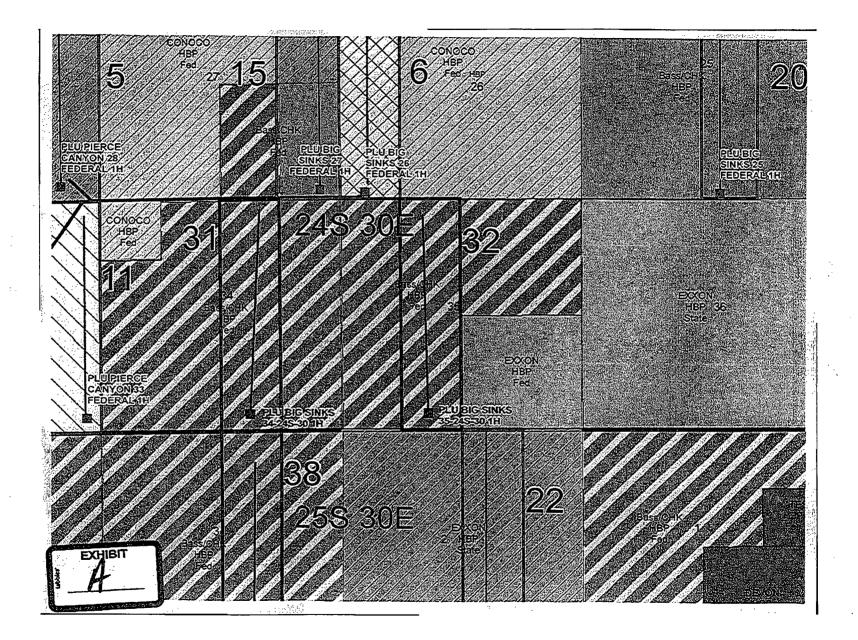
Your attention to this application is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Adam G. Rankin

ATTORNEY FOR CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.

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Chesapeake's NSL Application PLU Big Sinks 35 24 30 USA No. 1H

XTO Energy Inc. Attn: Dylan Boyer 810 Houston Street Fort Worth, Texas 76102



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February 28, 2012

<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> <u>RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u>

TO AFFECTED PARTIES

Re: Application of Chesapeake Operating, Inc. for administrative approval of an unorthodox well location for its PLU Big Sinks 35 24 30 USA 1H well in the Bone Spring Pool Section 35, 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 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 Big Sinks 35 24 30 USA Well No. 1H. The proposed wildcat well is to be drilled at a surface location 150 feet from the North line and a penetration point 330 feet from the North line; both of which will be 1980 feet from the West line of Section 35. The bottom-hole location will be 100 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line of Section 35.

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.

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Submit one copy to appropriate District Office

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

☐ AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

API Number 30-015-40155	Pool Code 97798	Pool Name WILDCAT; G-06 S243026M; BONE SPIRNG			
Property Code 39512		perty Name (S 35 24 30 USA	Well Number		
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Surface Location

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
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