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#### NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Hawk B-1#46 I-8-215-37E

- Engineering Bureau -1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505

# **ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

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[2]	NOTIFICAT	ON REQUIRED TO: - Check Those Which Apply, or Does Not Apply Working, Royalty or Overriding Royalty Interest Owners	2005 FUG
	[B]	Offset Operators, Leaseholders or Surface Owner	15
	[C]	Application is One Which Requires Published Legal Notice	Am
	[D]	Notification and/or Concurrent Approval by BLM or SLO U.S. Bureau of Land Management - Commissioner of Public Lands, State Land Office	5 3
	[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 ma	nagerial and/or supervisory capacity. Attorney for applicant	Yistor-
Print or Type Name	Signature	Title	Date
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August 15, 2005

Hand Delivered

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

Dear Mr. Stogner:

Pursuant to Division Rule 104.F(2), Apache Corporation applies for administrative approval of an unorthodox oil well location for the following well:

<u>Well Name</u>: <u>Well Location</u>: <u>Well Unit</u>: Hawk B-1 Well No. 46 1475 feet FSL & 80 feet FEL NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico

The well will test the Blinebry (Blinebry Oil and Gas Pool), Tubb (Tubb Oil and Gas Pool), Drinkard (Drinkard Pool), and Abo (Wantz Abo Pool) formations, and applicant requests unorthodox location approval in all of four zones.

The application is based on geological and engineering reasons in the Blinebry and Drinkard formations. A complete discussion, with exhibits, is attached as Exhibit A. As to the Blinebry and Drinkard, the well is located in the approximate center of Blinebry and/or Drinkard wells in Unit Letters I and P of Section 8, and Unit Letters L and M of Section 9, and the proposed location will drain additional undrained reserves. The Blinebry and Tubb zones are expected to be oil productive.

The Tubb will be tested as applicant drills to total depth, and the Abo is a secondary objective which will be inexpensive to test with the drilling of this well.

Unit I will be simultaneously dedicated, in the Blinebry and Drinkard formations, to the proposed well and the existing Hawk B-1 Well No. 11, and applicant requests simultaneous dedication approval.

Exhibit B is a land plat, highlighting the proposed well's location. The  $E\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$  and  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 8, and the  $S\frac{1}{2}$  and  $E\frac{1}{2}NW\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 9, are covered by U.S. Lease NM 90161. The operating rights owners in the lease are as follows:

Apache Corporation Chevron Texaco Inc. BP America Production Company

Also, royalty and overriding royalty interests in the lease are common. As a result, notice of this application was not given to any offset interest owner.

Please call me if you need any further information on this matter.

Very truly yours,

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Attorney for Apache Corporation

## Hawk B-1 Well No. 46 1475' FSL & 80' FEL Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, NMPM Lea County, New Mexico

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES: Blinebry, Tubb, and Drinkard

SECONDARY OBJECTIVE: Abo

In support:

- 1. Apache Corporation (Apache) is the operator of the proposed Hawk B-1 #46 well (Exhibit 1).
- 2. The proposed unorthodox location is offset by the following wells which are, or have been productive from various reservoirs which will be penetrated. (Exhibit 2)

		1		CUM	DAILY	
OPER	WELL	LOC	RESERVOIR	O/G/W	O/G/W	POOL
Apache	Hawk B-1 #11	8-1	BLBY	12/428/4	1/12/0	Blinebry Oil and Gas
Apache	Hawk B-1 #11	8-1	DRKD	214/1384/7	3/39/0	Drinkard
Apache	Hawk B-1 #21	8-1	GRBG	16/98/77	12/64/15	Penrose Skelly Grayburg
Apache	Hawk B-1 #32	8-1	GRBG	17/77/99	14/77/23	Penrose Skelly Grayburg
Apache	Hawk B-1 #39	8-P	GRBG	2/8/3	21/84/29	Penrose Skelly Grayburg
Apache	Hawk B-1 #18	8-P	GRBG	15/194/131	7/77/31	Penrose Skelly Grayburg
Apache	Hawk B-1 #10	8-P	DRKD	357/2134/36	4/54/1	Drinkard
Apache	Hawk B-1 #33	9-L	GRBG	8/23/13	29/9726	Penrose Skelly Grayburg
Apache	Hawk B-1 #20	9-L	GRBG	10/46/29	7/26/7	Penrose Skelly Grayburg
Apache	Hawk B-1 #4	9-L	BLBY	87/2062/18	4/33/0	Blinebry Oil and Gas
Apache	Hawk B-1 #4	9-L	DRKD	236/1779/3	1/19/0	Drinkard
Apache	Hawk B-1 #40	9-M	GRBG	9/16/14	12/47/13	Penrose Skelly Grayburg
Apache	Hawk B-1 #40	9-M	SADR	5/4/8	0/0/0	East Hare San Andres
Apache	Hawk B-1 #9	9-M	BLBY	33/1134/5	1/24/0	Blinebry Oil and Gas
Apache	Hawk B-1 #9	9-M	DRKD	218/1916/10	3/48/1	Drinkard
Apache	Hawk B-1 #9	9-M	TUBB	2/92/1	1/53/0	Tubb Oil and Gas
Apache	Hawk B-1 #19	9-M	GRBG	24/89/69	8/60/51	Penrose Skelly Grayburg

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EXHIBIT

**3.** The proposed **Hawk B-1 # 46** unorthodox location of 1475' from south line and 80' from east line is predicated by geological, location, and drainage considerations:

#### a. Geology

The Blinebry, Tubb, and Drinkard Formations are members of the Yeso Group, Permian Leonardian in age. Fluid contacts, specifically Blinebry GOC at -2255 and Drinkard OWC at -3225, employed by Shell in the unitization hearing for the NorthEast Drinkard Unit, just to the east, have been used here. Production from the three reservoirs is assigned to individual Blinebry Oil and Gas, Tubb Oil and Gas, and Drinkard Pools but downhole commingling is pre-approved pending submission of allocations to the Hobbs District Office.

All three formations are shallow marine carbonates, consisting primarily of dolomite. The Tubb has appreciable clastic content and the Drinkard becomes limey toward its base. Anhydrite can occur throughout the interval. Pay zones are thin, erratically distributed, and separated by thick impermeable intervals. Porosity and permeability are low. Wells are not generally capable of draining a full 40 Acre Spacing Unit. In fact, Apache's calculations indicate drainage area usually approximates 20 Acres.

Structure is significant in that it controls the fluid distribution and amount of pay above and below the Blinebry gas-oil contact and above the Drinkard oil-water contact.

Apache approached its evaluation by mapping log derived SoPhiH for each of four major reservoirs: Blinebry Gas Cap, Blinebry Oil Leg, Tubb, and Drinkard. This analysis required modern neutron-density and resistivity logs for any well to be used. Many wells thus had to be excluded from analysis because of the vintage of downhole logs or lack of a full logging suite. Sufficient new well control exists near the proposed location to feel comfortable with this interpretation.

#### 1. Blinebry Gas Cap (Exhibit 3)

Thickness of the Blinebry Gas Cap is partially related to the subsea top of the Blinebry. The higher the top, the thicker the gas cap can be. Using a 5% threshold, porosity averages 9.8% and water saturation averages 29.5% in 138 nearby wells selected for analysis. SoPhiH at this location is expected to be 1.2'.

#### 2. Blinebry Oil Leg (Exhibit 4)

Thickness of the Blinebry Oil Leg is partially related to the subsea top of the Blinebry, the higher the top, the thinner the oil leg might be. Using a 5% threshold, porosity averages 8.5% and water saturation averages 31.6% in 171 nearby wells selected for analysis. SoPhiH at this location is expected to be 2.6'.

### 3. Tubb (Exhibit 5)

The Tubb is generally considered to be a gas reservoir, although no gas-oil or gas-water contact has been suggested and oil completions are common. Using a 5% porosity threshold and a 50 APIU Gamma Ray threshold because of the greater amount of clastic material, porosity averages 8.0% and water saturation averages 31.1% in 208 nearby wells selected for analysis. SoPhiH at this location is expected to be 3.1'. Only 1 well (Hawk B-1 #9) in the four affected spacing units has ever produced the Tubb and it is and has been a low rate producer.

#### 4. Drinkard (Exhibit 6)

The thickness of the Drinkard pay is also related to its subsea position, the higher the top, the thicker the interval can be. Using a 5% threshold, porosity averages 9.1% and water saturation averages 25.6% in 191 nearby wells selected for analysis. SoPhiH at this location is expected to be 5.9'.

#### 5. Abo

The Abo is immediately sub adjacent to the Drinkard. This location is included in Wantz; Abo Pool. It is a secondary objective that will cost less than \$50,000 to drill and complete in this wellbore but it cannot be drilled as a primary target. No well in the four affected spacing units has penetrated the Abo.

#### 6. Uphole Reservoirs

If potentially commercial reservoirs are encountered in the Grayburg and San Andres, a separate wellbore will be proposed to exploit those reservoirs.

#### b. Location

All of the affected Blinebry, Tubb, and Drinkard wells are producing at low rates. Apache's intent was to place the well equidistant from all producers, but surface conditions prevented that.

#### c. Drainage

The proposed **Hawk B-1 #46** is a "true" 20 Acre infill location between existing Blinebry, Tubb, and Drinkard producers. It is approximately equidistant from those wells and should encounter an undrained reservoir volume.

Reservoir engineering used the SoPhiH maps to estimate drainage of each offsetting well in each reservoir. Recoverable reserves for this location are calculated as the volume under a 20 A radius (less if the direct offsets were not capable of draining 20 A) with reduced reservoir

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8	Hawk B-1	10	BLINEBRY GAS CAP				
9	Hawk B-1	4	<b>BLINEBRY GAS CAP</b>	15570	17865	1577	120
9	Hawk B-1	9	BLINEBRY GAS CAP	10380	5103	1038	120
8	Hawk B-1	11	BLINEBRY OIL LEG	8161	0	40	5
8	Hawk B-1	10	BLINEBRY OIL LEG				
9	Hawk B-1	4	BLINEBRY OIL LEG	87465	0	580	35
9	Hawk B-1	9	BLINEBRY OIL LEG	22156	0	96	11
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8	Hawk B-1	10	TUBB				
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9	Hawk B-1	9	TUBB	6839	1393	310622	13
8	Hawk B-1	11	DRINKARD	225030	6965	1559827	69
8	Hawk B-1	10	DRINKARD	383869	36358	2505258	79
9	Hawk B-1	4	DRINKARD	235568	2978	1779483	52
9	Hawk B-1	9	DRINKARD	225682	10079	2076493	38

pressure where drainage has occurred. Drainage offsetting this location is as follows:

Volumetrics for the proposed location are as follows:

	R	RESERVOIR	DRAINAGE	EUR		
		PROD ZONE NAME	PRESSURE	ACRES	OIL (BO)	GAS (MCFG)
HAWK B-1	46	BLINEBRY GAS CAP	500	0	0	0
		BLINEBRY OIL LEG	2000	17	26829	288
		TUBB	2500	13	3220	322
		DRINKARD	500	0	0	0
		TOTAL			30049	550

#### 4. Notice

Apache is the operator of the Blinebry, Tubb, and Drinkard wells toward which the proposed well will encroach and would also operate any Abo wells. All four reservoirs are contained within one oil and gas lease (Hawk Federal which includes, among other acreage, all of SE1/4 §8 and S1/2 §9) with common working and revenue interest owners. Therefore, there are no adversely affected parties and no one was notified of the application.

5. Approval of this application will afford the interest owners in this spacing unit an opportunity to recover oil and gas which would not otherwise be recovered and to do so without violating correlative rights.

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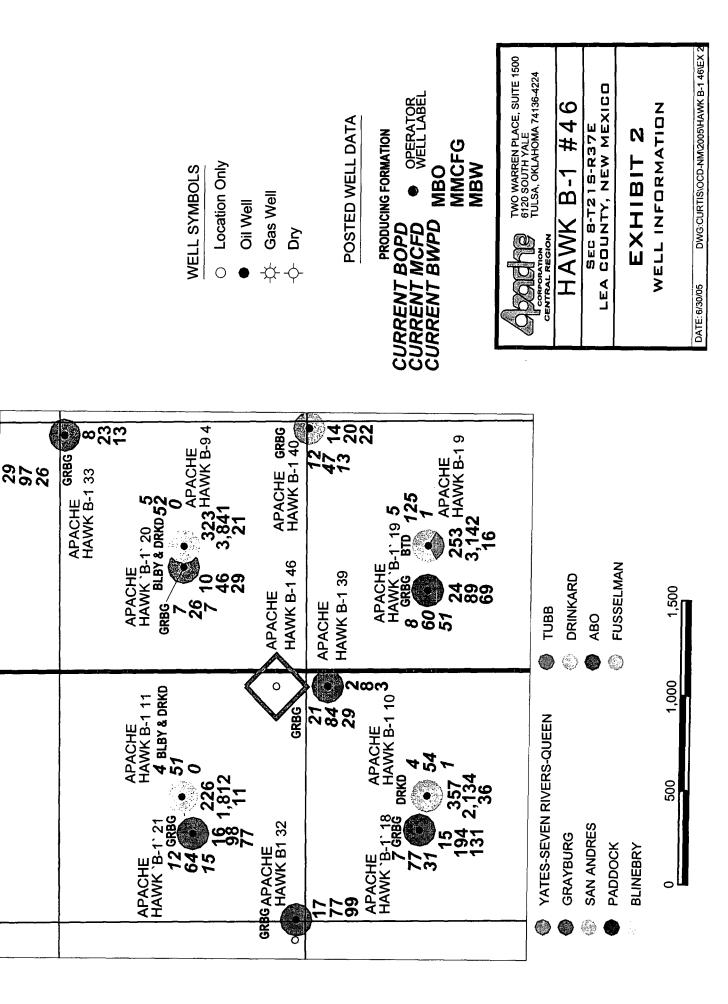
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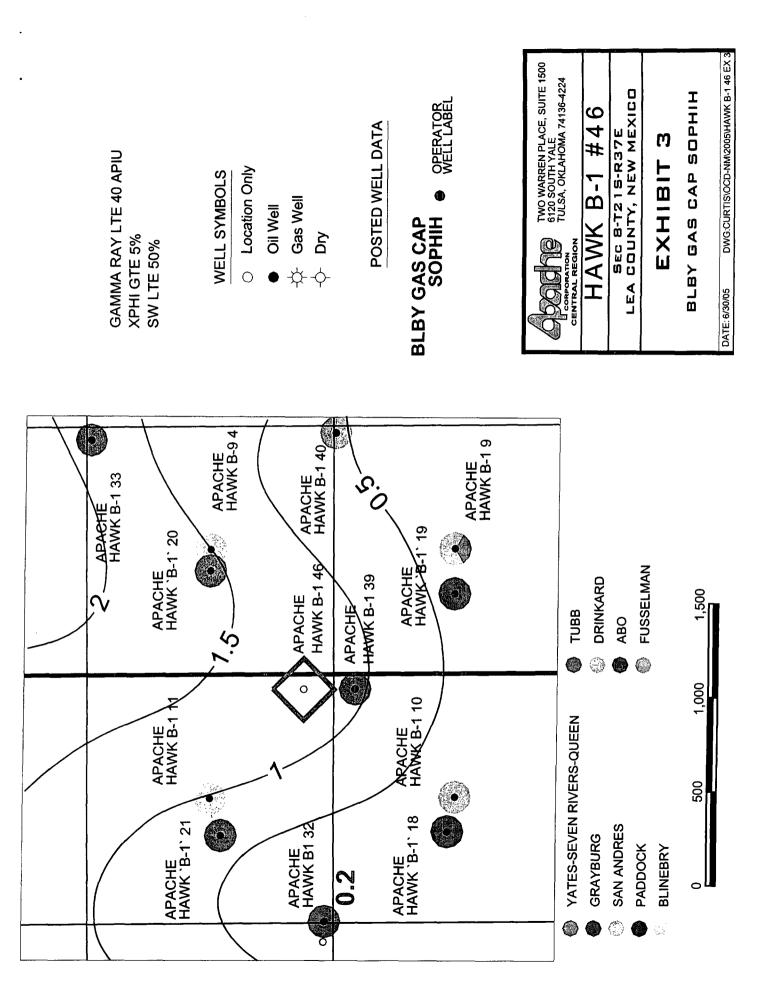
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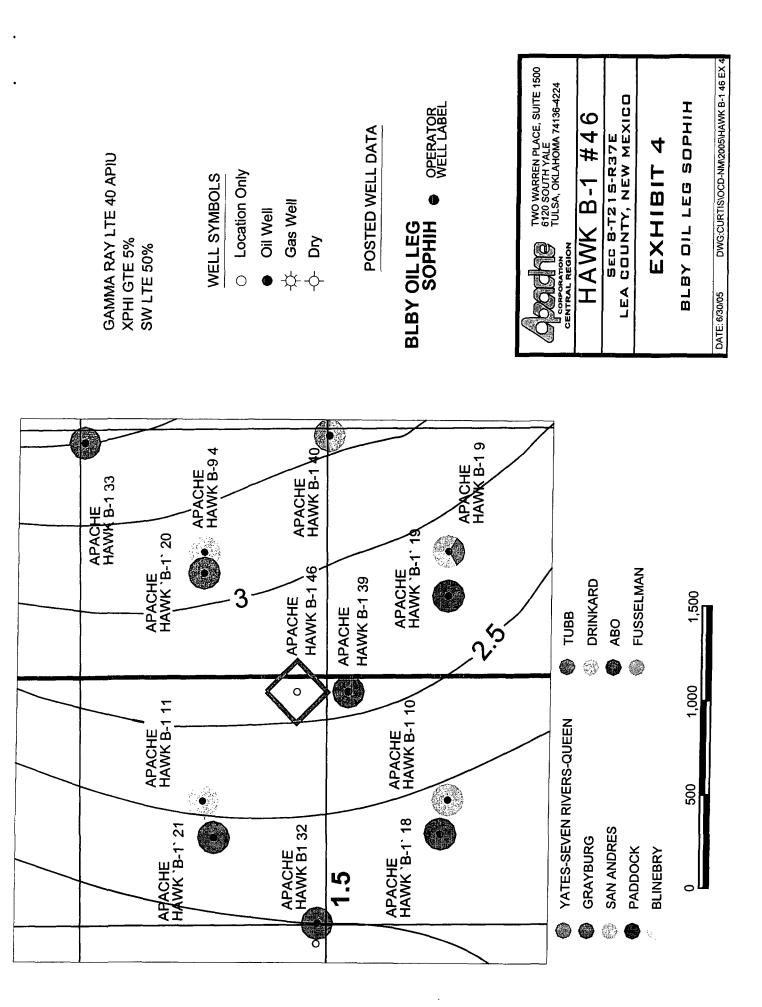
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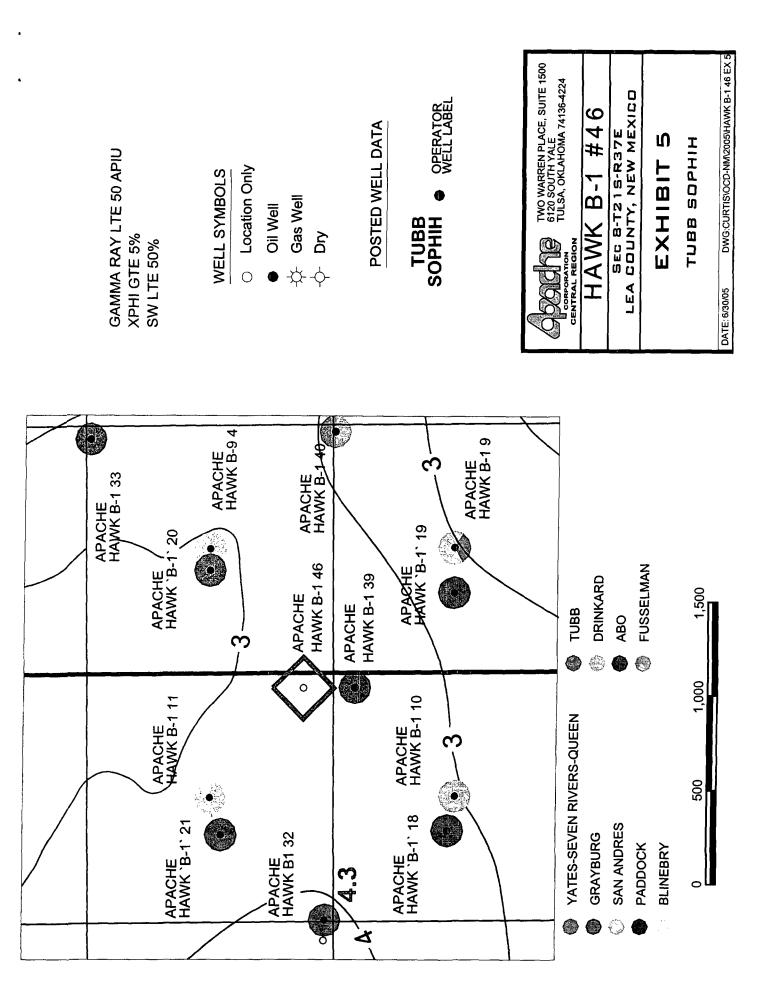
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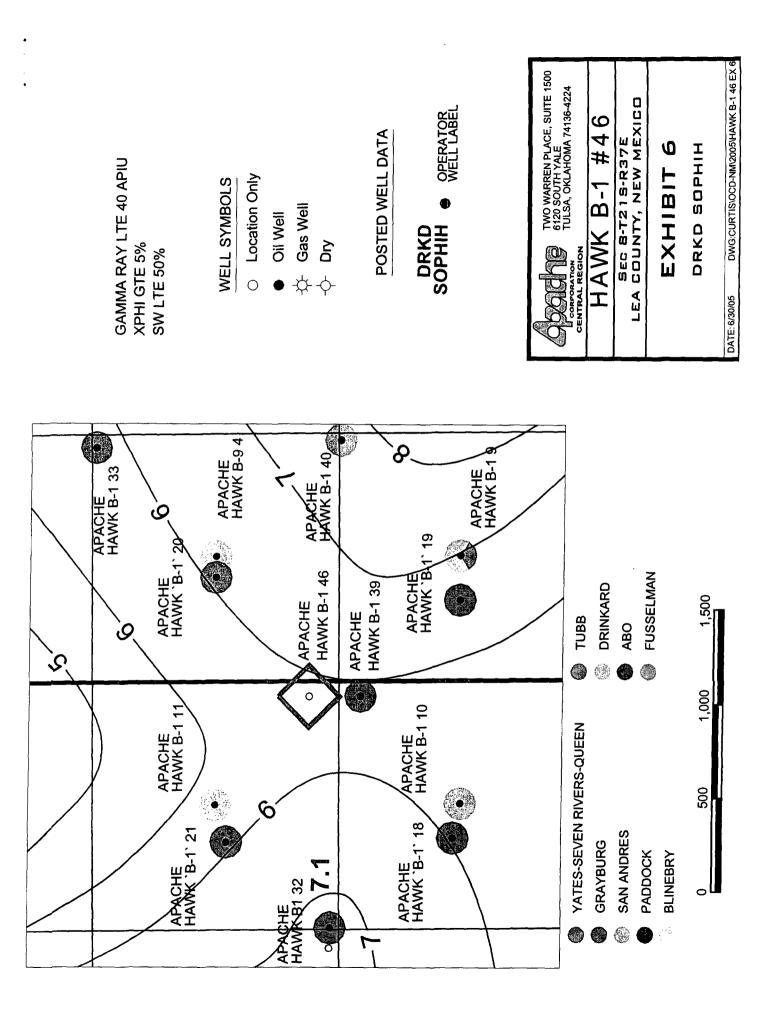
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