

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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June 27, 2013

Apache Corporation  
Attn: Mr. David Catanach

ADMINISTRATIVE NON-STANDARD LOCATION ORDER

**Administrative Order NSL-6824**  
**Administrative Application Reference No. pAXK1315656253**

**Apache Corporation**  
OGRID 873  
A State Well No. 69  
API No. 30-015-41051

**Proposed Surface Location:**

<u>Footages</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>County</u>
2085 FNL & 2290 FEL	G	26	17S	28E	Eddy

**Proposed Bottom Hole Location:**

<u>Footages</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>County</u>
2310 FNL & 2310 FEL	G	26	17S	28E	Eddy

**Proposed Unit:**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Pool</u>	<u>Pool Code</u>
SW/4 NE/4 of Section 26	40	Artesia; Glorieta-Yeso	96830

Reference is made to your application received on June 5, 2103.

You have requested to drill or re-complete this 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. Due to the irregular shape of this section the proposed bottom hole location is less than 330 feet from the south and west unit boundaries of the unit.

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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].

It is our understanding that you are seeking this location due to surface issues.

It is also understood that notice of this application to offsetting operators or owners is unnecessary due to common ownership.

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

JB/db

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Artesia  
New Mexico State Land Office