



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS
& NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DHC-2042

Taurus Exploration U.S.A., Inc.
2198 Bloomfield Hwy.
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

Attention: Mr. Gary W. Brink

*Jicarilla 96 No. 7
API No. 30-039-06659
Unit M, Section 1, Township 26 North, Range 3 West, NMPM,
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.
Blanco-Mesaverde (Prorated Gas - 72319) and
Gavilan-Pictured Cliffs (Gas - 77360) Pools*

Dear Mr. Brink:

Reference is made to your recent application for an exception to Rule 303.A. of the Division Rules and Regulations to permit the above described well to commingle production from the subject pools in the wellbore.

It appearing that the subject well qualifies for approval for such exception pursuant to the provisions of Rule 303.C., and that reservoir damage or waste will not result from such downhole commingling, and correlative rights will not be violated thereby, you are hereby authorized to commingle the production as described above and any Division Order which authorized the dual completion and required separation of the zones is hereby placed in abeyance.

The maximum amount of gas which may be produced daily from the well shall be determined by Division Rules and Regulations or by the gas allowable for each respective prorated pool as printed in the Division's San Juan Basin Gas Proration Schedule.

The applicant shall consult with the supervisor of the Aztec District Office of the Division upon completion and testing of the well in order to establish a fixed allocation of production from each of the commingled zones. Upon approval by the Division's District Office, the applicant shall submit the allocation formula to the Santa Fe Office of the Division.

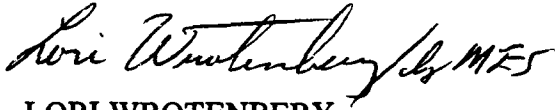
REMARKS: The operator shall notify the Aztec District Office of the Division upon implementation of the commingling process.

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Pursuant to Rule 303.H., the commingling authority granted herein may be rescinded by the Division Director if conservation is not being best served by such commingling.

Approved at Santa Fe, New Mexico on this 10th day of August, 1998.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION


LORI WROTENBERY
Director

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Bureau of Land Management-Farmington