STATE OF NEW MEXICO



ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 2040 S. PACHECO SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87505 (505) 827-7131

December 4, 1996

Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc. P. O. Box 3109 Midland, Texas 79702 Attention: C. W. Howard

Administrative Order DD-160

Dear Mr. Howard:

Under the provisions of **Rules 111.D** and **E** of the General Rules and Regulations of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division"), revised by Division Order No. R-10388, issued by the Oil Conservation Commission in Case 11,274 on June 13, 1995 and Rule 104.F, revised by Division Order No. R-10533, issued by the Commission in Case 11351 on January 18, 1996, Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. made application to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on November 22, 1996 for authorization to directional drill its proposed Central Vacuum Unit Well No. 175, Lea County, New Mexico.

The Division Director Finds That:

- (1) The proposed wellbore to be drilled to a pre-determined bottom-hole location is within the applicant's Central Vacuum Unit Pressure Maintenance Project Area, established by Division Order No. R-5530, as amended, and as such the Vacuum Grayburg-San Andres Pool is subject to the statewide rules and regulations for oil wells, as promulgated by Rules 104.C(1)(a) and F(1), which provides for 40-acre oil spacing and proration units, or drilling units, and requires that wells be located no closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of the lease or unitized area, nor closer than 10 feet to any quarter-quarter section line or subdivision inner boundary;
- (2) Under the provisions of said **Rule 104.F(1)** the applicant further requests that the bottom-hole location be unorthodox for the purpose of completing an efficient injection/production pattern within the Central Vacuum Unit Pressure Maintenance Project Area;
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(4) It appears the applicant has satisfied all of the appropriate requirements prescribed in said **Rules 111.D** and **E** and **104.F**, the subject application should be approved and the well should be governed by the provisions contained within this order and all other applicable and/or practical provisions of Division General **Rules 111** and **104.F(1)**.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

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(5) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

WILLIAM J. LEMAY Director

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cc: Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs New Mexico State Land Office - Santa Fe

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November 22, 1996

GOV - STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS Directional Drilling Central Vacuum Unit Well No. 175 Vacuum Grayburg-San Andres Field Lea County, New Mexico

State of New Mexico Energy and Minerals Department Oil Conservation Division 2040 South Pacheco Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Attention: Mr. Michael E. Stogner

Gentlemen:

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There are no affected offset operators to this location. Attached is Form C-102 and a lease plat showing the location of the subject well.

Any questions concerning this request should be directed to me at (915) 688-4606.

Yours very truly,

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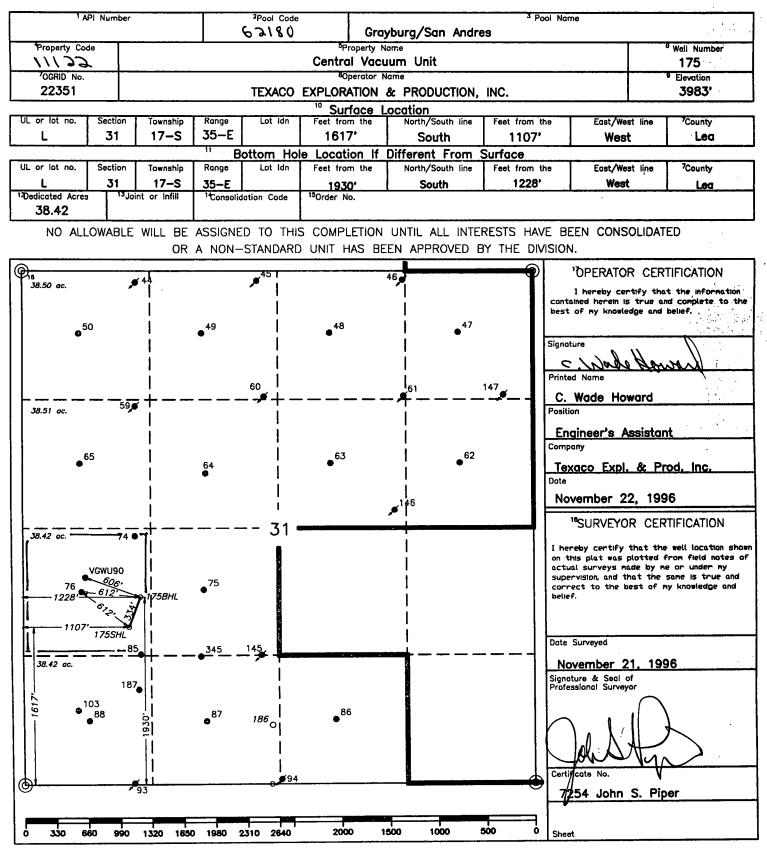
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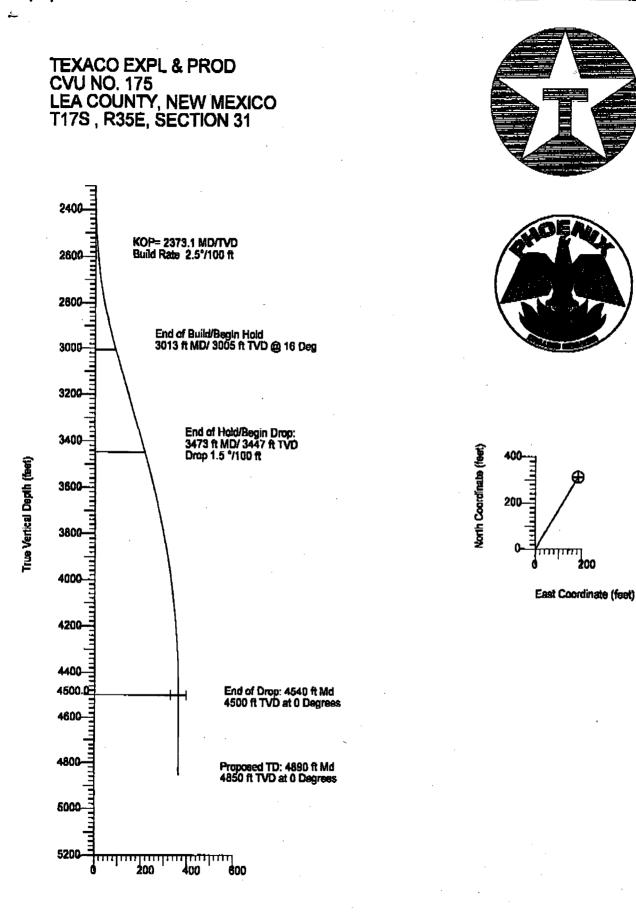
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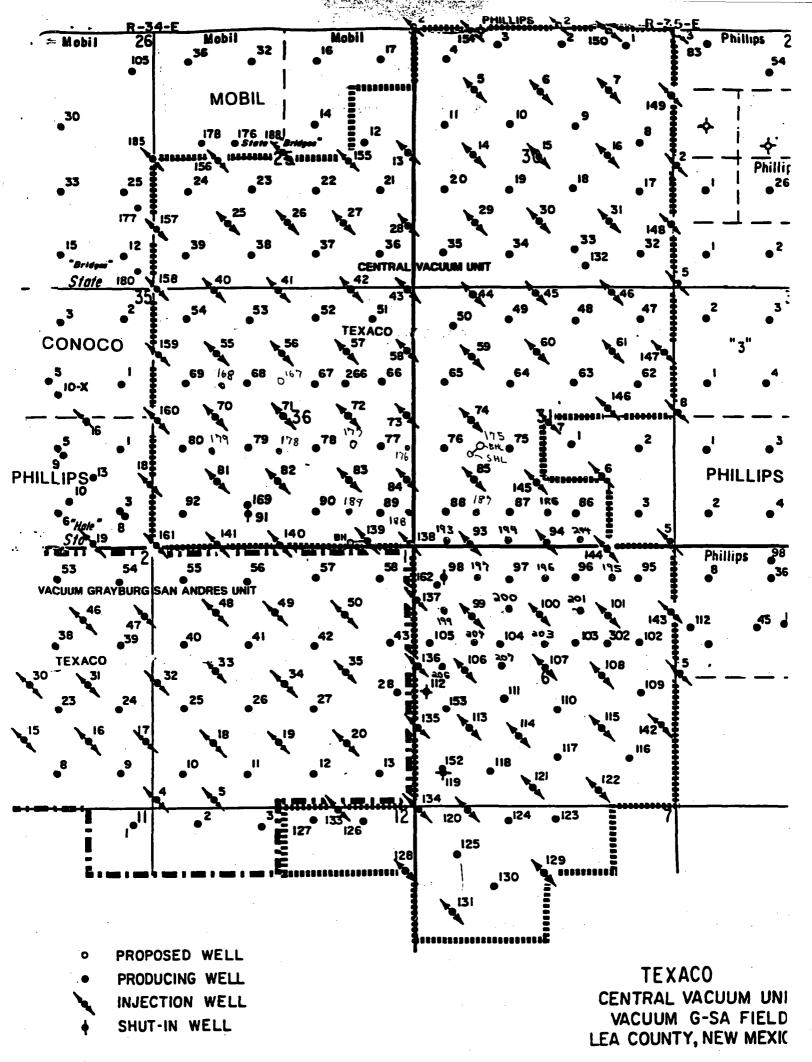
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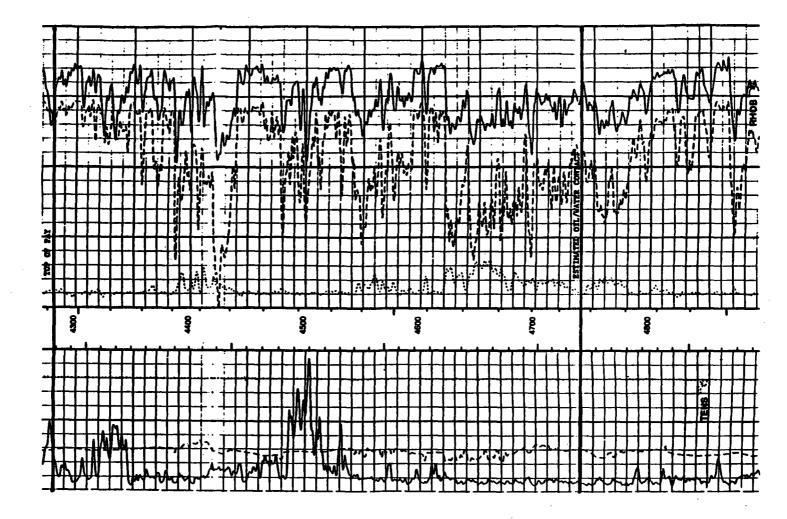
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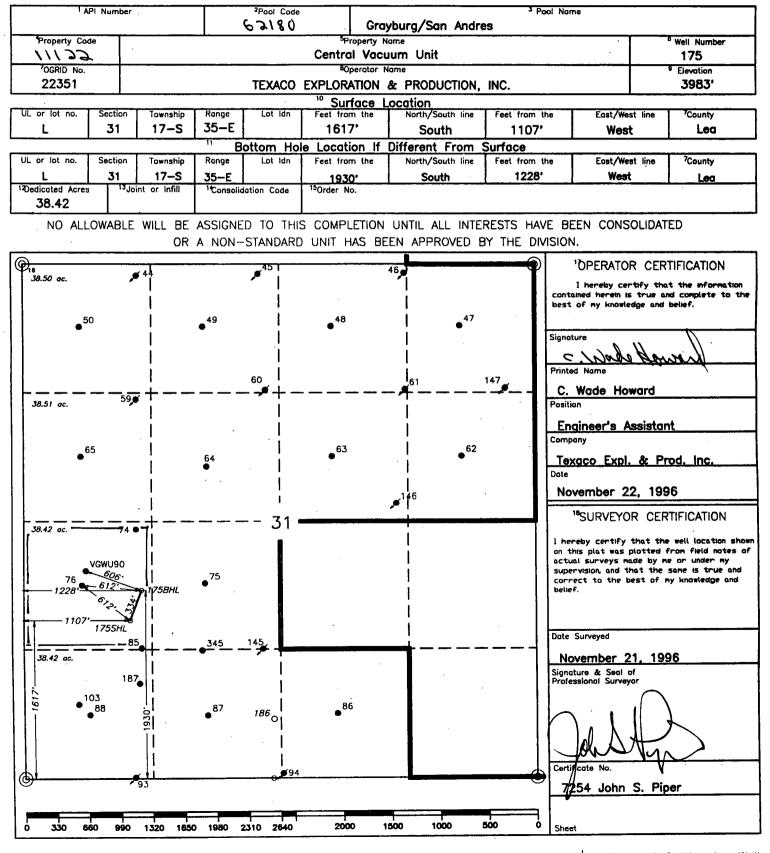
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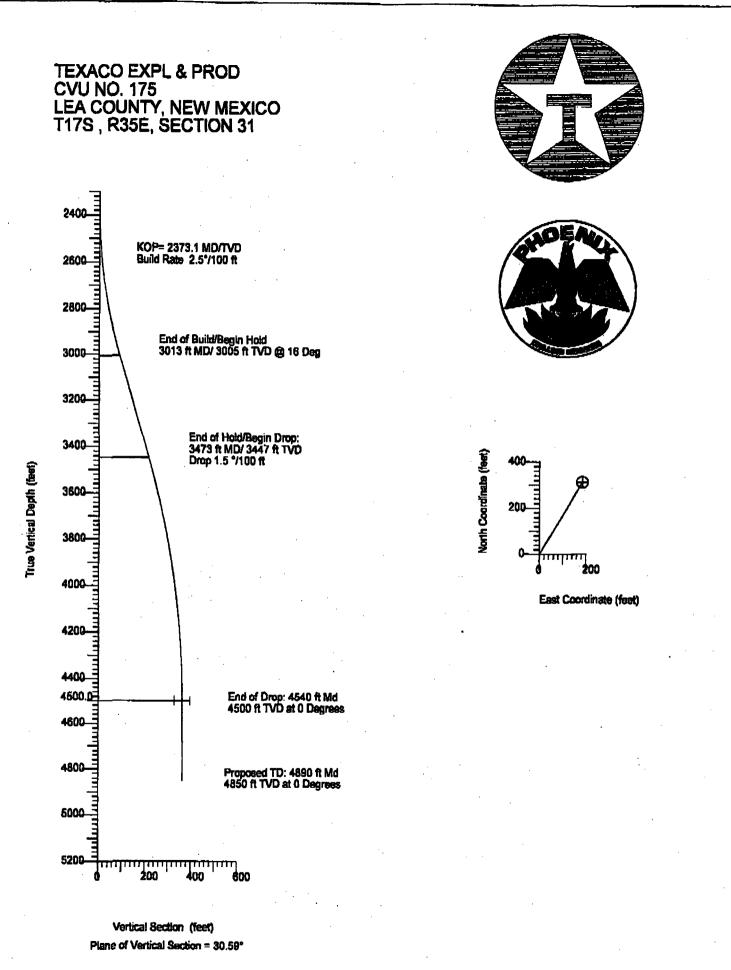
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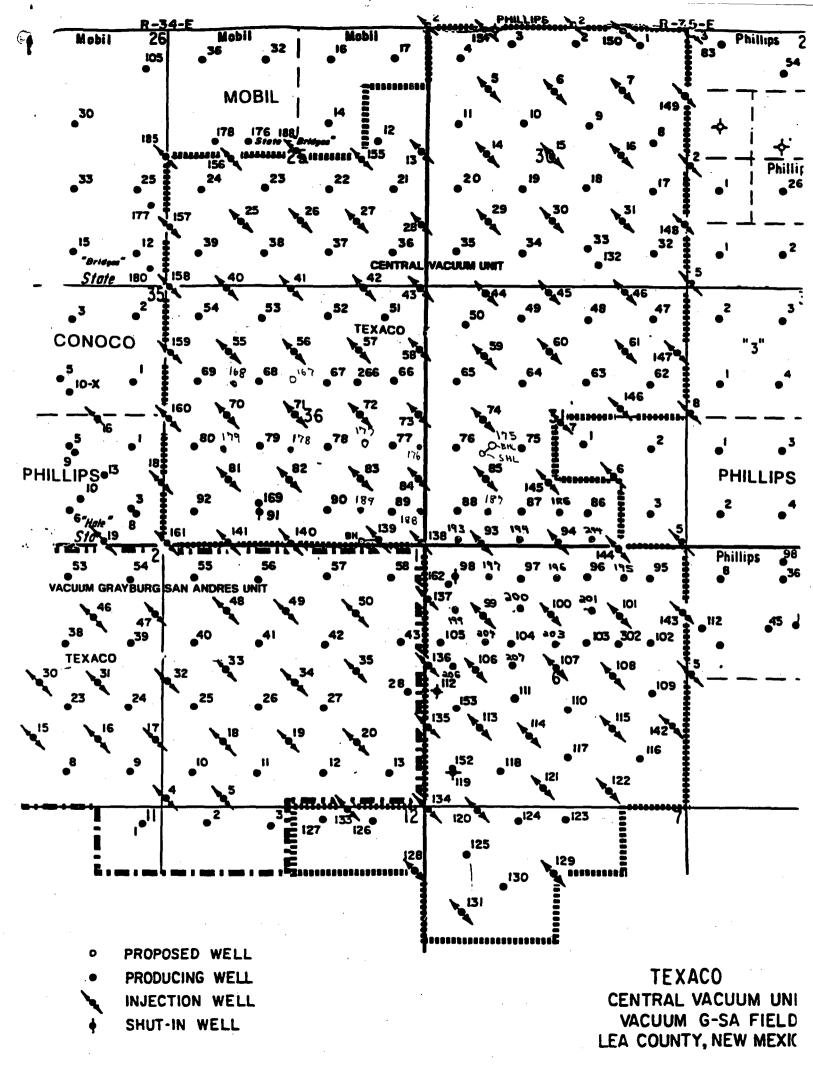
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