STATE OF NEW MEXICO



ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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

June 7, 1996

Oxy USA, Inc. P. O. Box 50250 Midland, Texas 79710-0250 Attention: Richard E. Foppiano

Administrative Order DD-147(H) High Angle/Horizontal

Dear Mr. Foppiano:

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The Division Director Finds That:

- (1) The subject application has been duly filed under the provisions of Rule 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;
- (2) The State "DW" Well No. 5, located at a standard oil well location 660 feet from the South and East lines (Unit P) of said Section 12, was originally drilled in the summer of 1984 to a total depth of 9,030 feet; the Bone Spring formation tested uneconomical and the well was subsequently completed in the E-K Yates Seven Rivers Queen Pool;
- (3) It is our understanding that Oxy intents to kick-off from vertical at a depth of approximately 8,610 feet by milling a window in the production casing, drill in a northwesterly direction with a medium radius curve (63.1 deg./100 feet), and drill horizontally within the Mescalero Escarpe-Bone Spring Pool a lateral distance of approximately 467 feet;

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- (4) Said well is within one mile of the current boundary of the Mescalero Escarpe-Bone Spring Pool, said pool is subject to the statewide rules and regulations, as promulgated by Rule 104.C(1)(a), 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 a single 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit;
- (5) The "project area" proposed by Oxy would consist of a standard 40-acre spacing and proration unit comprising the SE/4 SE/4 of said Section 12;
- (6) The applicable drilling window or "producing area" for said wellbore should include that area within the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of said Section 12 that is no closer than 330 feet to any quarter-quarter; and,
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(6) Form C-105 shall be filed in accordance with Division Rule 1105 and the operator shall indicate thereon true vertical depth (TVD) in addition to measured depths (MVD).

(7) 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. LAMAY Director

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

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OXY USA Inc. DECEPVBE 5020, Midland, TX 79710.0250 April 29, 1996 Oil CONSERVATION DIVISION 40-4''

Mr. Bill Lemay, Director New Mexico Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 6429 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Application of OXY USA Inc. for Administrative Approval to Horizontally Drill Well #5, State "DW" Lease, Mescalero Escarpe-Bone Spring Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Lemay:

Per Statewide Rule 111 (D), OXY USA Inc. respectfully requests administrative approval to horizontally drill and produce well #5 on our State "DW" lease located in Section 12, Township 18 South, Range 33 East. This well is currently producing from the Mescalero Escarpe-Grayburg Pool. These perforations will be squeezed off, a window cut in the casing at 8610' (MD), and a new wellbore drilled to a TD of 9125' (MD). The purpose of this horizontal completion is to more effectively and efficiently drain the hydrocarbons in the Bone Springs pool underlying the SE/4 SE/4 of Section 12. Attached as a part of this application are various plats and other information in accordance with the requirements spelled out in Rule 111 (D)(2) (a)-(e). They include a plat of the project area and offsetting units, cross-sectional and plan views of the subject well, and a type log of Mescalero Escarpe-Bone Spring pool. Also enclosed are Forms C-101 & C-102 for the proposed operation.

UMC Petroleum Corporation and Floyd Operating Company are the only offsets to the proposed project area. There are no undrilled spacing units that directly offset the SE/4 SE/4 of Section 12. By signing below, I hereby certify that all operators of spacing units in the Mescalero Escarpe-Bone Springs Pool offsetting our proposed project area have been or will be sent a copy of this application including attachments by certified mail, return receipt requested. By copy of this letter they are advised that, if they have an objection, it must be filed in writing to the NMOCD within 20 days of the date notice was sent.

As always, we appreciate your consideration of our request. If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at 915/685-5913.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Foppiano Regulatory Affairs Advisor Western Region - Midland REF/ref attachments

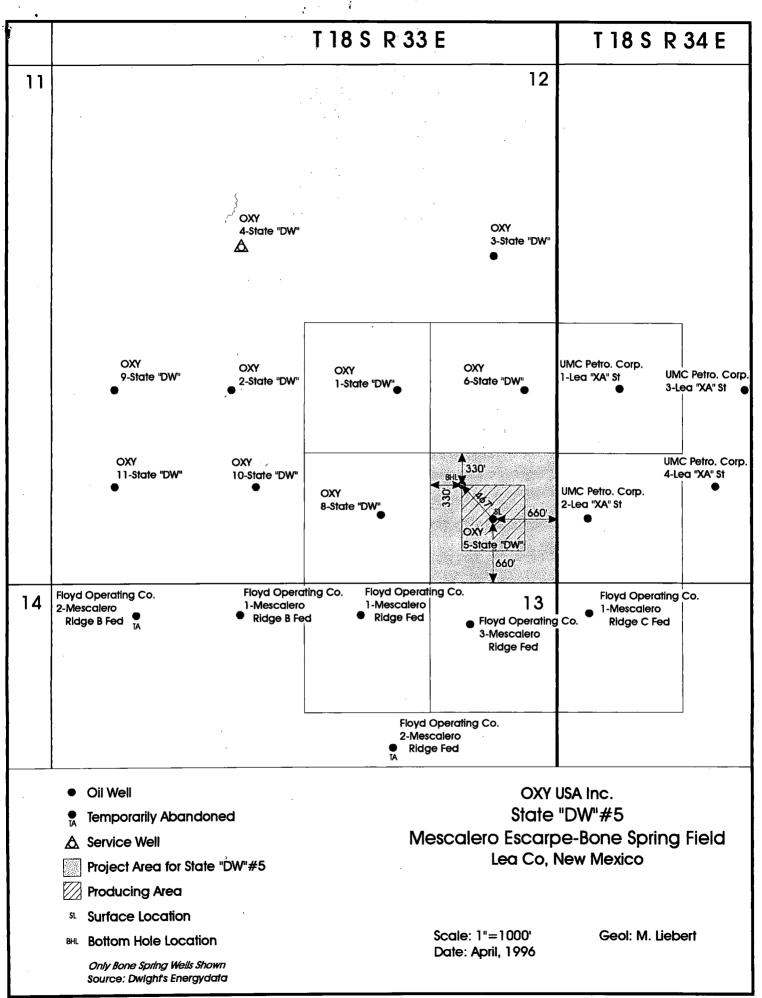
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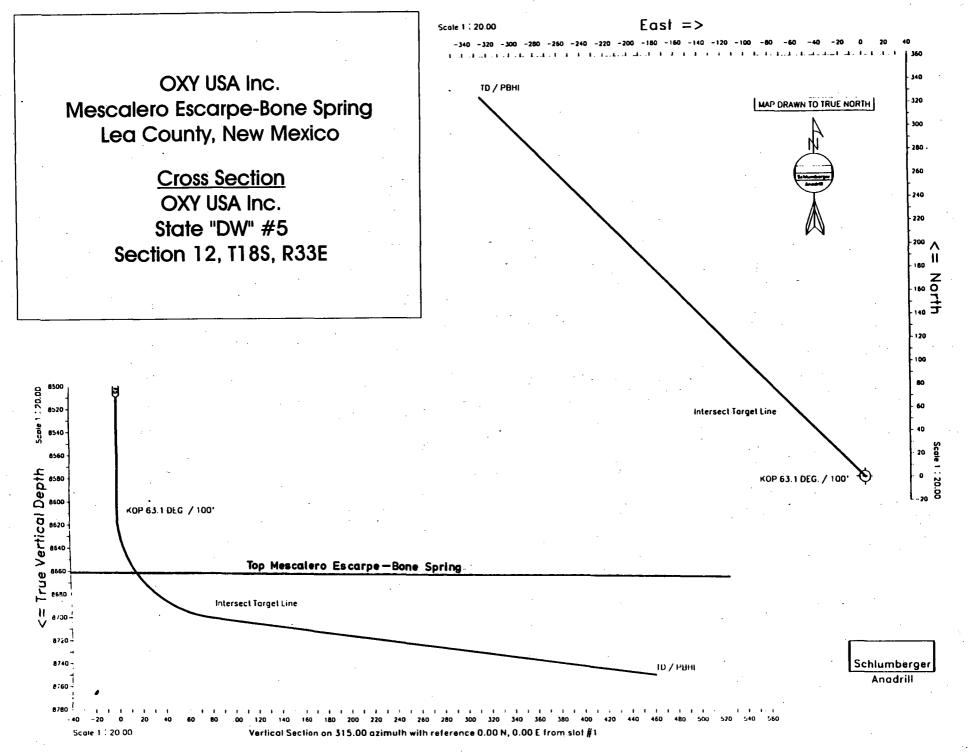
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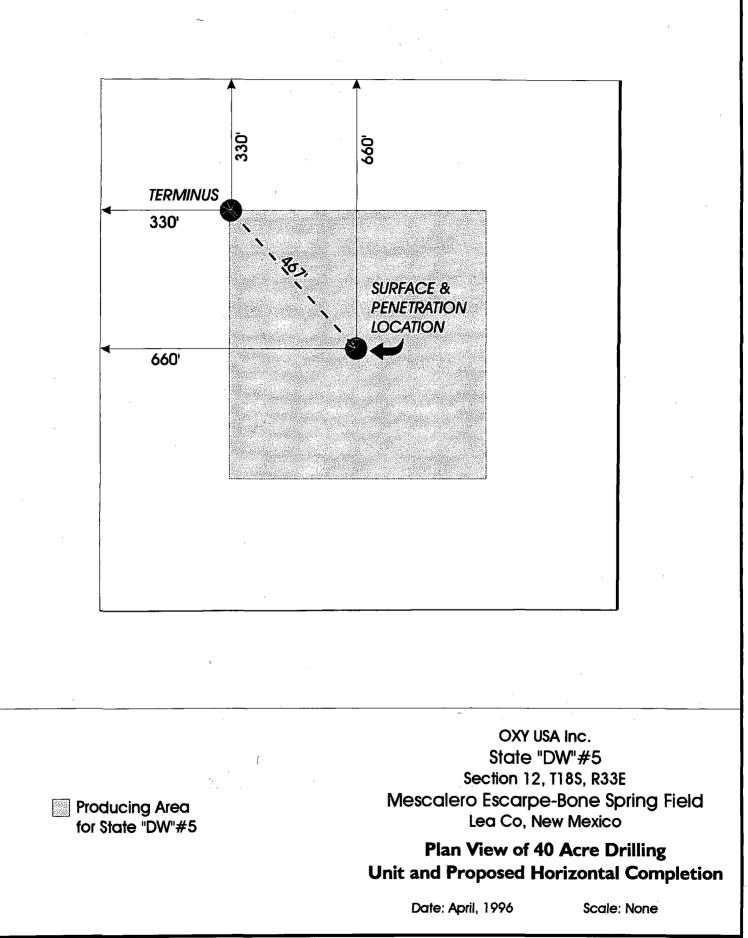


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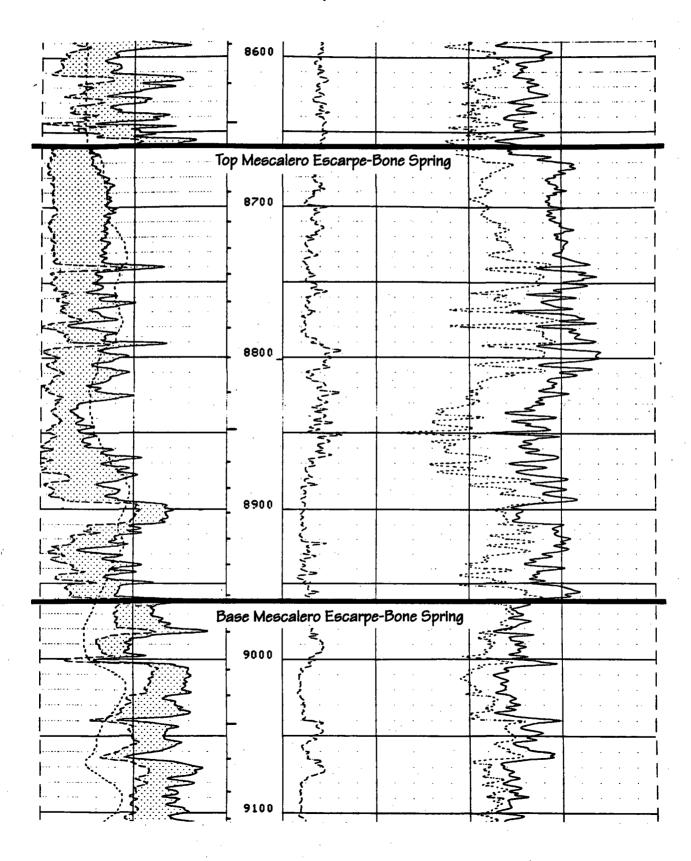
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