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September 8, 2006

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VIA HAND-DELIVERY

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

Re: North Bagley Permo Penn Field

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Will you please advise as to how Chesapeake should proceed in this matter?

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Sincerely,

Ocean Munds-Dry
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ATTORNEY FOR CHESAPEAKE OPERATING INC.

TP "11" State #1 (30-025-21850) (2050' FSL - 550' FWL)
TP "11" State #2 (30-025-37143) (660' FSL - 810' FWL)

9-11-2006

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Talked w/ Ocean, please provide
me w/ a C-102 for both
wells showing a stand-off 80.
M. Stan



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Stogner, Michael, EMNRD

From: Ocean Munds-Dry [Omundsdry@hollandhart.com]

Sent: Tue 9/19/2006 1:44 PM

To: Stogner, Michael, EMNRD

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Subject:

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Mike:

I have additional information for you re: Chesapeake's question as to whether simultaneous dedication may occur at the district level or in Santa Fe under the North Bagley Permo-Penn Pool rules. I have attached the amended and current C-102 for TP 11 State Well No. 2, as you requested. Chesapeake (CHK) submitted the C-102 in July but it has not been processed or is not showing up on the OCD website yet. CHK is following up with Ms. Mull to determine status.

As to your question regarding the multiple C-102s filed for the TP 11 State No. 2 (API No. 30-025-37143):


It appears to be a matter of misunderstanding/mistake regarding the pool rules. The original C-102 was filed in March and an 80-acre laydown was dedicated in error. Afterwards, CHK realized its interest was in the E/2 SW/4. In June, they therefore submitted a new C-102. However, they incorrectly dedicated 40 acres to the well. A new landman took over this area and began to look into the pool rules. That is when they learned that it was 80-acre spacing. That is also when the question came up about an infill well.

As stated in my letter to you, CHK would like to dedicate an 80-acre stand up unit to the No. 2 well and it appears that they need to file a simultaneous dedication application with you. Because the special pool rules are not clear however, I wanted to verify that with you first before filing.

I would appreciate your insight as to how you believe CHK should proceed with this matter.

Thanks,
Ocean

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Form C-102
Revised March 17, 1999

Submit to Appropriate District Office
State Lease - 4 Copies
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

2040 South Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

☒ AMENDED REPORT

To correct proration unit.

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

API Number 30-025-37143	Pool Code 3820	Pool Name Bagley;Permo Penn, North
Property Code 34690	Property Name TP "11" STATE	Well Number 2
OGRID No. 147179	Operator Name CHESAPEAKE OPERATING INC.	Elevation 4239'

Surface Location

UL or lot No. M	Section 11	Township 11 S	Range 33 E	Lot Idn	Feet from the 660	North/South line SOUTH	Feet from the 810	East/West line WEST	County LEA
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Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
Dedicated Acres 80	Joint or Infill	Consolidation Code	Order No.						

NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED
OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION

	OPERATOR CERTIFICATION <i>I hereby certify the the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.</i> Signature Brenda Coffman Printed Name Regulatory Analyst Title July 21, 2006 Date	
	SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION <i>I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.</i> JANUARY 27, 2005 Date Surveyed Signature & Seal of Professional Surveyor Certificate No. 7977 Certificate No. Gary L. Jones 7977 BASIN SURVEYS	

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WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT *To correct previous unit.*

API Number 30-025-21850	Pool Code 3820	Pool Name Bagley; PermoPenn, North
Property Code	Property Name T. P. 11 State	Well Number 1
OGRID No. 147179	Operator Name Chesapeake Operating Inc.	Elevation 4243

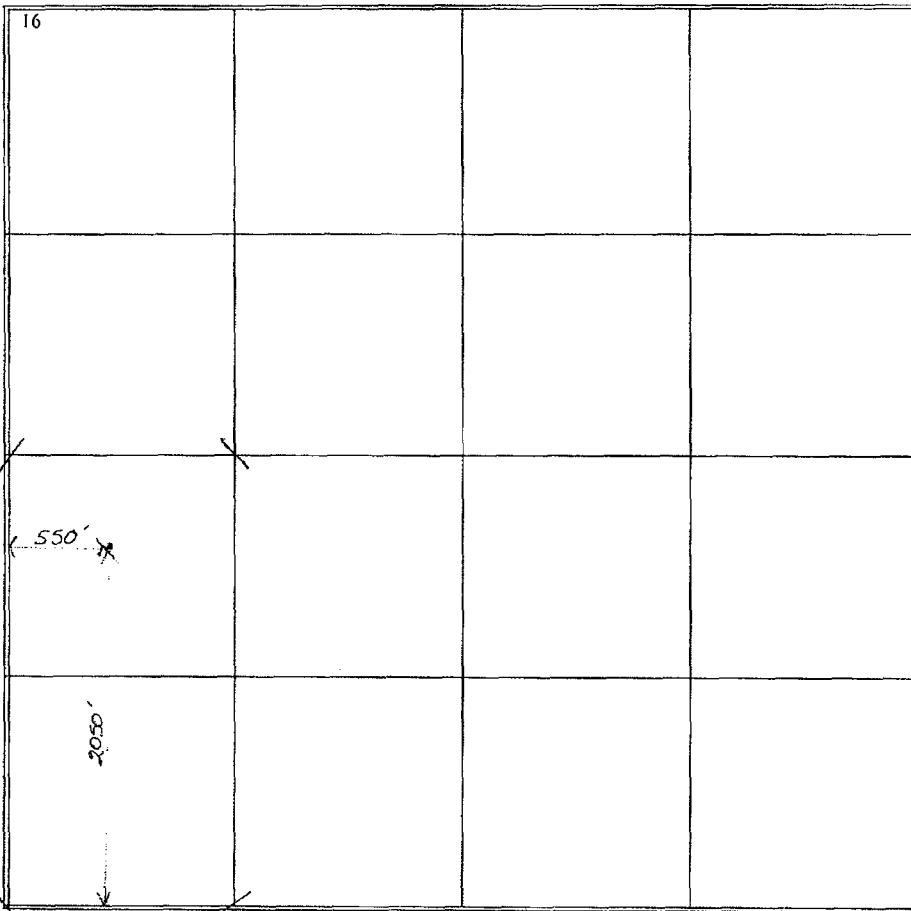
¹⁰ Surface Location

UL or lot no. L	Section 11	Township 11S	Range 33E	Lot 1dn	Feet from the 2050	North/South line South	Feet from the 550	East/West line West	County Lea
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No allowable will be assigned to this completion until all interests have been consolidated or a non-standard unit has been approved by the division.

	¹⁷ OPERATOR CERTIFICATION <i>I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this organization either owns a working interest or without interest entered in the land including the proposed bottom hole location or has a right to drill this well at this location pursuant to a contract with an owner of such a mineral or working interest, or to a voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order heretofore entered by the division.</i> <i>Brenda Coffman</i> 07/21/2006 Signature Date Brenda Coffman Printed Name
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