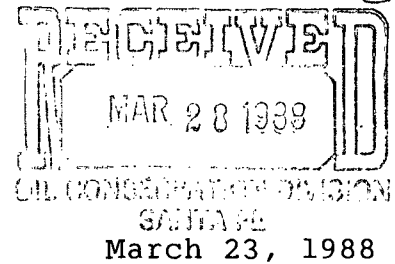


Release Date April 18, 1988

MERIDIAN OIL



Mr. William LeMay
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
Post Office Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

NSL-2493
RULE-14F(I)
Wildcat Fruitland Pool
1600 Acre total
NE 1/4 Section 11

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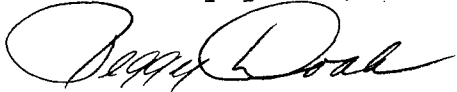
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Sincerely yours,



Peggy Doak

encl.

WAIVER

_____ hereby waives objection to Meridian Oil Inc.'s application for an unorthodox location for their Howell J #300 as proposed above.

By: _____

Date: _____

cc: Mesa Petroleum
Blackwood & Nichols

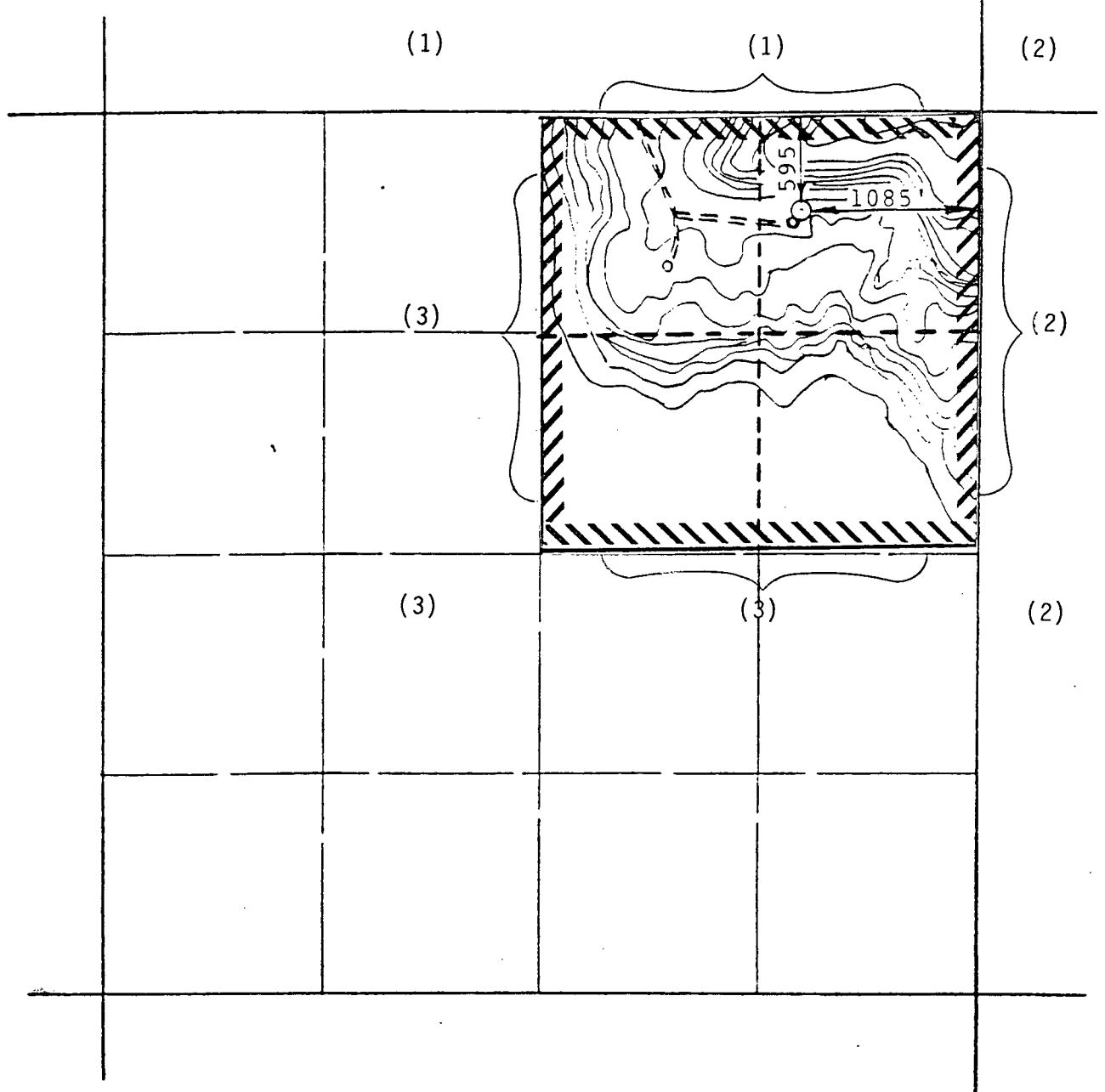
MERIDIAN OIL INC.

Well Name Howell Com J #301, Undesignated Fruitland

Footage----- 595' FNL, 1085' FEL

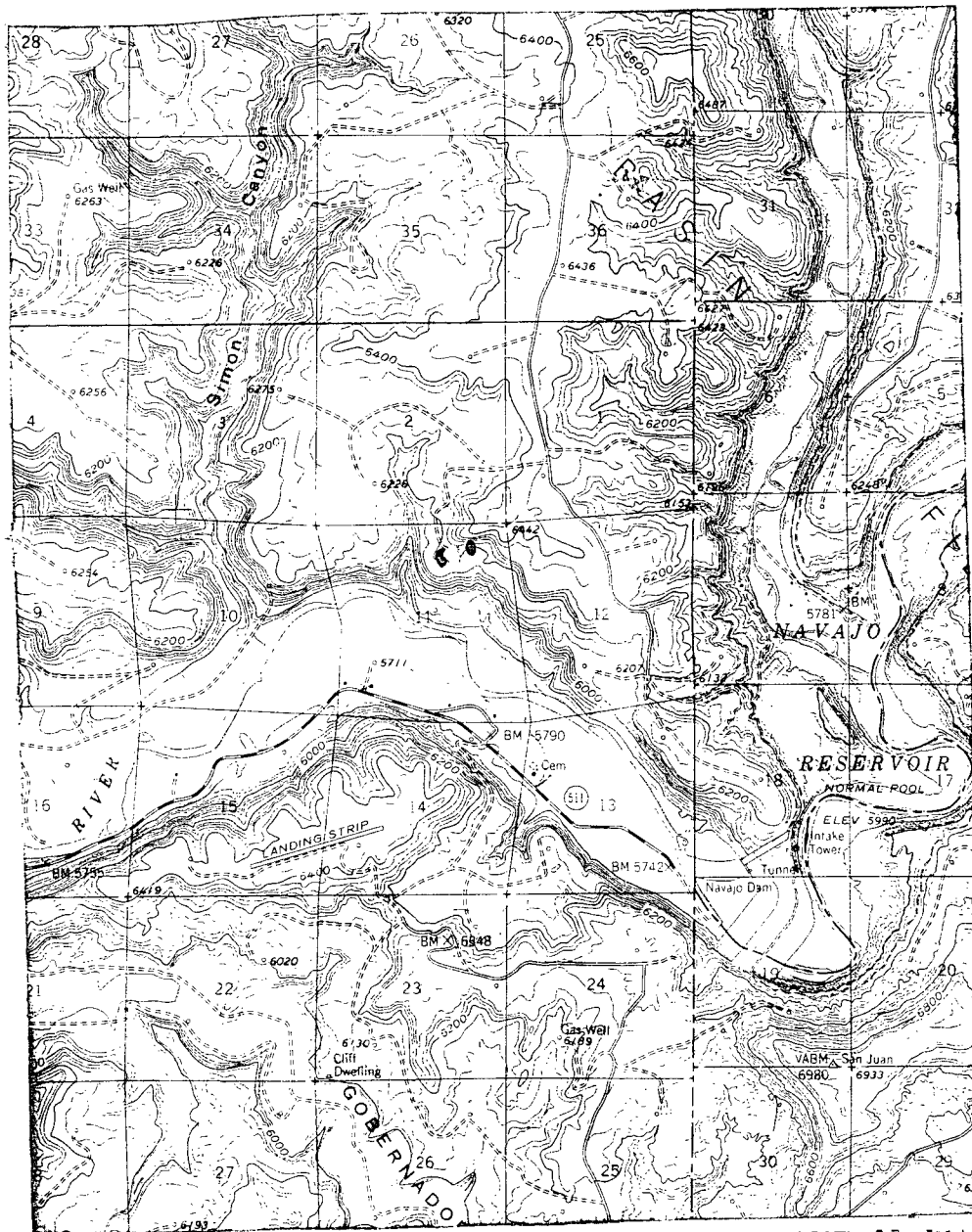
APPLICATION FOR NON-STANDARD LOCATION

County San Juan State New Mexico Section 11 Township 30N Range 8W



REMARKS: (1) Mesa Petroleum Company
(2) Blackwood & Nichols, as Operator of Northeast Blanco Unit
(3) Meridian Oil Inc.

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Map #2

LEGEND OF RIGHT-OF-WAYS

- EXISTING ROADS —————
- EXISTING PIPELINES + + +
- EXISTING ROAD & PIPELINE + + + +
- PROPOSED ROADS —————
- PROPOSED PIPELINES + + +
- PROPOSED ROAD & PIPELINE + + + +

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENTP. O. BOX 2088
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501Form C-102
Revised 10-1-78

All distances must be from the outer boundaries of the Section.

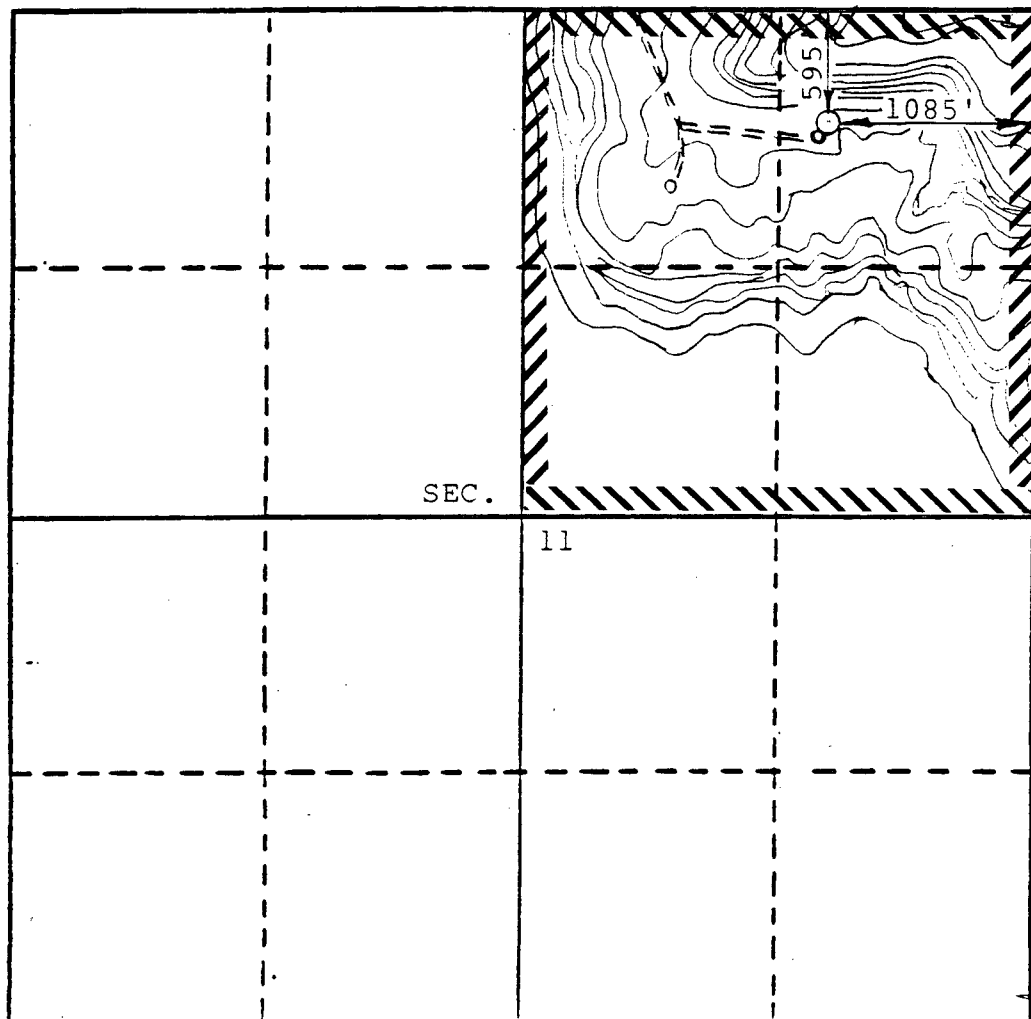
Operator MERIDIAN OIL, INC.			Lease HOWELL COM J (NM-010468)		Well No. 301
Unit Letter A	Section 11	Township 30-N	Range 8-W	County SAN JUAN	
Actual Footage Location of Wells: 595 feet from the NORTH line and 1085 feet from the EAST line					
Ground Level Elev. 6187	Producing Formation Fruitland		Pool Undesignated		Dedicated Acreage: 160 Acres

1. Outline the acreage dedicated to the subject well by colored pencil or hatchure marks on the plat below.
2. If more than one lease is dedicated to the well, outline each and identify the ownership thereof (both as to working interest and royalty).
3. If more than one lease of different ownership is dedicated to the well, have the interests of all owners been consolidated by communitization, unitization, force-pooling, etc?

☒ Yes ☐ No If answer is "yes," type of consolidation communitization

If answer is "no," list the owners and tract descriptions which have actually been consolidated. (Use reverse side of this form if necessary.) _____

No allowable will be assigned to the well until all interests have been consolidated (by communitization, unitization, forced-pooling, or otherwise) or until a non-standard unit, eliminating such interests, has been approved by the Division.



CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name
Drilling Clerk
Position
Meridian Oil Inc.
Company

Date

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 knowledge and belief.

MARCH 9, 1988

Date Surveyed
ISAAC I. WEAVER
Registered Professional Engineer
and/or Land Surveyor

Certificate No.
8966

MERIDIAN OIL

March 23, 1988

Mr. William LeMay
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
Post Office Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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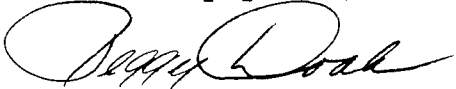
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Peggy Doak

encl.

WAIVER

Mesa Operating Limited

Partnership hereby waives objection to Meridian Oil Inc.'s application for an unorthodox location for their Howell J #300 as proposed above

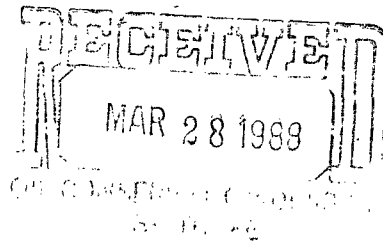
By:

Richard W. Petrie
Richard W. Petrie, Manager-Land

Date: 3/30/88

cc: Mesa Operating Limited Partnership
Blackwood & Nichols

MERIDIAN OIL



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A cursive handwritten signature that reads "Peggy Doak".

Peggy Doak

encl.

WAIVER

Blackwood & Nichols hereby waives objection to Meridian Oil Inc.'s application for an unorthodox location for their Howell J #300 as proposed above.

By: William F. Black

Date: March 25, 1988

cc: Mesa Petroleum
Blackwood & Nichols

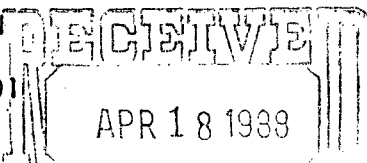


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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
AZTEC DISTRICT OFFICE

2493

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(505) 334-6178

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BOX 2088
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501



DATE 4-12-88

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
SANTA FE

RE: Proposed MC _____
Proposed DHC _____
Proposed NSL X _____
Proposed SWD _____
Proposed WFX _____
Proposed PMX _____

Gentlemen:

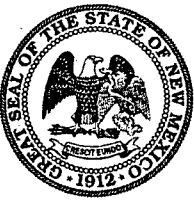
I have examined the application dated 3-24-88
for the MERIDIAN OIL INC. HOWELL COM J#301 A-11-30N-8W
Operator Lease and Well No. Unit, S-T-R

and my recommendations are as follows:

APPROVE

Yours truly,

E. Bush



NSL-2493

NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

BILL RICHARDSON

Governor

Joanna Prukop
Cabinet Secretary

March 2, 2004

Lori Wrotenbery

Director

Oil Conservation Division

Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company
P. O. Box 4289
Farmington, New Mexico 87499-4289

Telefax No. (505) 599-4062

Attention: Joni Clark
Regulatory Specialist*Administrative Order NSL-2493-A*

Dear Ms. Clark:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on February 9, 2004 (*administrative application reference No. pMES0-405049690*); (ii) your telefax to Ms. Florene Davidson on Monday morning, February 9, 2004 with supplemental information to this application; and (iii) the Division's records in Aztec and Santa Fe, including the file on Division Administrative Order NSL-2493: all concerning Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company ("Burlington") request for an exception to the well location requirements [Rule 7 (a) (1)] provided within the "*Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool*," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8768, as amended, for a non-standard infill gas well location within an existing 320-acre lay-down gas spacing unit for the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool (71629) comprising the N/2 of Section 11, Township 30 North, Range 8 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

This application has been duly filed under the provisions of: (i) Rule 7 (b) of the "*Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool*"; (ii) Division Rule 104.F, revised by Division Order No. R-11231, issued by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission ("Commission") in Case No. 12119 on August 12, 1999; and (iii) Rule 1207.A (2), revised by Division Order No. R-11205, issued by the Commission in Case No. 12177 on June 17, 1999.

This unit is currently dedicated to Burlington's Howell Com. "J" Well No. 301 (API No. 30-045-26896), located at an unorthodox coal gas well location (approved by Division Administrative Order NSL-2493, dated April 18, 1988) 595 feet from the North line and 1085 feet from the East line (Unit A) of Section 11.

By the authority granted me under the applicable provisions of the special pool rules governing the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool and Division Rule 104.F (2), the following described unorthodox infill gas well location to be drilled within the above-described 320-acre lay-down coal gas spacing unit is hereby approved:

**Howell Com. "J" Well No. 301-S
475' FNL & 815' FWL (Unit D)
(API No. 30-045-32016).**

Further, Burlington is hereby authorized to simultaneously dedicate production attributed to the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool from its existing Howell Com. "J" Well No. 301 with the proposed Howell Com. "J" Well No. 301-S.

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

Sincerely,



Lori Wrotenbery
Director

LW/mes

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Aztec
U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Farmington
File: NSL-2493