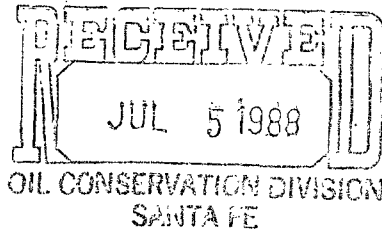


Release Date: July 25, 1988

Ex. 101

MERIDIAN OIL



July 1, 1988

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

USL- 2565
RULE-104 F(I)
Blanco Fruitland Pool
160 Acres dec
8/14 Sec 29

Dear Mr. LeMay:

This is a request for administrative approval for an unorthodox gas well location in the Undesignated Fruitland Coal Pool.

It is intended to locate the Meridian Oil Inc.'s Howell E #301 at N 1140' from the South line and 1850' from the West line of Section 29, T-30-N, R-8-W, San Juan County, New Mexico.

(What n)

Extremely rough terrain and pipelines makes it impossible to build an orthodox location in the southwest quarter of this section.

A copy of this application is being submitted to all offset operators by certified mail with a request that they furnish your Santa Fe office with a Waiver of Objection, and return one copy to this office.

Plats showing the proposed well location and the terrain in Section 29, along with an ownership plat, are attached.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peggy Doak".

Peggy Doak

encl.

WAIVER

_____ hereby waives objection to Meridian Oil Inc.'s application for an unorthodox location for their Howell E #301 as proposed above.

By: _____

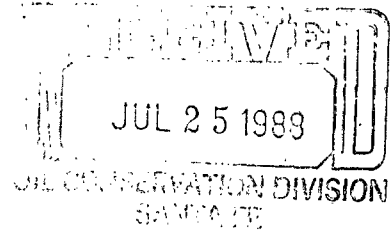
Date: _____

cc: Tenneco Oil
Texaco, Inc.

Tenneco Oil
Exploration and Production
A Tenneco Company

Western Rocky Mountain Division

6162 South Willow Drive
P.O. Box 3249
Englewood, Colorado 80155
(303) 740-4800



July 8, 1988

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87499-4289

Attention: William LeMay

Re: Unorthodox Locations
Meridian Oil Inc., Operator
Howell Well No. E 301
Sec. 29, T30N, R8W
Howell C Well No. 200
Sec. 1, T30N, R8W
Mansfield Com Well No. 250
Sec. 19, T30N, R9W
San Juan County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Attached are approved copies of Meridian Oil Inc. letters of July 1, 1988 which indicates Tenneco Oil Company has no objection to the proposed unorthodox locations for the captioned wells.

Yours very truly,

TENNECO OIL COMPANY


Carley Watkins
Manager, Joint Interest

kc/1409Z
Attachment

cc: L. Jones
Meridian Oil Inc.
Farmington

MERIDIAN OIL

July 1, 1988

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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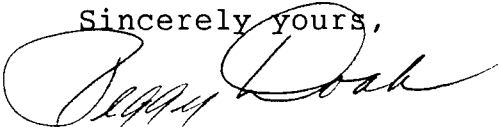
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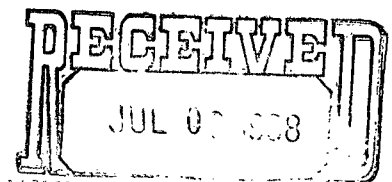
WAIVER

Tenneco Oil hereby waives objection to Meridian Oil Inc.'s application for an unorthodox location for their Howell E #301 as proposed above.

By: 

Date: 7/13/88

cc: Tenneco Oil
Texaco, Inc.



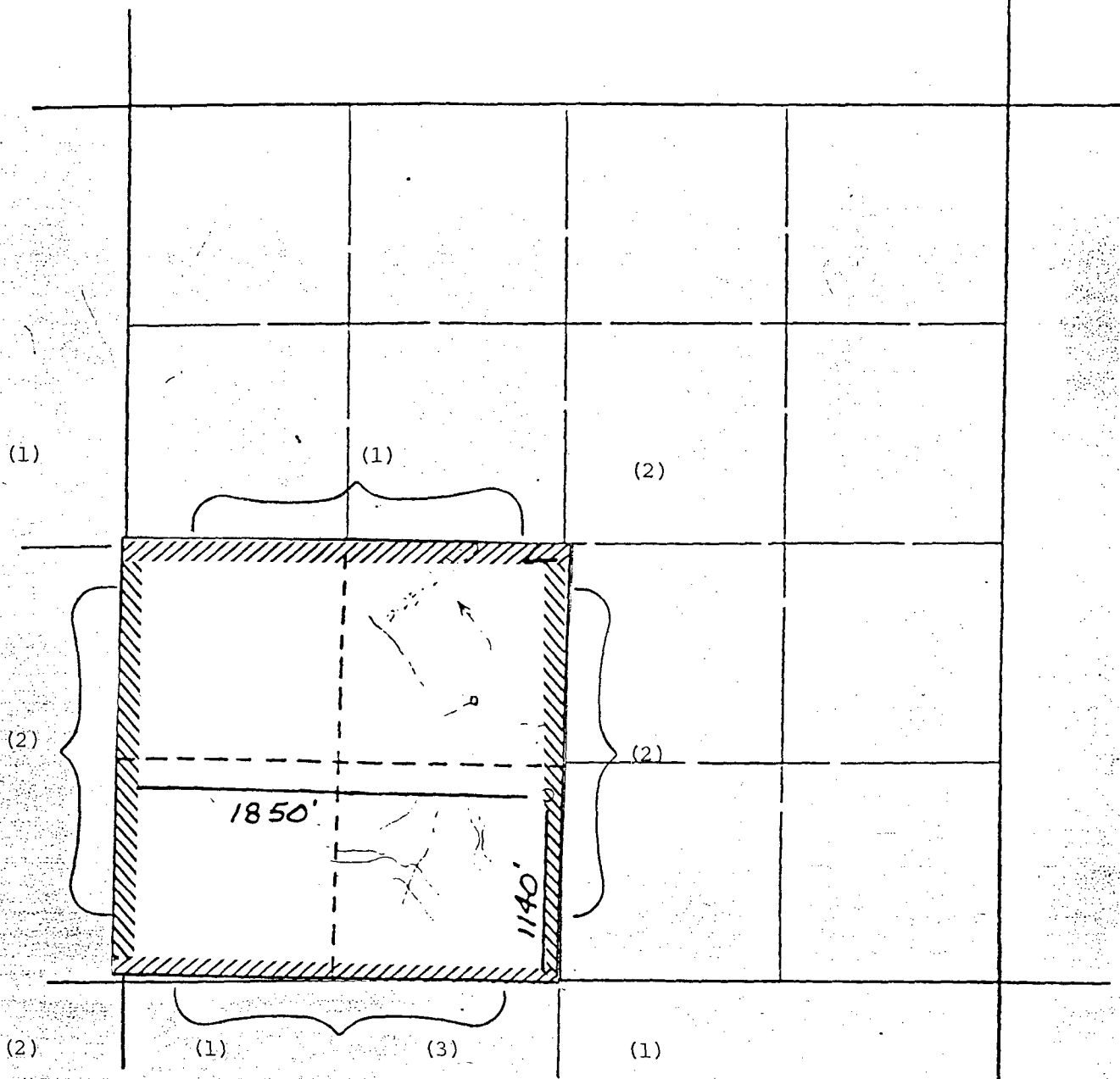
MERIDIAN OIL INC.

Well Name Howell E #301, Undesignated Fruitland

Footage----- 1140' FSL; 1850' FWL

APPLICATION FOR NON-STANDARD LOCATION

County San Juan State New Mexico Section 29 Township 30N Range 8W



REMARKS: OFFSET OPERATORS

(1) Meridian Oil Inc.

(2) Tenneco Oil Company

(3) Texaco, Inc.

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

Operator Meridian Oil Inc.			Lease Howell E (NM-012708)		Well No. 301
Unit Letter N	Section 29	Township 30 North	Range 8 West	County San Juan	
Actual Footage Location of Wells: 1140 feet from the South line and 1850 feet from the West line					
Ground Level Elev. 5930	Producing Formation Fruitland Coal		Pool Undesignated		Dedicated Acreage: Acres

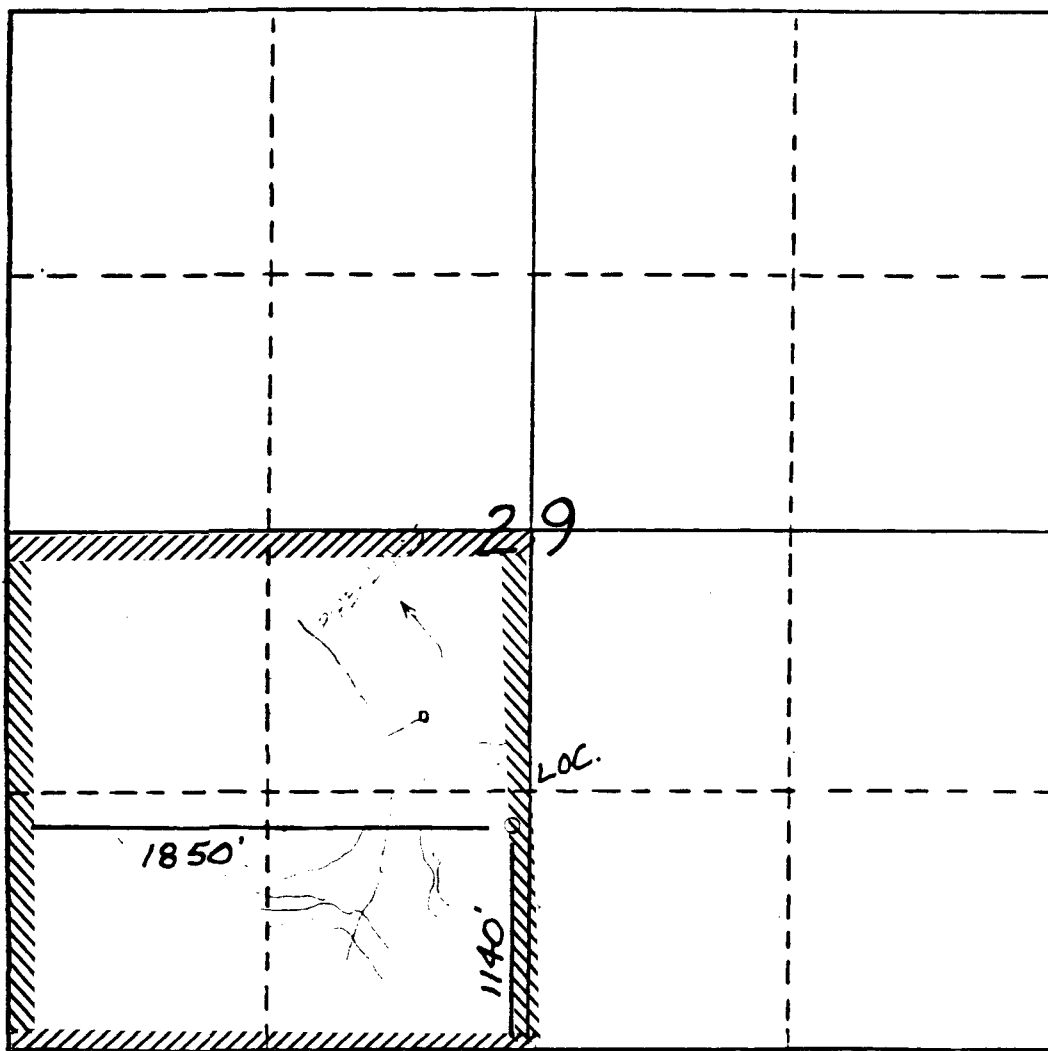
1. Outline the acreage dedicated to the subject well by colored pencil or hachure marks on the plat below.
2. If more than one lease is dedicated to the well, outline each and identify the ownership thereof (both as to working interest and royalty).
3. If more than one lease of different ownership is 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 _____

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

*Note: Non-standard location due to terrain, pipelines, and short section.



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

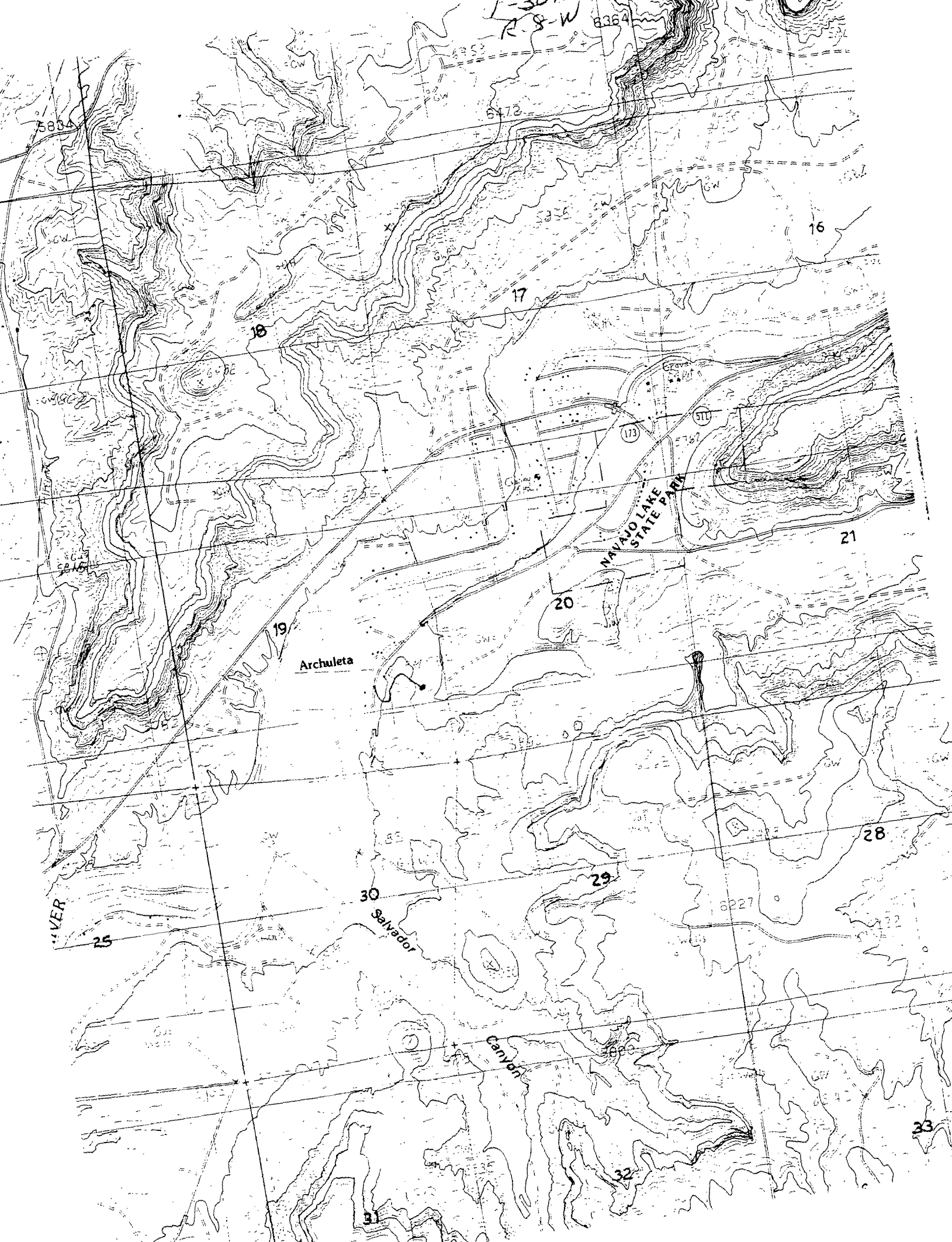
Date
3/88

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.

Neale C. Edwards

Date Surveyed
6-16-88
Registered Professional Engineer
and/or Land Surveyor

Neale C. Edwards
Certificate No.
6857





STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

AZTEC DISTRICT OFFICE

JUL 21 1988

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SANTA FE

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AZTEC, NEW MEXICO 87410
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
BOX 2088
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

DATE 7-15-88

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

Gentlemen:

I have examined the application dated 7-5-88

for the MERIDIAN OIL INC. HOWELL #301 N-29-30N-8W
Operator Lease and Well No. Unit, S-T-R

and my recommendations are as follows:

APPROVE

Yours truly,

[Signature]