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January 30, 1989



Mr. William J. LeMay
Oil Conservation Division
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Administrative Applications of BHP
Petroleum Company Inc. for an Unorthodox
Gas Well location N/2 Section 8, T11S, R27E
Chaves County, New Mexico
Ervin Ranch Prospect

Dear Mr. LeMay:

On behalf of BHP Petroleum Company, Inc. and in accordance with Division Rule 104(F), we are requesting administrative approval to locate ~~its proposed~~ Conoco "8" Federal Com. No. 1 well, a 6,700' ~~Ordovician test~~, at an unorthodox location of 330' FNL and 990' FEL Section 8, T11S, R27E. Please be advised that due to extensive archaeological site problems in the N/2 Section 8, T-11-S, R-27-E, Chaves County, New Mexico, BHP Petroleum Company believes a topographical exception to a standard well location is necessary. After having staked and surveyed seven locations in the N/2 Section 8 it has been determined that this proposed well location is not within the previously recorded cultural resource site (NM-06-3097) which covers the majority of the N/2 Section 8.

The Bureau of Land Management Area Office in Roswell, New Mexico, has approved the proposed well site based upon archaeological reasons.

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of our surveyor's plat on which the proposed location is spotted along with copies of the BLM letter of January 23, 1989. While the only companies that are directly affected by this

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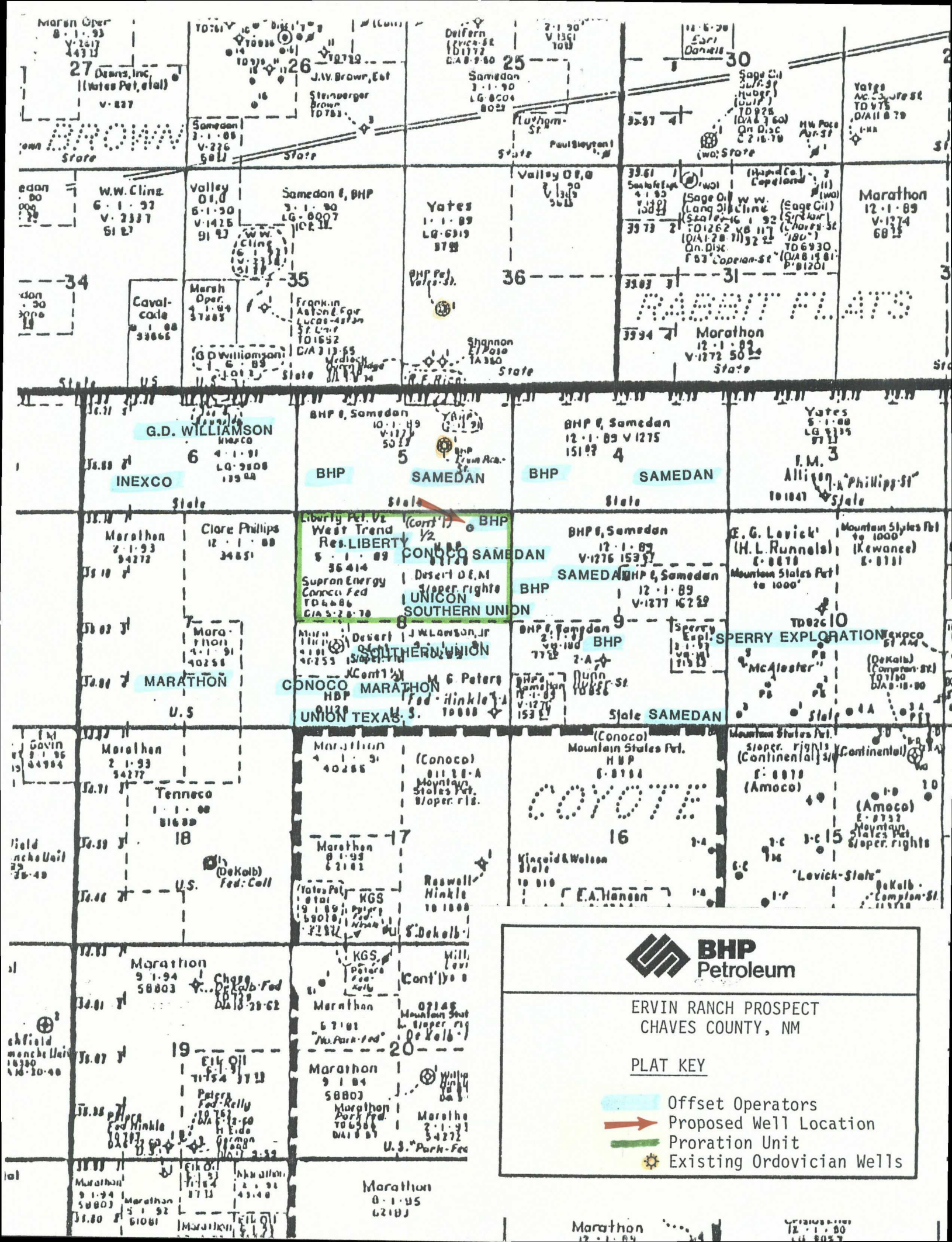
nonstandard location are BHP Petroleum Company Inc. and Samedan Oil Corporation being both the north and east offset operators, all offset operations have been notified as shown on the enclosed list.

Very Truly Yours,

W. Thomas Kellahin

WTK/rs
Encl.





cc: Randall L. Davis
BHP Petroleum



BHP
Petroleum

ERVIN RANCH PROSPECT
CHAVES COUNTY, NM

PLAT KEY

-  Offset Operators
-  Proposed Well Location
-  Proration Unit
-  Existing Ordovician Wells

**NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT**

Form C-102
Supersedes C-128
Effective 1-1-65

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

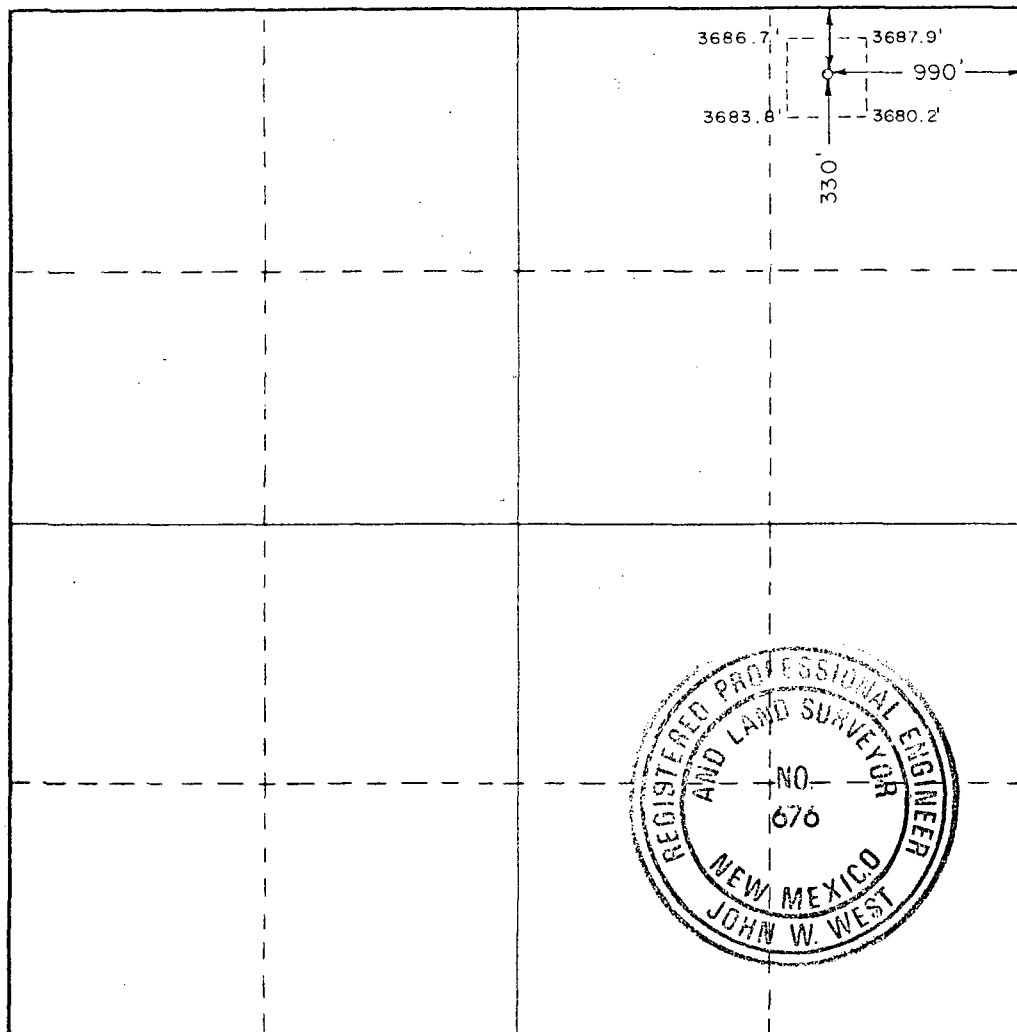
Operator BHP Petroleum (Americas)			Lease " Conoco 8 Federal		Well No. 1
Unit Letter A	Section 8	Township 11 South	Range 27 East	County Chaves	
Actual Footage Location of Well:					
330		feet from the North	line and	990	feet from the East line
Ground Level Elev. 3682.7	Producing Formation		Pool	Dedicated 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 Commission.



CERTIFICATION

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

Name _____

Position _____

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.

Date Surveyed

January 16, 1989

Registered Professional Engineer
and/or Land Surveyor

[Signature]

Certificate No. **JOHN W. WEST, 676**

RONALD J. EIDSON, 3239



JERRY W. LONG
CONSULTANT

January 23, 1989

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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Roswell Resource Area
P.O. Drawer 1857
Roswell, New Mexico 88201

Re: BHP PETROLEUM COMPANY INC.
No.1 Conoco "8" Federal
NE/4NE/4 Sec.8, T.11S., R.27E
Chaves County, New Mexico
Lease NM 02146

Attn: Mr. John Crane

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith, for your review and approval, are seven copies of Application to Drill and attachments required by Onshore Oil and Gas Order No.1, for the drilling of referenced well.

Please send an approved copy to the operator at the address on Form 3160-3 and make appropriate distribution to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. Send a copy of the approval sheet to me at the letterhead address.

If you have any questions regarding this application, please call me at Phone 505-622-1299.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry W. Long".

JERRY W. LONG
Agent for:

BHP PETROLEUM COMPANY INC.

JWL/bl1

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL, DEEPEN, OR PLUG BACK

1a. TYPE OF WORK DRILL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEEPEN <input type="checkbox"/> PLUG BACK <input type="checkbox"/>			5. LEASE DESIGNATION AND SERIAL NO. NM 02146
b. TYPE OF WELL OIL WELL <input type="checkbox"/> GAS WELL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE ZONE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE ZONE <input type="checkbox"/>			6. IF INDIAN, ALLOTTEE OR TRIBE NAME _____
2. NAME OF OPERATOR BHP PETROLEUM COMPANY INC.			7. UNIT AGREEMENT NAME Comm. Agree. Pending
3. ADDRESS OF OPERATOR 6 Desta Drive, Ste. 3200 Midland, Texas 79705-5510			8. FARM OR LEASE NAME Conoco "8" Federal
4. LOCATION OF WELL (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements.) At surface 330'FNL, 990'FEL of Sec.8-11S-27E At proposed prod. zone Same			9. WELL NO. 1
14. DISTANCE IN MILES AND DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN OR POST OFFICE* 16 Miles east of Roswell, New Mexico			10. FIELD AND POOL, OR WILDCAT Wildcat
10. DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED* LOCATION TO NEAREST PROPERTY OR LEASE LINE, FT. (Also to nearest drlg. unit line, if any) 330'			11. SEC., T., R., M., OR BLK. AND SURVEY OR AREA Sec.8-11S-27E
18. DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED LOCATION* TO NEAREST WELL, DRILLING, COMPLETED, OR APPLIED FOR, ON THIS LEASE, FT. None			12. COUNTY OR PARISH Chaves
19. PROPOSED DEPTH 6700'			13. STATE N.M.
21. ELEVATIONS (Show whether DF, RT, GR, etc.) 3682.7 GL			17. NO. OF ACRES ASSIGNED TO THIS WELL 320
22. APPROX. DATE WORK WILL START* As Soon As Approved			20. ROTARY OR CABLE TOOLS Rotary

23. PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENTING PROGRAM				
SIZE OF HOLE	SIZE OF CASING	WEIGHT PER FOOT	SETTING DEPTH	QUANTITY OF CEMENT
12-1/4"	8-5/8"	24.0# J-55	1200'±	650 sx-Circulate to Surface
7-7/8"	5-1/2"	15.5# J-55	6700'±	200 sx

Propose to drill to about 6700' to test Ellenburger and shallower formations.

If commercial production is indicated, the well will be completed in the deepest favorable formation, by cementing production casing, selectively perforating and stimulating. Run 2-7/8" tubing and test well.

See attached "Supplemental Data".

Administrative approval by NMOC of this unorthodox location is pending receipt of waivers from offset operators.

IN ABOVE SPACE DESCRIBE PROPOSED PROGRAM: If proposal is to deepen or plug back, give data on present productive zone and proposed new productive zone. If proposal is to drill or deepen directionally, give pertinent data on subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths. Give blowout preventer program, if any.

24. SIGNED Jerry W. Long TITLE Agent DATE January 23, 1985
(This space for Federal or State office use)

PERMIT NO. _____ APPROVAL DATE _____

APPROVED BY _____ TITLE _____ DATE _____
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY:

*See Instructions On Reverse Side

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WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT**

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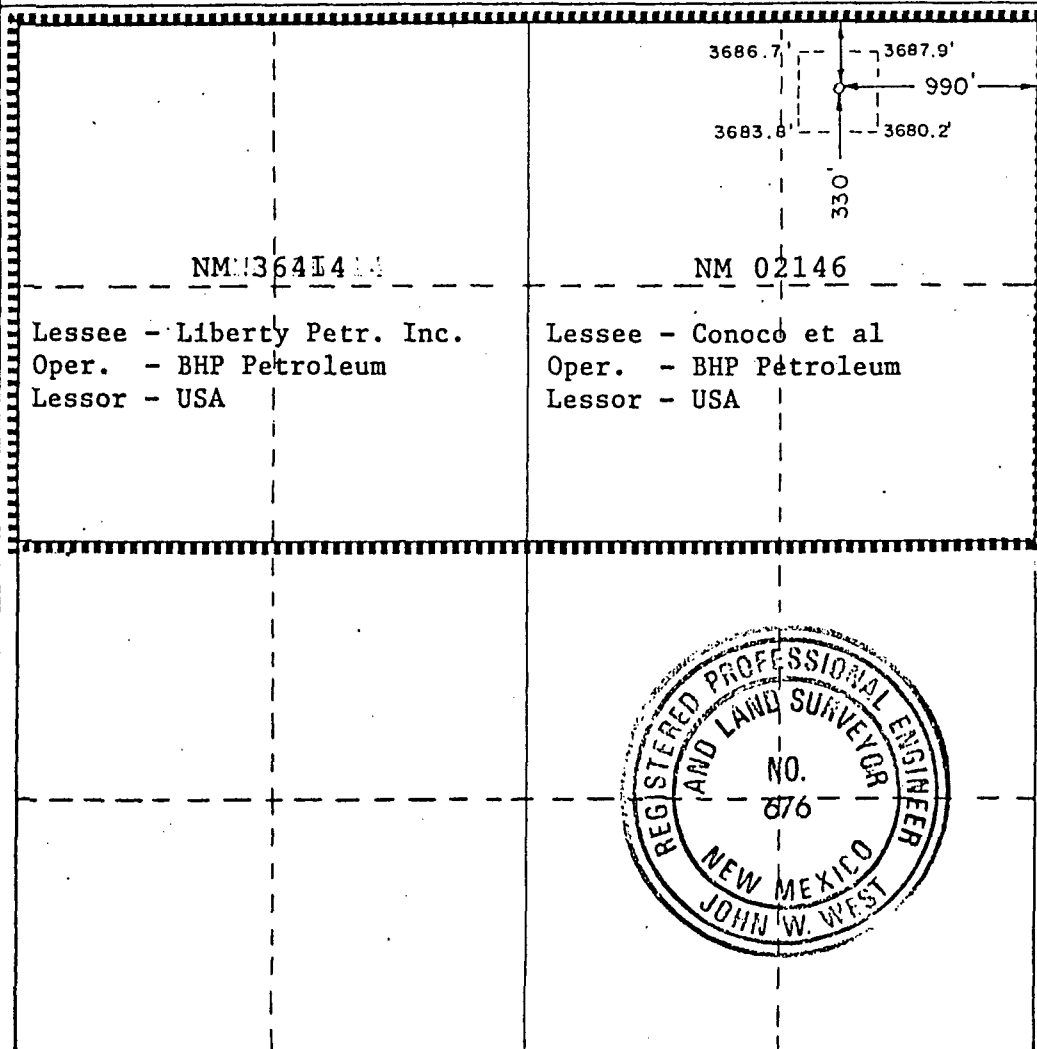
Operator BHP Petroleum Company Inc. (Americus)		Lease Conoco 8 Federal		Well No. 1
Unit Letter A	Section 8	Township 11 South	Range 27 East	County Chaves
Actual Footage Location of Well:				
330 feet from the North line and		990 feet from the East line		
Ground Level Elev. 3682.7	Producing Formation Ellenburger	Pool Wildcat	Dedicated Acreage: 320 Acres	

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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 Pending

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

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CERTIFICATION

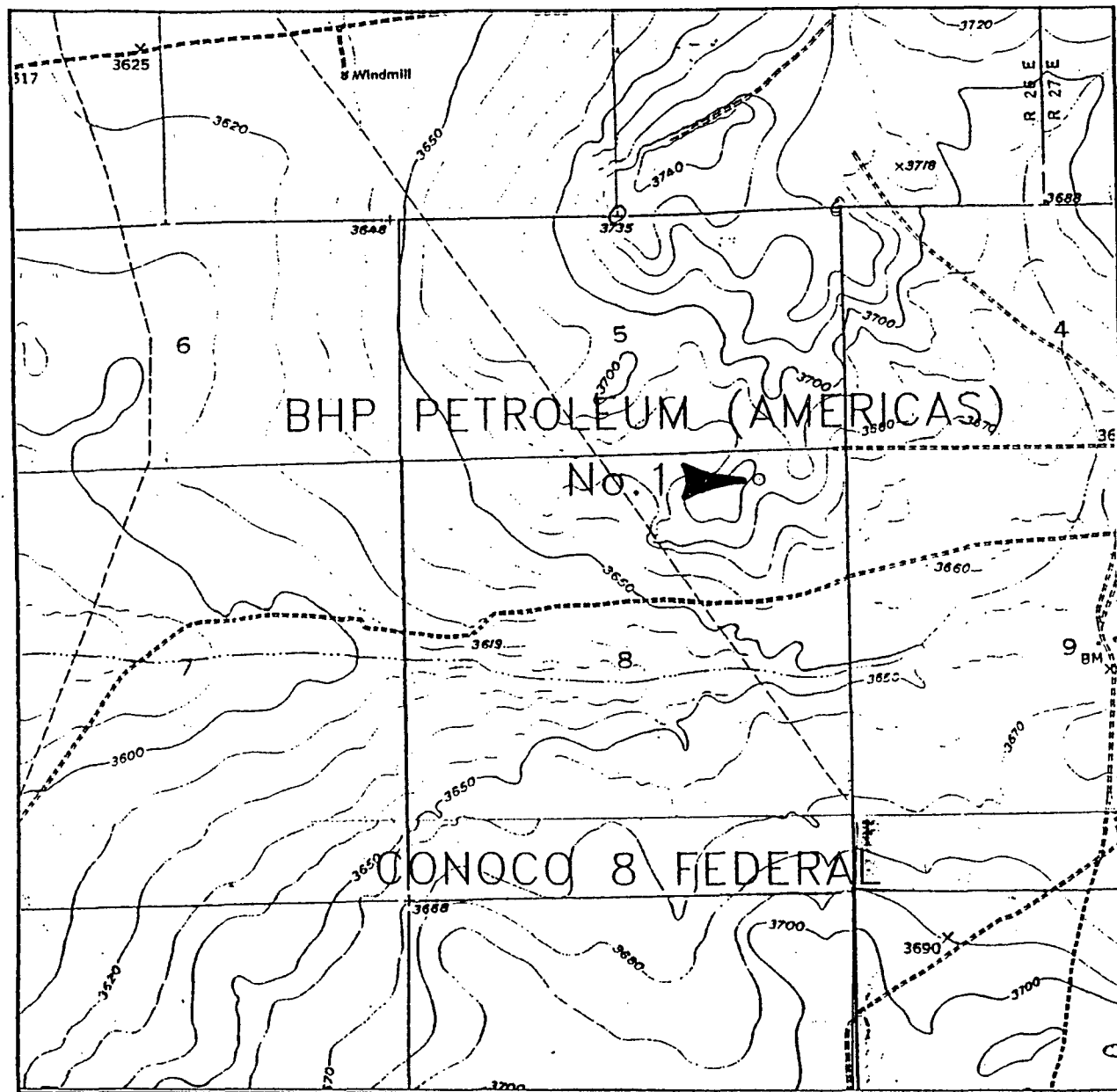
I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name Jerry W. Long
Position Agent
Company BHP PETROLEUM COMPANY INC.
Date January 23, 1989

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.

Date Surveyed January 16, 1989
Registered Professional Engineer and/or Land Surveyor [Signature]
Certificate No. JOHN W. WEST, 676
RONALD J. EIDSON, 3239

LOCATION VERIFICATION MAP



SCALE: 1" = 2000'

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10'

SEC. 8 TWP. 11S RGE. 27E

SURVEY N.M.P.M.

COUNTY Chaves STATE NM

DESCRIPTION 330' FNL & 990' FEL

ELEVATION 3682.7

OPERATOR BHP Petroleum (Americas)

LEASE Conoco 8 Federal #1

U.S.G.S. TOPOGRAPHIC MAP

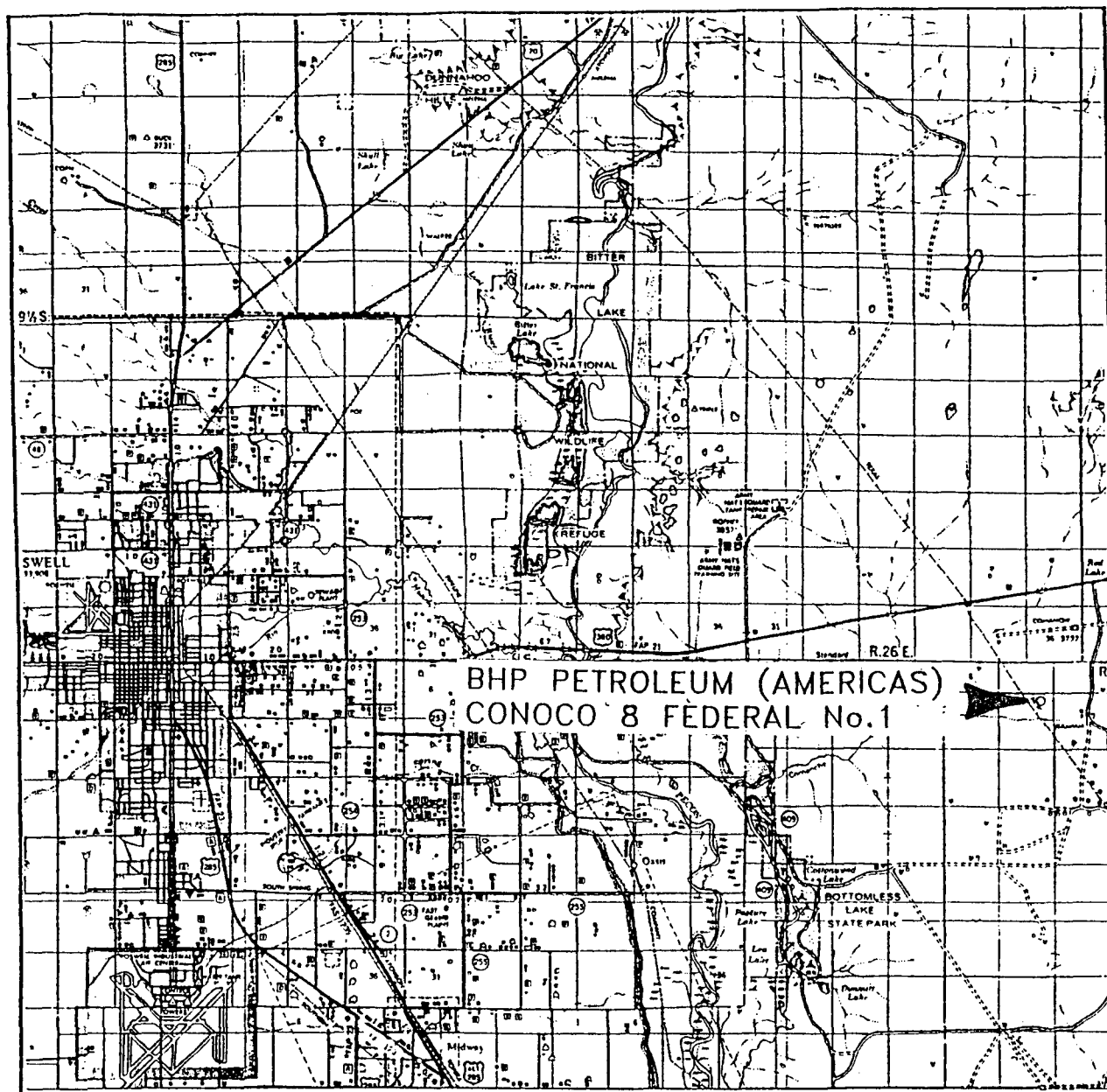
Comanche Spring, NM

Wade Ranch, NM

LE Ranch, NM

Bottomless Lakes, NM

VICINITY MAP



SCALE: 1" = 3 MILES

SEC. 8 TWP. 11S RGE. 27E

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United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ROSWELL RESOURCE AREA

P.O. DRAWER 1857
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO 80202-1857

Jan. 23, 1989



IN REPLY REFER TO:

89-0020-E & F
8100 (066)

Mr. Randall L. Davis
Regional Land Manager
BHP Petroleum (Americas) Inc
6 Desta Drive Suite 3200
Midland Texas 79705-5510

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Dear Mr. Davis:

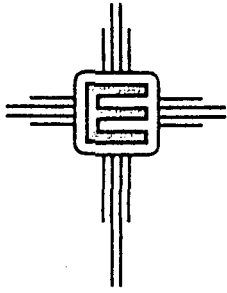
In Reply to your letter of Dec. 30, 1988 we provide the following:

An archaeological site (NM-06-3097) does occupy the majority of the north half of section 8 T. 11 S., R. 27 E. This site is believed to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and as such must be treated in certain ways to satisfy our requirements under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended).

Your location at 330' FNL & 990' FEL Section 8 poses the least impacts to the visible parts of NM-06-3097 because the access road is shorter and the surface assemblage is non existant in this portion of the site. Since the site does not appear to exist in the area proposed for your project we should be able to porceed with this proposal as soon as we have the concurrence of the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Sincerely,

for Phil Kirk
Area Manager



January 17, 1989

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BHP Petroleum Company, Inc.
ATTN: Mr. Randall Davis
6 Desta Drive, Suite 3200
Midland, Texas 79705

Dear Mr. Davis:

Enclosed please find your company's copy of the Agency for Conservation Archaeology's cultural resource survey reports F89-131.1 and F89-131.2, *No. 1 Conoco "8" Federal and Access Road* and *No. 1 Conoco "8" Federal and Access Road (Alternate Location)* for a drilling location in Chaves County, New Mexico. No cultural resources were recorded in the primary location, and five isolated manifestations of prehistoric cultural activity were recorded in the alternate location. The isolated manifestations are not considered to be significant; therefore, clearance is recommended for the project and construction should be allowed to proceed as currently planned.

If I may be of further help to you, please call me at (505) 562-2254.

Sincerely,

John Montgomery, Ph.D.
Director, Agency for Conservation Archaeology

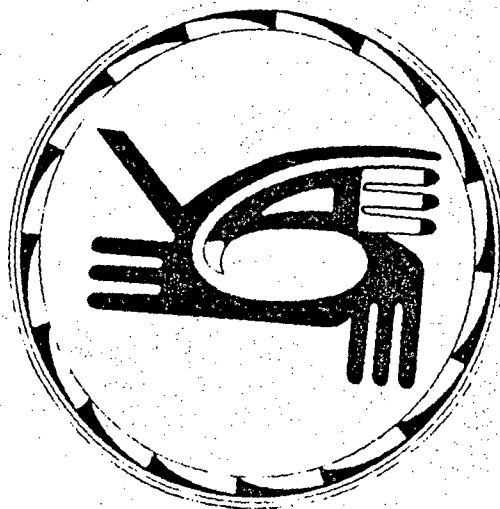
enclosure

Copies to: Sam Ball, Roswell BLM (2)
Jerry Long, Roswell (1)

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Professional Studies and Research
Eastern New Mexico University
Portales, New Mexico 88130



Cultural Resources Report
for
BHP Petroleum Company, Inc.
No. 1 Conoco "8" Federal and Access Road
330' FNL : 990' FEL Sec. 8
F89-131.1

by

Kathleen Bowman

Agency for Conservation Archaeology
Eastern New Mexico University

Principal Investigator
Dr. John L. Montgomery

January 17, 1989

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January 17, 1989

MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

On January 17, 1989, the Agency for Conservation Archaeology conducted a cultural resources survey for BHP Petroleum Company, Inc. on land with private surface and mineral rights administered by the Bureau of Land Management. The area was surveyed for a well pad and access road and encompasses a total of approximately 3.97 acres. The proposed project area is located in Section 8, T11S, R27E, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico. No cultural resources were located during this survey. A previously recorded cultural resource site (NM-06-3097) is located immediately west of the proposed project area. However, no surface manifestations of the site were observed on the present location. Based on field observation, it is believed that there is little possibility for buried cultural resources at this location. Due to the absence of significant cultural resources within the proposed project area, clearance is recommended for the proposed well pad and access road.

Introduction

A cultural resources survey was completed recently by the Agency for Conservation Archaeology (ACA) at Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) for BHP Petroleum Company, Inc., on land with private surface and mineral rights administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Chaves County, New Mexico. The reconnoitered area will be disturbed by the construction of a well pad and an access road. The project was administered by Mr. Jerry Long for BHP Petroleum Company, Inc., and Dr. John L. Montgomery, Director of ACA. This report was prepared by the Portales office of ACA.

The fieldwork was conducted on January 16, 1989, by Kathleen Bowman and James Bowman. Good field and weather conditions prevailed throughout the course of this reconnaissance. The survey was done between 12:50 pm and 1:30 pm under clear skies with temperatures in the upper 50s (F). This survey was conducted under Federal Antiquities Permit number 11-2920-88-L. A search of the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) has been made, and no properties within this area are listed. Examination of the Bureau of Land Management Roswell Resource Area's site files showed a previously recorded lithic procurement site (NM-06-3097) in this area. An extension of this same lithic procurement site (NM-06-3098) is located 0.5 mi (0.9 km) west (Sam Ball, personal communication December 6, 1988).

Survey Techniques

Visual inspection of the proposed project area was accomplished by walking it in a series of parallel transects. Each transect was covered in a tightly spaced zigzag pattern. The distance between transects was approximately 25 ft (8 m). Dirt from insect and rodent burrows was examined for cultural materials that may have been brought up from below the surface. These methods maximized the opportunity of observing any cultural resources on the surface within or near the proposed area of disturbance.

No. 1 Conoco "8" Federal and Access Road

Location

The proposed project area is located near Comanche Spring, approximately 20 mi (32 km) east of Roswell, New Mexico. The proposed well pad covers approximately 3.67 acres and measures 400 x 400 ft (122 x 122 m). The proposed access road covers approximately 0.3 acres and measures 100 x 130 ft (30 x 40 m). They are situated as follows:

Well Pad (330 FNL 990 FEL)

NW1/4 NE1/4, SEC. 08, T11S, R27E, NMPM, Chaves County, NM (Private Surface/Federal Minerals)

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Access Road

NW1/4 NE1/4, SEC. 08, T11S, R27E, NMPM, Chaves County, NM (Private Surface/Federal Minerals)

Plat: Figure 1

Map Reference: USGS Comanche Spring, N.Mex. Quadrangle, 7.5 minute series, 1950 photorevised 1975 (Figure 2)

UTMs:

Well center: Zone 13; N 3694130, E 569460
Access Road: Zone 13; N 3694220, E 569480 (northern end)
Zone 13; N 3694180, E 569480 (southern end)

Topographic Situation

The proposed well pad and access road are situated in a relatively flat area between two low rises, approximately 3.0 mi (4.8 km) east of Comanche Draw. Elevation in the project area varies from 3680 to 3690 ft (1122 to 1125 m) above mean sea level (amsl).

Water Resources

Few sources of permanent and/or seasonal water exist in this area of New Mexico. Seasonal water may have been obtained at Comanche Spring or Comanche Draw, approximately 3.0 mi (4.8 km) west of the project area. Several other intermittent drainages exist within a 10 mi (16 km) radius of the project area. It is assumed that any of these could have provided seasonal water to the prehistoric occupants of the area. The Pecos River, approximately 16 mi (26 km) to the west of the project area, is the closest source of permanent water.

Land Resources

The well pad and access road are in an area where sediments are predominantly light brown clay loam. Taxonomically they are classified as part of the Palcorthids-Haplargids association, which comprise some of the light-colored soils of the Warm Desertic Region. Soils of this association are generally shallow and underlain by caliche. Natural lithic inclusions observed in the project area consist of few to common pebble-sized pieces of caliche, chert, chalcedony, petrified wood, and sandstone.

Biotic Resources

The ACA archaeologists observed a moderately dense floral assemblage at this location. The estimated coverage of vegetation in the area is approximately 60% to 75%, consisting primarily of grasses. Species

AGENCY FOR CONSERVATION ARCHAEOLOGY WELL LOCATION SCHEMATIC

Company: BHP Petroleum	Lease: Conoco 8 Federal	Well No.: 1
330 feet from the North line, 990 feet from the East line		
Section: 8	Township: 11S	Range: 27E
County: Chaves	State: New Mexico	
Ownership: Private Surface/Federal Minerals		

Scale: One Inch = 1000 Feet

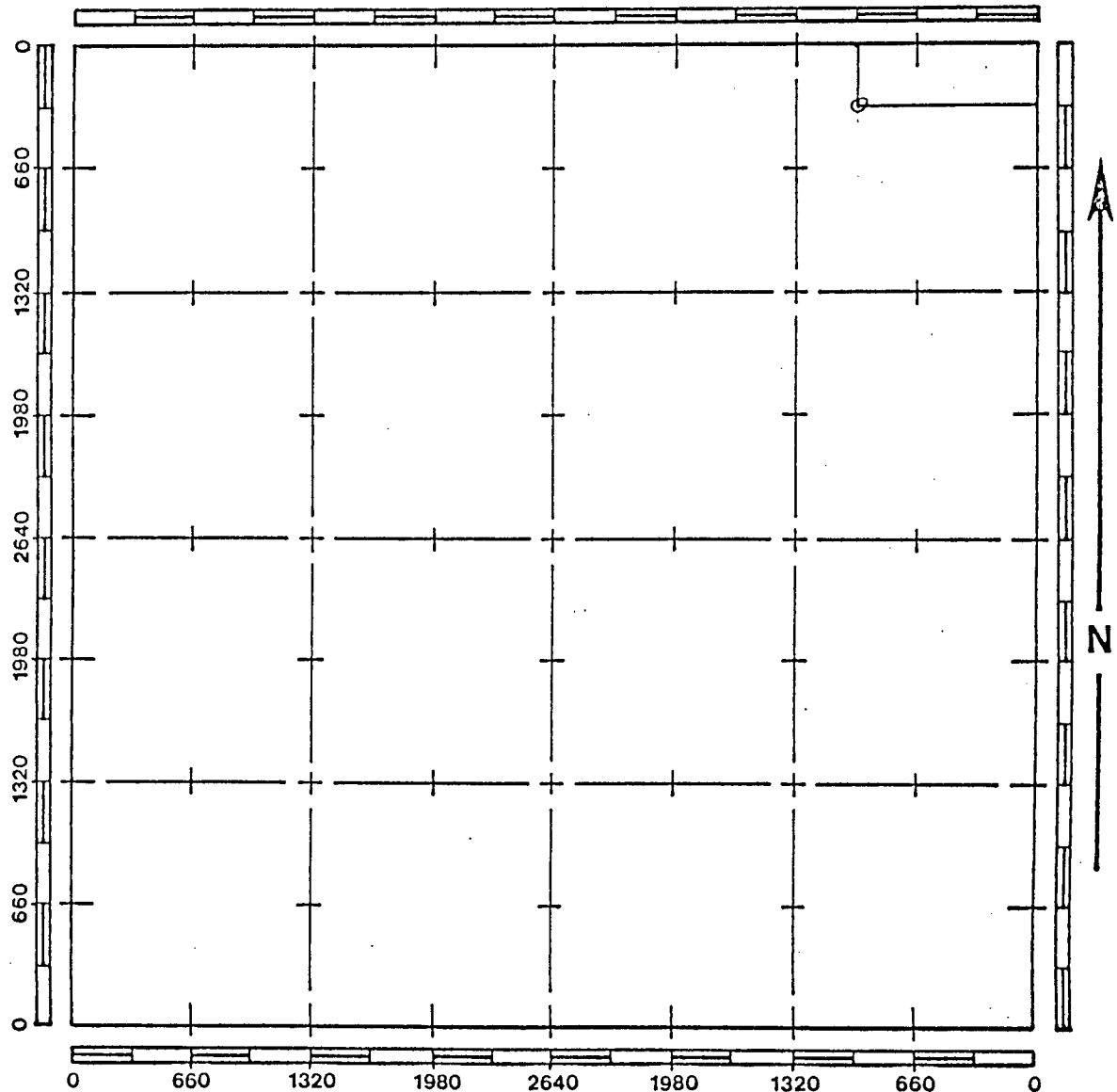


Figure 1. Plat.

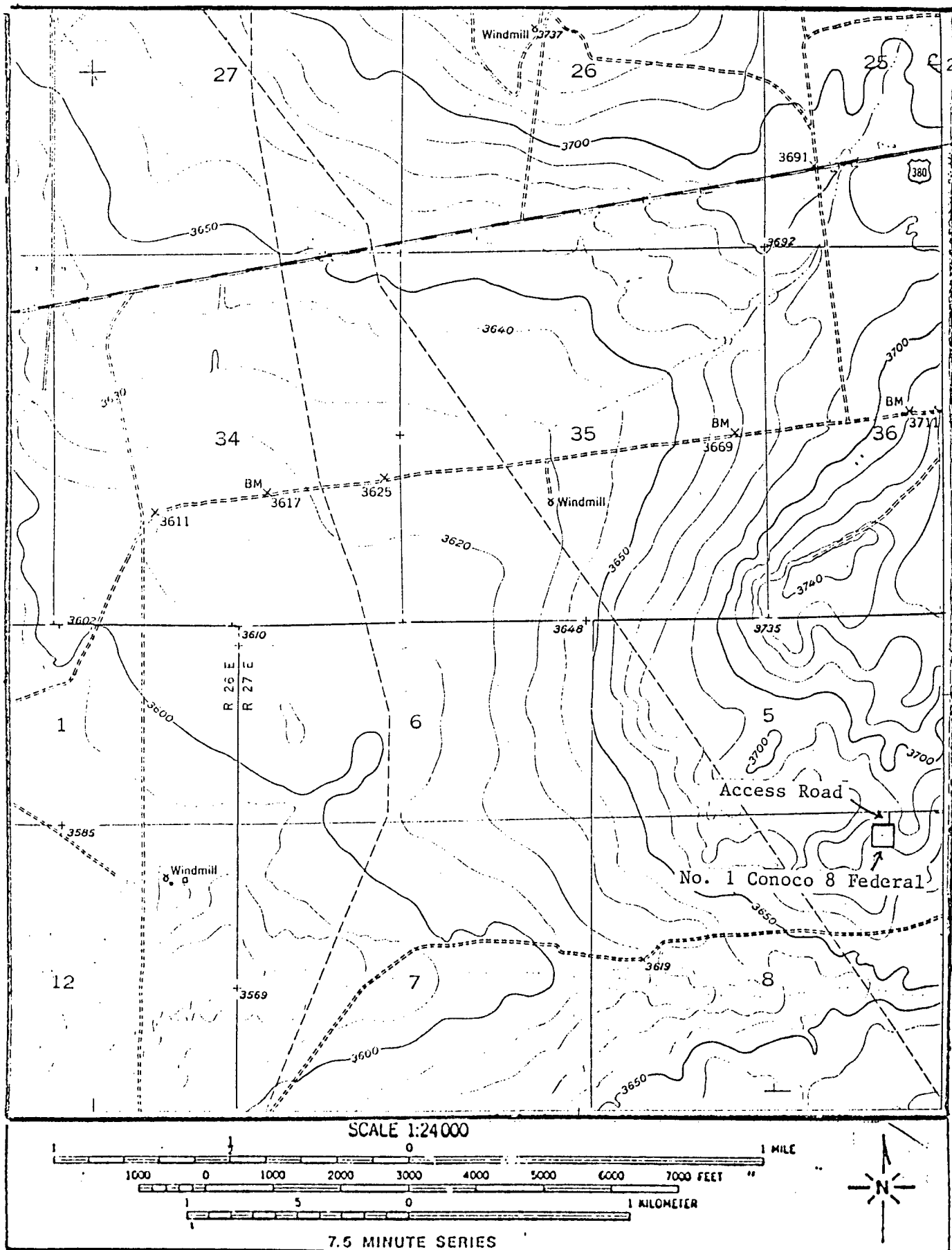


Figure 2. Location of proposed well pad and access road in Section 8, T11S, R27E, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico.

Map Reference: USGS Comanche Spring, N.Mex. Quadrangle, 1950 photorevised 1975

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observed include poverty threecawn (*Aristida scoparis*), bush muhly (*Muhlenbergia porteri*), yucca (*Yucca glauca*), javelina bush (*Condalia ericoides*), creosote bush (*Larrea tridentata*), mesquite (*Prosopis juliflora*), broom snakeweed (*Gutierrezia sarothrae*), purple pricklypear (*Opuntia macrocentra*), tree cholla (*Opuntia imbricata*), Christmas cactus (*Opuntia leptocaulis*), wavyleaf thistle (*Cirsium undulatum*), desert holly (*Perezia nana*), and various other unidentified grasses and forbs.

Previous Disturbances

The proposed project area has been disturbed previously by erosion induced by water runoff, and livestock grazing.

Cultural Resources

The ACA archaeologists did not find any cultural resources during this survey. A total of 1.3 person-hours were spent examining this location for cultural resources. A previously recorded site (NM-06-3097) is located immediately west of the project area (Dickenson 1988). This site's overall artifact density is very low. No surface manifestations of this cultural resource sites were observed on the project area. The gradual slope of the area, plus the lack of vegetational and pedological differences between the low rises and flat areas implies that both areas are being eroded. In addition, surface characteristics (i.e., distribution of pebbles) appear to be the same on both areas. Based on these field observations of the general area, the ACA archaeologists feel that there is little possibility for buried cultural resources on the proposed well pad and access road.

Recommendations

Due to the absence of significant cultural resources in the project area, clearance is recommended. Construction should be allowed to proceed as currently planned.

General Recommendations

In the unlikely event that substantial cultural materials are uncovered during construction, the BLM Archaeologist for the Roswell Resource Area should be consulted immediately. This report contains professional opinions about cultural resources in the project area. It should not be considered permission to proceed with construction, but should be submitted to the proper review agencies for comments prior to the initiation of land-altering activities.

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Reference Cited

Dickenson, Joanne

1988 *Cultural Resources Report for BHP Petroleum Company, Inc.: No. 1 Conoco "8" Federal and Access Road (Original Location).* ACA Report F89-128.1. Agency for Conservation Archaeology, Eastern New Mexico University, Portales.

January 26, 1989

Offset Operators
Conoco "8" Federal Com. No. 1



Re: Unorthodox Well Location
Conoco "8" Federal Com. No. 1
330' FNL and 990' FEL Section 8
Township 11 South, Range 27 East
Chaves County, New Mexico
Ervin Ranch Prospect

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please be advised that due to extensive archaeological site problems in the N/2 Section 8, T-11-S, R-27-E, Chaves County, New Mexico, BHP Petroleum Company Inc. is requesting administrative approval from the Oil Conservation Commission to locate its proposed Conoco "8" Federal Com. No. 1 well, a 6,700' Ordovician test, at a nonstandard location of 330' FNL and 990' FEL Section 8. After having staked and surveyed seven locations in the N/2 Section 8 it has been determined that this proposed well location is not within the previously recorded cultural resource site (NM-06-3097) which covers the majority of the N/2 Section 8.

The Bureau of Land Management Area Office in Roswell, New Mexico, has approved the proposed well site based upon archaeological reasons.

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of our surveyor's plat on which the proposed location is spotted. The only companies that are directly affected by this nonstandard location are BHP Petroleum Company Inc. and Samedan Oil Corporation being both the north and east offset operators.

BHP respectfully requests that your company approve our nonstandard well location by signing two copies of the attached letter and sending one copy to the Oil Conservation Division and one copy to BHP in the enclosed envelopes. Should you have any questions concerning our proposed location, please call me at (915) 688-1800.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randall L. Davis".

Randall L. Davis
Regional Land Manager

RLD/gc

OFFSET OPERATORS AND ADDRESSES
CONOCO "8" FEDERAL COM. NO. 1
330' FNL & 990' FEL Sec. 8
T-11-S, R-27-E
CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

BHP Petroleum Company
6 Desta Drive, Suite 3200
Midland, TX 79705
Attn: Mr. Lee McLean

Samedan Oil Corporation
10 Desta Drive, Suite 240E
Midland, TX 79705
Attn: Mr. Jack Anderson

Conoco, Inc.
P. O. Box 460
Hobbs, NM 88240
Attn: Mr. Jerry Hardin

Unicon Producing Company
P. O. Box 2120
Houston, TX 77252-2120
Attn: Ms. Lael Henning

Southern Union Exploration Company
1800 Renaissance Tower
1201 Elm Street
Dallas, TX 75270-2090
Attn: Mr. R. Craig Nielson

Mr. G. D. Williamson
P. O. Box 2206
Roswell, NM 88201

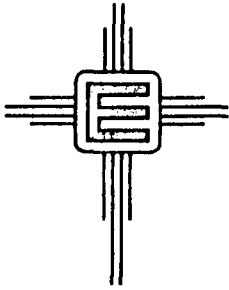
Union Texas Exploration Corp.
P. O. Box 2120
Houston, TX 77252-2120
Attn: Ms. Lael Henning

Sperry Exploration Inc.
100 W. Marcy
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Inexco Oil Company
2950 North Loop West
Suite 1200
Houston, TX 77092

Marathon Oil Company
P. O. Box 552
Midland, TX 79702
Attn: Mr. Steve Daniels

Liberty Petroleum
P. O. Box 740516
Dallas, TX 75374-0516
Attn: Mr. Ronald D. Staggs



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Portales 88130

Agency for Conservation Archaeology

January 9, 1989

Mr. Randall Davis
BHP Petroleum
6 Desta Drive
Suite 3200
Midland, TX 79705

Dear Mr. Davis:

Enclosed please find a copy of a map illustrating the eastern boundary of cultural resource site NM-06-3097. The area shown on the map is located in Section 8, T11S, R26E, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico. This map was drawn by Sam Ball, Roswell Resource Area, Bureau of Land Management. As we discussed on the telephone, the best area to move the well location to is on the northeast side of Section 8. I have marked this area on the map.

If you have any further questions please call me or Dr. John Montgomery at (505) 562-2254.

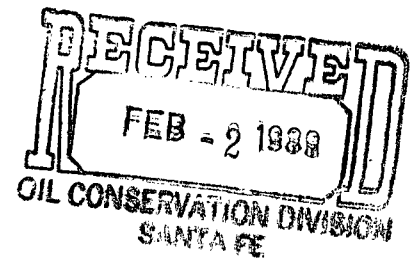
Sincerely,

Joanne Dickenson, ACA

Enclosure

January 26, 1989

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P. O. Box 2088
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Sincerely,

By:

Title:

Operator/Company:

G. Dee Williamson
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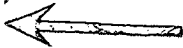
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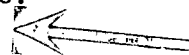
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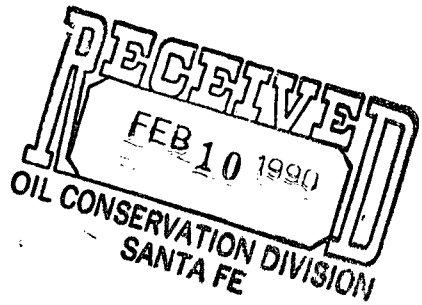


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By: Ralph F. Castelle

Title: Superior - JF. Interest Properties

Operator/Company: Unicon Producing Company

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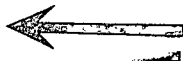
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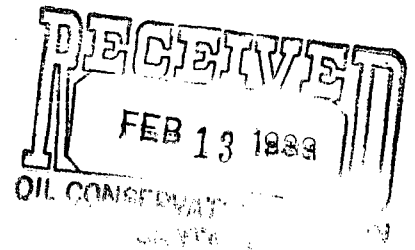
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By: Ronald D. Stegge

Title: Manager, Explor. & Prod.

Operator/Company: Liberty Petroleum Corp.

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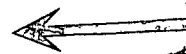
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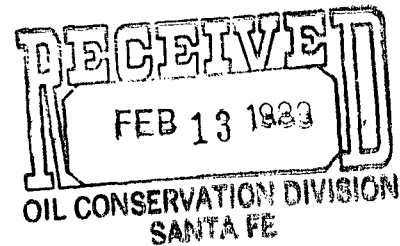
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By: Ralph Hostelle

Title: Supervisor of Interest Properties

Operator/Company: Union Texas Exploration Corporation

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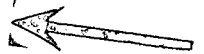
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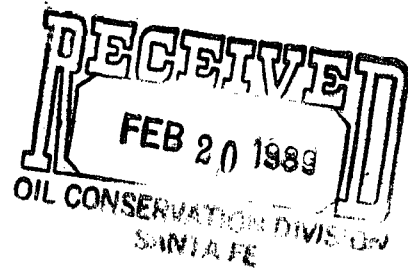
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R. P. McCuistion

Title: Vice President and Division General Manager

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Operator/Company: Samedan Oil Corporation

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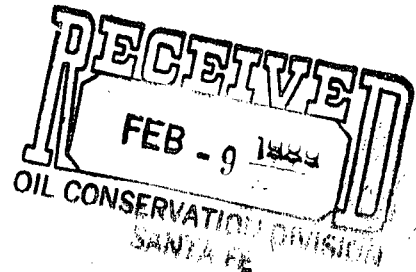
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R. Craig Nielsen 2/7/89 

Title: R. Craig Nielsen, Attorney in Fact

Operator/Company: SOUTHERN UNION EXPLORATION COMPANY

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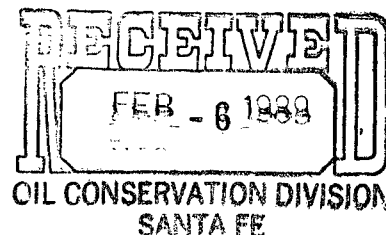


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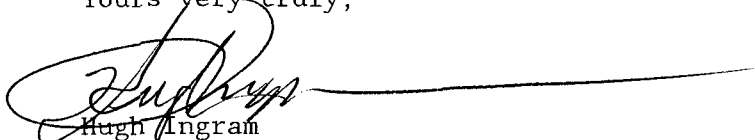


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Unorthodox Location, Conoco "8"
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New Mexico, BHP Petroleum Company Inc.

Conoco Inc. has approved BHP's letter ballot for the subject well. One copy is attached for your file and one copy is being returned to BHP.

Yours very truly,


Hugh Ingram
Conservation Coordinator

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cc:

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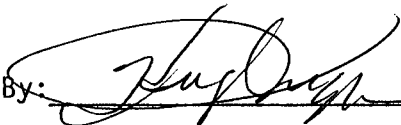
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Title: Conservation Coordinator

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Attention: W. Thomas Kellahin

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Location, N/2 Section 8,
Township 11 South, Range 27
East, Chaves County, New
Mexico.

Dear Mr. Kellahin:

Per your application dated January 30, 1989, there was numerous mention of archeological site No. NM-06-3097. Please submit additional information on this particular site and also submit a plat showing its extent. The plat should also indicate other possible well sites, if any, that would be acceptable by the BLM.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Michael E. Stogner
Petroleum Engineer

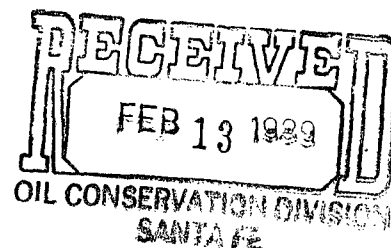
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Telephone 915/682-1626

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Attention: Mr. Randall L. Davis

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NM-4368-A - U.S. Lease NM-01128A
N/2 Section 8, T-11-S, R-27-E,
Our North Park Area
Chaves County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Enclosed for your further handling please find one (1) Marathon executed Unorthodox Well Location Waiver Letter dated January 26, 1989, covering BHP's proposed Conoco "8" Federal Com No. 1 well to be located at a non-standard location of 330' FNL and 990' FEL of Section 8, T-11-S, R-27-E, Chaves County, New Mexico.

Should you require further information, please advise.

Very truly yours,

MARATHON OIL COMPANY

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Steve Daniels
Landman

SMD:mmc'
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xc: State of New Mexico
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By: 

S. H. Raymond

Title: Attorney-in-Fact

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