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OIL CONSERVATION DIV.

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Room 206 Santa Fe, NM 87504

Attn: Mike Stougner

Johnston Federal 26 Re: Section 7, T31N-R9W San Juan County, New Mexico

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- NW1/4 of Section 7, T31N-R9W.
- 2) Location was archaeologically cleared.
- 3) A BLM on site inspection was conducted in mid December and the site was acceptable to the BLM.
- 4) The APD was filed on January 13, 1989 and the site was found to be deficient due to it being in a now non-conforming 1/4section.
- 5) On February 25, 1989, a new location was selected in Section 7, NE1/4 and surveyed in. Said location was found to be the only practical site available in said 1/4 Section due to the topography and the existence of previously drilled wells.
- 6) Site was archaeologically cleared.
- 7) On April 4, 1989, an on site inspection was conducted for the new location in the NE1/4. This location was denied by the BLM on the basis that too much of an existing hillside would have to be removed in order to build the pad. The BLM Field Officer then tried to locate an alternate site in the NE1/4 but came to the conclusion that, due to the topography of the area and existing wells, no new location could be found in the NE1/4 section.

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Union Texas Petroleum Corporation is requesting that, due to the above noted series of events, the original location for the Johnston Federal 26 be administratively approved as an exception location in the NW1/4 of Section 7.

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Should you have any questions or need assistance, please contact to me at (713) 968-4010.

Sincerely, mmettleut

Dennis H. Cowan Manager, Regulatory and Environmental Services

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Attn: Mr. Mike Stougner 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Room 206 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

LETTER OF CERTIFICATION

This letter shall serve as certification that the following Offset Operators were notified on April 24, 1989 of Union Texas Petroleum Corporation's application for a permit to drill the Johnston Federal 26, Section 7-T31N-R9W in San Juan County, New Mexico on a non-conforming 1/4 section due to the topography. Administrative approval is requested and each Offset Operator was furnished a copy of the Application for Permit to Drill, a copy of the survey plat and topo map.

OFFSET FRUITLAND OPERATORS - JOHNSTON FEDERAL 26

Kevin Pfister, Sr. Landman Fina Oil & Chemical (for) American Petrofina of Texas P. O. Box 2990 Midland, Texas 79702

Meridian Oil Inc. 3535 East 30th Street P. O. Box 4289 Farmington, New Mexico 87499

Tom Balack 3901 Bloomfield Highway Farmington, New Mexico 87401

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Sincerely, Taula Mes

Paula Priest Regulatory Analyst

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Please signify your consent to waiver the twenty (20) day waiting period required by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division by signing and forwarding one (1) copy of this letter at your earliest convenience to:

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Sincerely,

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Union Texas Petrolaum Corporation Atta: Ms. Paula Priest P. O. Box 2120 Nouston, TX 77252-2120

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Dear Ms. Priest:

This letter is in reference to your proposed well Wo. 26 Johnston Federal, Lease No. SP-078439, located 1182' FNL, 1190' FEL, sec. 7, T. 31 N., R. 9 W.. This location was inspected by Ilyse Ferraiuolo of our staff and found to be unsuitable for a well pad due to excessive topography. This proposed site is located on an extremely steep hill with most of the pad having cuts in excess of 22 feet. We will not approve this location as proposed.

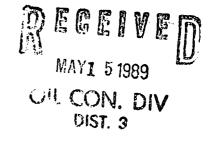
Alternatives to this location include twinning of an existing well pad to the north (No. 7 Johnston, located 990' ENL, 990' FEL, Sec. 7, T. 31 N., R. 9 W.), or the original morthodox location of 1820' FNL, 740' FML, sec. 7, T. 31 N., R. 9 W.. 2000 consideration in finding an environmentally acceptable location is appreciated.

Sincerely,

/s/ John L. Keller

KC Ron Fellows
Area Manager

cc: Mr. Mike Stougner, NMOGD, Aztec, NM





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Tom Balack 3901 Bloomfield Highway Farmington, New Mexico 87401

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April 24, 1989

Gregory Keely Robert L. Keely Lawrence C. Keely 309 Bank of America Building Beverly Hills, California 90049

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May 5, 1989

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Room 206 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Attn: Mike Stougner

Re: Johnston Federal #26 Section 7, T31N-R9W San Juan County, New Mexico

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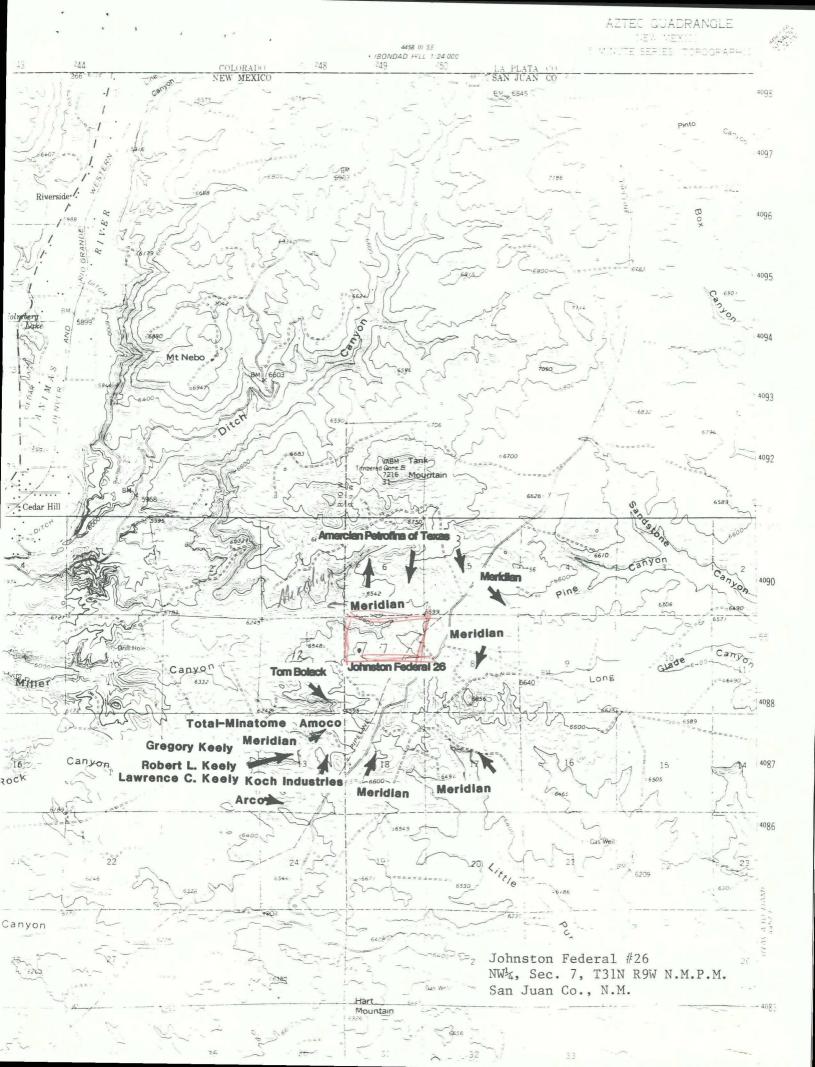
Please find attached the topo map indicating locations of offset operators to the above referenced well as you requested. Also attached is the consent to waiver letter signed by Mr. Tom Bolack forwarded to me.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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April 29, 1989 Date

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May 16, 1989

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> Re: Non-Standard Location Request Johnson Federal 26 Section 7, T-31-N, R-9-WSan Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Priest:

Per your letter of April 24, 1989 requesting Meridian's consent to waiver the twenty (20) day waiting period for the above referenced well, please be advised that Meridian has no objection, as so indicated by the attached signed waiver. We have forwarded a copy to the New Mexico Oil Conversation Division as requested.

Very truly yours,

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Alan Alexander Senior Land Advisor

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Attn: Mr. Mike Stougner

Johnston Federal 26 Re: Section 7, T31N-R9W San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stougner:

Regarding your telephone conversation of June 2, 1989 with Paula Priest and Mike Reisz of Union Texas Petroleum it was discussed that the BLM onsite inspection of our staked location for the above referenced well to be located in the NE/4 of Section 7 was denied and the BLM recommended two options:

- 1. A twin to the Johnston Federal #7 (990' FNL & 990' FEL) as the only acceptable location in the NE/4 of Section 7.
- 2. The previously staked location in the NW/4 of Section 7.

Option #1 was not acceptable to Union Texas Petroleum, as it would entail shutting in the Johnston Federal #7 and removing the gas sales line and separator while the drilling rig was drilling the Johnston Federal 26 well. This would also be a problem for any completion or remedial work. Both access and safety considerations make this option unacceptable.

Option #2 appears to be the only alternative and is acceptable to Union Texas Petroleum.

Union Texas Petroleum appreciates your understanding and assistance in this matter. If additional information is required, please advise.

Sincerely:

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Dennis H. Cowan Manager, Regulatory and Environmental Services

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