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August 24, 1990

NEW MEXICO GAS & OIL CONSERVATION

P.O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504-2088

ATTN: MICHAEL STOGNER

As was stated in a memo to your attention dated July 26, 1990, it is intended to locate (D. J. Simmons Cap Com 7 #1 at 1450' FSL 790' FWL, Section 7, T28N, R10W), San Juan County, New Mexico.

The attached map confirms matters discussed in a telephone conversation between yourself and Mike Flaniken (BLM-FARMINGTON OFFICE). I understand he related to you that the terrain East of the existing location is very rough, this is shown on attached topographic map. Also both the existing Amoco well (Day Gas Com #1E - 790' FSL & 790' FWL) and Union Texas Petroleum well (Angel Peak #22 - 1105' FSL & 790' FWL) are located as close to the West line as possible for this same reason.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter and feel free to contact me at (505 632-9791) should you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

D. J. SIMMONS CO.

*Jesse D. Evans*

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Registered Petroleum Engineer

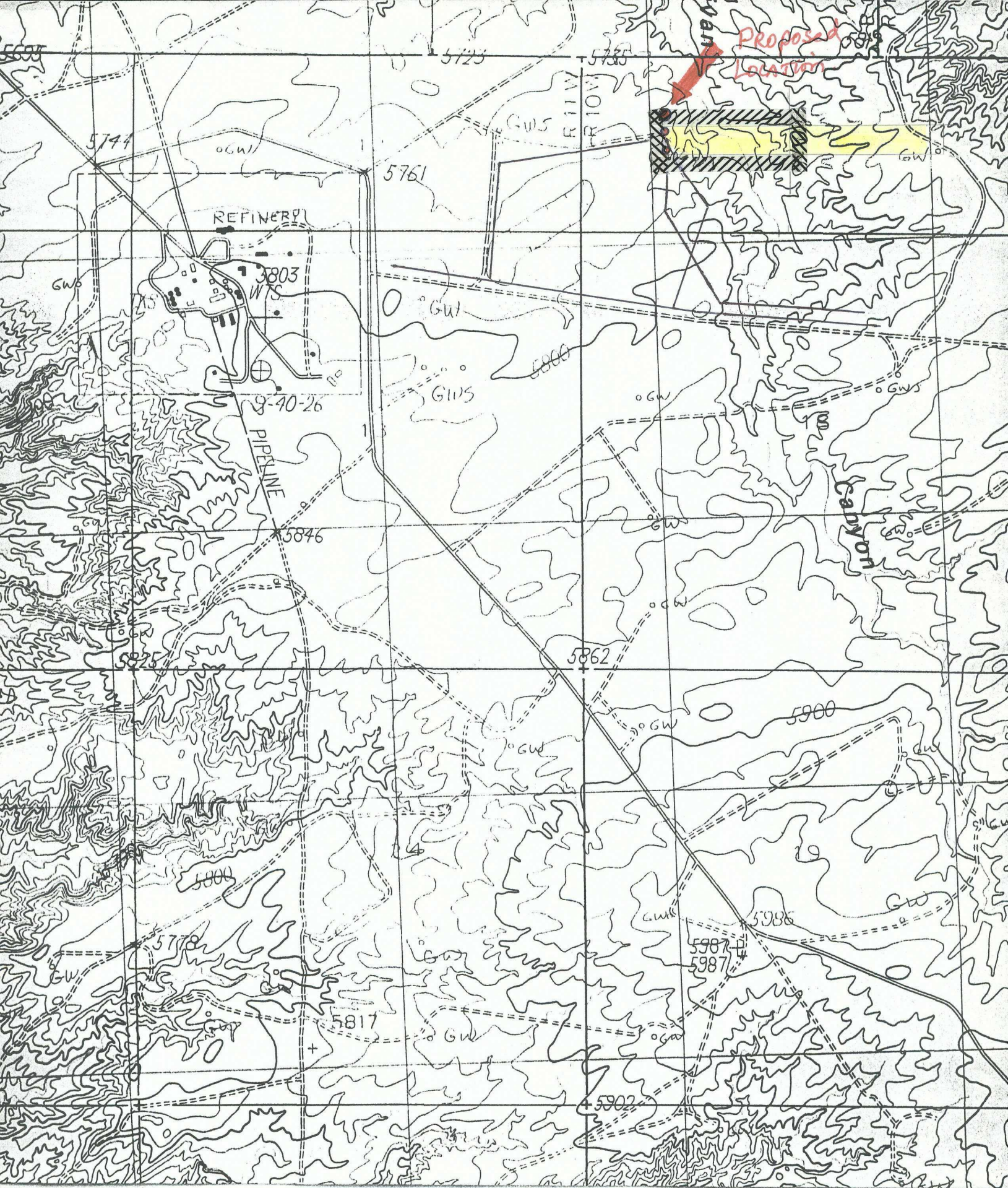
cc: Ernie Bush, N.M.O.C.D.

*(Signature)*

*cc - Meridian*

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*E. Bush OK'd*  
*9/14/90*





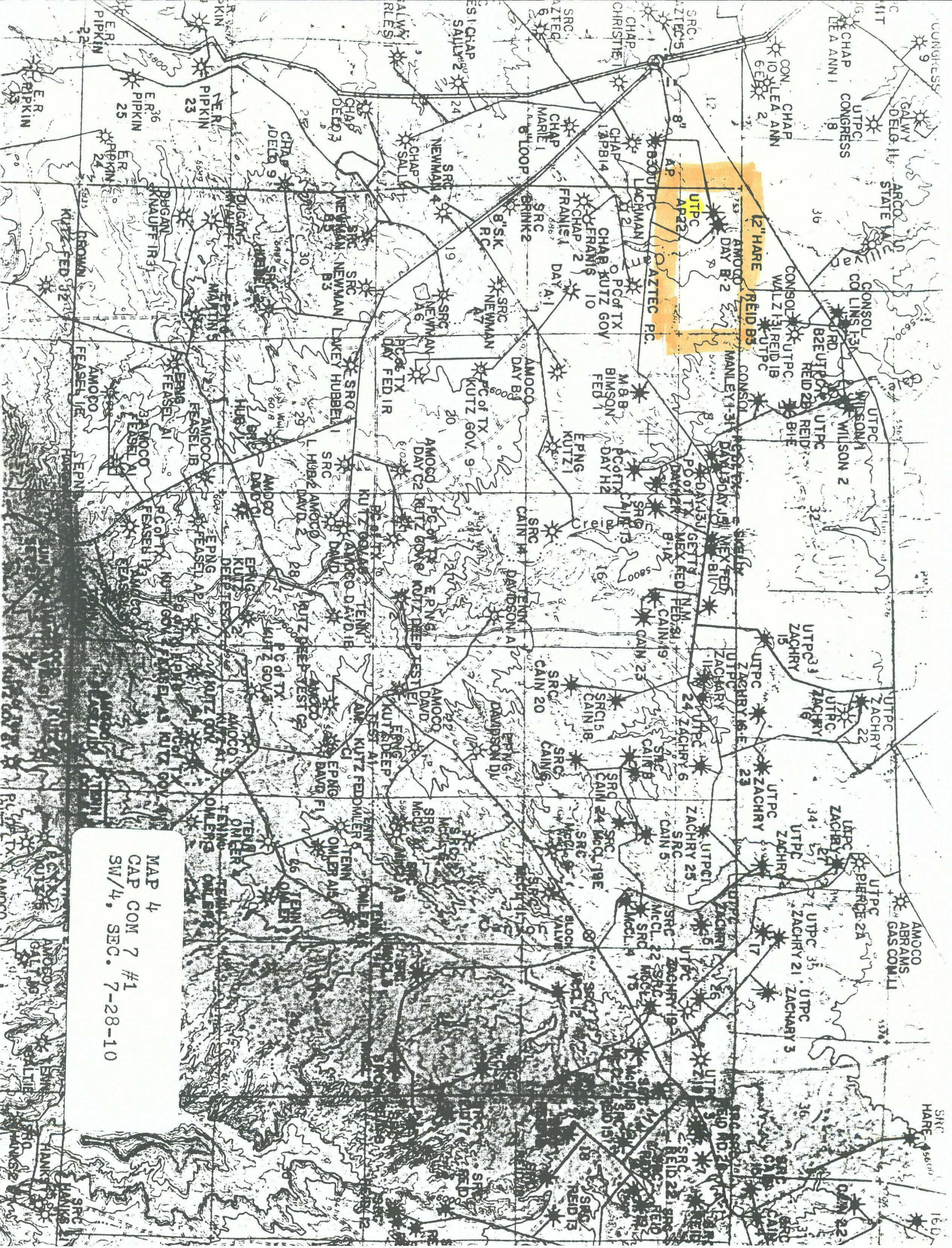












MAP 4  
CAP COM 7 #1  
SW/4, SEC. 7-28-10



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July 20, 1990

Columbus Energy Corp.  
1860 Lincoln St., Suite 1100  
Denver, Colo. 80295

It is intended to locate the D. J. Simmons Comany's CAP Com  
7 #1 at 1450' FSL & 790' FWL, Section 7, T28N, R10W, San Juan  
County, New Mexico. This well will be drilled and completed  
in the Fruitland Coal formation. The existence of existing  
wells and pipelines make it impractical to build an orthodox  
location.

After reviewing the accompanying topographic map designating  
the orthodox window and the proposed well location, please  
sign and return this document within 20 days to Michale  
Stogner at the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission in  
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me  
at (505) 326-3753. I thank you in advance for your attention  
to this matter.

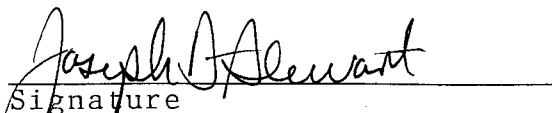
Sincerely yours,

D. J. SIMMONS CO.



Roderick Pinkett  
Registered Petroleum Engineer

I hereby agree to the placement of the CAP COM 7 #1 in the  
aforementioned location.



Signature  
Representative of  
Columbus Energy Corp

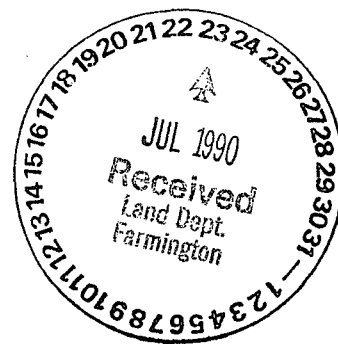
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July 20, 1990



Meridian Oil Inc.  
Attn: Land Department  
3535 E. 30th Street  
P.O. Box 4289  
Farmington, NM 87499

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D. J. SIMMONS CO.

Roderick Pinkett  
Registered Petroleum Engineer

I hereby agree to the placement of the CAP COM 7 #1 in the aforementioned location.

S.W. Nance  
Meridian Oil Inc. on behalf of  
El Paso Production Company and  
Meridian Oil Production Inc.  
(Successor to Unicon Production Co.)



STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

GARREY CARRUTHERS  
GOVERNOR

August 9, 1990

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504  
(505) 827-5800

D. J. Simmons Company  
P. O. Box 1469  
Farmington, New Mexico 87499

Dear Sir:

At this time there is insufficient information and justification for approval of the unorthodox locations of both your NOE Com 27 Well No. 1 and CAP Com 7 Well No. 1. Please submit the required data pursuant to Division Memorandum 1-90, see attached.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael E. Stogner", written over a horizontal line.

MICHAEL E. STOGNER  
Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

MES/fd

enc.

cc: OCD Aztec





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No. 1-90

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Operators

FROM: William J. LeMay, Director *WJL*

SUBJECT: Administrative Applications for Unorthodox Locations

DATE: March 21, 1990

Division Memorandum No. 3-89, dated March 24, 1989, advised the industry that the OCD would no longer automatically approve unopposed unorthodox location applications. Unorthodox locations can be approved administratively in accordance with the Rules and Regulations or applicable special pool rules if surface conditions truly prevent the use of a legal location and if directional drilling to a legal location is not feasible.

Topographic conditions which will be considered to justify an unorthodox location include such traditional factors as terrain features (steep slopes, arroyos, etc.) which make drilling impractical. In addition, approval may be given to avoid archeological sites which may not be disturbed without substantial mitigation, incompatible surface uses such as buildings, recreation areas, etc. Applications should fully document the reason an unorthodox location is required.

The attached guidelines state the minimum information which should be submitted with applications for administrative approval of unorthodox locations. Failure to provide the necessary information will probably result in processing delays.

**If the surface of the proration unit or proposed drill site is controlled by a Federal Surface Management Agency, a copy of the application must be sent to the appropriate agency office.**

If there are legal locations within the proration unit which are drillable, but the operator chooses not to drill those locations for geological reasons the application cannot be approved administratively and a hearing will be required.



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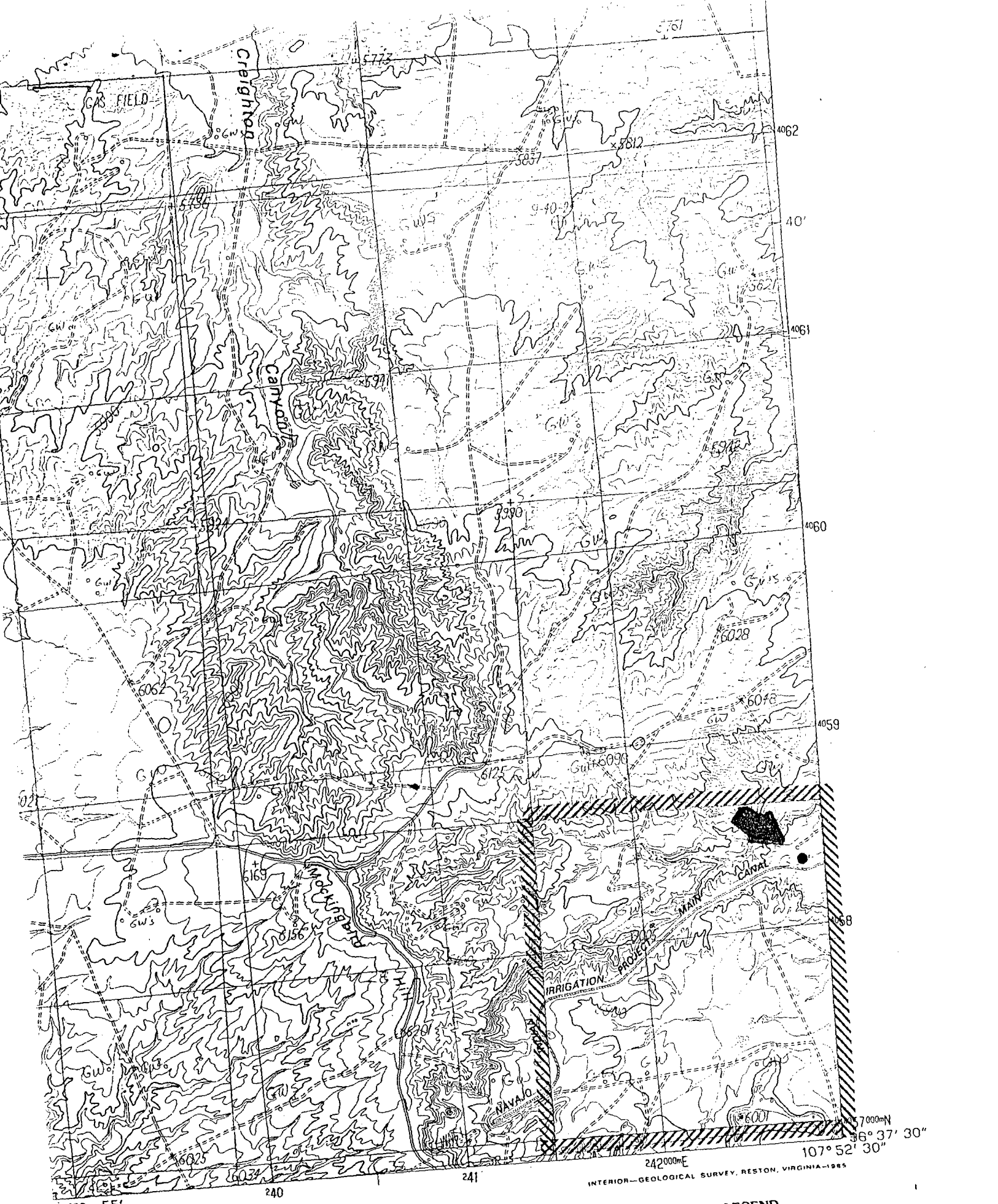
**SUBMITTAL GUIDELINES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL  
OF NON-STANDARD LOCATION APPLICATIONS**

- I. If the well is located on Federal or Indian Lands, the Federal Surface Management Agency must be notified and an on-site inspection conducted prior to filing the application. If an Application for Permit to drill or a Notice of Staking has been prepared, a copy must be submitted.
- II. Completed C-102 showing the well location, proration unit, leases within the unit and other required information.
- III. Land plat showing offset operators and working interest owners and any offsetting wells producing from the same pool or formation.
  - A. This information may be shown on the topo map if it does not impair the readability of the map.
  - B. The operator should certify that the information is current and correct.
- IV. Original or clear copy of topographic map, preferably 7.5 minute quad, showing contours and other mapped features impacting the location, with the following information marked thereon (In order to be able to adequately show all of the necessary surface conditions it may be necessary to enlarge the relevant portion of the topo map to provide room for detail):
  - A. The proposed well location and proration unit;
  - B. An outline of the orthodox drilling windows as provided in the applicable rules for the subject application;
  - C. The location of any wells to any formation within the area of the proration unit and a statement as to whether an existing pad can be used to drill the proposed well;
- V. An enlargement of the topo map showing the subject area with the applicable additional information:
  - A. Terrain features not shown on the map which make an orthodox location unusable;
  - B. Proposed access roads and pipelines if they affect the location selection;
  - C. The location of any surface uses which prevent use of a legal location;



- D. The location of any archeological sites identified in the archeological survey;
  - E. The location and nature of any other surface conditions which prevent the use of an orthodox location.
- VI. If archeological sites are a reason for the unorthodox location request, a copy of the archeological survey, or a summary, identifying sites which cannot be disturbed or which must have any disturbance mitigated. In addition, the location of such areas should be marked on the enlarged topo so they can be clearly identified.
- VII. A narrative report of any on-site inspection of the potential locations. If such on-site has resulted in elimination of legal locations due to surface conditions, such information should also be noted on the enlarged topo.
- VIII. A statement of why directional drilling to reach a legal bottom-hole location is not feasible.
- IX. An affidavit that notice has been sent to all parties entitled thereto, under the Divisions Rules and Regulations with return receipt cards showing date of receipt of notice.





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