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December 12, 1990

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Oil Conservation Division
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Attention: Mr. Michael Stogner

RE: Unorthodox Location, Administrative Approval Request
Gallegos Canyon Unit #501
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 13, T29N, R13W
San Juan County, New Mexico

NSL-2961

Dear Mr. Stogner:

In response to your letter dated September 25, 1990, requesting that we investigate the possibility of locating the subject well at a standard location in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 13, we did stake a well 790' FEL and 1840' FSL.

After discussing our plans to drill the well with the surface owner, it immediately became apparent that entering on the property to drill the well would be very difficult and might require the use of a "Restraining Order".

The surface owner informed me that he is currently negotiating with a prospective buyer who intends to subdivide the area for residential home sites. This was verified by a local Engineering and Surveying firm.

BHP respectfully requests that the original request for an unorthodox location 1655' FSL and 2315' FEL, Section 13, T29N, R13W be reactivated and/or reconsidered in light of the anticipated problems to drill the well at a standard location.

The original request's rationale for an unorthodox location was incorrectly submitted. I apologize for this error.

An unorthodox location is requested due to the surface owner problems discussed above and private residences located in the area where a standard location could be staked.

The proration unit is within the Gallegos Canyon Unit and BHP is the operator of all offsetting proration units.

BHP would like to thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation in this matter.

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Please don't hesitate to contact me at (713) 780-5448, if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chuck Williams".

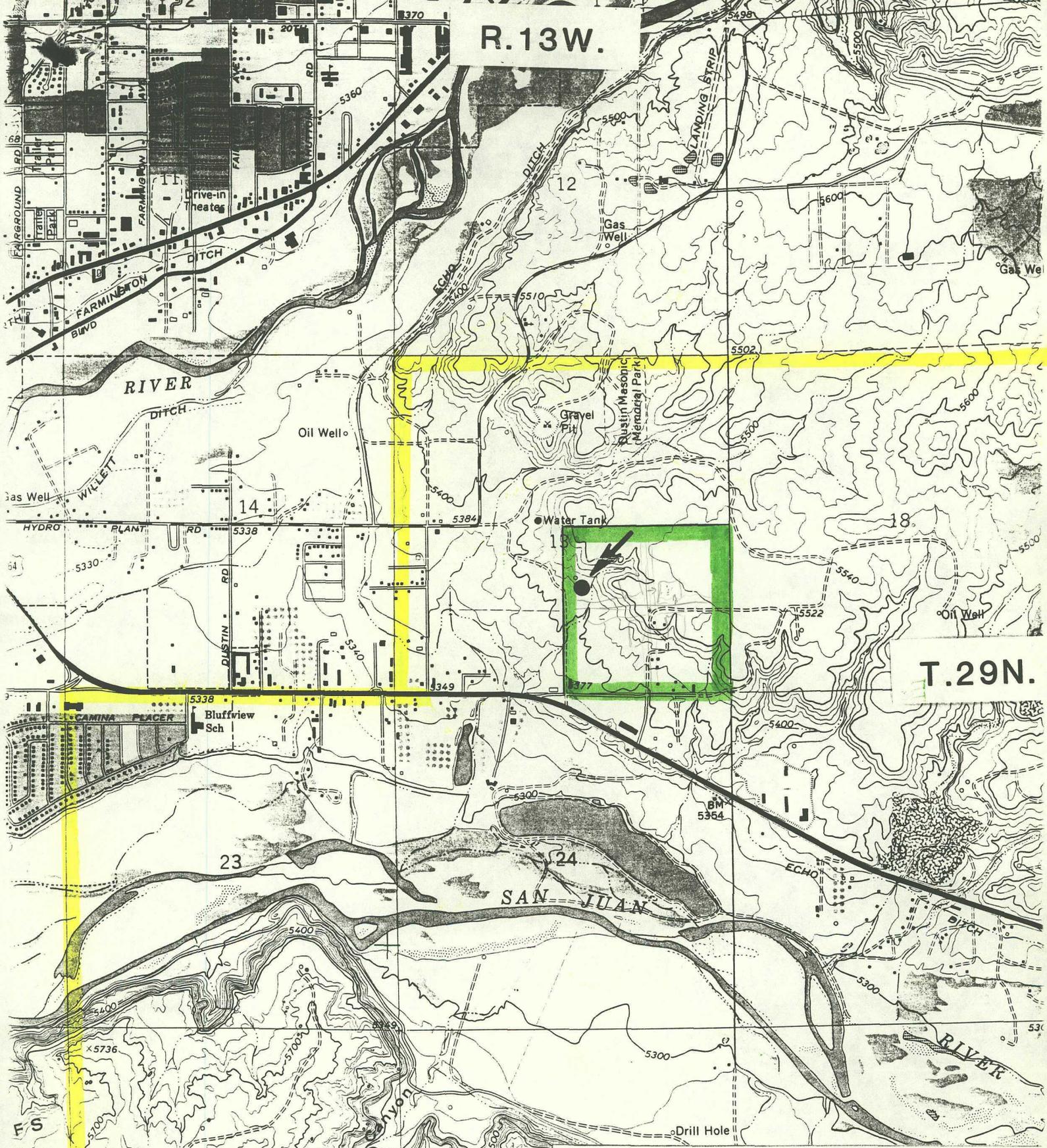
Chuck Williams
Field Services Administrator
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cc: Ernie Busch - Aztec, N.M.
Fred Lowery - Farmington, N.M.

R.13W.

T.29N.

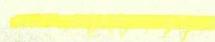


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Proposed Location



Unit Boundary



Proration Unit

