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June 25, 2008

Ms. Ocean Munds-Dry
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P.O. Box 2208
Santa Fe, NM 87504

Administrative Order NSL-5857

**Re: Chesapeake Operating, Inc.
Diamond 31 Federal Well No. 3H
API No. 30-015-
Unit H, Section 31-24S-29E
Eddy County**

Dear Ms Munds-Dry:

Reference is made to the following:

(a) your application (**administrative application reference No. pKVR08-15532935**) submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (the Division) in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on behalf of Chesapeake Operating, Inc. (Chesapeake), on May 30, 2008, and

(b) the Division's records pertinent to this request.

Chesapeake has requested to drill the above-referenced well as a horizontal well in the Delaware formation, at a location that will be unorthodox under Division Rule 111. The proposed surface location, point of penetration and terminus of the well are as follows:

Surface Location: 2310 feet from the North line and 25 feet from the East line
(Unit H) of Section 31, Township 24 South, Range 29 East,
NMPM
Eddy County, New Mexico

Point of Penetration: Same as surface location.

Terminus 2310 feet from the North line and 350 feet from the West line
(Unit E) of said Section 31.



The S/2 N/2 of Section 31 will be dedicated to the proposed well to form a project area comprising four adjacent, standard 40-acre oil spacing units in the undesignated Willow Lake-Delaware Pool (64453). This pool is governed by statewide Rule 104.B(1), which provides for 40-acre units, with wells located at least 330 feet from a unit outer boundary. This location is unorthodox because a portion of the producing interval will be less than 330 feet from the eastern boundary of the project area, and therefore outside the producing area.

Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 104.F and 1210.A(2).

It is our understanding that you are seeking this location in order to prevent waste by penetrating the maximum amount of the target formation within the producing area.

It is also understood that you have given due notice of this application to all operators or owners who are "affected persons," as defined in Rule 1210.A(2), in all adjoining units towards which the proposed location encroaches.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 104.F(2), the above-described unorthodox location is hereby approved.

This approval is subject to your being in compliance with all other applicable Division rules, including, but not limited to Division Rule 40.

Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark E. Fesmire', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.
Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Artesia
New Mexico State Land Office - Santa Fe