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- [E] For all of the above, Proof of Notification or Publication is Attached, and/or,
- [F] Waivers are Attached

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## [3] SUBMIT ACCURATE AND COMPLETE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE TYPE OF APPLICATION INDICATED ABOVE.

[4] **CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application for administrative approval is **accurate** and **complete** to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that **no action** will be taken on this application until the required information and notifications are submitted to the Division.

Note: Statement must be completed by an individual with managerial and/or supervisory capacity.

Ocean Munds-Dry	Ocean Minde-Dry	attorney	5-30-08
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May 30, 2008

## HAND-DELIVERED

Mark E. Fesmire, P.E. Director Oil Conservation Division New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources 1220 South Saint Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Application of Chesapeake Operating, Inc. for administrative approval of an unorthodox well location for its Diamond 31 Federal Well No. 4H to be drilled from a surface location and penetration point 2200 feet from the North line and 150 feet from the East line and a bottomhole location 2200 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the West line of Section 31, Township 24 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Fesmire:

Chesapeake Operating, Inc. ("Chesapeake") hereby seeks administrative approval pursuant to the provisions of Division Rules 104 and 111 for an unorthodox well location for its Diamond 31 Federal Well No. 4H. This well is located in Section 31, Township 24 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico and will be drilled in the Bone Spring formation, Willow Lake Bone Spring Pool, from an unorthodox surface location and penetration point 2200 feet from the North line and 150 feet from the East line to a standard bottomhole location 2200 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the West line of said Section 31, Eddy County, New Mexico. A 160-acre project area has been dedicated to this horizontal well comprised of the S/2 N/2 of Section 31.

This location is unorthodox because the Bone Spring formation under this acreage is governed by the Division's statewide rules which provide for wells on 40-acre spacing units to be located no closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of the spacing unit. Division Rule 111 defines the "Penetration Point" as "the point where the wellbore penetrates the top of the pool from which it is intended to produce." The wellbore penetrates the Bone Spring formation at a point 150 feet from the East line of Section and is therefore 180 feet closer than allowed by Division rules.

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Although the wellbore penetrates the top of the Bone Spring at an unorthodox location, the well will be at a standard location at the producing interval. Chesapeake penetrates the top of the Bone Spring at approximately 6,521 feet in the vertical portion of the well. Chesapeake is targeting the First Bone Spring Sand which is estimated at 7,466 feet. Therefore, once Chesapeake reaches the target formation, it will be at a standard location.

**Exhibit** A is a copy of the C-102 filed for this well. **Exhibit** B is a plat which shows the subject area and the 160-acre horizontal well project area for this well comprised of the S/2 N/2 of Section 31.

A copy of this application with all attachments was mailed to Nearburg Exploration who is the offset operator in the adjoining spacing unit towards which Chesapeake is encroaching. The affected party was advised that if they have an objection to this application it must be filed in writing with the Division's Santa Fe office within twenty days from the date notice was sent. It was also advised that if no objections were received by the Division within twenty days, the Division Director could approve the application.

Your attention to this application is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ocean Munds-Dry **J** Attorney for Chesapeake Operating, Inc.

Enclosures cc: OCD/Artesia, District 2

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