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Mid-Continent Region Exploration/Production **Conoco Inc.** 10 Desta Drive, Suite 100W Midland, TX 79705-4500 (915) 686-5400

February 19, 1998

Mr. Michael Stogner New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 2040 S. Pacheco Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

RE: Application for Non-Standard Location For Jicarilla E # 12M to Avoid Archeological sites & to avoid drastic relief in the Topography

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Dear Mr. Stogner,

The proposed Mesaverde/Dakota well has been staked at a non-standard location of 30' FNL & 1150' FWL, Section 22, T-26-N, R-4-W, Rio Arriba County as shown by the attached C-102. Blanco Mesaverde and Basin Dakota pool rules require a standard location to be located no closer that 790' from the north section line. This staked location is only 30' from the north section line. Please note that this spacing unit is in the interior of the Jicarilla E lease of which Conoco is the operator. The only offset operator that might be affected is Burlington to the south in section 27. Please find a copy of a certified mail receipt attached where they have been notified.

The archaelogical sites around this area were numerous. The proposed location was determined as the only one acceptable. A topographic map is attached showing the location of the proposed well site. The steep grade of the topography to the south is obvious. Attached is a statement from the Neale C. Edward Survey Company stating the reasons for our request of a non-standard location.

The proposed well will be completed and tested separately in the Mesaverde and Dakota formations and eventually downhole commingled following adequate testing and approval for commingling.

A non-standard location order is requested based on the reasons given in the following attachments. If there are further questions concerning this application please call me at (915) 686-5798.

Sincerely,

Regulatory Agent

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec William J LeMay, Director - OCD, Santa Fe

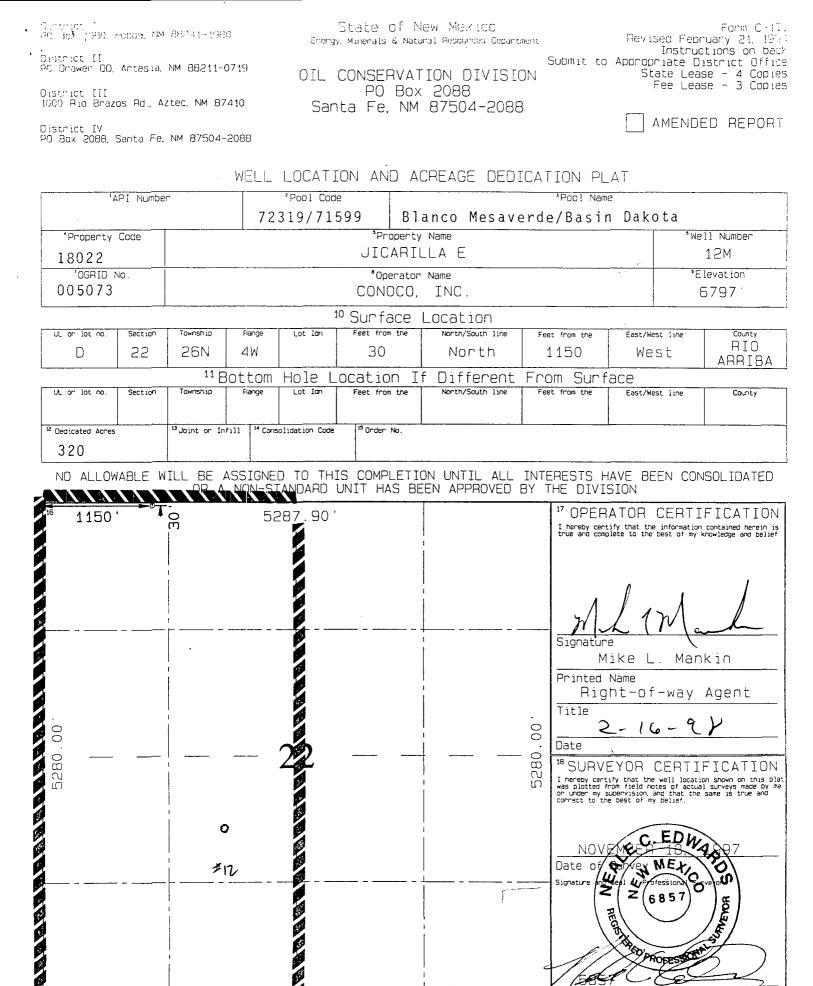
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CONOCO, INC. JICARILLA E #12M 30 FNL, 1150' FWL, SEC.22, T26N, R4W, NMPM RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NM

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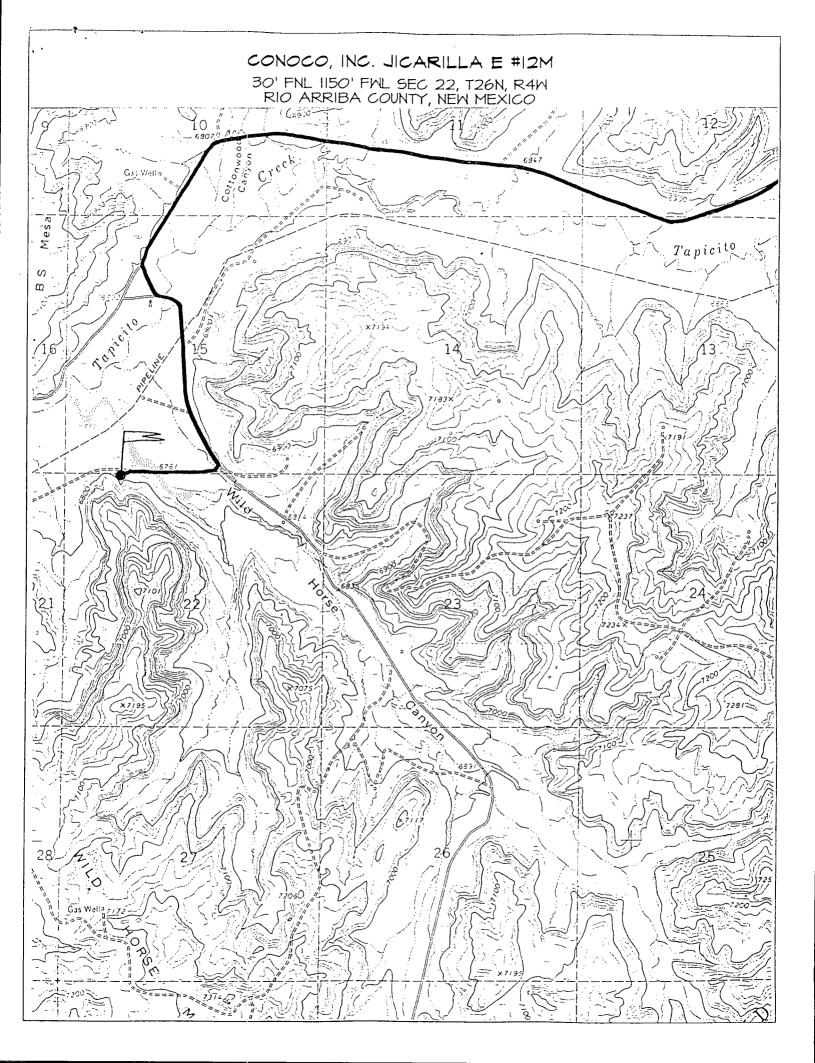
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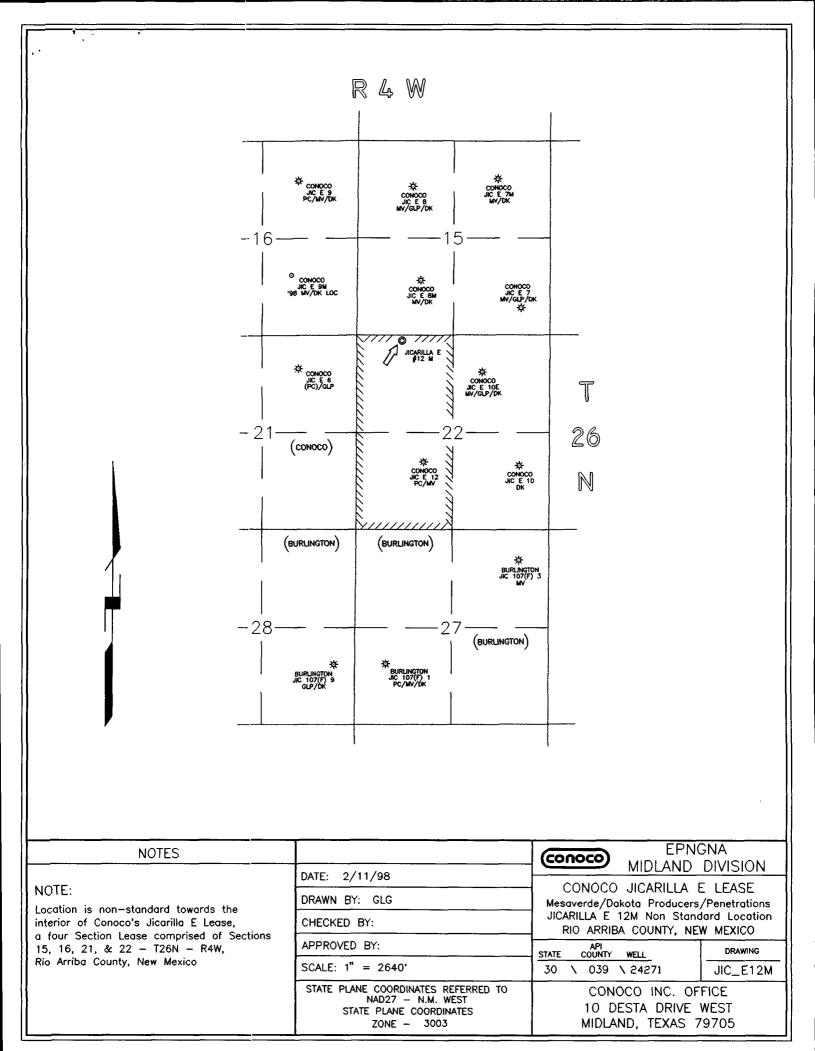
THE PRIMARY REASON FOR THE NON-STANDARD STAKING OF THE JICARILLA E #12M IS THE VAST AMOUNT OF ARCHEOLOGY DISCOVERED IN THIS AREA. FURTHERMORE, THERE IS A DRASTIC RELIEF IN THE TOPOGRAPHY WHICH LENDS ITSELF TO BOTH POOR SITE FOR LOCATION AND STEEP ACCESS WHICH IS DIFFICULT TO ADEQUATELY MAINTAIN. MOREOVER, THE ONLY EXISTING WELL IN THIS QUARTER SECTION IS ALSO OF NON-STANDARD STATURE. FOR THESE REASONS, THE LOCATION STAKED AT 30' FNL 1150' FWL WILL HOPEFULLY BE ACCEPTABLE.



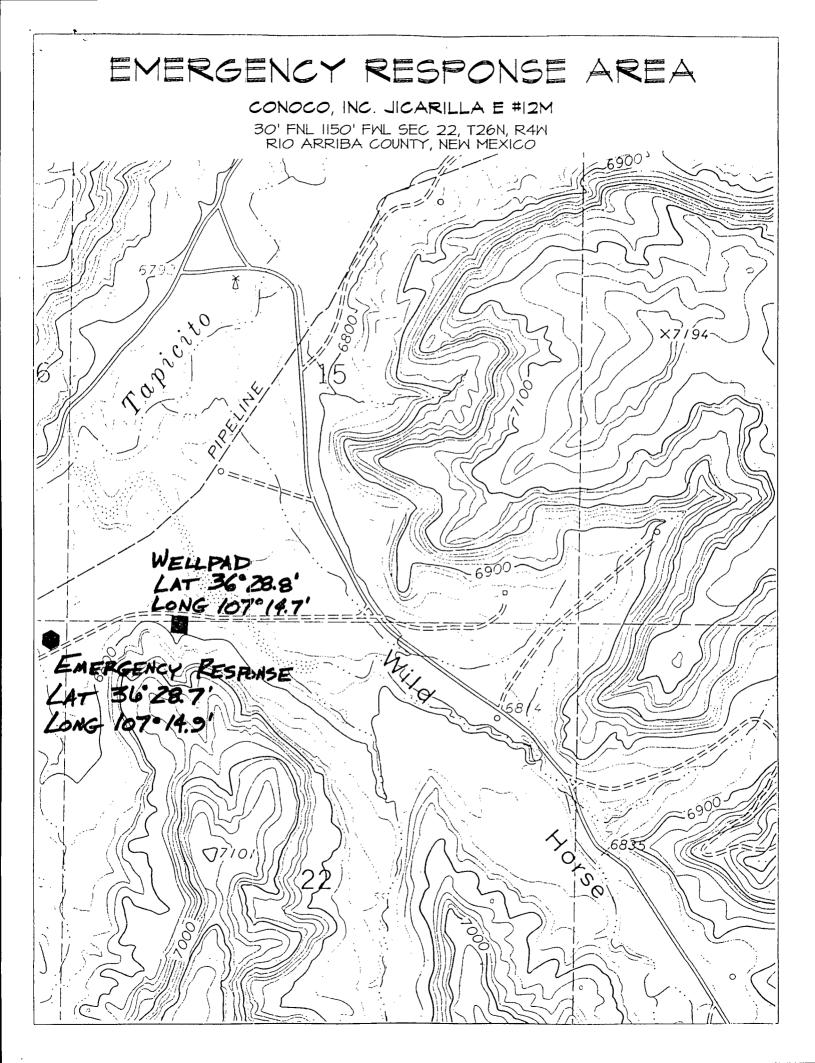
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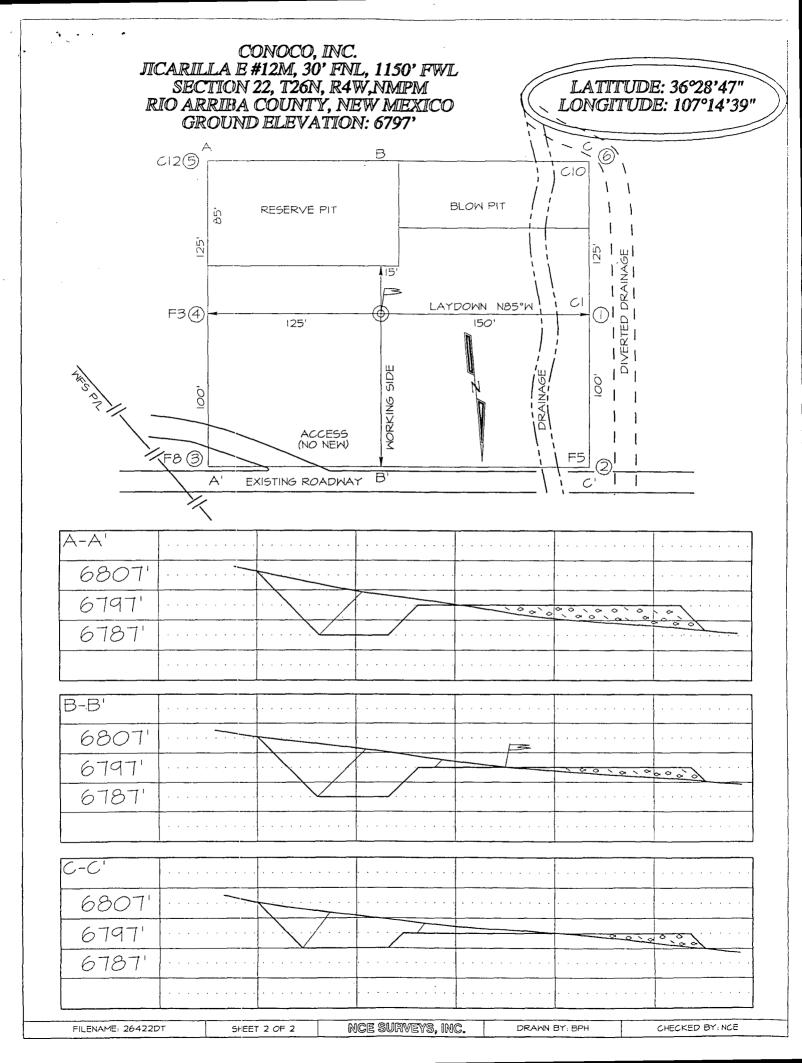
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