



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
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February 22, 1999

Texaco Exploration and Production Inc.
205 East Bender Blvd.
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240
Attention: J. Denise Leake

Administrative Order NSL-4216

Dear Ms. Leake:

Reference is made to: (i) your application dated February 15, 1999 for an exception to New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") **Rule 104.C(2)(a)**; and, (ii) to the records of the Division in Santa Fe: all concerning Texaco Exploration and Production Inc.'s ("Texaco") request to reenter the plugged and abandoned Aztec Oil & Gas Company West Anderson Ranch Well No. 1, located 3235 feet from the North line and 1991 feet from the West line (Lot 11/Unit K) of irregular Section 6, Township 16 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

This well, to be redesignated the Texmack "6" State Well No. 1 by Texaco, was originally drilled to a total depth of 14,015 feet in 1954 in order to test the Devonian, Pennsylvanian, and Wolfcamp formations whereby it was deemed non-commercial and was subsequently plugged and abandoned.

It is our understanding that Texaco now intends to reenter this well and recomplete it in the West Anderson Ranch-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool within a standard 160.68-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising Lots 11, 12, 13, and 14 of irregular Section 6.

The application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division **Rule 104.F**.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Division Rule **104.F(2)**, the above-described unorthodox gas well location in the West Anderson Ranch-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool is hereby approved.

Sincerely,

Lori Wrotenbery
Director

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