

## NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Attention:

Richard C. Winchester

**Land Advisor** 

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Administrative Order NSL-4995 (SD)

Dear Mr. Winchester:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application (administrative application reference No. pMES0-403633872) submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on January 29, 2004; and (ii) the Division's records in Santa Fe: all concerning Devon Energy Production Company, L.P.'s ("Devon") request for an unorthodox infill oil well location within an existing standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit comprising the NW/4 SW/4 (Unit L) of Section 9, Township 23 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Los Medanos-Delaware Pool (40297), Eddy County, New Mexico.

This application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rule 104.F, revised by Division Order No. R-11231, issued by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission in Case No. 12119 on August 12, 1999.

This 40-acre unit is currently dedicated to Devon's North Pure Gold "9" Federal Well No. 3 (API No. 30-015-27442), located at a standard oil well location 1886 feet from the South line and 886 feet from the West line of Section 9.

It is the Division's understanding that the E/2 of Section 8, all of Section 9, the NW/4, W/2 SW/4, N/2 SE/4, and SW/4 SE/4 of Section 10, all in Township 21 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, comprise a single federal lease (U. S. Government lease No. NM-77046) with common mineral interest in which Devon is the leasehold operator; therefore, there are no adversely effected offsets to the subject 40-acre tract.

It is further understood that infill drilling within this lease will serve to drain additional reserves within the productive interval that might not otherwise be produced, and to provide for a more efficient production pattern within the Los Medanos-Delaware Pool.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Division Rule 104.F (2), the following described well to be drilled at an unorthodox infill oil well location within Unit "L" of Section 9 is hereby approved:

North Pure Gold "9" Federal Well No. 17 1415' FSL & 85' FWL. Further, the existing North Pure Gold "9" Federal Well No. 3 and proposed North Pure Gold "9" Federal Well No. 17 are to be simultaneously dedicated to the subject 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit.

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

Sincerely,

Lori Wrotenbery

Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Artesia

U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Carlsbad