

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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April 20, 1982

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Mesa Petroleum Co.

P.O. BOX, 2009 amarielo, texas 79/89-2009 Exxon Company, USA

Box 1600

Midland, Texas 79702

Attention: Melba Knipling R. E. Mathis

Administrative Order NSP-1305(L)

Gentlemen:

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Reference is made to your application for a 296.5-acre non-standard proration unit consisting of the following acreage in the Atoka-Morrow Pool and Burton Flat Field: Dearney

Diamond Mound Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool:

EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM Section 4: Lots 3-6 and 11-14

It is my understanding that this unit is to be dedicated to your Burton Flat Federal Comm. Well No. 2 located at an unorthodox location 1917 feet from the North

line and 660 feet from the West line of said Section 4-

By authority granted me under the provisions of Rule 104 D II, the above non-standard proration unit is hereby approved.

Sincerely,

JOE D. RAMEY, Director

JDR/RLS/dr

Oil Conservation Division - Artesia Oil & Gas Engineering Committee - Hobbs Minerals Management Service - Artesia

here by approved under provisions of Rule 104F.



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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
SANTA FE

September 1, 1983

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Mr. R. L. Stamets
Energy and Minerals Department
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. Stamets:

Subject: Unorthodox Location and Non-standard Proration Unit in the Diamond Mound

Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool
Mesa Petroleum Co.
Depco Federal #2
990' FNL & 660' FWL
Sec. 4, T16S, R28E
Eddy County, New Mexico

Application is hereby made for administrative approval of a 270.5 acre non-standard proration unit due to variation in the legal subdivision of the U.S. Public Land Survey and for an unorthodox location due to geology.

Exhibit I is the One Mile Radius Land Map showing Mesa Petroleum Co., Tenneco, and Amoco Production as being offset operators to the Depco lease and Exhibits II and III are Designation of Operator naming Mesa Petroleum Co. as operator of subject well. Exhibit IV is a plat showing the survey anomaly. Exhibit V is a geological statement explaining the necessity for the non-standard location.

By copy of this letter, offset operators are notified by certified mail of this request.

Yours truly,

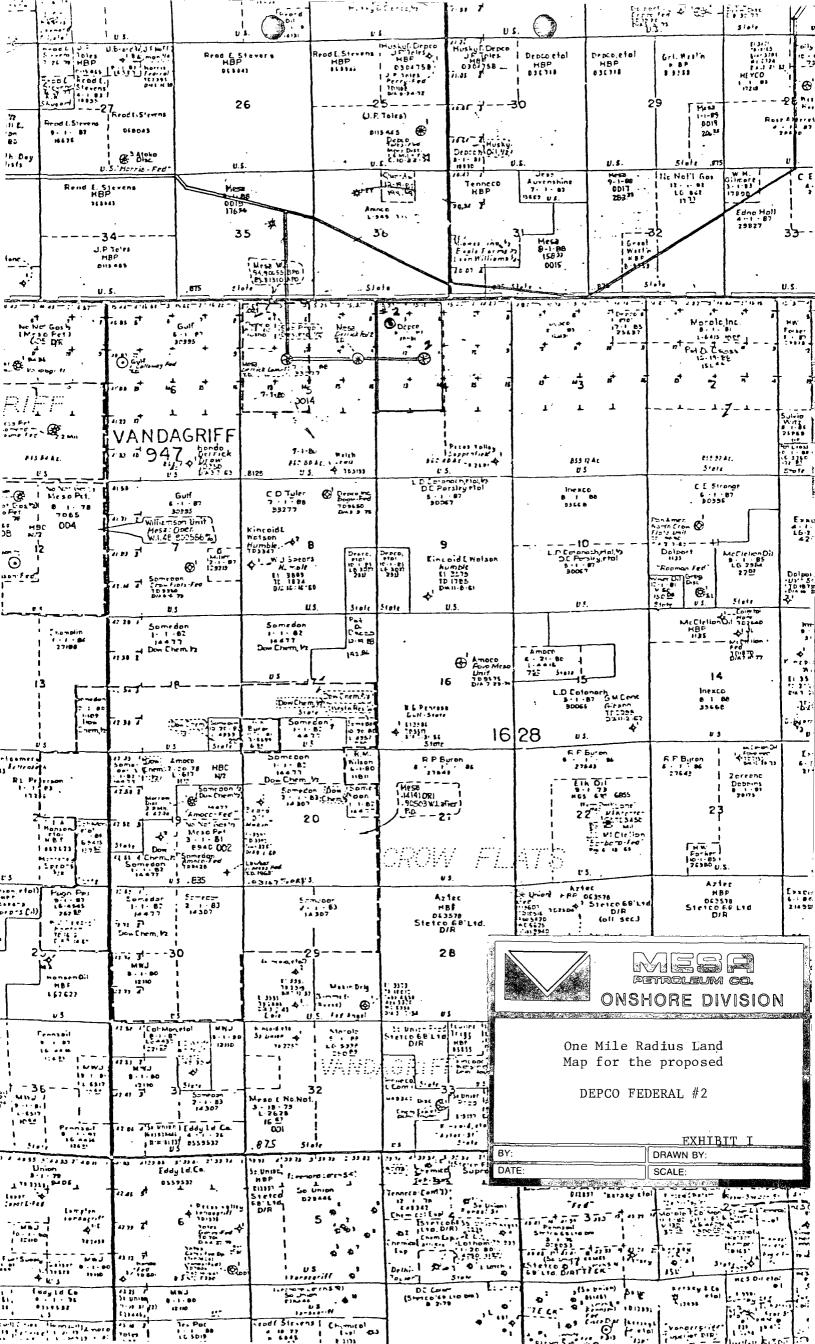
R. E. Mathis

Regulatory Coordinator

Onshore Operations Division

Attachments

XC: NMOCD-A, BLM-R, Cen Rcds, Ops (File), Midland, Roswell, Partners, Amoco, Tenneco



DESIGNATION OF OPERATOR

| The undersigned is, on the records of the Bureau of Land Management | t, holder | of Second | 4 |
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DISTRICT LAND OFFICE:

Santa Fe, New Mexico

SERIAL NO.:

and hereby designates

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U. S. GEULUGICAL SURVEY ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO

NAME:

Mesa Petroleum Company

ADDRESS:

Suite 1000 Vaughn Building

400 W Texas Avenue

Midland, Texas 79701 as his operator and local agent, with initiality to act in his behalf in complying with the terms of the lease and regulations applicable thereto and on whom the supervisor or his representative may serve written or oral instructions in securing compliance with the Operating Regulations with respect to (describe acreage to which this designation is applicable):

Township 16 South, Range 28 East, NMPM

Sec 4: Lots 3-6, 11-14

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION SANTA FE

It is understood that this designation of operator does not relieve the lessee of responsibility for compliance with the terms of the lesse and the Operating Regulations. It is also understood that this designation of operator does not constitute an assignment of any interest in the lease.

In case of default on the part of the designated operator, the lessee will make full and prompt compliance with all regulations, lesse terms, or orders of the Secretary of the Interior or his representative.

The lessee agrees promptly to notify the supervisor of any change in the designated operator.

DEPCO, Inc.

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C. D. Crump, Vice President

1000 Petroleum Building, 110-16th St

Denver, Colorado 80202

(Address)

February 15, 1980

(Date)

U. S GOVERNMENT PRINTING CYPICE 16-3598-2

(Rev. Dec. 1957)

(Submit in triplicate to appropriate Regional Oil and or Mining Supervisor)

DESIGNATION OF OPERATOR



The undersigned is, on the records of the Bureau of Land Management, holder of lease

DISTRICT LAND OFFICE: ROSWell, New Mexico

SERIAL NO.:

NM-18831

U.S. GEOLUGICAL SURVEY ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO

and hereby designates

NAME:

Mesa Petroleum Co.

ADDRESS:

Suite 1000, Vaughn Building

Midland, Texas 79701

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> Lots 3 thru 6, Lots 11 thru 14 Section 4-T16S-R28E, NMPM Eddy County, New Mexico

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O. Box 663, Dallas, Texas 75221

(Address)

EXHIBIT III

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

P. O. BOX 2088 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

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Geologic Conditions Requiring Unorthodox Location

Mesa, Depco Federal #2 990' FNL, 660' FWL, Section 4, T16S, R28E Eddy County, New Mexico

Mesa proposes to drill at this unorthodox location because only at this location or farther northwest in Section 4 can we expect Morrow sandstones that are sufficiently thick and structurally high to be economic.

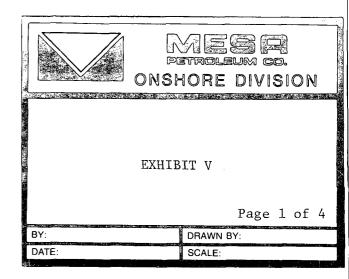
Mesa drilled the Depco Federal #1 at a location 2160' FNL, 1980' FWL, Section 4, T16S, R28E. This well penetrated an Atoka-Morrow section that had very little productive sandstone. This well is uneconomic.

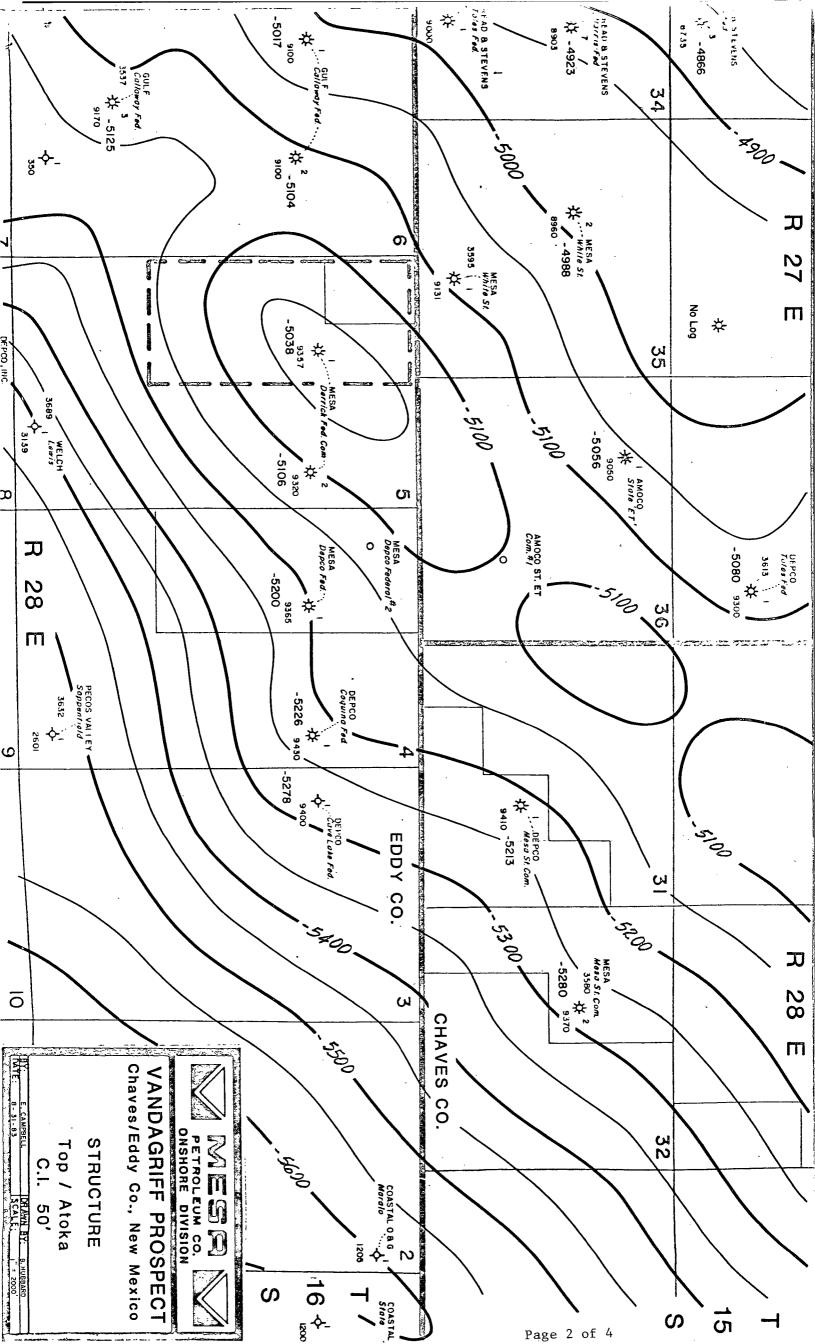
Isopach maps of the productive Morrow sandstones in the area show that the only place within Section 4 that an economic Atoka-Morrow well could be drilled is in the northwest corner of the Section, less than 1980 feet from the north line.

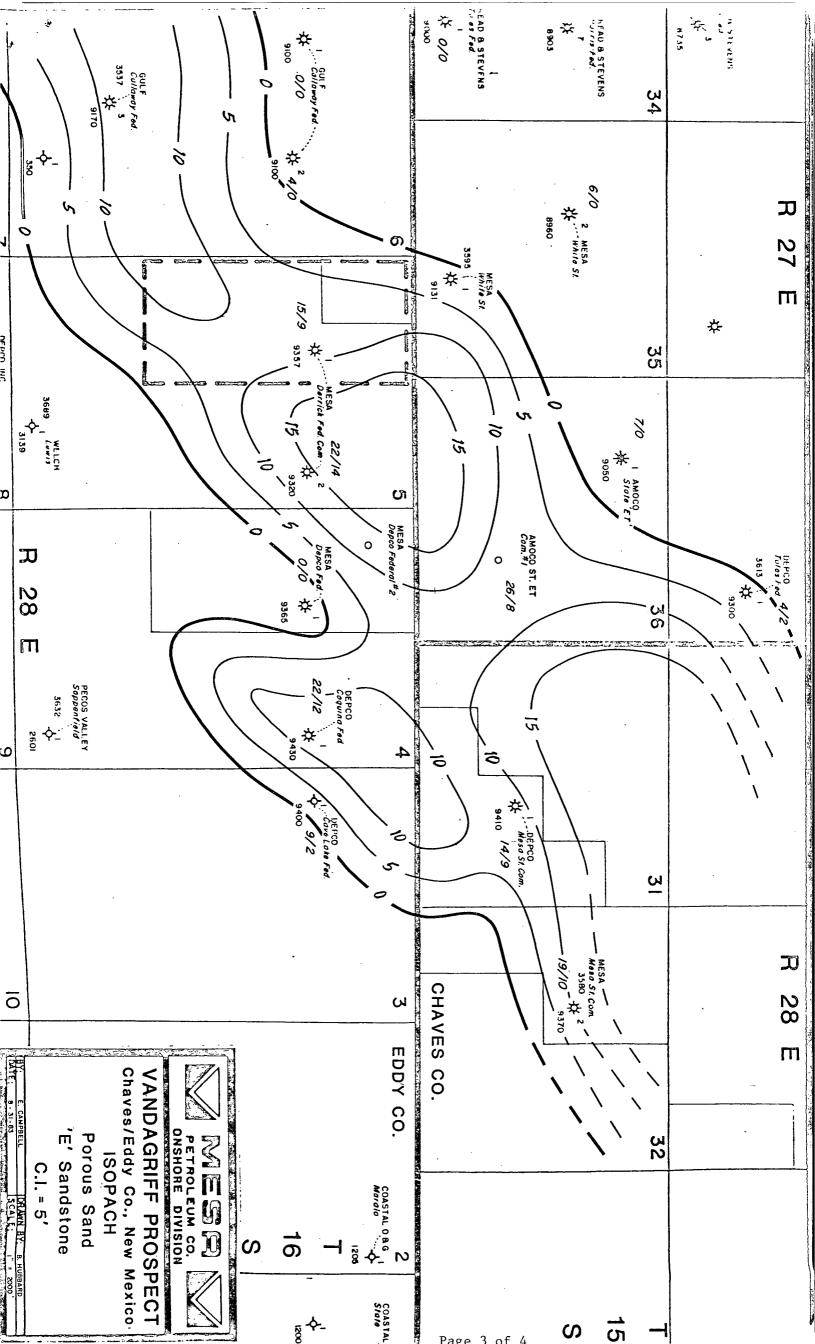
This is demonstrated on the attached maps and cross section. Economically productive sands penetrated in the Mesa Derrick Federal #2 and not present in the Mesa Depco Federal #1, trend to the northeast from the Derrick #2 and are thick at Mesa's proposed location. Furthermore, our proposed location is projected to be at a structural position sufficiently higher than the Mesa Depco Federal #1 to be above the gas-water contact of the E sandstone. No orthodox locations within the section will be sufficiently higher than the Mesa Depco Federal #1.

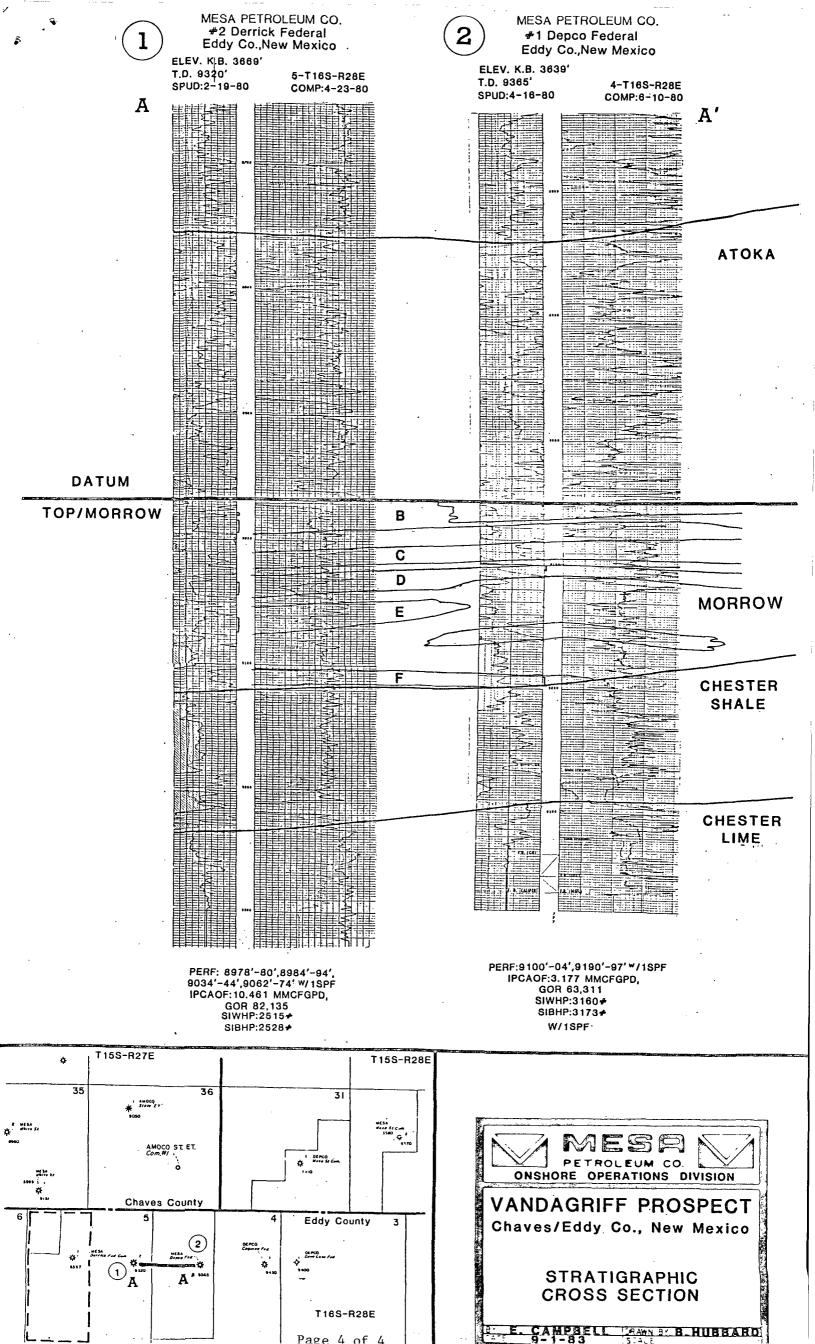
Edith Campbell

Exploitation Geologist











Amoco Production Company (USA)

Houston Region–West 501 WestLake Park Boulevard Post Office Box 3092 Houston, Texas 77253

R. G. Smith Regional Engineering Manager-West

September 19, 1983

File: JCA-986.51NM-3280

Re: Application for Unorthodox Location and Non-standard Proration Unit

Mesa Petroleum Company Eddy County, New Mexico

State of New Mexico
Energy and Minerals Department
Oil Conservation Division
State Land Office Building
Old Santa Fe Trail
P.O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Attention: Mr. Joe D. Ramey

Gentlemen:

Amoco Production Company is in receipt of the subject application dated September 1, 1983 addressed to the attention of Mr. R. L. Stamets. Said application requests administrative approval of a 270.5-acre non-standard proration unit and an unorthodox location at 990' FNL x 660' FWL of Section 4, T-16-S, R-28-E for Mesa's proposed Depco Federal Well No. 2. Amoco must object to the unorthodox location portion of this application because of the potential for uncompensated drainage from its adjacent lease.

The well which is subject to this application is an immediate offset to the Amoco State "ET" lease and is targeted for completion in the same reservoir from which said lease produces. Therefore, in all likelihood, approval of the requested unorthodox location would result in confiscation of reserves from the Amoco lease.

Amoco is willing to withdraw objection to authorization of an unorthodox location if the Applicant will move the proposed well to a site at least 1485' FNL of the section; still 495' north of the nearest orthodox location. According to the geological exhibits submitted in the subject application, this compromise location provides the Applicant with a site

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September 19, 1983

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at which they would obtain a reservoir position (i.e., structural as well as net sand) essentially equivalent to the recently drilled Amoco State "ET" Com Well No. 1. However, if the Applicant is adamant about drilling at the requested location, Amoco must insist that administrative approval of the subject application be denied and the matter be set for hearing.

If you have any question concerning this matter, please contact Larry Sheppard (713/556-3941) in Amoco's Houston Region-West Proration Section.

Yours very truly,

LWS/mes 885/Z

cc: Mesa Petroleum Company

P.O. Box 2009

R. J. Smithyes

Amarillo, TX 79189

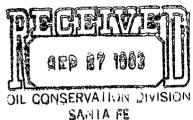
Attention: Mr. R. E. Mathis

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division

P.O. Drawer DD Artesia, NM 88210

Attention: Mr. L. A. Clements





September 22, 1983

Mr. R. L. Stamets
Energy and Minerals Department
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. Stamets:

Subject:

Unorthodox Location for

Mesa Petroleum Co. Depco Federal #2

Eddy County, New Mexico

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Mesa Petroleum Co. has been informed by copy of a letter addressed to your office dated 9-19-83 regarding subject application that Amoco Production Company (USA) is willing to withdraw objection to authorization of an unorthodox location if moved to a site at least 1485' FNL of the section.

Notice is hereby given that Mesa Petroleum Co. has amended its APD to apply for a well to be drilled 1485' FNL & 660' FWL. Sec. 4, T16S, R28E as shown by attached plat.

It is further requested that since Mesa Petroleum Co. et al and Amoco et al are the only affected parties under this application, an Administrative Order be issued immediately so that drilling may commence.

Yours truly.

R. E. Mathis

Regulatory Coordinator

Onshore Operations Division

Attachment

xc: NMOCD-Artesia

BLM-Roswell

Central Records Operations File Midland Office

Roswell Office

Amoco Partners

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

Form C-102 Supersedes C-128 Effective 14-FS

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