

EXHIBIT A

Amerada Hess Corporation
P. O. Box 2040
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74102

El Paso Production Company
P. O. Box 4289
Farmington, New Mexico 87499-4289

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- Complete items 3, and 4a & b.
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3. Article Addressed to:

El Paso Production Company
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Farmington, New Mexico
87499-4289

4a. Article Number

P 223-764-394

4b. Service Type

- Registered Insured
- Certified COD
- Express Mail Return Receipt for Merchandise

7. Date of Delivery

8-2-95

5. Signature (Addressee)

8. Addressee's Address (Only if requested and fee is paid)

6. Signature (Agent)

Judith Dee

Jicarilla "C" #35

No. 11326

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2-255-749-139

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- Certified COD
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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

July 27, 1995

El Paso Production Company
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Farmington, New Mexico 87499-4289

RE: Case No. 11326:
Application of Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. for a High Angle/Horizontal Directional Drilling Pilot Project, Special Operating Rules therefor, a Non-Standard Oil Proration Unit and a Special Project Allowable, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

This letter is to advise you that Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. has filed an application with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division seeking approval to re-enter and horizontally drill its Jicarilla "C" Well No. 35 located in the S/2 of Section 21, Township 25 North, Range 5 West, N.M.P.M., in the West Lindrith Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool. The Jicarilla "C" Well No. 35 is located at a standard location 1850 feet from the South line and 1190 feet from the West line of Section 21. Texaco plans to re-enter this well and kick-off from vertical in an easterly direction commencing to build angle at an appropriate rate to horizontally traverse the proposed producing interval.

This application has been set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on August 24, 1995. You are not required to attend this hearing, but as an owner of an interest that may be affected by this application, you may appear at the hearing and present testimony. Failure to appear at that time and become a party of record will preclude you from challenging this matter at a later date.

Parties appearing in cases have been requested by the Division (Memorandum 2-90) to file a Pre-Hearing statement substantially in the form prescribed by the Division. Pre-Hearing statements should be filed by 4:00 o'clock p.m. on the Friday before a scheduled hearing. If you have no objection to Texaco's application, please sign the waiver at the bottom of this letter and return same to my attention at the letterhead address. Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Chuck Snure
Rocky Mountain Business Unit

CAS:bw
Attachment

WAIVER APPROVAL: _____

Meridian Oil Inc.
Tom L. Cooper

DATE: _____

Aug 3, 1995