



November 13, 1995

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
Attn: William J. LeMay  
2040 S. Pacheco  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

*19 miles  
east by south  
of  
Angels Peak*

RE: Request for NSL Order on Rincon Unit #131E

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Union Oil Company of California dba Unocal originally staked and permitted the Rincon Unit #131E as a Basin Dakota/Blanco Mesa Verde well located 1145' FNL and 1525' FWL, Sec. 36, T27N, R7W, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico (state APD approved 4/6/94, APD extension and casing design change approved 1/31/95). This approved location offset the existing Rincon Unit #10, a Pictured Cliffs completion that was scheduled and permitted to be Plug and Abandoned.

Upon further evaluation Unocal proposed to move the permitted location to 1850' FNL and 790' FWL, Sec. 36, T27N, R7W to be able to further test the potential and if warranted to include the completion of the South Blanco Pictured Cliffs formation into the original "Dakota/Mesa Verde" completion. This new proposed location was still within the boundaries of a standard "Dakota/Mesa Verde/Pictured Cliffs" location. During the attempt to stake the well at 1850' FNL and 790' FWL it was found that due to topographical reasons (an existing Arroyo to the north and east) also an existing high pressure El Paso Natural Gas lateral line (which would run through the proposed new reserve pit and pad area) the drill pad could not be built at this new proposed location. The location was moved 135' to the south and 32' to the east to avoid these natural and man-made obstacles and was staked at 1985' FNL and 822' FWL, Sec. 32, T27N, R7W, which does not conform to a standard location.

A sundry notice requesting approval to move the existing location to the newly staked location and include the Pictured Cliffs formation into the completion of the well along with a request for approval of a non-standard location was filed 5/30/95 and approved 6/5/95 (attached).

Unocal mistakenly assumed that the approved sundry notice dated 6/5/95 gave approval for 1) moving of the existing #131E location to the proposed new location, 2) including the completion of the Pictured Cliffs formation and 3) a non-standard location for well #131E. Recently we have learned that we do not have approval for a non-standard location for this well.

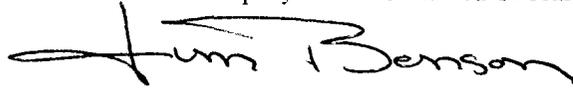
Union Oil Company of California dba Unocal would like to request approval of a non-standard location for the Rincon Unit #131E, located 1985' FNL and 822' FWL, Sec. 36, T27N, R7W, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. This existing location does not conform to a standard location being 135' too far south and cannot be moved to the north because of an existing natural arroyo to the north and east, in conjunction with the El Paso Natural Gas line to the north (see attached pad layout and topography). Also, Unocal is the sole off-set lease owner/operator.

Rincon Unit #131E has been drilled, completed and tested as a "Dakota/Mesa Verde/Pictured Cliffs" well with all of the applicable sundries and the C-104s submitted. For these reasons Unocal requests your earliest consideration of this matter.

If you should have any questions please do not hesitate to call Sandy Liese at (505)632-1811 Ext. 18. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Union Oil Company of California dba Unocal

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Benson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Jim Benson  
Drilling Superintendent

Attachments:

CC: Frank Chavez, NMOCD

JB/sl

Submit 3 Copies  
to Appropriate  
District Office

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-103  
Revised 1-1-89

**OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**  
P.O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

DISTRICT I  
P.O. Box 1980, Hobbs, NM 88240

DISTRICT II  
P.O. Drawer DD, Artesia, NM 88210

DISTRICT III  
1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

WELL AFI NO. 30-039-25368
5. Indicate Type of Lease STATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FEE <input type="checkbox"/>
6. State Oil & Gas Lease No.

<b>SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS</b> (DO NOT USE THIS FORM FOR PROPOSALS TO DRILL OR TO DEEPEN OR PLUG BACK TO A DIFFERENT RESERVOIR. USE "APPLICATION FOR PERMIT" (FORM C-101) FOR SUCH PROPOSALS.)	
1. Type of Well: OIL WELL <input type="checkbox"/> GAS WELL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER	7. Lease Name or Unit Agreement Name  RINCON UNIT
2. Name of Operator UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA	8. Well No. 131E
3. Address of Operator P.O. Box 2620, Casper, WY 82602 (307) 234-1563 Ext. 116	9. Pool name or Wildcat Basin Dak/Blanco MV/So. Blanco
4. Well Location Unit Letter <u>E</u> : 1985 Feet From The <u>North</u> Line and <u>822</u> Feet From The <u>West</u> Line Section <u>36</u> Township <u>27N</u> Range <u>7W</u> NMPM Rio Arriba County	P.C.
10. Elevation (Show whether DF, RKB, RT, GR, etc.)	

11. Check Appropriate Box to Indicate Nature of Notice, Report, or Other Data

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO:		SUBSEQUENT REPORT OF:	
PERFORM REMEDIAL WORK <input type="checkbox"/>	PLUG AND ABANDON <input type="checkbox"/>	REMEDIAL WORK <input type="checkbox"/>	ALTERING CASING <input type="checkbox"/>
TEMPORARILY ABANDON <input type="checkbox"/>	CHANGE PLANS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	COMMENCE DRILLING OPNS. <input type="checkbox"/>	PLUG AND ABANDONMENT <input type="checkbox"/>
PULL OR ALTER CASING <input type="checkbox"/>		CASING TEST AND CEMENT JOB <input type="checkbox"/>	
OTHER: <u>Location Change</u> <input type="checkbox"/>		OTHER: <input type="checkbox"/>	

12. Describe Proposed or Completed Operations (Clearly state all pertinent details, and give pertinent dates, including estimated date of starting any proposed work) SEE RULE 1103.

See attached proposed operations.

**RECEIVED**  
JUN - 2 1995  
**OIL CON. DIV.**  
DIST. 3

I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE Jim Benson TITLE Drilling Superintendent DATE 5-30-95

TYPE OR PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

(This space for State Use)

APPROVED BY Janie Bush TITLE DEPUTY OIL & GAS INSPECTOR, DIST. #3 DATE JUN - 5 1995

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY: Hold C-104 For USL

12. Proposed or Completed Operations:

Rincon Unit #131E was originally staked @ 1145' FNL & 1525' FWL, Section 36, T27N-R7W, Rio Arriba Co., NM, and permitted (State APD approved 4-6-94, APD extension and casing design change approved 1-31-95) as a Basin Dakota/Blanco Mesaverde well.

Unocal requests approval to move the existing Rincon Unit 131E location to 1985' FNL, 822' FWL, Sec. 36, T27N-R7W and complete as a Basin Dakota/Blanco Mesaverde/South Blanco Pictured Cliffs well. Unocal wishes to move the location to take advantage of more favorable sub-surface geological structures; i.e. incorporate the Pictured Cliffs formation into the overall completion of the well. There is only one existing Pictured Cliffs well in the same 1/4 section (Rincon #10), and it is presently shut in and scheduled for P&A later this year.

Unocal also requests approval of a non-standard location for the proposed Rincon Unit 131E. The proposed location does not conform to a standard (Dak./M.V./P.C.) location being approximately 135' too far South. The proposed location cannot be moved to the North due to an existing El Paso Natural Gas lateral line and an existing Arroyo (see attached Pad Layout and topography). Unocal is the sole off-set lease owner/operator.

There will be no changes to the existing approved Drilling/Completion plan (approved Jan 31, 1995.)

PU Box 1986, Hobbs, NM 88241-1986  
 District II  
 PO Drawer DD, Artesia, NM 88211-0719  
 District III  
 1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410  
 District IV  
 PO Box 2088, Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department

**OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**  
 PO Box 2088  
 Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

Revised February 21, 1994  
 Instructions on back  
 Submit to Appropriate District Office  
 State Lease - 4 Copies  
 Fee Lease - 3 Copies

AMENDED REPORT

**WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT**

* APT Number 30-039-25368		* Pool Code 71599/72319/72439		* Pool Name Basin Dak/Blanco Mesaverde/So. Blanco Pictured	
* Property Code 011510		* Property Name RINCON UNIT			* Well Number 131-E
* OGRID No. 23708		* Operator Name UNOCAL			* Elevation 6614

**10 Surface Location**

UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Ida	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
E	36	27N	7W		1985	NORTH	822	WEST	RIO ARRIBA

**11 Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface**

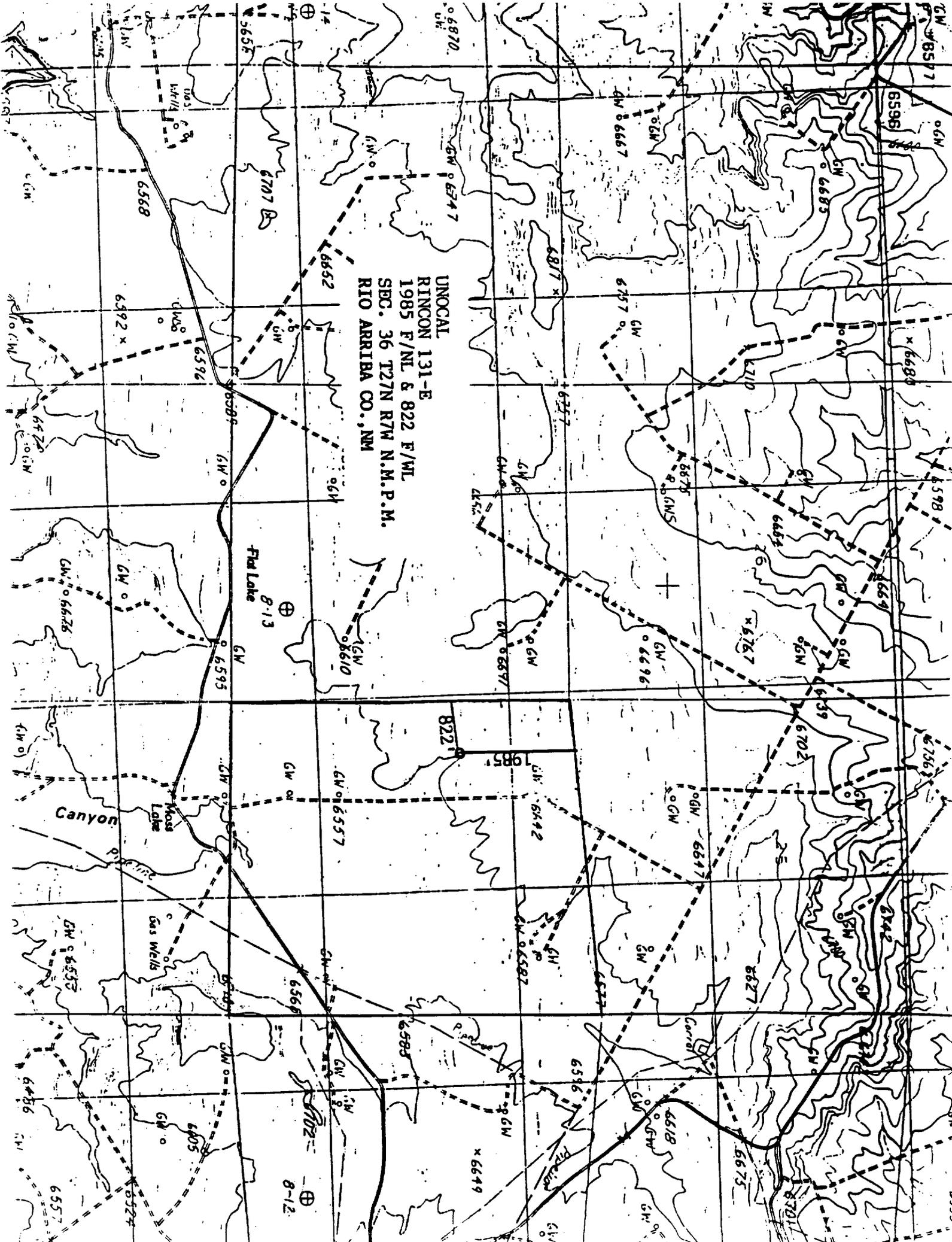
UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Ida	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County

* Dedicated Acres 320/160	* Joint or Infill Y	* Consolidation Code U	* Order No.
------------------------------	------------------------	---------------------------	-------------

NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION

	16 2652.87 S84° 43' W 2652.87 Rincón Unit #10 900' FS - 1650' FEL Spud: 8/29/53 South Blanco P.C. Completion	<b>17 OPERATOR CERTIFICATION</b> I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief Signature: <i>Jim Benson</i> Printed Name: <u>Jim Benson</u> Title: <u>Drilling Superintendent</u> Date: <u>5/25/95</u>
	176.06 184.82 N 0° 04' 23" E 2971.99 Rincón Unit #31 1800' FS - 1550' FEL Spuds: 10/17/68 Basin Dakota Completion w/ 320-acre dedication	<b>18 SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION</b> I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief. Date of Survey: <u>May 1995</u> Signature and Seal of Registered Surveyor:  Cecil B. Tullis Certificate Number 9672
	822' 176.20 184.97 N 0° 02' 19" E 3136.19 Rincón Unit #45 990' FS - 1650' FEL Spud: 9/16/55 South Blanco P.C. completion	
	2647.81 2648.25 N 89° 03' W 2648.25 ← Dak./m.v.	

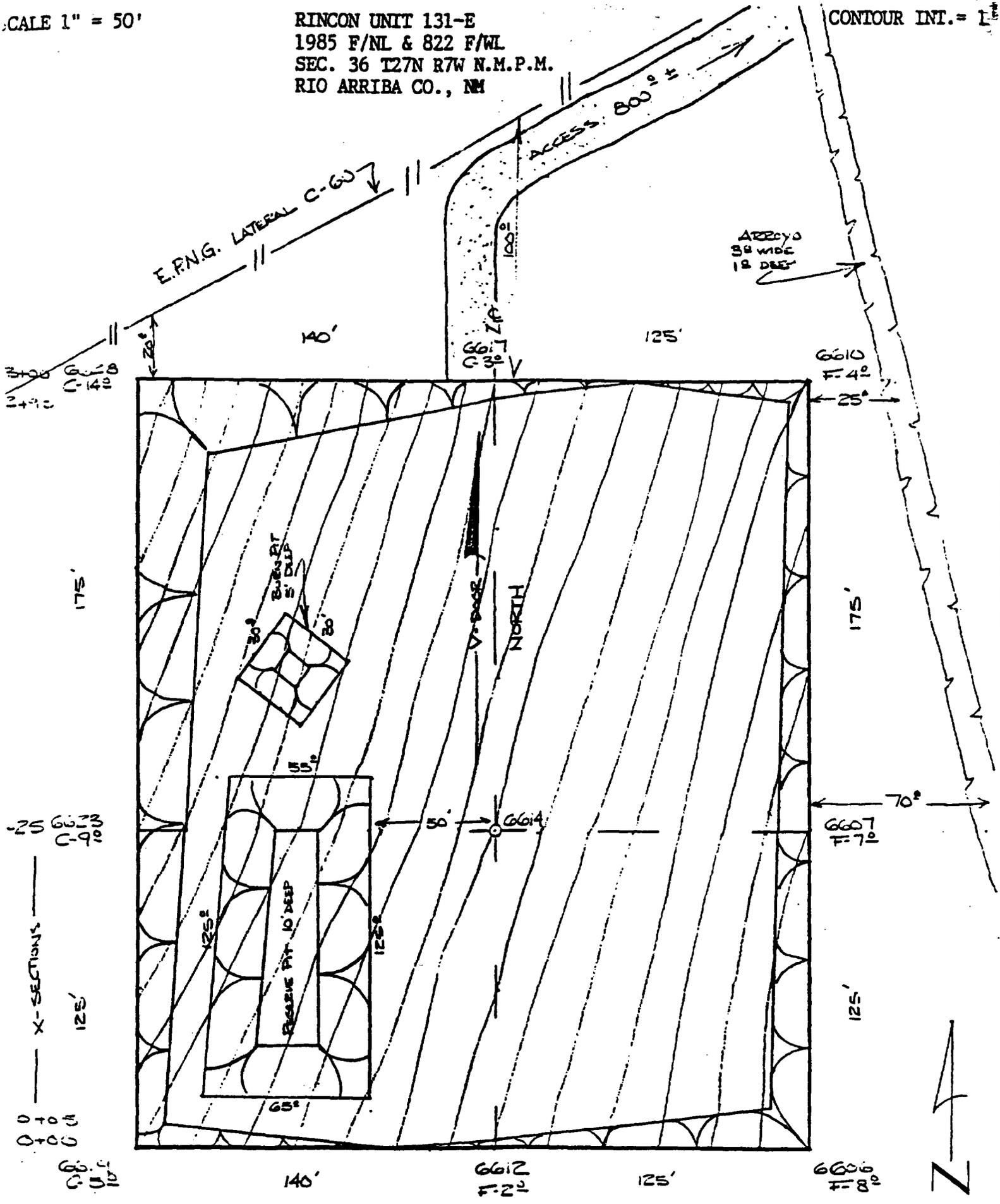
UNOCAL  
RINCON 131-E  
1985 F/NL & 822 F/WL  
SEC. 36 T27N R7W N.M.P.M.  
RIO ARRIBA CO., NM



SCALE 1" = 50'

RINCON UNIT 131-E  
1985 F/NL & 822 F/WL  
SEC. 36 T27N R7W N.M.P.M.  
RIO ARRIBA CO., NM

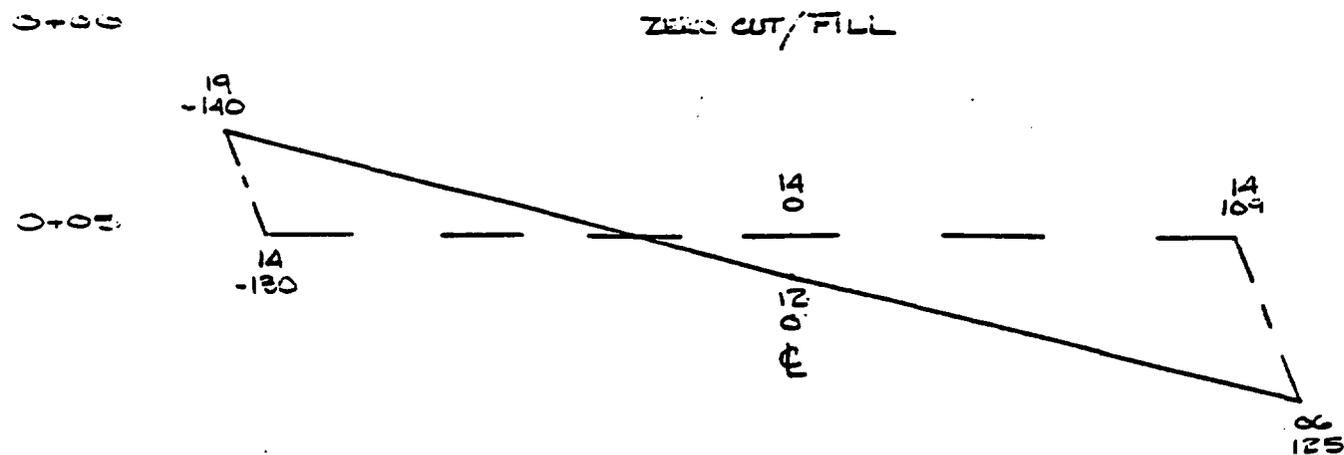
CONTOUR INT. = 1'



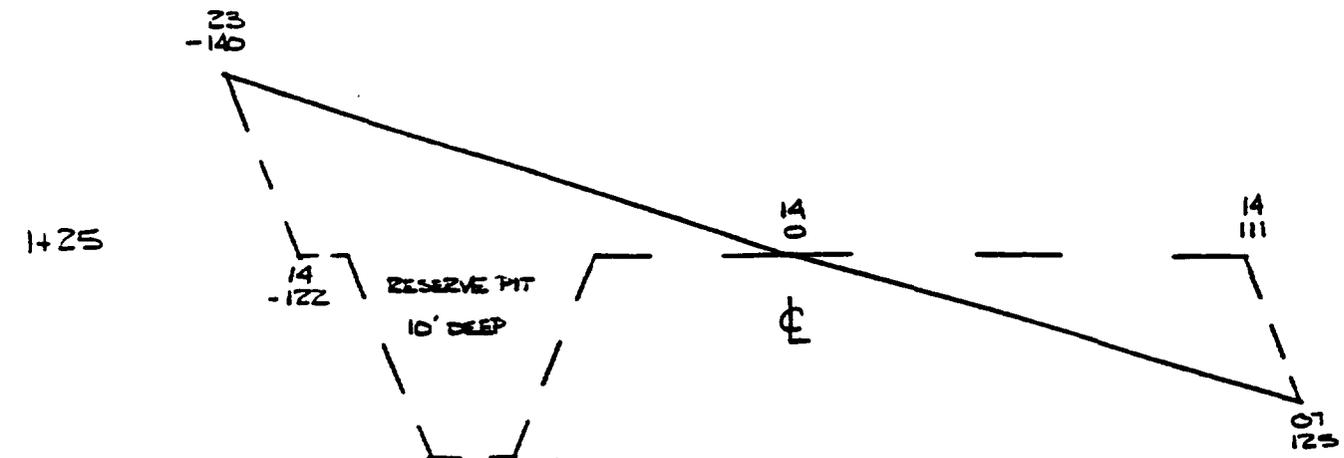
PAD LAYOUT AND TOPOGRAPHY

SCALE: HORZ. 1" = 50'  
VERT. 1" = 10'

RINCON UNIT 131-E  
1985 F/NL & 822 F/WL  
SEC. 36 T27N R7W N.M.P.M.  
RIO ARRIBA CO., NM



X-SECTIONS AND VOLUMES



CUT.....	6931 CU YDS.
FILL.....	3874 CU YDS.
PIT EXCAVATION.....	1630 CU YDS.

