



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS  
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
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J.E. Gallegos  
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RE: Application of Doyle Hartman and Margaret Hartman dba Doyle Hartman, Oil Operator, and James A. Davidson for (i) de novo hearing, (ii) order authorizing discovery, (iii) withdrawal of Administrative Order NSL-3633, (iv) denial of Meridian application, (v) and redefinition of Rhodes Gas Pool boundary

Dear Messrs. Gallegos and Condon:

Reference is made to the above-described application. The New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission does not hear direct appeals of administrative orders and will not therefore set this matter for a de novo hearing. However, the Commission will refer this matter to the Division and direct the Division to set this matter for an examiner hearing and direct the Division to stay Administrative Order NSL-3633 pending the outcome of such hearing. Discovery requests should be directed to the Division hearing examiner.

The first available examiner hearing, given the 20 day notice period, is April 18th in Farmington. May 2nd is the next hearing date in Santa Fe. Please inform Florene Davidson (Phone # 827-7132) of your preference. Unless we hear from you otherwise, this matter will be captioned and advertised as follows:

**Application of Doyle Hartman and Margaret Hartman dba Doyle Hartman, Oil Operator, and James A. Davidson for redefinition of the Rhodes Gas Pool boundary and for withdrawal of Administrative Order NSL-3633 which granted unorthodox well locations to Meridian Oil Inc., Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks a redefinition of the boundary of the Rhodes Gas Pool pursuant to Division Rule 5 to include the Rhodes "B" Federal Well No. 7 of Meridian Oil Inc. located 330 feet from the North line and 1470 feet from the West line (Unit C) of Section 26, Township 26 South, Range 37 East. Applicant further seeks withdrawal of Division Administrative Order NSL-3633 which approved two unorthodox well locations to Meridian Oil Inc. in the Rhodes-Yates-Seven Rivers Oil Pool, the Rhodes "B" Federal Well No. 4 located 2418 feet from the South line and 553 feet from the East line (Unit I) of Section 27 and the above-described Rhodes "B" Federal Well No. 7 located 330 from the North line and 1470 feet from the West line (Unit C) of Section 26, both wells located in Township 26 South, Range 37 East. Said area is located approximately 7 miles south-southeast of Jal, New Mexico.



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~~Hartman, as applicant, will be responsible for giving the appropriate notice in this case.~~

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact the Division.

Sincerely,

William J. LeMay, Director

cc: W. Thomas Kellahin - Attorney for Meridian Oil Inc.  
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