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Oil Conservation Division

October 11, 2000

McKay Oil Corporation

Attention: Bill J. Milstead

P. O. Box 2014

Roswell, New Mexico 88202

Re: *Two administrative applications submitted on September 27, 2000 for unorthodox West Pecos Slope-Abo infill gas well locations for McKay Oil Corporation's: (i) Five Mile Tank "B" Federal Well No. 5 to be drilled in Unit L of Section 17; and (ii) Snakeweed "B" Federal Well No. 4 to be drilled in Unit P of Section 18, both in Township 6 South, Range 23 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico.*

Dear Mr. Milstead:

Both wells in which the subject applications were filed are located within the West Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool and are therefore subject to the "*Special Rules and Regulations for the West Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool*", as promulgated by Division Order No. R-9976-C, dated March 19, 1996 (see copy attached). These rules do not include an administrative procedure for authorizing unorthodox gas well locations (see Rule 5). Since these applications will require a hearing for processing I am returning them both to you at this time.

Also, please refer to Division Order No. R-11193 issued in Case No. 12183, involving McKay in a similar situation last year.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Stogner

Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Artesia
U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Roswell
Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director - NMOCD, Santa Fe
Kathy Valdes, NMOCD - Santa Fe

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September 26, 2000

SEP 27 2000

Mr. William J. LeMay, Director
State of New Mexico
Oil Conservation Division
2040 S. Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

REFERENCE: Snakeweed "B" Federal #4.

Dear Mr. LeMay:

McKay Oil Corporation hereby requests the Oil Conservation Division administratively approve the location for the referenced well. The well was drilled in an unorthodox location due to topographic constraints. We have attached a copy of the topographic map showing the area around the drillsite for your review, along with a copy of the approved APD.

The topographic map shows the location is in the proximity of natural gas pipeline right of way. Moving the pipeline would require extensive excavation of the pipeline. McKay Oil placed the location in an area that was the least obtrusive for those concerned with surface use.

We have also attached a copy of the Land Base Map, which reflects the ownership in the adjacent tracts. McKay Oil owns and is the Operator of the adjacent leases so there is no necessity to mail any affected party letters.

We hereby request you grant administrative approval of the location pursuant to Rule 104.F(2) of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil Conservation Division.

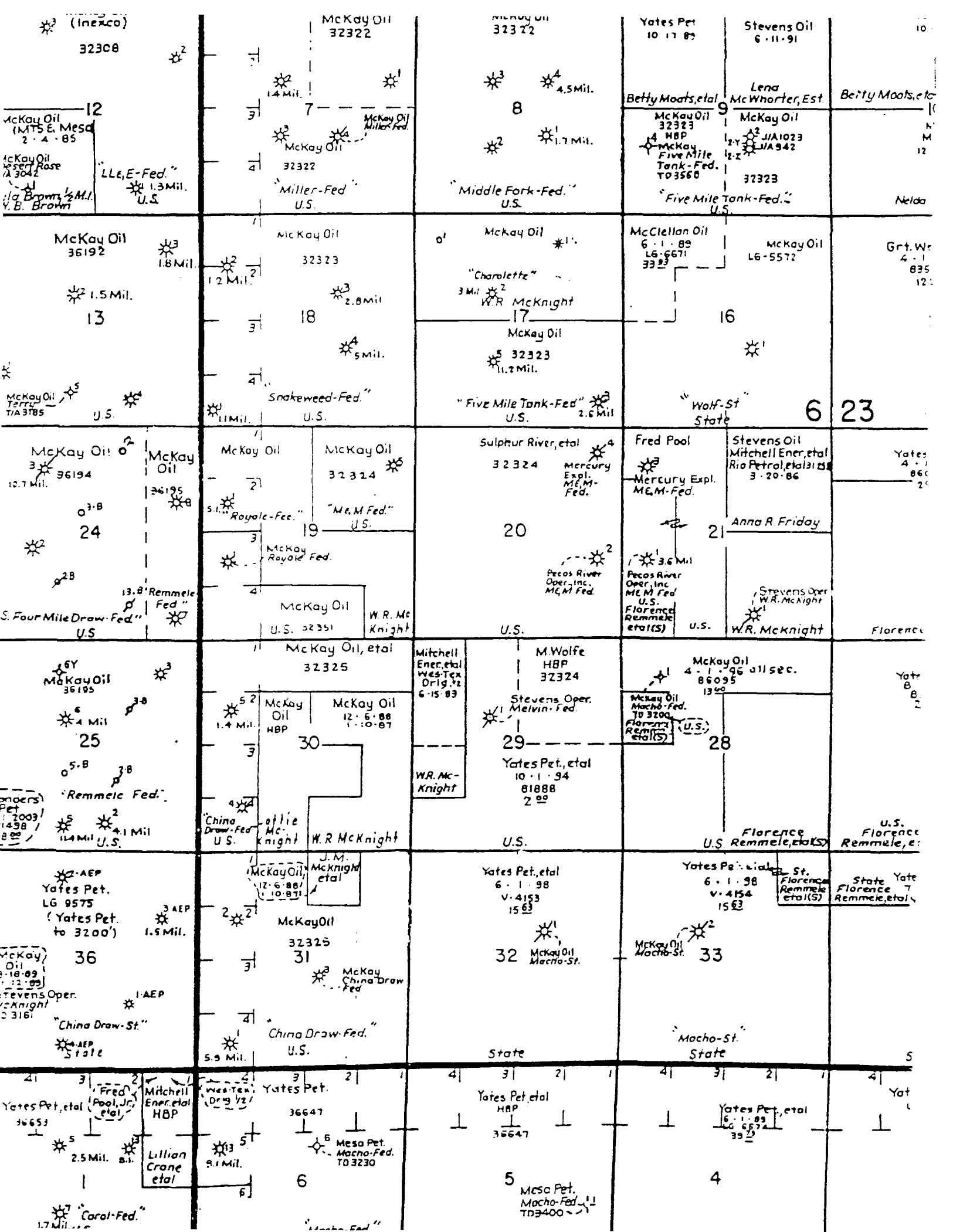
Thank you for your immediate attention in this matter.

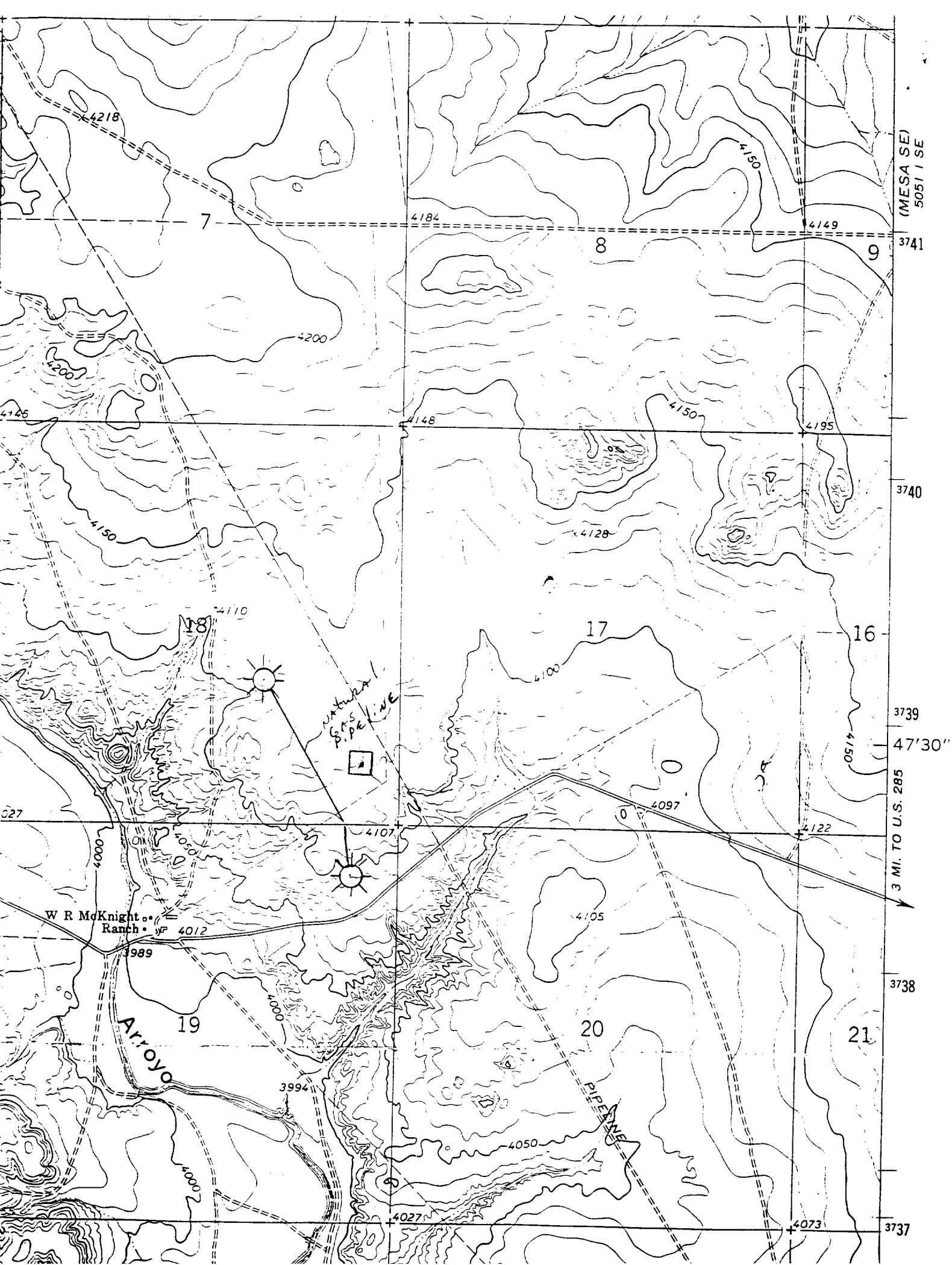
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SEP 27 2000

REFERENCE: Five Mile Tank "B" Federal #5.

Case 12546

Dear Mr. LeMay:

McKay Oil Corporation hereby requests the Oil Conservation Division administratively approve the location for the referenced well. The well was drilled in an unorthodox location due to topographic constraints. We have attached a copy of the topographic map showing the area around the drillsite for your review, along with a copy of the approved APD.

The topographic map shows the location is on the western edge of a major draw and will cause the least amount of erosion from the potential production location. McKay Oil placed the location in an area that was the least obtrusive for those concerned with surface use.

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