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#### VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS OVERNIGHT

January 24, 2008

Director's Office
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural
Resources Department
Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Ladies and Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: SOUTHWESTERN - KARLSBAD CORRAL 2 STATE 8-H

API NO. 30-015-35113

CORRAL CANYON; DELAWARE, NORTHWEST 96464

SEC. 2-T25S-R29E

**EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO** 

Southwestern requests approval of a non-standard or unorthodox location on the "asdrilled" bottom-hole or Terminus Point for the subject well referenced above. On August 24, 2006, the 8-H well was permitted with a BHL of 351' FNSL and 661' FWSL. The well was spud on September 16, 2006, reached a TMD of 7700' on October 13, 2006 and rig release on October 15, 2006. With the 7700' TMD being 196' FNSL and the last perforation within the drainhole at 7541' MD would show that Southwestern has not perforated the Delaware within the 330' of the north section line.

Notice of this request has been mailed to offset operators of record to the north of Sec. 2-T25S-R29E. For that documentation copies are sent herein.

Should you have questions, please reach me direct through 281-618-4887 or Martha howard@SWN.com.

Respectfully,

SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY PRODUCTION COMPANY

Martha C. Howard

Martha C. Howard Staff Regulatory Analyst

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CC:

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#### State of New Mexico

DISTRICT I 1625 N. FRENCH DR., HOBBS, NM 68240

OGRID No.

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-102

Revised October 12, 2005 Submit to Appropriate District Office

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Elevation

3018

#### DISTRICT II 1301 W. GRAND AVENUE, ARTESIA, NM 88210

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

## OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 1220 SOUTH ST. FRANCIS DR.

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

DISTRICT IV WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT □ AMENDED REPORT 1220 S. ST. FRANCIS DR., SANTA FE, NM 87505 API Number Pool Code Pool Name Well Number Property Code Property Name #8-H KARLSBAD CORRAL 2

### SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY PRODUCTION COMPANY Surface Location

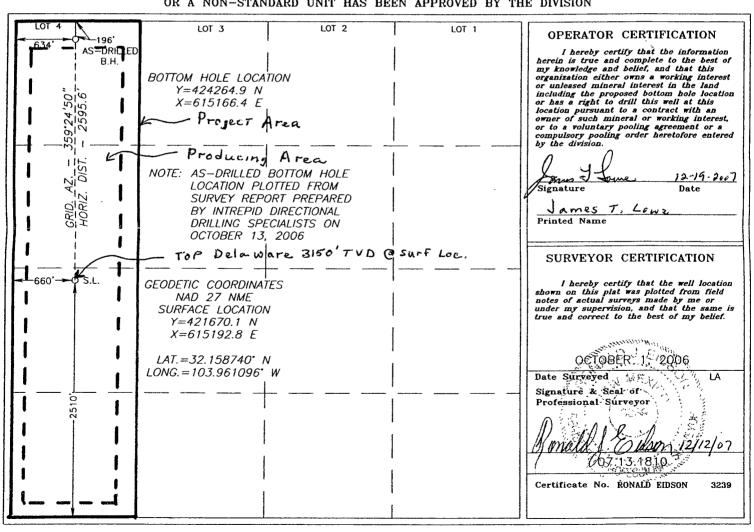
Operator Name

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
L	2	25-S	29-E		2510	SOUTH	660	WEST	EDDY

#### Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
4	2	25-S	29-E		196	NORTH	634	WEST	EDDY
Dedicated Acre	Dedicated Acres   Joint or Infill   Consolidation Code		Code Or	der No.					
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API Number	Pool Code	Pool Name	
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Property Code	Property Na	Well Number	
	KARLSBAD CO	RRAL 2	5H
OGRID No.	Operator Na	me	Elevation
	SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY P	RODUCTION COMPANY	3035'

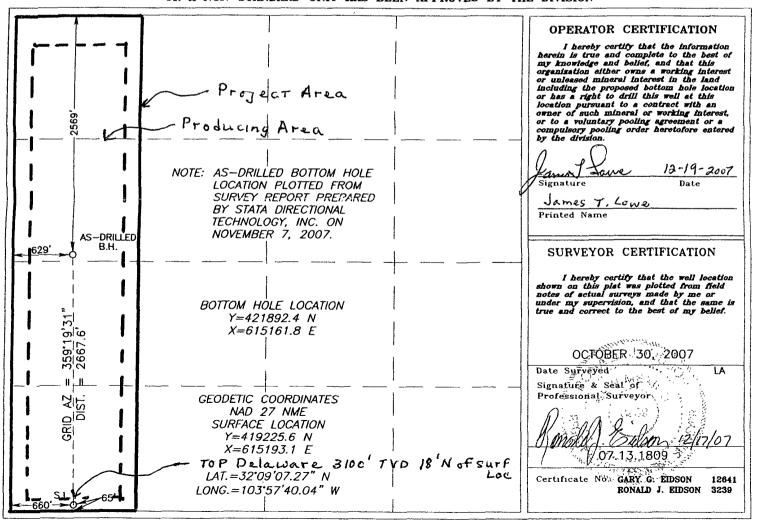
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E	2	25-S	29-E		2569	NORTH	629	WEST	EDDY
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# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

BILL RICHARDSON

December 20, 2005

Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.
Director
Oil Conservation Division

Governor

Joanna Prukop

Cabinet Secretary

Southwestern Energy Production Company 2350 N. Sam Houston Parkway East - Suite 300 Houston, Texas 77032

Attention:

J. Alan Grimsley

Alan Grimsley@SWN.COM

Administrative Order NSL-5316 (BHL)
(Non-Standard Subsurface Location/Producing Area)

Dear Mr. Grimsley:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") in Santa Fe, New Mexico on December 7 2005 (administrative application reference No. pMES0-535442924); and (ii) the Division's records in Santa Fe, including the file on Division Administrative Orders NSL-5275 (BHL) and NSL-5303 (BHL): all concerning Southwestern Energy Production Company's ("SwEPC") proposed development of the Cherry Canyon "4" Sand formation within a portion of the Karlsbad Corral "2" State Lease (New Mexico State Land Office Lease No. V-033613 [00013] underlying the W/2 SW/4 of Section 2, Township 25 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, utilizing horizontal drainhole drilling techniques.

#### The Division Director Finds That:

- (1) The subject application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 104.F, 111.A (13), 111.C (2), and 1210.A (2) [formerly Division Rule 1207.A (2), see Division Order No. R-12327-A, issued by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission in Case No. 13482 on September 15, 2005].
- (2) By Order No. R-10591, issued in Case No. 11530 on May 8, 1996 and made effective on June 1, 1996, the Division created and defined the Northwest Corral Canyon-Delaware Pool (96464) for the production of oil from the Delaware formation; the horizontal limits for this pool comprises the following described lands in Eddy County, New Mexico (see Division Cases No. 11530 and 13540:

#### **TOWNSHIP 25 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM**

Section 2:

E/2

Section 11:

N/2 and SW/4;

(3) Currently, the Northwest Corral Canyon-Delaware Pool and that area within one-mile of the pool boundaries [see Division Rule 104.A (2) (a)] are subject to the statewide rules and regulations, as promulgated by Rule 104.B (1), which provides for 40-acre oil spacing and proration units, or drilling units, and requires that wells be located no closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of a single 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit;

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- (4) It is the Division's understanding that SwEPC intends to drill its Karlsbad Corral "2" (State) Well No. 5-H from a surface location 65 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 2, vertically to an approximate measured depth (MD) of 4,838 feet; kick-off to the north and build angle at a rate of 12 degrees per 100 feet until a 90 degree, more or less, deviation off of vertical is achieved at an approximate measured depth of 5,608 feet (MD), or 5,317 feet (TVD); and continue to drill horizontally for an approximate distance of 2,000 feet to a bottomhole location, or end-point, within the Cherry Canyon "4" Sand unit of the Delaware Mountain Group at a targeted subsurface location approximately 2563 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 2;
- (5) The top of the Undesignated Northwest Corral Canyon-Delaware Pool should be intercepted at an approximate depth of 3,200 feet;
- (6) The proposed 80-acre "Project Area", pursuant to Division Rules 111.A (9) and C (3), will be established by combining two standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration units within the Undesignated Northwest Corral Canyon-Delaware Pool comprising the NW/4 SW/4 (Unit L) and the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 2;
- (7) The path way of the proposed wellbore vertically from the entry point into the Dclaware formation to the kick-off depth, the curved portion, and portions at both ends of the drainhole will be unorthodox pursuant to Division Rules 104.B (1) and 111.A (13);
- (8) It appearing the applicant has satisfied all of the appropriate requirements prescribed in Rules 111.C (2) and 104.F, the subject application should be approved, further, the aforementioned horizontal drainhole and 80-acre project area should continue operating under the provisions contained within this order and all other applicable provisions of Division Rule 111;
- (9) The applicant has satisfied all of the appropriate requirements prescribed in Rules 111.C (2) and 104.F; therefore the subject application based on SwEPC's proposed directional drilling plan should be approved; and
- (10) The subject 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit/project area is to be governed by the provisions contained within this order and all other applicable provisions of Division Rules 111 and 505.

#### It Is Therefore Ordered That:

(1) Southwestern Energy Production Company ("SwEPC") is hereby authorized to directionally drill its Karlsbad Corral "2" (State) Well No. 5-H from a surface location 65 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 2, Township 25 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, vertically to an approximate measured depth (MD) of 4,838 feet; kick-off to the north and build angle at a rate of 12 degrees per 100 feet until a 90 degree, more or less, deviation off of vertical is achieved at an approximate measured depth of 5,608 feet (MD), or 5,317 feet (TVD); and continue to drill horizontally for an approximate distance of 2,000 feet to a bottomhole location, or end-point, within the Cherry Canyon "4" Sand unit of the Delaware Mountain Group at a targeted subsurface location approximately 2563 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 2.

- (2) Further, an 80-acre Project Area comprising the W/2 SW/4 of Section 2 shall be established by combining the NW/4 SW/4 (Unit L) and the SW/4 SW4 (Unit M) of Section 2.
- (3) The operator shall comply with all applicable requirements and conditions set forth in Division Rules 111 and 505.
- (4) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

MARK E. FESMIORE, P. E.

Director

#### MEF/ms

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Artesia

New Mexico State Land Office - Santa Fe

File: NSL-5275 (BHL)

NSL-5303 (BHL)



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OXY USA WTP Limited Partneship P. O. Box 50250 Midland, Texas 79710-0250

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**Enclosure** 



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Kristi Green Mewbourne Oil Company P. O. Box 5270 Hobbs, NM 88240

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