

(Submit in triplicate to appropriate
Regional Oil and Gas or Mining Supervisor)

DESIGNATION OF OPERATOR

The undersigned is, on the records of the Bureau of Land Management, holder of lease

DISTRICT LAND OFFICE: Santa Fe, New Mexico
SERIAL NO.: NM 10593

and hereby designates

NAME: Secan Oil Company, Inc.
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1246
Natchez, Mississippi 39120

as his operator and local agent, with full authority to act in his behalf in complying with the terms of the lease and regulations applicable thereto and on whom the supervisor or his representative may serve written or oral instructions in securing compliance with the Operating Regulations with respect to (describe acreage to which this designation is applicable):

W $\frac{1}{2}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24; N $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25 - T 11S - R 27E,
Chaves County, New Mexico, containing 1,040 acres, more or less.

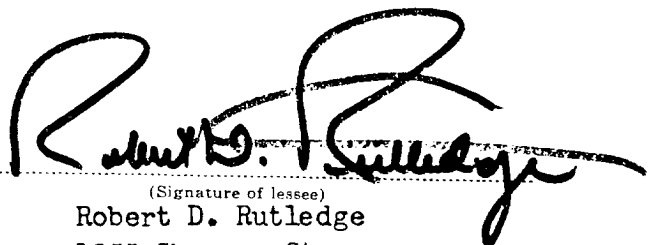
It is understood that this designation of operator does not relieve the lessee of responsibility for compliance with the terms of the lease and the Operating Regulations. It is also understood that this designation of operator does not constitute an assignment of any interest in the lease.

In case of default on the part of the designated operator, the lessee will make full and prompt compliance with all regulations, lease terms, or orders of the Secretary of the Interior or his representative.

The lessee agrees promptly to notify the supervisor of any change in the designated operator.

8 February 1973

(Date)



(Signature of lessee)

Robert D. Rutledge
1955 Sherman St.,
Denver, Colorado 80203

(Address)