

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL OR DEEPEN

1a. TYPE OF WORK

DRILL ☒

DEEPEN ☐

SEP 30 1992

b. TYPE OF WELL

OIL  
WELL ☒

GAS  
WELL ☐

OTHER IN-FILL WELL

SINGLE  
ZONE ☒

MULTIPLE  
ZONES ☐

2. NAME OF OPERATOR

SOCORRO PETROLEUM COMPANY

3. ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NO.

P.O. Box 37

Ph. 505-677-3223

Loco Hills, New Mexico 88255

4. LOCATION OF WELL (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements.)\*

At surface

1350' FNL, 1250' FEL, Sec. 9, T. 17S., R. 31E.

(Unit H)

At proposed prod. zone

Same

(SENE)

14. DISTANCE IN MILES AND DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN OR POST OFFICE\*

6.5 Air miles northeast of Loco Hills, New Mexico

10. DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED\*

LOCATION TO NEAREST  
PROPERTY OR LEASE LINE, FT.  
(Also to nearest drlg. unit line, if any)

1350'

16. NO. OF ACRES IN LEASE

1919.88 Ac.

17. NO. OF ACRES ASSIGNED  
TO THIS WELL

40

18. DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED LOCATION\*

TO NEAREST WELL, DRILLING, COMPLETED,  
OR APPLIED FOR, ON THIS LEASE, FT.

800'±

19. PROPOSED DEPTH

4900'

20. ROTARY OR CABLE TOOLS

Rotary

21. ELEVATIONS (Show whether DF, RT, GR, etc.)

3897.8 GL

22. APPROX. DATE WORK WILL START\*

As Soon As Possible

PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENTING PROGRAM

SIZE OF HOLE	GRADE SIZE OF CASING	WEIGHT PER FOOT	SETTING DEPTH	QUANTITY OF CEMENT
17-1/2"	13-3/8" J-55	54.5#	510'	475± sx Class C (Circ)
12-1/4"	8-5/8" J-55	24.0#	1680'	825± sx Class C (Circ)
7-7/8"	5-1/2" J-55	17.0#	4900'	1000± sx Class C (Circ)

Propose to drill to about 4900' and complete as an in-fill non-standard Grayburg producer. State approval of the unorthodox location is pending. Set 5-1/2" production casing to TD, cemented with sufficient cement to circulate to the surface. Selectively perforate favorable Grayburg zones.

Run 2-7/8" tubing to perforations and treat formation with 15% HCL. Sand-frac formation and test to tanks.

See attached Drilling Data and Surface Use Plan.

APPROVAL SUBJECT TO  
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND  
SPECIAL STIPULATIONS  
ATTACHED

IN ABOVE SPACE DESCRIBE PROPOSED PROGRAM: If proposal is to deepen, give data on present productive zone and proposed new productive zone. If proposal is to drill or deepen directionally, give pertinent data on subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths. Give blowout preventer program, if any.

24.

SIGNED

JERRY W. LONG

TITLE Permit Agent

DATE August 21, 1992

(This space for Federal or State office use)

PERMIT NO.

APPROVAL DATE

Application approval does not warrant or certify that the applicant holds legal or equitable title to those rights in the subject lease which would entitle the applicant to conduct operations thereon.  
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY:

APPROVED BY

TITLE

DATE

9-29-92

\*See Instructions On Reverse Side

Operator SOCORRO PETROLEUM COMPANY			Lease H.E. WEST "B"		Well No. 53	
Unit Letter H	Section 9	Township 17 SOUTH	Range 31 EAST NMPM		County EDDY	
Actual Footage Location of Well:						
1350 feet from the NORTH line and		1250 feet from the EAST line				
Ground Level Elev. 3897.8'	Producing Formation Grayburg-San Andres		Pool Grayburg-Jackson Pool		Dedicated Acreage: 40 Acres	
<p>1. Outline the acreage dedicated to the subject well by colored pencil or hatchure marks on the plat below.</p> <p>2. If more than one lease is dedicated to the well, outline each and identify the ownership thereof (both as to working interest and royalty). <u>Single Lease</u></p> <p>3. If more than one lease of different ownership is dedicated to the well, have the interest of all owners been consolidated by communitization, unitization, force-pooling, etc.? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If answer is "yes" type of consolidation <u>NA</u></p> <p>If answer is "no" list of owners and tract descriptions which have actually been consolidated. (Use reverse side of this form necessary.</p> <p>No allowable will be assigned to the well unit all interests have been consolidated (by communitization, unitization, forced-pooling, otherwise) or until a non-standard unit, eliminating such interest, has been approved by the Division.</p>						
			OPERATOR CERTIFICATION			
			I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.			
			Signature <i>Jerry W. Long</i>			
			Printed Name JERRY W. LONG			
			Position Permit Agent			
Company SOCORRO PETROLEUM COMPANY			Date August 21, 1992			
			SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION			
			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 knowledge and belief.			
			Date Surveyed AUGUST 6, 1992			
			Signature & Seal of Professional Surveyor <i>Ronald E. Jones</i>			
			Certificate No. JOHN W. WEST, 676 RONALD E. JONES, 3239 GARY E. JONES, 7877			

SUPPLEMENTAL DRILLING DATA

SOCORRO PETROLEUM COMPANY  
No.53 H.E. West "B"  
SENE Sec.9-17S-31E  
Eddy County, N.M.  
Federal Lease LC 029426-B

The following items supplement Form 3160-3 in accordance with instructions contained in Onshore Oil and Gas Order No.1:

1. SURFACE FORMATION: Recent

2. ESTIMATED TOPS OF GEOLOGIC MARKERS:

T. Salt	500'	Queen	2700'
B. Salt	1670'	Grayburg	3100'
Yates	1900'	San Andres	3500'
Seven Rivers	2100'		

3. ESTIMATED DEPTHS TO WATER, OIL OR GAS FORMATION:

Water - Possible groundwater from 0' to 300'

Oil - 2100' to TD

Gas - None anticipated

4. PROPOSED CASING PROGRAM:

13-3/8" Casing - Set 510' of 54.5#, J-55, Surface Casing

8-5/8" Casing - Set 1680' of 24#, J-55, Intermediate Casing

5-1/2" Casing - Set 4900' of 17.0#, J-55, Production Casing

All strings of casing will be satisfactorily tested  
to ~~1000 psi~~ **specifications in Onshore Order #2**

5. PRESSURE CONTROL EQUIPMENT: Install a 2M, Series 600 Type "E" Shaffer Double Hydraulic BOP on the 8-5/8" casing **13 3/8" csq.** prior to drilling into the Queen. Due to depleted nature of the reservoir, it is requested that a waiver be granted to test pressure control equipment to 1000 psi. using rig pump, instead of the normal 2000 psi. test. Exhibit D is a diagrammatic sketch of the BOP equipment.

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6. CIRCULATING MEDIUM: Drill with fresh water from surface to setting depth of surface casing. Drill remainder of hole with brine water, using additives to control water loss, viscosity and mud weight.
7. AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT: Equipment will include a gas detector, pit level monitor and a full-opening safety valve.
8. TESTING, LOGGING AND CORING PROGRAM:
  - Samples: Samples will be caught at 10' intervals from below the surface casing to total depth.
  - DST and Cores: None anticipated
  - Logging: Density-Neutron log  
Gamma Ray-Neutron log
9. ABNORMAL PRESSURES, TEMPERATURES OR HYDROGEN SULFIDE:
  - No abnormal pressures or temperatures anticipated.
  - Precautions will be taken to monitor possible traces hydrogen sulfide gas in the Grayburg.
10. ANTICIPATED STARTING DATE: Drilling will commence upon Federal and State approval. Drilling and completion will require about 30 days.

PERTINENT INFORMATION

For

SOCORRO PETROLEUM COMPANY  
No.53 H.E. West "B"  
SENE Sec.9-17S-31E  
Eddy County, N.M.  
Federal Lease LC 029426-B

LOCATED: 6.50 air miles northeast of  
Loco Hills, New Mexico

FEDERAL LEASE NUMBER: LC 029426-B

LEASE ISSUED: 20 Year Renewal, Eff. March 1, 1991

ACRES IN LEASE: 1919.88 Ac.

RECORD LESSEE: Atlantic Richfield Company

BOND COVERAGE: Alta Corporation Statewide Bond  
(Includes Socorro Petroleum Company)

AUTHORITY TO OPERATE: Transfer of Operating Rights to Socorro

SURFACE OWNERSHIP: Federal

GRAZING PERMITTEE: Caswell Ranches  
c/o Olane Caswell  
P.O. Box 615  
Meadow, Texas 79345

POOL RULES: Keel-West Waterflood Project

EXHIBITS: A. Road and Contour Map  
B. Lease and Well Map  
C. Drill Pad Layout  
D. BOP Diagram  
E. Flow Line/Power Map

## MULTI-POINT SURFACE USE AND OPERATIONS PLAN

SOCORRO PETROLEUM COMPANY  
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This plan is submitted with the Application for Permit to Drill the above described well. The purpose of the plan is to describe the location of the proposed well, the proposed construction activities and operations plan, the magnitude of necessary surface disturbance involved, and the procedures to be followed in rehabilitating the surface after completion of the operation so that a complete appraisal can be made of the environmental effects associated with the operation.

### 1. EXISTING ROADS:

- A. Exhibit "A" is a portion of a road map showing the location of the proposed well as staked. The well is approximately 6.5 air miles northeast of Loco Hills, New Mexico.
- B. Directions: Go east from Loco Hills, N.M. on Hwy. 82 for a distance of 3.5 miles. Turn north on Skelly Road, which is County Road 221. Go 1.4 miles to caliche lease road. Follow lease road northeast and east a distance of 1.3 miles. Go 0.5 mile north. Turn east and go 1.8 miles on lease road to the new access road. The proposed well will be located about 600' south.

### 2. PLANNED ACCESS ROAD:

- A. Length and Width: The new road will be about 500' long and about 12' wide.
- B. Surfacing Material: The new road and well pad will be surfaced with 6" of caliche.
- C. Maximum Grade: Less than 1%
- D. Turnouts: No traffic turnouts are necessary.
- E. Drainage Design: The road will be constructed with a 6" crown to provide proper drainage.

F. Culverts: None necessary

G. Cuts and Fills: Construction of the drill pad will require leveling of 6' sand dunes. Surface soil will be stock-piled on the edge of the location for use in rehabilitating the disturbed area.

H. Gates, Cattle Guards: None necessary

3. LOCATION OF EXISTING WELLS:

A. See Exhibit B

4. LOCATION OF EXISTING AND/OR PROPOSED FACILITIES:

A. The flow line for the No.53 well will be constructed beside the new road and then along the existing lease road to the H.E. WEST "B" No.2 battery, located in the NWNW of Sec.9. The flow line will be 2" steel pipe laid on the surface.

B. The power line will be constructed from the No.53 well, beside the new road, a distance of 400' to the existing lease power line. See EXHIBIT E.

5. LOCATION AND TYPE OF WATER SUPPLY:

A. Fresh water for drilling from surface to 510' will be obtained from a commercial source and trucked over existing roads. Lease brine water will be used to finish drilling and completing.

6. SOURCE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

A. Caliche for surfacing the road and pad will be purchased from a Federal pit located in the SESE Sec.5-17S-31E.

7. METHODS OF HANDLING WASTE DISPOSAL:

A. Drill cuttings will be disposed of in the drilling pits.

B. Drilling fluids will be allowed to evaporate in the drilling pits until the pits are dry.

C. Water produced during test will be disposed of in the drilling pits. Oil produced during test will be stored in test tanks until sold.

D. Current laws and regulations pertaining to the disposal of human waste will be complied with.

**\* Burial of refuse on-site is prohibited. (S)**

- E. Trash, waste paper, garbage, and junk will be buried in a separate trash pit and covered with a minimum of 24 inches of dirt. All waste material will be contained to prevent scattering by the wind. Location of the trash pit is shown on Exhibit "C".
- F. All trash and debris will be buried or removed from the wellsite within 30 days after finishing drilling and/or completion operations.

8. ANCILLARY FACILITIES:

- A. None required

9. WELL SITE LAYOUT:

- A. The wellsite, surrounded by a 400' X 400' area has been surveyed and flagged.
- B. Dimensions and relative location of the drill pad and pit are shown on Exhibit C.

10. PLANS FOR RESTORATION OF THE SURFACE:

- A. After completion of drilling and/or completion operations, all equipment and other material not needed for operations will be removed. Pits will be filled and the location cleaned of all trash and junk to leave the wellsite in an aesthetically pleasing condition as possible.
- B. Any unguarded pits containing fluids will be fenced until they are filled.
- C. If the well is non-productive the disturbed area will be rehabilitated to surface owner requirements and will be accomplished as expeditiously as possible.

11. OTHER INFORMATION:

- A. Topography: The wellsite and access road are flat, except for sand dunes. The project area generally drains southwest toward Cedar Lake Draw.
- B. Soil: The surface soil is fine sand with occasional caliche and chert inclusions.



- C. Flora and Fauna: Vegetation consists of oak shinnery, mesquite, sagebrush, yucca, and various weeds and grasses. Ground cover is about 15%. Wildlife in the area is that typical of semi-arid desert land, such as coyotes, rodents, reptiles and birds.
- D. Ponds or Streams: None
- E. Residences and Other Structures: None in this area.
- F. Archaeological, Historical and Other Cultural Sites:  
A review by Archaeological Survey Consultants indicated that there are no cultural sites within the project area. An Archaeological report has been furnished to BLM.
- G. Land Use: The surface is used for cattle grazing.
- H. Surface Ownership: The drillsite and access road are located on Federal surface. The grazing lessee is Caswell Ranches, P.O. Box 615, Meadows, Texas 79345.

12. OPERATOR'S REPRESENTATIVE:

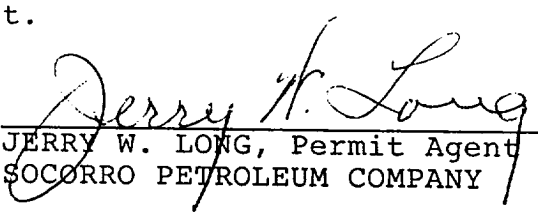
Representative responsible for assuring compliance with the approved Surface Use Plan:

Mr. Robert Setzler  
P.O. Box 37  
Loco Hills, New Mexico 88255  
Phone 505-677-2360

13. CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that I, or person under my direct supervision, have inspected the proposed drillsite and access route; that I am familiar with the conditions which presently exist; that the statements made in this plan are, to the best of my knowledge true and correct; that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed by SOCORRO PETROLEUM COMPANY and its sub-contractors in conformity with this plan and the terms and conditions under which it is approved. This statement is subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001 for the filing of a false statement.

August 21, 1992  
Date:

  
JERRY W. LONG, Permit Agent for:  
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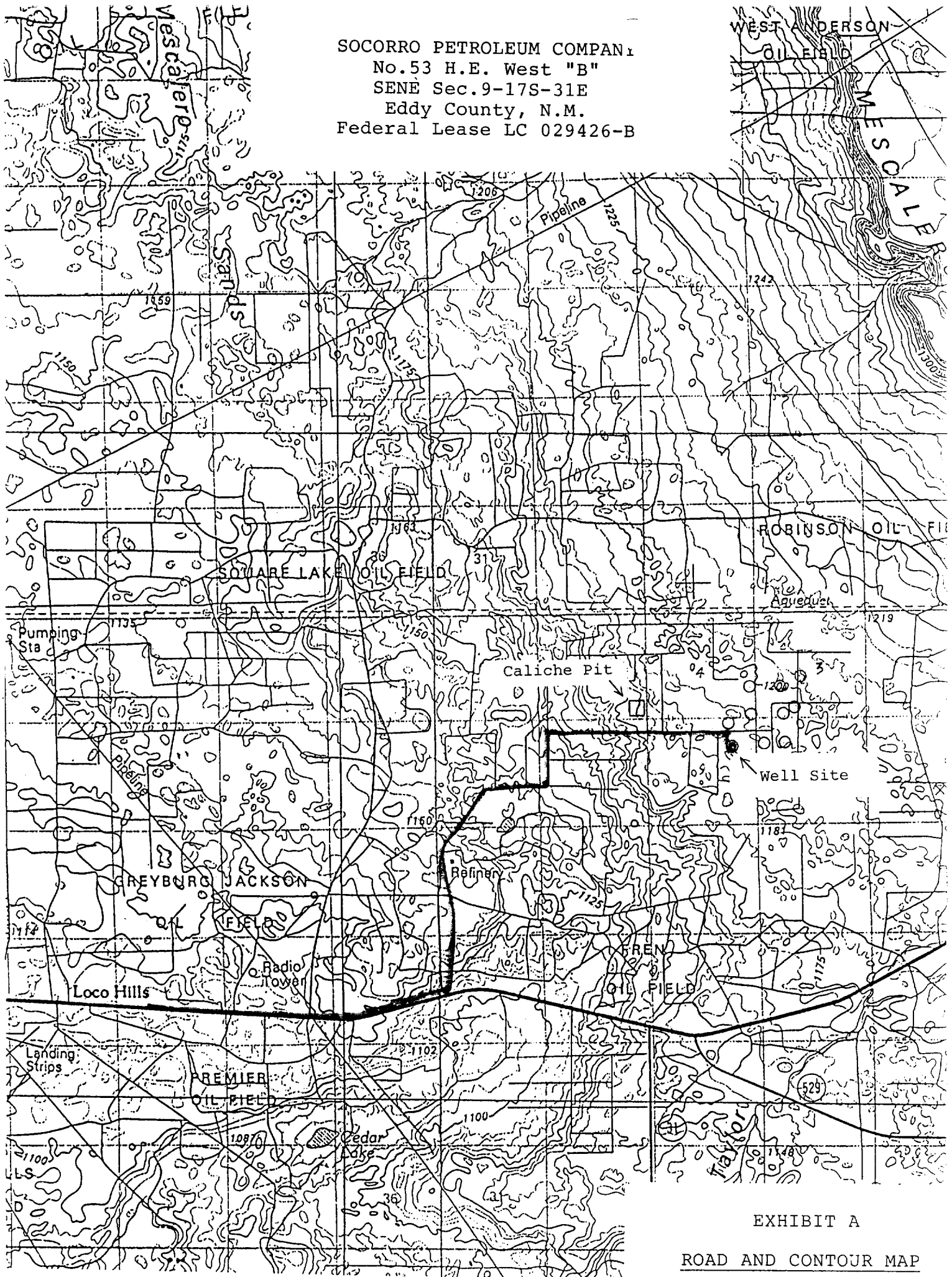
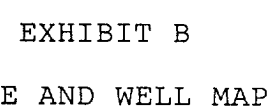


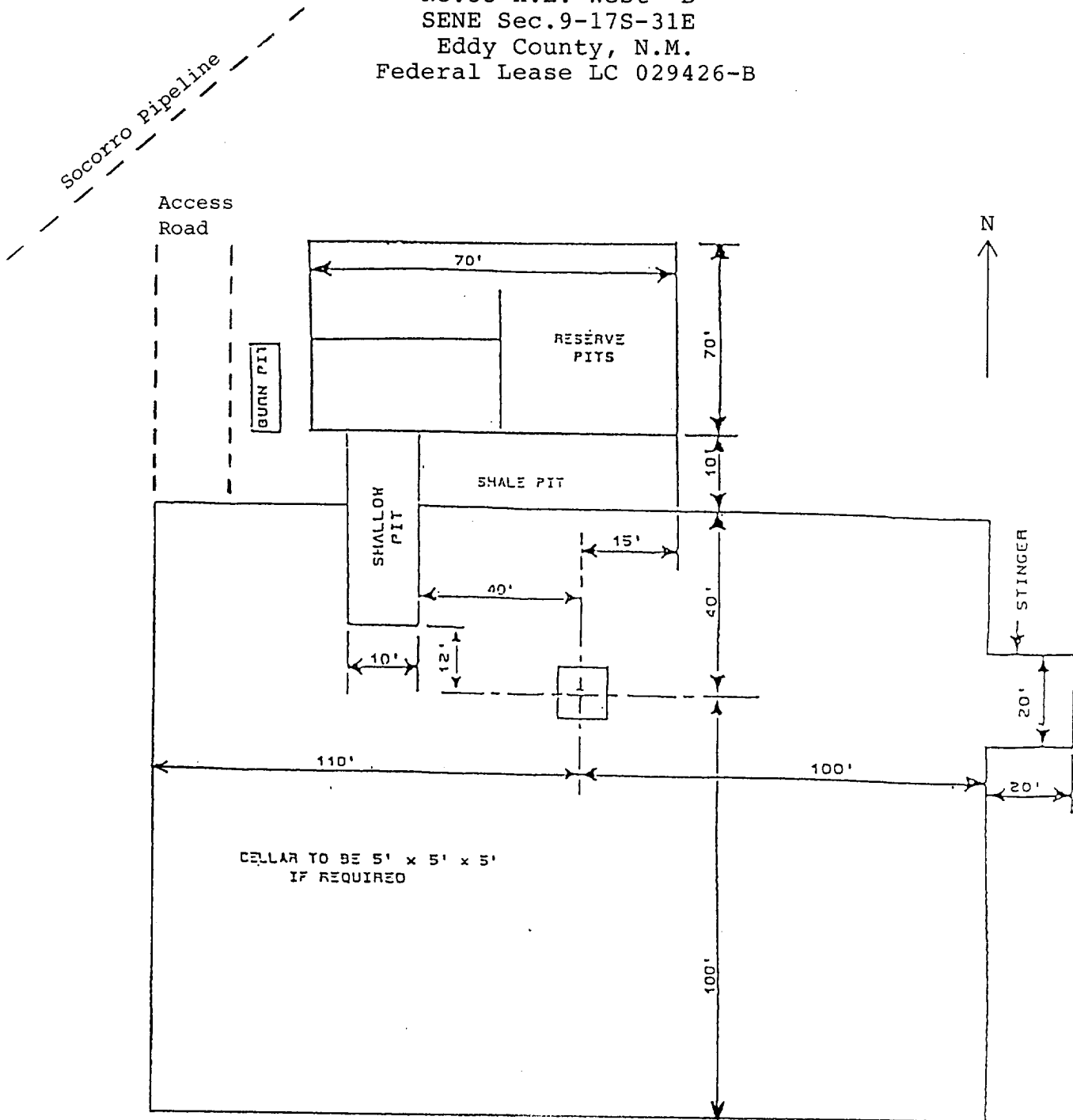
EXHIBIT A

ROAD AND CONTOUR MAP

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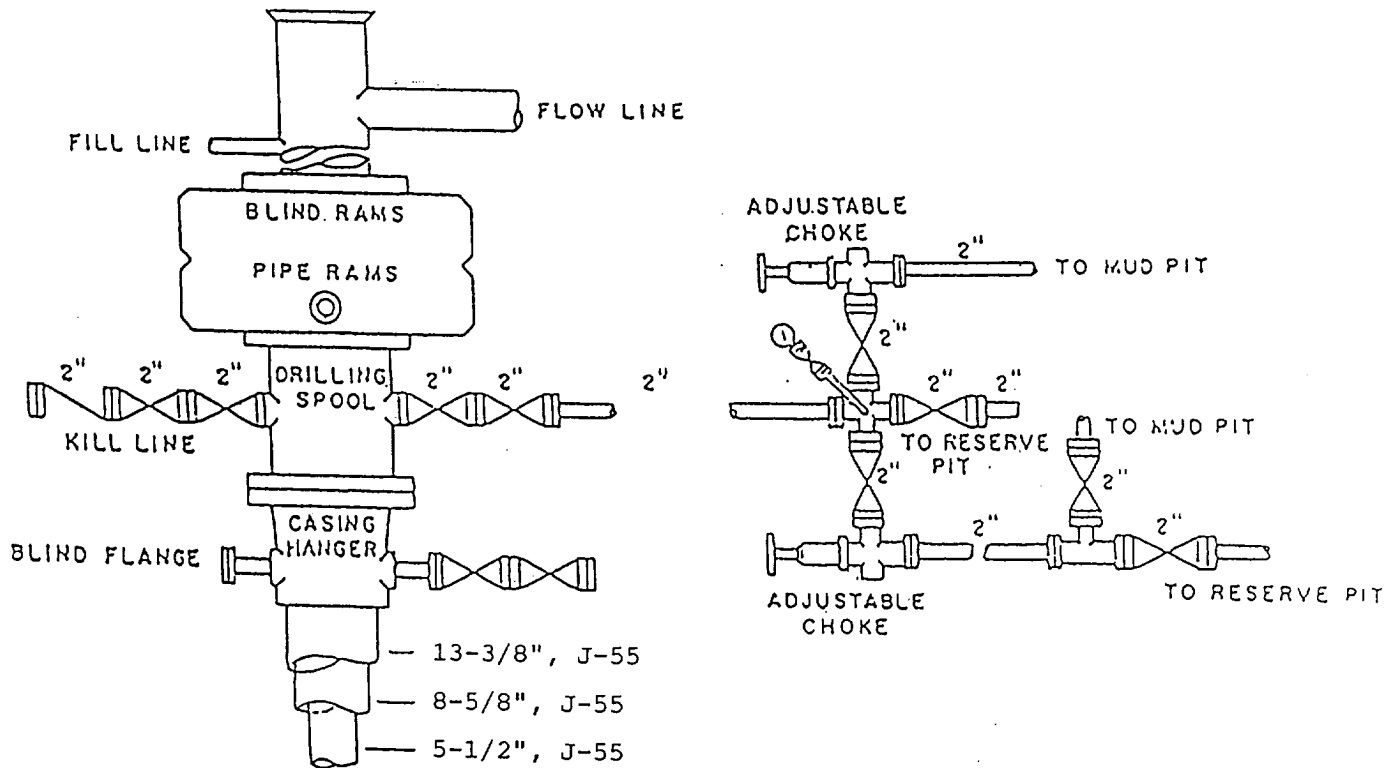


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DRILL PAD LAYOUT

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BOP DIAGRAM

2000# Working Pressure  
 Rams Operated Daily

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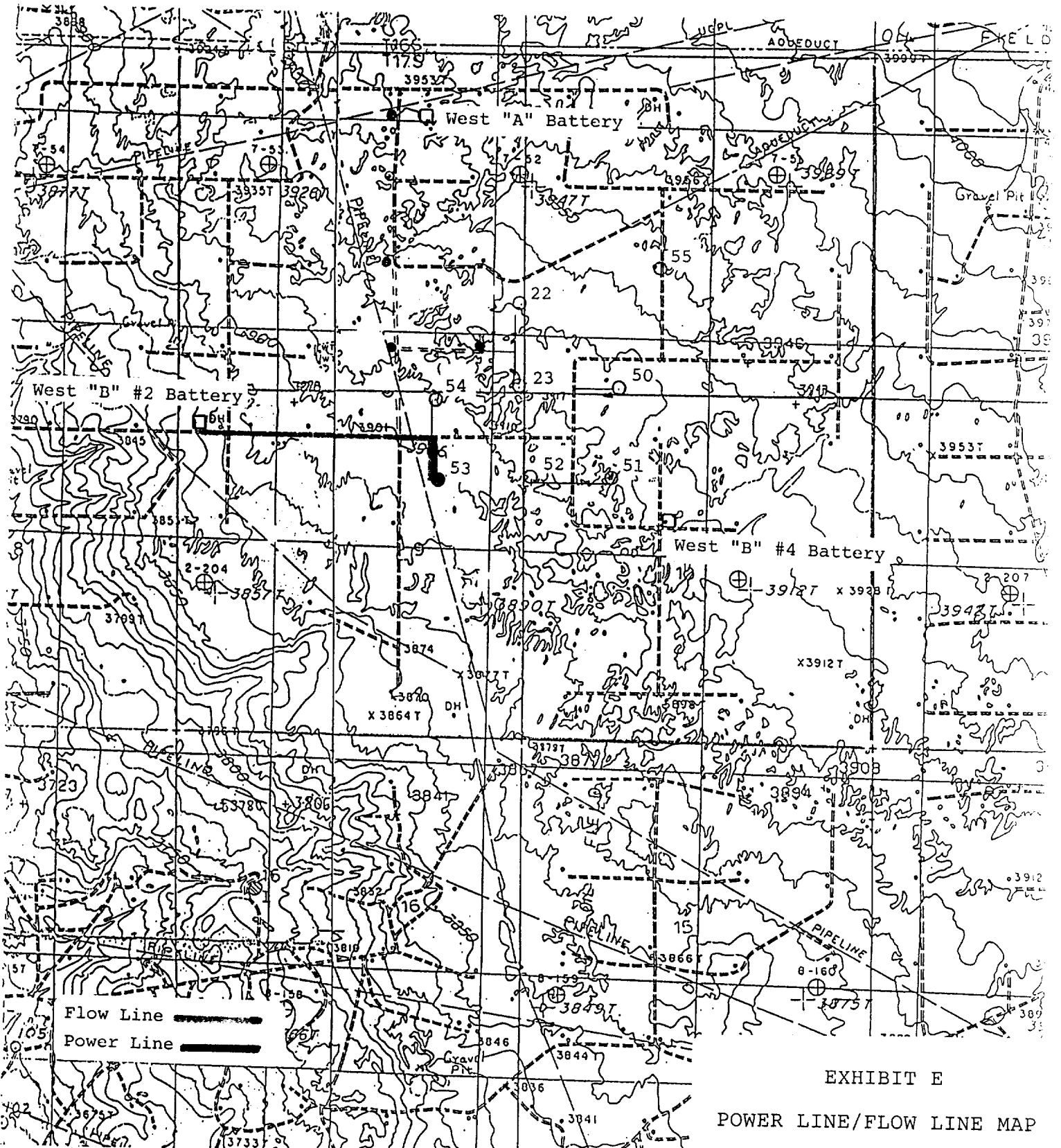


EXHIBIT E

POWER LINE/FLOW LINE MAP