

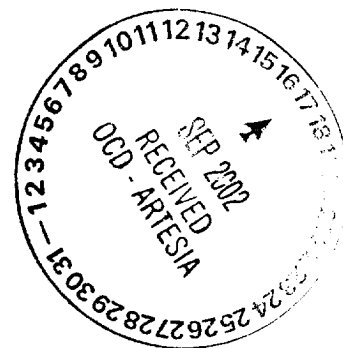
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September 13, 2002

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Mr. Tim Gum
Oil Conservation Division
1301 West Grand
Artesia, New Mexico 88210
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RE: Test Allowable
Fren "8" Fed Com #2
Section 8-18S-31E
Eddy Co., NM

Dear Mr. Gum,

Per our telephone conversation today, please find attached the Form C-104 (Request for Allowable and Authorization to Transport) to perform a field production flow test on the above referenced well.

I have discussed these concerns with Mr. Richard Ezeanyim, Chief Engineer with the NMOCD in Sante Fe. His instructions consisted of testing the well for 30 days as needed to obtain reservoir information for an application to create a new pool, special pool rules and a discovery allowable. The criteria is to prevent waste and protect correlative rights to the reservoir during the testing procedure. The testing allowable requested is 20,000 bbls (inclusive of depth bracket allowable of 9600 bbls) for September 2002. Should additional production data be required, the test could extend into October 2002. As soon as the test is complete within the 30 days, the well will be produced at normal depth bracket allowable until application has been approved.

I appreciate your time and concern on this matter and will keep you informed of our operations.

Sincerely,

MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY

Monty L. Whetstone
V.P. - Operations

MLW/kcr
Attachment

cc: Bruce Insalaco - Midland
Mickey Young - Hobbs