

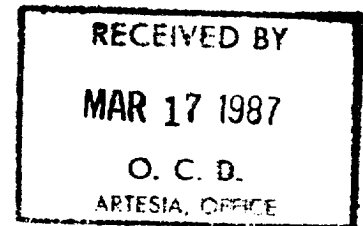
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Mr. Les A. Clements  
Oil Conservation Division  
324 W. Main Street  
Artesia, New Mexico 88210

Re: Meridian Oil Inc.  
Benson "3" Federal #1 Well  
2080' FEL and 760' FNL  
Section 3, T19S, R30E  
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Clements:

On behalf of Meridian Oil Inc., we are requesting a temporary testing allowable for the referenced well as set forth in Division Rule 504.

This temporary allowable is necessary because Meridian is involved in cases pending before the Division's examiners on March 18, 1987, and April 8, 1987 and Meridian needs to have additional information on the subject well.

The pending Division cases involve a question of whether the Meridian well is to be subject to the Benson-Strawn Oil Pool Rules and what the proper allowable should be for the wells in the pool. This is docketed as Case 9110. On the same docket, Yates Petroleum Corporation (Case 9109) has requested that the Benson-Strawn Oil Pool be reclassified as a gas pool. Finally, on April 8, 1987, Meridian has a hearing to approve the location for the Benson "3" Federal #1 well.

I have requested that Meridian Oil Inc. file with your office a Form C-104 requesting a temporary allowable of 250 barrels of oil a day using a gas oil ratio of 3,000 to 1 and that the temporary period be for 90-days.