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December 19, 1978

Amoco Production Company P. O. Drawer A Levelland, Texas 79336 AMOCO PRODUCTION COMPANY Federal K No. 1 1980 FNL 1980 FEL Sec. 28, T25S, R27E Eddy County Lease No. NM-26103 Above Data Required on Well Sign

Gentlemen:

Your APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL the above-described well to a depth of 12,500 feet to test the Morrow is hereby approved subject to compliance with the OIL AND GAS OPERATING REGULATIONS (30 CFR 221) and the following conditions:

- 1. Drilling operations authorized are subject to compliance with the attached General Requirements for Oil and Gas Operations on Federal Leases, dated July 1, 1978.
- 2. Prior to commencing construction of road, pad, or other associated developments, operator will provide the dirt contractor with a copy of the Surface Use Plan and these Conditions of Approval including the attached General Requirements.
- 3. Submit a Daily Report of Operations from spud date until the well is completed and the Well Completion Report (form 9-330) is filed. The report should be not less than 8" x 5" in size and each page should identify the well.
- 4. All permanent above-ground structures and equipment shall be painted in accordance with the attached Painting Guidelines. The color used should simulate sandstone brown (Federal Standard Color No. 595A, color 20318 or 30318).
- 5. Before drilling below the 10-3/4" casing, the blowout preventer assembly will consist of a minimum of one annular type and two ram type preventers.
- 6. A kelly cock will be installed and maintained in operable conditions.
- 7. After setting the 10-3/4" casing string and before drilling into the Wolfcamp formation, the blowout preventers and related control equipment shall be pressure tested to rated working pressures by an independent service company. Any equipment failing to test satisfactorily shall be repaired or replaced. This office should be notified in sufficient time for a representative to witness the tests and shall be furnished a copy of the pressure test report.

- 8. Mud system monitoring equipment, with derrick floor indicators and visual and audio alarms, shall be installed and operating before drilling into the Wolfcamp formation and used until production casing is run and cemented. Monitoring equipment shall consist of the following:
 - (1) A recording pit level indicator to determine pit volume gains and losses.
 - (2) A mud volume measuring device for accurately determining mud volume necessary to fill the hole on trips.
 - (3) A flow sensor on the flow-line to warn of any abnormal mud returns from the well.

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Sincerely yours,

(Orig. Sgd.) ALBERT R. STALL

Albert R. Stall Acting District Engineer

- 1. BOP'S TO BE FLUID OPERATED.
- BOP'S AND ALL FITTINGS MUST BE IN GOOD CONDITION AND RATED AT 3000 PSI W.P. MINIMUM.
- 3. EQUIPMENT THROUGH WHICH BIT MUST PASS SHALL BE AT LEAST AS LARGE AS CASING SIZE BEING DRILLED THROUGH.
- 4. NIPPLE ABOVE BOP'S SHALL BE SAME SIZE AS LAST CASING SET.
- 5. UPPER KELLY COCK IS REQUIRED AND SHALL BE 3000# W.P. MINIMUM.
- 6. T. I. W. OR COMPARABLE SAFETY VALVE SHALL BE AVAILABLE ON RIG FLOOR WITH CONNECTION OR SUBS TO FIT ANY TOOL JOINT IN THE STRING. VALVE TO BE FULL BORE 5000# MIN.
- 7. VALVE NEXT TO SPOOL SHALL BE 4". OTHER EQUIPMENT MAY BE 3" OR 4". ALL CHOKE MANIFOLD EQUIPMENT SHALL BE FLANGED. FLOW LINE FROM MANIFOLD TO BE MINIMUM OF 3" AND STRAIGHT AS POSSIBLE WITH MINIMUM BENDS.
- 8. FLUID LINES FROM ACCUMULATOR TO BOP'S AND ALL REMOTE CONTROL FLUID LINES SHALL BE STEEL, AND RATED AT OR ABOVE MAXIMUM ACCUMULATOR PRESSURE. LINES SHALL BE ROUTED IN BUNDLES AND ADEQUATELY PROTECTED FROM DAMAGE.
- 9. USE RAMS IN FOLLOWING POSITIONS:*

	DRILLING	RUNNING CASING
UPPER RAM	DRILL PIPE	CASING
LOWER RAM	BLIND	BLIND

*AMOCO AREA SUPT. MAY REVERSE LOCATION OF RAMS.

- 10. CHOKE MANIFOLD, BEYOND SECOND VALVE FROM CROSS MAY BE OPTIONALLY POSITIONED OUTSIDE OF SUBSTRUCTURE.
- 11. EXTENSIONS AND HAND WHEELS TO BE INSTALLED AND BRACED AT ALL TIMES.
- 12. TWO INCH (2") LINES AND VALVES ARE PERMITTED ON THE KILL LINE.





Attachment to "Application for Permit to Drill", Form 9-331 C

Federal "K" Gas Com Well No. 1, 1980 FNL & 1980 FEL Section 28, Eddy County, New Mexico Unit G, T-25-S, R-27-E

1. Location

See attached Form C-102

2. Elevation

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See attached Form C-102

3. Geologic name of surface formation.

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4. Type of drilling tools and associated equipment to be utilized.

See Form 9-331 C

5. Proposed drilling depth.

See Form 9-331 C

- 6. Estimated tops of important geologic markers. Delaware 2000' Strawn 11,200' Bone Springs5750' Atoka 11,420' Wolfcamp 8350' Mid Morrow 12,300'
- 7. Estimated depths at which anticipated water, oil, gas or other mineralbearing formations are expected to be encountered.

Morrow 12,300'

8. Proposed casing program, including size, grade, and weight of each string and whether it is new or used.

Depth	Size	Weight	Grade	New or Used
. 600 '	16"	65#	H-40 ST&C	New
2,000'	10 3/4"	40.5#	K-55 ST&C	New
11,000'	7 5/8"	33.7 #-39#	S-95 LT&C	New
10,700'-12,500'	5"	· 17. 93#	N-80	New

9. Proposed cementing program.

16" Casing - Sufficient coment to circulate to surface. 10 3/4" Casing - Sufficient coment to circulate to surface. 7 5/8" Casing - Sufficient coment to tie back to 10 3/4" 5" Liner - Sufficient coment to tie back to 7 5/8".

- 10. Blowout Preventer Program is attached.
- 11. Type and characteristics of the proposed circulating medium or meduims to be employed for rotary drilling, and the quantities and types of mud and weighting material to be maintained.

0'-600'	Native mud & fresh water
600'-2000'	Brine water, native mud
2000'-11,000'	Add fresh water to brine and commercial mud to maintain
	safe hole conditions.
11,000'-12,500'	Add KCL for 6% system. Use brine water for make up water.
	Raise viscosity and reduce water loss to 6.0 cc for Morrow
Testing, logging	and coring programs to be followed with provisions made

- 12. Testing, logging and coring programs to be followed with provisions made for required flexibility.
- Surface to 12,500' GR-CNL-FDC W/ Calipher
 Surface to 12,500' Dual Laterlog Micto SFL X GR
 Surface to 12,500' BHC Sonic W/GR
- 13. Any anticipated abnormal pressure or temperatures expected to be encountered or potential hazards, such as hydrogen sulfide gas, along with plans for mitigating such hazards.

None anticipated.

14. Anticipated starting date and duration of operation.

Start December 15, 1978. Complete January 24, 1978.

15. Other facets of the proposed operation operator wishes to point out for the Geological Survey's consideration of the application.

None

Proposed Development Plan for Surface Use

1. Existing roads including location of exit from main highway.

Detailed map showing drillsite location in relation to the nearest town and all existing roads within one mile of the wellsite are shown on Exhibit A. From Malago go south on paved road 11.5 miles; 7.1 miles County road part; 4.2 miles North on County road to location.

Planned access roads.
 995' new road required.

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3. Location of existing wells.

All existing well within one mile radius are shown on Exhibit C.

4. Location of tank batteries and flow lines

If the well is commercially productive, the production facilities (i.e. tanks. seperators, & treaters) will be located on the southeast end of the drilling pad. See Exhibit D.

5. Location and type of water supply.

Fresh & brine water to be hauled by commercial hauler. B & E Inc. (Carlsbad NM)

6. Source of construction materials.

Sufficient caliche can be obtained from well site when necessary.

- 7. WASTE DISPOSAL
 - a. Drill cuttings will be disposed of in the reserve pit.
 - .b. Drilling fluids will be allowed to evaporate in the reserve pit until the pit is dry.

- c. Trash, waste paper jarbage and junk will be burned in buried with a a minimum of 24" cover. Waste material will be contained to prevent scattering by wind prior to ultimate disposal.
- d. Any produced water will be contained in tanks and be disposed of in an approved manner. Oil produced will be stored in tanks until sold, at which time it will be hauled from location.
- e. Current laws and regulations pertaining to disposal of human waste will be complied with.
- f. If productive, maintenance waste will be placed in special containers and buried or hauled away periodically.

8. ANCILLARY FACILITIES-

No camps, airstrips, etc. will be constructed.

9. WELLSITE LAYOUT-

a. Size of Drilling Pad - 220' X 150' X 6"

b. Compacted - Caliche

c. Surfaced - No

- d. 450' square area around wellsite has been cleared by archaeologist.
- e. See Exhibit "D".

10. RESTORATION OF SURFACE-

Producing Well - all pits will be cut, filled, and leveled as soon as practical to original condition with rehabilitation to commence following removal of drilling and completion equipment. Rehabilitation to be completed in 180 days if possible..

Dry Hole - same as above with dry hole marker to be installed and surface reseeded if required.

11. OTHER INFORMATION-

- a. Terrain Relatively flat with gullies and a network ofdraws to the SE and hills to
- b. Soil- Moderately deep, gypsiferous, fine grained clay loams. the West.
- c. Vegetation Sparse Cacti, yucca, tobosa, burrograss, dropseed, and other grass.
- d. Surface Use Grazing
- e. Ponds and Streams None
- f. Water Wells
- g. Residences and Building None
- h. Arroyos, Canyons, etc.-None
- i. Well Sign Posted at drill site
- j. Open Pits All pits containing liquid or mid will be fenced.
- k. Archarological Resources Drillsite, which is in low sand dune area, semi-arid, desert county, is in a low environmental risk area. The total effect of drilling and producing in this area would be minimal. No known archarological, historical, or cultural sites exist in the drill or road areas.

12. OPERATOR'S REPRESENTATIVE -

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Field personnel responsible for compliance with development plan for surface use is:

J.H. Hankins, Senior Drilling Foreman P.O. Drawer "A" Levelland, TX 79336 Office Phone: 806-894-3163 LEASE & WELL NUMBER Federal "K" Gas Com No. 1

LOCATION Unit G 1980 FNL X 1980' FEL, Sec 28, T-25-S, R-27-E

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Certification: The following statement is to be incorporated in the plan and must be **signed** by the lessee's or operator's field representative who is identified in Item **No. 12 of the plan.**

I hereby certify that I, or persons 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; and, that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed by AMOCO PRODUCTION COMPANY and its contractors and subcontractors in comformity with this plan and the terms and conditions under which it is approved.

12-4-78

DATE

Sr. Drilling Foreman

NAME AND TITLE









Archaeological Clearance Report

for

Amoco Production Company

Federal K Gas Com. Well No.1

Prepared

Bу

Dr. J. Loring Haskell

Submitted

By

Dr. J. Loring Haskell Principal Investigator New Mexico Archaeological Services, Inc. Carlsbed, New Mexico

28 November 1978

Permit No. 78-NM-120

Introduction

On 28 November 1978, New Mexico Archaeological Services, NMAS, Carlsbad, conducted an erchaeological reconnaissance for Aroco Production Commany on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Manasement in Eddy County, New Mexico. The reconnoitered areas will be impacted by the construction of a drill location and an essociated access roads. This project was administered by Mr. Dannis Evans, Assistant Administrative Analyst, Amoco Production Company, and Dr. J. Loring Haskell, Principal Investigator, NMAS. Dr. Haskell conducted the reconnaissance for Amoco under excellent field and weather conditions.

Survey Technique

For this project, Amoco's proposed location was investigated by walking it in a series of south to north, 20 ft wide, close interval (15° or less), zigzag corridors. In addition, a zone measuring an additional 20 ft on each side of the location was reconncitered as well. As for the access road, it was traversed in a tight, 20 ft wide, zigzag mattern. Combined these techniques served to maximize the visual examination of lands to be impacted on a primary and secondary basis.

Federal K Gas Com. Well No. 1

Location

Amoco's proposed location will measure 450 X 450 ft and will be situated 1980 ft from the north line and 1980 ft from the east line of:

Section 28, T25S, R27E, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico (BLM) Thus it will be situated in the: SWENEE, Section 28, 7250, R279, REFM, Eddy County, NM (BLM)

Federal K Cas Com. Holl No. 1's proposed access road will measure 12 X 995 ft and will cross federal lands in the:

SELANCE, Section 28, 2258, R27F, FMPM, Eddy County, NM (BLM) SWENEE, Section 28, T258, B27E, RMPM, Eddy County, NM (BLM) Map Reference: USGS Malage Quadrangle, 15 Minute Series, 1945. Terrain

Topographically, Amoco's location is situated on the southfacing slope of a generally cast-west oriented ridge. On the west, the local landform is demarcated by the Cottonwood Hills and on the east by several low eminences. Drainage is toward the southeast via a network of rills and small gullies which empty into Hay Hollow Draw, a tertiary watercourse of the Pecos. In general, dolomitic limestone cobbles, derived from the Permianaged Rustler Formation, occur on a sporadic basis and in particular on the northern quadrant of the location. This material is notable for its abundance of spherical vugs which characterize its cortex. Local soils exhibit sharp differences between adjoining soil subgroups with the former being most characteristic of the area as a whole. These soils tend to be moduately deen, gypsiferous, fine-grained, clay loams derived from the highly weathered remains of the Rustler and Castile Formations. Floristics

Within the bounds of the reconnaissance, Typic Gypsiorthids host an assemblage cominated by <u>Coldenia canescens</u>, <u>Anulocaulis</u> <u>gypsogenus</u>, <u>Mentzelia humilis</u>, <u>Nama carnosum</u>, <u>Dicranocarpus</u> <u>parviflore</u>, <u>Lepidium sp.</u>, <u>Nerisyrenia linearifolia</u>, <u>Haploesthes</u>

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properi, Pailostropho villess, and Sanacio lengilobus. In addition, Yucce elece, interestingly, occurs on an occasional basis in this essociation. Observed Gramineac is limited to Boutclove brevisets. Elsewhere, Calcie Gypsiorthids are characterized by on often heavy cover of Milaria mutica and Schlengrogon brevifelius. Lerrer tridentste, Acacia constricta, Koeberlinia spinose, and Krameria sp. constitute the floral community's overstory and occur most frequently on soils derived from the Rustler Formation. In addition to the aforementioned grasses, Sporobolus flexuosus, Muhlenbergia sp., Tridens pulchellus and Munroa squarrosa are present on a common to infrequent basis. Forbs are represented principally by Senecio spartoides, Solanum elaeagnifolium, Euphorbia sp., Cirsium sp., Croton pottsii, and Perczia nana. Most of these latter plants have been browned by the season's first frost of 27 November. Cactaceae is limited to Opuntia macrocentre, Onuntia leptocaulis, Echinocactus texansis. and Mammillaria sp. Several specimens of Prosopis juliflora, albeit diminutive, and Ephodra trifurca also occur on Calcie Gynsiorthids.

Culturel Resources

No archaeological sites, or isolated manifestations, were recorded during this reconnaissance. Contemporary detritus is limited to several short lengths of barbed wire. The lack of cultural resources within the investigated area can be attributed an absence of lithic material suitable for tool manufacture, a soil association hosting a floral assemblage unsuited for milling operations, and a lack of potable water. In terms of probability,

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archaeological sites are more apt to occur locally on the bluffs overlooking principal when courses such as Hay Hollow Draw and in perticular the Delaware River to the south and southeast. Within the bounds of the surveyed area, the single most limiting factor regulating human occupation is water. Although water does occur in the form of seens and springs in the Cottonwood Hills, it is immotable for man's needs; however, it is suitable for stock reising purposes and hence game. Excepting environmental limitations and a naucity of floral and lithic resources, the immediate vicinity undoubtedly was visited by scores of social units on an occasional, albirt brief, basis since Archaic times. Evidence of their passage should manifest itself as isolated projectile points or solitary cores and associated debitage attributable to activities gursuant with hunting. Recommendations

NMAS recommends clearance for Amoco's proposed Federal K Gas Com. Well No. 1 and suggests that work-related activities proceed according to existing plans.

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