

BYRD OIL CORPORATION

1408 TOWER PETROLEUM BUILDING

TELEPHONE RIVERSIDE 4893

DALLAS, TEXAS
January 14, 1955

District Engineer
U. S. Geological Survey
Department of the Interior
P. O. Box 965
Farmington, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to application to drill, filed with your office on December 29, 1954, covering our Christine Hughes #2, located in the NE/4 SE/4 Sec. 3-27-21, San Juan County, New Mexico.

It is our understanding that while our location conformed with Federal spacing regulations, the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission had inquired as to why the distance from the inner boundary of the legal subdivision (or quarter section) was less than its prescribed 330 feet. To confirm information already given you, the location had to be made where it was because of the existing topographical conditions. It had been thought that the State would grant an exception to the regular distance rule because of this, especially in view of the fact that Byrd Oil Corporation owns the leasehold estate on all adjoining quarter sections. The Christine Hughes lease comprises all of Sections 3 and 4, and and north half of Section 10 to the south of Section 3 is part of our J. R. Hughes lease.

At the time we filed our original notice, we had anticipated drilling out below the 9-5/8" casing with gas rather than mud. It was later determined, however, that a source of gas for this drilling was not available, and our plans consequently had to be changed to drill with mud to total depth. We are accordingly submitting a revised form 2-331a, which, in addition to the original data concerning objective sands and equipment, shows the altered casing and cementing program.

We have today been informed by our engineer, Mr. Joe Keller, who contacted you as to the status of our application, that verbal approval has been given in regard to all of the above matters, and that we may now proceed with drilling operations. We greatly appreciate this cooperation.

Very truly yours,

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A. E. Woerheide, Jr.

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