

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
1000 RIO BRAZOS ROAD
AZTEC, NEW MEXICO

November 23, 1965

Mr. James M. Durrett
Oil Conservation Commission
Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Tenneco Oil Company #1 Mansfield
400' from South; 350' from East
Section 19, Township 30 North, Range
9 West, Blanco Mesaverde Pool

Dear Mr. Durrett:

At your request I have reviewed the history on the above well and determined that the well was completed in 1947 prior to the establishment of pool rules in the Blanco Mesaverde Pool. Therefore it was drilled under the provisions of the statewide rules in effect at that time, which allowed a wildcat well to be located a minimum of 330 feet from the unit boundary. I therefore presume that the well would be considered to be a legal location in the Blanco Mesaverde Pool and would not have required the issuance of a non-standard location order. I further presume that the above information would have no effect upon the legality of a Dakota completion at the same location. It may, therefore, be necessary that Tenneco Oil Company have the Dakota location approved after hearing.

We have received a tabulation of deviation tests from Tenneco on this well on the portion of the hole which was intentionally deviated in order to accomplish a Dakota completion. The total deviation is 271 feet, and if all this deviation is presumed to be toward the nearest lease line the bottom of the hole would be located 79 feet from the unit boundary. Of course it is possible that a directional survey would show that the deviation is not toward the unit boundary. I am, therefore, referring this matter to you for further action. We will appreciate receiving a copy of any correspondence with Tenneco regarding the matter. If any further information is needed from us, please contact us.

Yours very truly

ECA:ks

cc: Tenneco, Durango, Colo.
USGS, Farmington, N.M.

Emery C. Arnold
Supervisor, District #3

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