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ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION COVERSHEET

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Application Acronyms:

[NSP-Non-Standard Proration Unit] [NSL-Non-Standard Location]
[DD-Directional Drilling] [SD-Simultaneous Dedication]
[DHC-Downhole Commingling] [CTB-Lease Commingling] [PLC-Pool/Lease Commingling]
[PC-Pool Commingling] [OLS - Off-Lease Storage] [OLM-Off-Lease Measurement]
[WFX-Waterflood Expansion] [PMX-Pressure Maintenance Expansion]
[SWD-Salt Water Disposal] [IPI-Injection Pressure Increase]
[EOR-Qualified Enhanced Oil Recovery Certification] [PPR-Positive Production Response]

[1] **TYPE OF APPLICATION** - Check Those Which Apply for [A]

[A] Location - Spacing Unit - Directional Drilling
☒ NSL NSP DD ☒ SD

Check One Only for [B] and [C]

[B] Commingling - Storage - Measurement
DHC CTB PLC PC OLS OLM

[C] Injection - Disposal - Pressure Increase - Enhanced Oil Recovery
WFX PMX SWD IPI EOR PPR

[2] **NOTIFICATION REQUIRED TO:** - Check Those Which Apply, or ☒ Does Not Apply

[A] Working, Royalty or Overriding Royalty Interest Owners
[B] Offset Operators, Leaseholders or Surface Owner
[C] Application is One Which Requires Published Legal Notice
[D] Notification and/or Concurrent Approval by BLM or SLO
U.S. Bureau of Land Management - Commissioner of Public Lands, State Land Office
[E] For all of the above, Proof of Notification or Publication is Attached, and/or,
[F] Waivers are Attached

[3] **INFORMATION / DATA SUBMITTED IS COMPLETE** - Statement of Understanding

I hereby certify that I, or personnel under my supervision, have read and complied with all applicable Rules and Regulations of the Oil Conservation Division. Further, I assert that the attached application for administrative approval is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and where applicable, verify that all interest (WI, RI, ORRI) is common. I understand that any omission of data, information or notification is cause to have the application package returned with no action taken.

Note: Statement must be completed by an individual with supervisory capacity.

A. M. Howell		Advisor Petro. Engineer	4/12/2004
Print or Type Name	Signature	Title	Date

Permian Business Unit
North America Upstream
15 Smith Road
Midland, Texas 79705
Tel (432) 687 7516
MAHO@chevrontexaco.com

May 5, 2004

ChevronTexaco

Request For Administrative Approval
Of Unorthodox Oil Well Location And
Simultaneous Dedication

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Mr. Michael E. Stogner
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

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Oil Conservation Division
1220 S. St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Dear Mr. Stogner:

ChevronTexaco respectfully requests administrative approval of an unorthodox oil well location for the following well:

V. M. Henderson # 17
1308' FNL & 1120' FEL, NE/4 NE/4 of
Section 30, T21S, R37E, Unit Letter A
Lea County, New Mexico

The proposed well will be as an infill producer in the Penrose Skelly; Grayburg Pool, which is an oil pool spaced on 40 acres. This well is a follow-up to recent similar infill drilling by Apache Corporation in the same Pool. ChevronTexaco is a working interest partner in several of their recent infill wells and supports their contention that typical Grayburg wells cannot drain 40 acres. ChevronTexaco's technical analysis of the reservoir revealed similar results to Apache's.

The NE/4 NE/4 of Section 30 will be simultaneously dedicated in the Penrose Skelly; Grayburg Pool to the proposed well and to the existing V. M. Henderson # 2. ChevronTexaco also requests approval of the simultaneous dedication.

This application is based on geological and engineering analysis. That analysis and justification for this request is attached as Exhibit 1, along with other supporting documentation. There are four wells that have produced or are producing the Grayburg Formation in the NE/4 of Section 30. The proposed well will be located in the approximate center of those wells. Based on drainage calculations, ChevronTexaco believes that drilling the infill well will recover reserves that would not be recovered by the existing Grayburg wells.

A land plat highlighting the proposed well's location is attached as Exhibit 2. The N/2 of Section 30 is covered by two fee leases and has **common royalty and working interest ownership**. For that reason and the proposed location of the infill well, there are no adversely affected interest owners and no one has been notified of this application.

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If you have any questions concerning this application or need additional information, please contact me by telephone at (432) 687-7516 or by e-mail at MAHO@chevrontexaco.com. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Howell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike Howell
Advisor Petroleum Engineer

Attachments

cc: NMOCD District 1 – Hobbs, NM
Mike Howell
Well File

NOTIFICATION LIST

Application Of Chevron U.S.A. Inc. For Administrative Approval Of An Unorthodox Oil Well Location And Simultaneous Dedication:

V. M. Henderson # 17
1308' FNL & 1120' FEL
Section 30, T21S, R37E, Unit Letter A
Lea County, New Mexico

Offset Operators, Working Interest Owners, N/2 Section 30:

- | | |
|--|------------------|
| 1. Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
15 Smith Road
Midland, TX 79705 | Operator/100% WI |
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EXHIBIT 1

ENGINEERING AND GEOLOGICAL JUSTIFICATION

Application Of Chevron U.S.A. Inc. For Administrative Approval Of An Unorthodox Oil Well Location And Simultaneous Dedication:

V. M. Henderson # 17

1308' FNL & 1120' FEL

Section 30, T21S, R37E, Unit Letter A

Lea County, New Mexico

PRIMARY OBJECTIVE: GRAYBURG

SUPPORTING DATA:

1. Chevron U.S.A. Inc. (Chevron) is the operator of the proposed V. M. Henderson # 17 well (Exhibit 3). The proposed total depth is 4000' in the top of the San Andres formation.
2. The completion will be in the Penrose Skelly; Grayburg Oil Pool and the proposed location encroaches toward the following wells (Exhibit 4).

Operator	Well	Location	Formation	Cum Prod		Current Prod		Status
				MBO	MMCF	BOPD	MCFPD	
Chevron	V. M. Henderson # 1	30-H	Grayburg	121	0			P&A
Chevron	V. M. Henderson # 2	30-A	Grayburg	3	166	5	330	Producing
Chevron	V. M. Henderson # 5	30-B	Grayburg	19	98	20	449	Producing
Chevron	V. M. Henderson # 9	30-G	Grayburg	14	21			P&A

3. The proposed V. M. Henderson # 17 unorthodox Grayburg location is based primarily on drainage considerations:
 - a. Grayburg Reservoir

The Grayburg is a series of alternating subtidal and supratidal dolomites, with the subtidal rock having porosity and hydrocarbons and the supratidal rock being tight. The Grayburg depositional environments varied rapidly so that many porous and tight intervals are not continuous from well-to-well on 40-acre spacing. Tight dolomite and/or anhydrite intervals within the Grayburg create vertical and horizontal flow barriers between different zones of porosity. Additionally, average porosity of the Grayburg is less than 10%, and average permeability is less than 1 millidarcy. For all of these reasons, Grayburg wells are not usually capable of draining a 40-acre proration unit.

The reservoir was analyzed by mapping Hydrocarbon Pore Volume (HCPV) (Exhibit 5). HCPV is the product of feet of net pay (h) times average porosity (phi) times oil saturation (So). The map is the arithmetic product of grids interpreted from those values. The values were obtained as follows:

1. Net pay was read from either modern neutron-density logs or estimated from a map developed from gross pay times net-to-gross ratio (Exhibit 4).
2. Average porosity was calculated from modern well logs using a minimum of 6% crossplot porosity and a maximum of 20%.
3. Oil saturation was calculated from a fractional flow curve using representative water cut values.

The following table provides drainage areas calculated from the HCPV map and reserves of the offsetting wells.

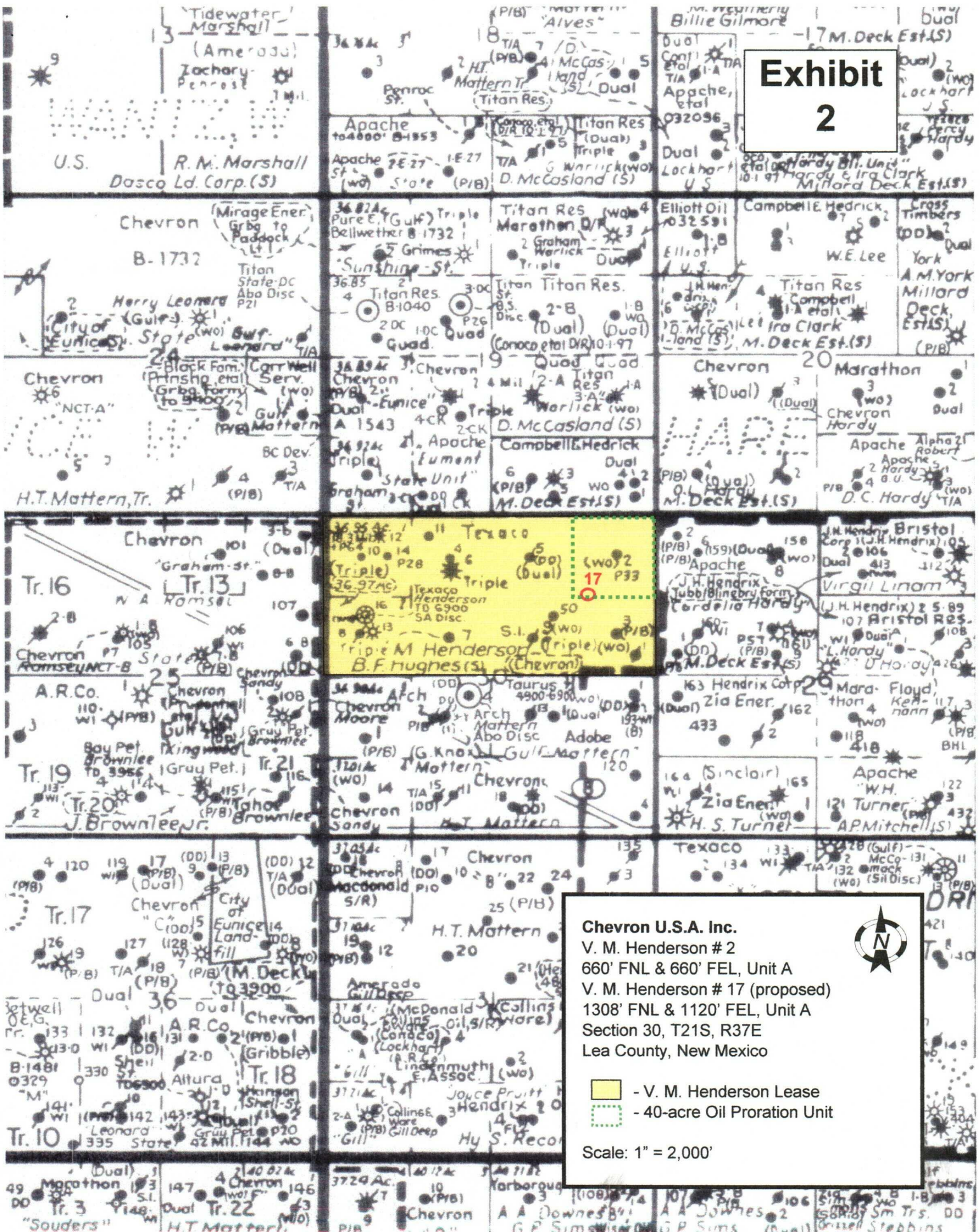
Operator	Well	Location	Formation	Drainage Acres	EUR	
					MBO	MMCF
Chevron	V. M. Henderson # 1	30-H	Grayburg	24	121	0
Chevron	V. M. Henderson # 2	30-A	Grayburg	5	7	665
Chevron	V. M. Henderson # 5	30-B	Grayburg	6	8	332
Chevron	V. M. Henderson # 9	30-G	Grayburg	3	14	21

As can be seen above, the average drainage area of the offsetting wells is only 10 acres, and additional reserves can be recovered by drilling the proposed well, V. M. Henderson # 17, at an infill location approximately equidistant from the offsetting Grayburg producers. Reserves for the proposed location were calculated using the HCPV map, a 10 acre drainage area, and a 15% recovery factor. The results are as follows:

Operator	Well	Location	HCPV	Drainage Acres	EUR	
					MBO	MMCF
Chevron	V. M. Henderson # 17	30-A	5.10	10	42	335

4. The N/2 of Section 30 is covered by two fee leases and has common royalty and working interest ownership. Chevron is the operator and 100% working interest owner of the Grayburg wells toward which the proposed well will encroach. Therefore, there are no offset interest owners or adversely affected parties to notify of this application.
5. The proposed V. M. Henderson # 17 will share a 40-acre proration unit and be simultaneously dedicated with the V. M. Henderson # 2, a current Penrose Skelly; Grayburg producer in Section 30, Unit Letter A.
6. Approval of this application will allow for the recovery of oil and gas reserves which would not otherwise be recovered.

Exhibit 2



DISTRICT 1
P. O. Box 1980, Hobbs, NM 88240

DISTRICT II
P. O. Drawer DD, Artesia, NM 88210

DISTRICT III
1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

DISTRICT IV
P. C. Box 2088, Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

State of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

PO Box 2088

Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

EXHIBIT

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Submit to Appropriate District Office

State Lease-4 copies

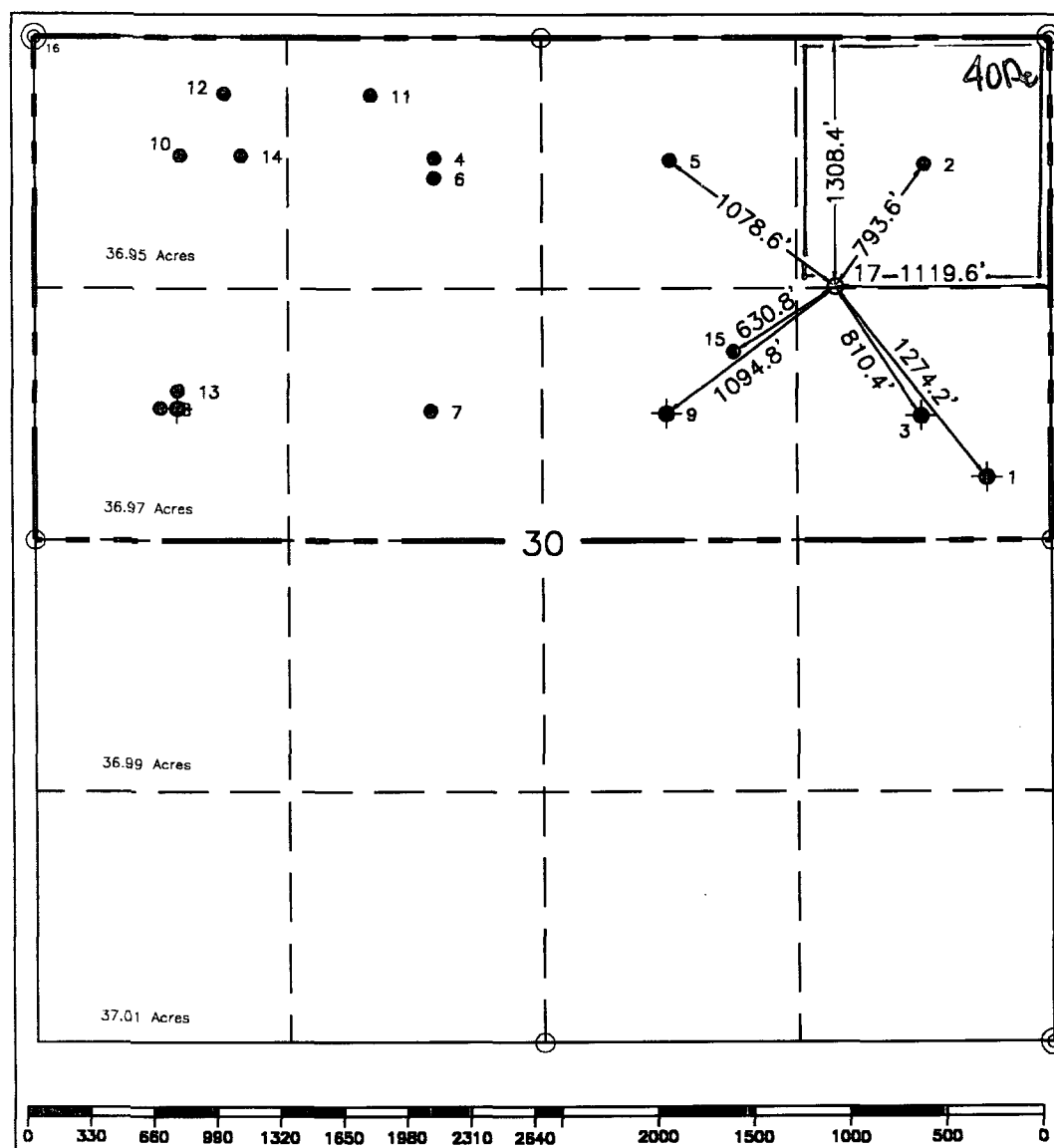
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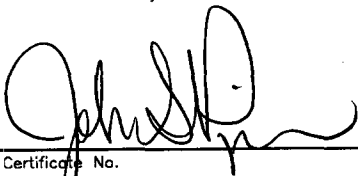
☐ AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

¹ API Number		² Pool Code		³ Pool Name Penrose Skelly (Grayburg)					
⁴ Property Code		⁵ Property Name V.M. Henderson					⁶ Well Number 17		
⁷ OGRID No. 22351		⁸ Operator Name CHEVRON USA, Inc.					⁹ Elevation 3492'		
¹⁰ Surface Location									
UL or lot no. A	Section 30	Township 21-S	Range 37-E	Lot Idn	Feet from the 1308.4'	North/South line North	Feet from the 1119.6'	East/West line East	⁷ County Lea
¹¹ Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface									
UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	⁷ County
¹² Dedicated Acres 40	¹³ Joint or Infill		¹⁴ Consolidation Code		¹⁵ Order No.				

NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED
OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION.

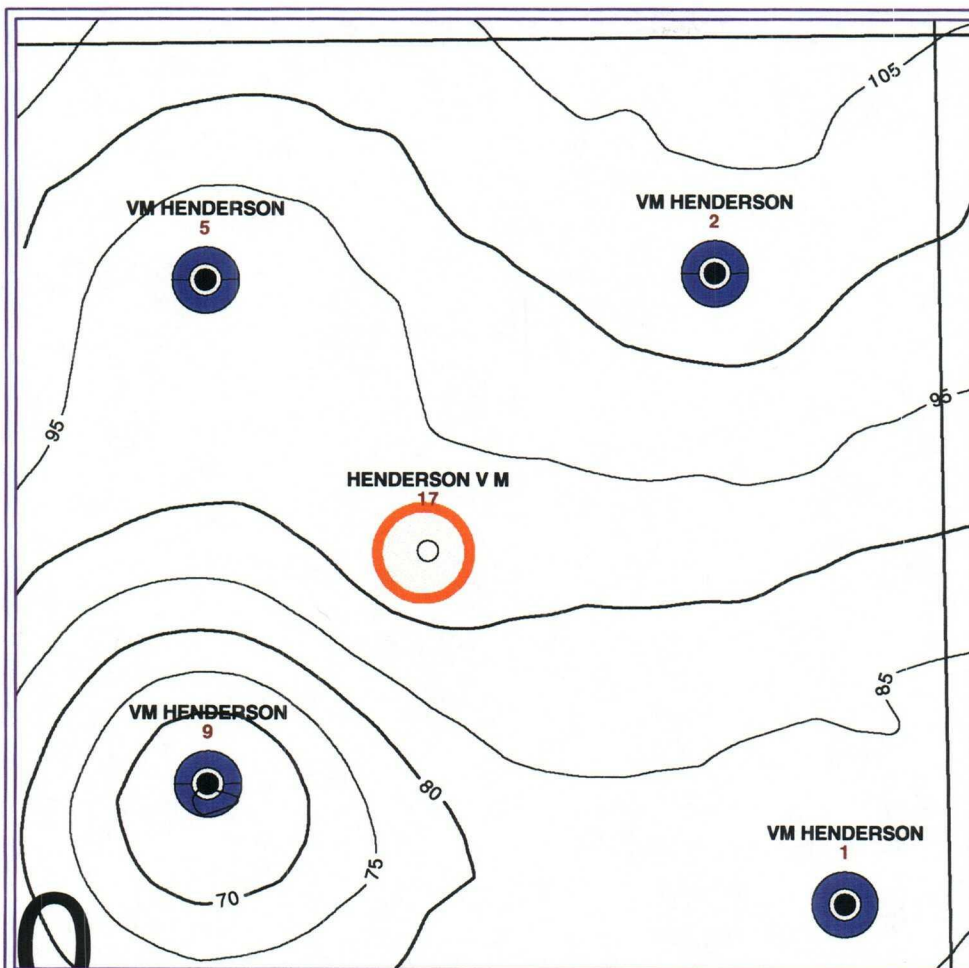


¹⁷OPERATOR CERTIFICATION	
I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
Signature	
Printed Name	
Ted Tipton	
Position	
Manager of Drilling Department	
Company	
Chevron USA, Inc.	
Date	
May 1, 2004	
¹⁸SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION	
I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
Date Surveyed	
April 22, 24, 26, & 27, 2004	
Signature & Seal of Professional Surveyor	
	
Certificate No.	
7254 John S. Piper	
Sheet 1 of 1	

○ = Staked Location ● = Producing Well = Injection Well ☉ = Water Supply Well ⊕ = Plugged & Abandon Well
 ⊙ = Found Section Corner, 2 or 3" Iron Pipe & GLO B.C. ○ = Found /4 Section Corner, 1" Iron Pipe & GLO B.C.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE LOCATION

State Plane Coordinates		Easting 891758.17 (1927= 850573.79)	
Northing 530606.85 (1927= 530547.08)		Longitude 103°11'50.295" (1927= 103°11'48.601")	
Latitude 32°27'12.879" (1927= 32°27'12.443")		Combined Grid Factor	
Zone	North American Datum	0.9998823	Coordinate File
East	1983		Weathrly.cr5
Drawing File		Field Book	
Chevron—Eunice.Dwg		Lea #23, Pg. 45	



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EXHIBIT 4

21S-37E-30 NE/4 Lea County, New Mexico

Grayburg Net Pay CI=5'

Cutoffs: Gr <= 40 API, Porosity >= 6%

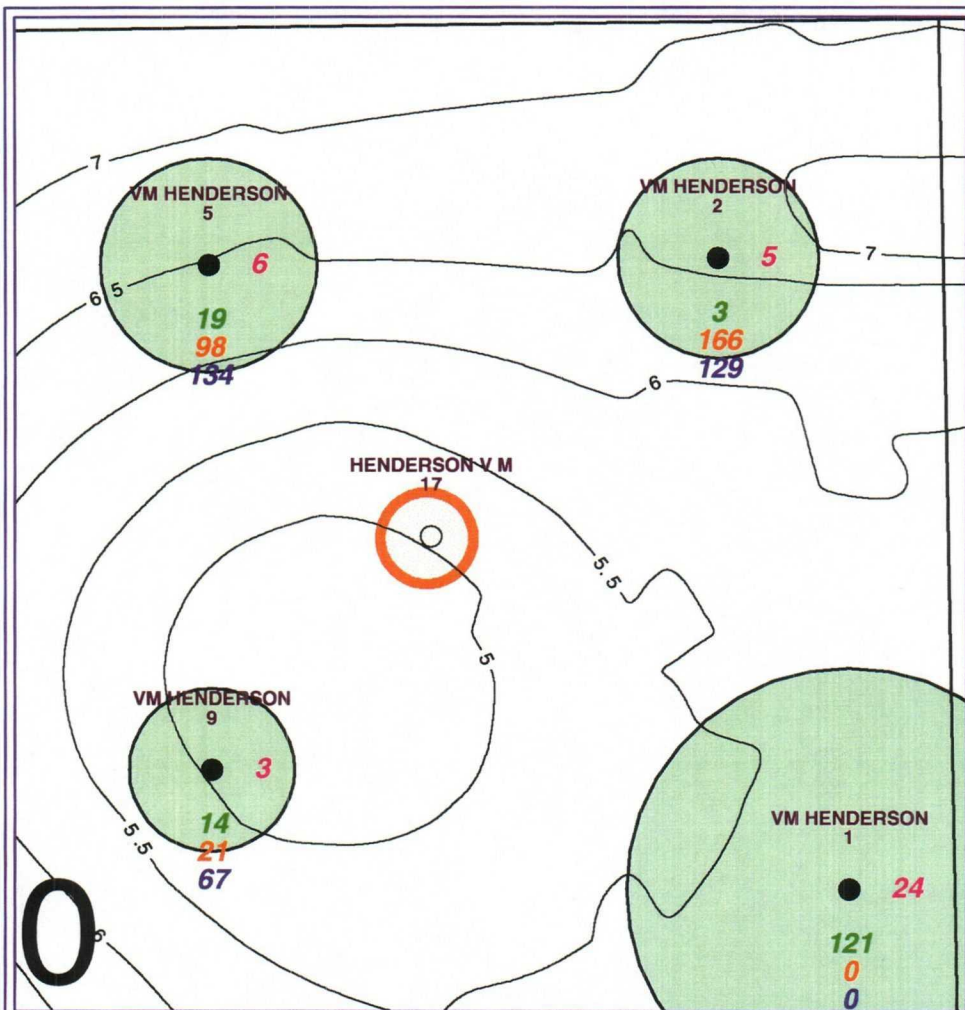
ATTRIBUTE MAP



- Zone: PRODUCTION - O_453GRBG IS PRESENT
- Zone: PRODUCTION - G_453GRBG IS PRESENT



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EXHIBIT 5

21S-37E-30 NE/4 Lea County, New Mexico

Grayburg HCPV CI=.5 & EUR-Drainage

POSTED WELL DATA

Well Name
Well Number

● EUR-GRAYBURG-ACRES

Grayburg Cum Oil (MBO)
Grayburg Cum Gas (MMCF)
Grayburg Cum Water (MBW)

0 500 1,000 1,500



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May 6, 2004



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and
NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Director

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Santa Fe, NM 87505

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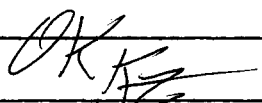
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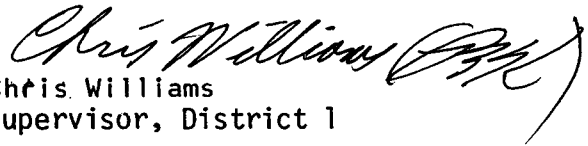
I have examined the application for the:

Chevron USA Inc VM/Henderson # 17-A, 30-21s-37e
Operator Lease & Well No. Unit S-T-R

and my recommendations are as follows:

OK 

Yours very truly,


Chris Williams
Supervisor, District 1

Sec : 30 Twp : 21S Rng : 37E Section Type : NORMAL

1 36.95 Federal owned A A A	C 40.00 Fee owned A A A	B 40.00 Fee owned A	A 40.00 Fee owned A
2 36.97 Federal owned A A	F 40.00 Fee owned A	G 40.00 Fee owned A A	H 40.00 Fee owned A A
3 36.99 Fee owned A	K 40.00 Fee owned A A A	J 40.00 Fee owned A A	I 40.00 Fee owned U A A
4 37.01 Federal owned A	N 40.00 Fee owned A A	O 40.00 Fee owned A A	P 40.00 Fee owned U A P

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 OGRID Idn : 4323 CHEVRON U S A INC
 Prop Idn : 30020 V M HENDERSON

Well No : 002
 GL Elevation: 3502

U/L Sec Township Range North/South East/West Prop/Act (P/A)

 B.H. Locn : A 30 21S 37E FTG 660 F N FTG 660 F E A
 Lot Identifier:
 Dedicated Acre: 40.00
 Lease Type : P
 Type of consolidation (Comm, Unit, Forced Pooling - C/U/F/O) :

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 Pool Identifier : 50350 PENROSE SKELLY;GRAYBURG
 API Well No : 30 25 6908 Report Period - From : 01 2003 To : 04 2004

API Well No	Property Name	Prodn. Days MM/YY Prod	Production Volumes Gas Oil Water	Well Stat
30 25 6908		03 03		P
30 25 6908 V M HENDERSON		04 03 30	14128	265 10951 P
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API Well No	Property Name	Prodn. Days		Production Volumes			Well Stat
		MM/YY	Prod	Gas	Oil	Water	
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