

NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

BILL RICHARDSON
Governor

March 30, 2004

Joanna Prukop
Cabinet Secretary
Acting Director
Oil Conservation Division

Apache Corporation c/o James Bruce P. O. Box 1056 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Administrative Order NSL-5031 (SD)

Dear Mr. Bruce:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application (administrative application reference No. pMESO-408557039) dated February 6, 2004 filed on behalf of the operator, Apache Corporation ("Apache"); (ii) your e-mail on Monday morning, February 23, 2004; (iii) our telephone conversation late Monday afternoon, February 23, 2004; (iv) our e-mail correspondence on Wednesday, February 25, 2004; (v) your e-mail on Tuesday morning March 23, 2004 checking on the status of Apache's remaining applications in this area; (vi) my e-mail on Friday afternoon, March 26, 2004 requesting additional detailed information concerning the fee lease involved in this matter; (vii) your reply by letter, with attachments, on March 30, 2004; (viii) our e-mail correspondence on Tuesday afternoon, March 30, 2004; and (ix) the Division's records in Santa Fe: all concerning Apache Corporation's request for an unorthodox "infill" oil well location within an existing standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit comprising the NE/4 SW/4 (Unit K) of Section 9, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Penrose Skelly (Grayburg) Pool (50350), Lea County, New Mexico.

The Division Finds That:

- (1) All of Section 9 is within the Penrose Skelly (Grayburg) Pool; an oil pool governed under Division Rule 104.B (1), which provides for 40-acre oil spacing and proration units and requires wells be located no closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of such unit.
- (2) The 958.25-acre area in Lea County, New Mexico comprising the SW/4 NE/4 and NW/4 SW/4 of Section 13, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, NMPM; Lot 1 of Section 30, Township 20 South, Range 38 East, NMPM; and Lots 3 and 6 of Section 4, the NE/4 SE/4 and S/2 SE/4 of Section 6; the E/2 SW/4 and SE/4 of Section 8; and the E/2 NW/4 and S/2 of Section 9, all in Township 21 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, is a single federal lease (Hawk "B-1") issued by the U. S. Bureau of Land Management (U. S. government lease No. NM-90161) with common ownership in which: (i) Apache, Chevron U.S.A., Inc. ("Chevron"), and BP America Production Company ("BP") each own undivided operating rights; and (ii) Apache is the leasehold operator.
- (3) This 40-acre Grayburg unit is currently dedicated to Apache's Hawk "B-1" Well No. 26 (API No. 30-025-35799) located at a standard oil well location 1840 feet from the South line and 2000 feet from the West line of Section 9.

- (4) Apache now seeks to drill its Hawk "B-1" Well No. 41 at an unorthodox infill oil well location within this 40-acre Grayburg unit 2590 feet from the South line and 2630 feet from the West line of Section 9.
- (5) The 320-acre area in Lea County, New Mexico comprising the SE/4 SW/4, NE/4 SE/4, and S/2 SE/4 of Irregular Section 4, and the NE/4 of Section 9, all in Township 21 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, is a single fee lease (Southland Royalty "A" fee lease) with common ownership in which Apache is the single working interest owner and is the designated leasehold operator.
- (6) The affected standard 40-acre Grayburg oil spacing and proration unit to the northeast in Unit "G" (SW/4 NE/4) of Section 9 that Apache's proposed Hawk "B-1" Well No. 41 is encroaching is currently dedicated to Apache's Southland Royalty "A" Well No. 10 (API No. 30-025-35514), located at a standard oil well location 1830 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 9.
- (7) This request is based on geologic and engineering reasons in that this location is approximately equidistance to other offsetting Penrose Skelly (Grayburg) oil producers within the immediate area.
- (8) Apache, BP, Chevron, and the U. S. Bureau of Land Management have entered into a "cooperative lease/well agreement" providing for the allocation of proceeds of Penrose Skelly (Grayburg) oil production from Apache's proposed Hawk "B-1" Well No. 41 in the following manner:
 - (a) 80.05% to be attributed to the subject Hawk "B-1" federal lease (U. S. government lease No. NM-90161); and
 - (b) 19.95% attributed to the offsetting Southland Royalty "A" fee lease.
- (9) This allocation formula for the proceeds from Apache's proposed Hawk "B-1" Well No. 41 serves to benefit all mineral interests (both cost bearing and non-cost bearing interests), within the Penrose Skelly (Grayburg) Pool to be impacted by this well's drainage.
- (10) Approval of this application is in the best interest of conservation, will serve to prevent waste, protects correlative rights, exhibits sound engineering practices, and allows for the recovery of additional reserves that might not otherwise be produced.

It Is Therefore Ordered That:

(1) Pursuant to Division Rule 104.F (2), of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division's ("Division") Rules and Regulations, the administrative application of Apache Corporation (Apache") (administrative application reference No. pMESO-408557039) for its proposed Hawk "B-1" Well No. 41 to be drilled at an unorthodox infill oil well location 2590 feet from the South line and 2630 feet from the West line (Unit K) of Section 9, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, and completed in the Penrose Skelly (Grayburg) Pool (50350), is hereby approved.

- (2) For the Division's production reporting, prorationing, and well spacing purposes, Grayburg oil production from the above-described Hawk "B-1" Well No. 41 is to be simultaneously dedicated, with Apache's existing Apache's Hawk "B-1" Well No. 26 (API No. 30-025-35799) located at a standard oil well location 1840 feet from the South line and 2000 feet from the West line of Section 9, to the NE/4 SW/4 (Unit K) of Section 9, being a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit in the Penrose Skelly (Grayburg) Pool.
- (3) The distribution of proceeds from Penrose Skelly (Grayburg) oil production from Apache's proposed Hawk "B-1" Well No. 41 are to be allocated in the following manner:
 - (a) 80.05% to be attributed to the subject Hawk "B-1" federal lease (U. S. government lease No. NM-90161) located in Section 9; and
 - (b) 19.95% attributed to the offsetting Southland Royalty "A" fee lease also located in Section 9.
- (4) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

MICHAEL E. STOGNER Engineer/Hearing Officer

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs

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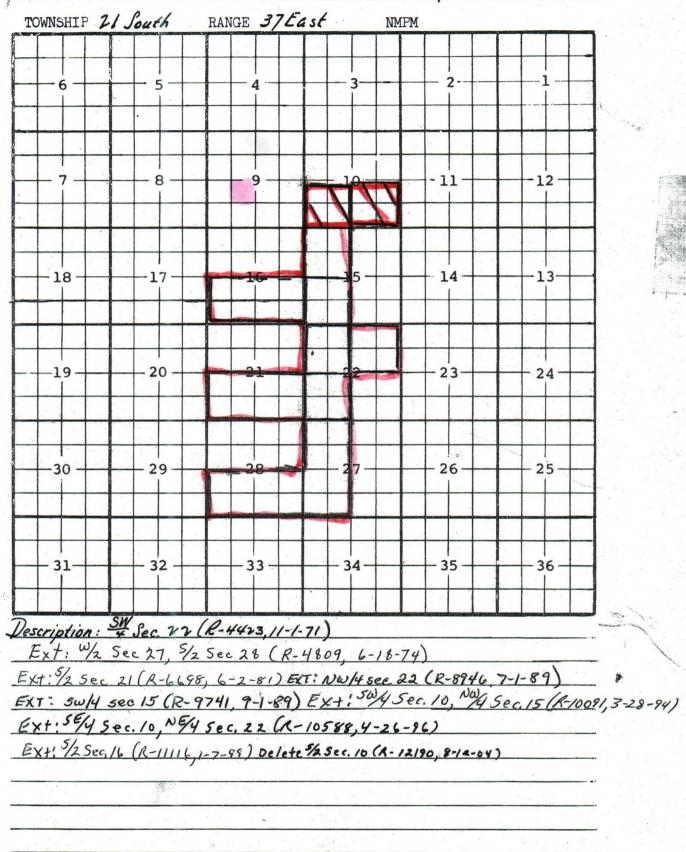
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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, District I 1625 N. French Drive DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR DS, NM 86249 **UNITED STATES** FORM APPROVED Form 3160-4 OMB NO 1004-1037 (August 1999) Expires: November 30, 2000 BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT WELL COMPLETION OR RECOMPLETION REPORT AND LOG 5. Lesse Serial No. NM-90161 6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name la. Type of Well: \Box Drv Other Gas Well ☑ Oil Well 7. Unit of CA Agreement Name and No. b. Type of Comple Plug Back Deepen Diff. Resvr. New Well Workover 8. Lesse Name and Well No. Other Hawk B-1 #41 9. API Well No. 2. Name of Operator 30-025-36664 Apache Corporation 10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory 3a. Phone No. (include area code) 3 Address 918-491-4957 Penrose Skelly, Grayburg 6120 S. Yale, Suite 1500, Tulsa, OK 74136 4. Location of Well (Report location clearly and in accordance with Federal requirements)* 11. Sec., T., R., M., or Block and Survey or Area 2590' FSL, 2630' FWL, Unit K (NE/4, SW/4) Sec. 9, T-21S, R37E 12. County or Parish 13. State At top prod. interval reported below NM Lea Co. At total depth 17. Elevations (DF. RKB, RT. GL) 16. Date Completed IS. Date T.D. Renched 5/13/2004 D&A 5/22/2004 Ready to Produce 06/03/04 3487' GL 18. Total Depth: 4350' 19. Plug Back T.D.: MD 4350 20. Depth Bridge Plug Set: MD TVD TVD TVD Yes (Submit analysis) 21. Type Electric & Other Mechanical Logs Run (Submit copy of each) **☑**No 22. Was well cored? Yes (Submit report) **☑**No CSL, DSN-SDL Was DSTrun? **☑**No Yes (Submit copy) Directional Survey? 23. Casing and Liner Record (Report all strings set in well) No. of Sks. & Slurry Vol. Stage Commenter Cement Top* Amount Pulied Hole Size Size/Grade Bottom (MD) WL (#/L) Top (MD) Depth Type of Cement 12-1/4 8-5/8 400 Ci to surf 24# 0 325 78 1100 396 7-7/8 5-1/2 17# 0 4350 Ci to surf 24. Tubing Record Depth Set (MD) Packer Depth (MD) Depth Set (MD) Packer Depth (MD) Depth Set (MD) Packer Depth (MD) Size Size Size 2-7/8 4047 25. Producing Intervals 6. Perforation Record Evenstion Bottom Perforated interval Size No. Holes Perf Status Top Grayburg 3739 3816-3996 Producing 26 27. Acid, Fracture, Treatment, Coment Squeeze, Etc. Depth Interval Amount and Type of Material 3982-3996 156780 Acidize w/ 1000 gals 15% NEFE 3904-3919 Acidize w/ 1000 gals 15% NEFE 3816-3822 Acidize w/ 500 gals 15% NEFE 3816-3996 Frac w/ 46,544 gals gel & 94,000# 20/40 sand /ñ 28. Production - Interval A

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Form C-104 Revised June 1, 2000

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District III

1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

District IV

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 1220 South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, NM 87505 Submit to Appropriate District Office 5 Copies

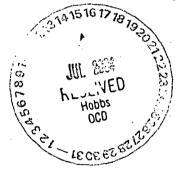
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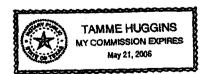
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Michael Roghair - General Manager

The attached instrument was acknowledged before me on the 26th day of May, 2004 by Michael Roghair - General Manager, CapStar Drilling, L.P.



Notary Public Huggins

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N.M. Oil Cons. Division 1625 N. French Dr. Hobbs, NM 88240

Form 3160-5

UNITED STATES

FORM APPROVED OMB No. 1004-0135

(September 2001) DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Expires January 31, 2004 **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT** 5. Lease Serial No. SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS NMNM90161 Do not use this form for proposals to drill or to re-enter an 6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name abandoned well. Use Form 3160-3 (APD) for such proposals. 7. If Unit or CA/Agreement, Name and/or No. Type of Well Weil Name and No. Oil Well Gas Well Other **HAWK B-1 #41** Name of Operator APACHE CORP. API Well No. 3D-025-36664 3b. Phone No. (include area code) 3a. Address 918-491-4900 6120 S. YALE, STE 1500 TULSA, OK 74136 10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory Area PENROSE SKELLY; GRAYBURG Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T., R., M., or Survey Description) 11. County or Parish, State N € SW 2590FSL 2630FWL AT SURFACE NE SW 2590FSL 2630FWL AT PROPOSED PROD. ZONE LEA, NM 12. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES) TO INDICATE NATURE OF NOTICE, REPORT, OR OTHER DATA TYPE OF SUBMISSION TYPE OF ACTION ■ Water Shut-Off Acidize Deepen Production (Start/Resume) Notice of Intent Reclamation Well Integrity Alter Casing Fracture Treat Other ADD POOL **New Construction** Recomplete Casing Repair ■ Subsequent Report Change Plans Plug and Abandon Temporarily Abandon ☐ Final Abandonment Notice Convert to Injection ☐ Plug Back Water Disposal Describe Proposed or Completed Operation (clearly state all pertinent details, including estimated starting date of any proposed work and approximate duration thereof. If the proposal is to deepen directionally or recomplete horizontally, give subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths of all pertinent markers and zones. Attach the Bond under which the work will be performed or provide the Bond No. on file with BLM/BIA. Required subsequent reports shall be filed within 30 days following completion of the involved operations. If the operation results in a multiple completion or recompletion in a new interval, a Form 3160-4 shall be filed once testing has been completed. Final Abandonment Notices shall be filed only after all requirements, including reclamation, have been completed, and the operator has determined that the site is ready for final inspection.) EXTEND TOTAL DEPTH FROM 4150' TO 4800'. ADD PROPOSED POOL: HARE; SAN ANDRES (GAS) (78080).

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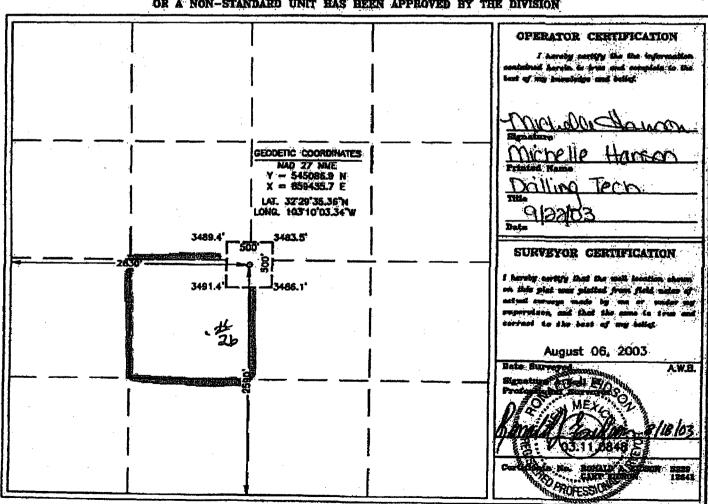
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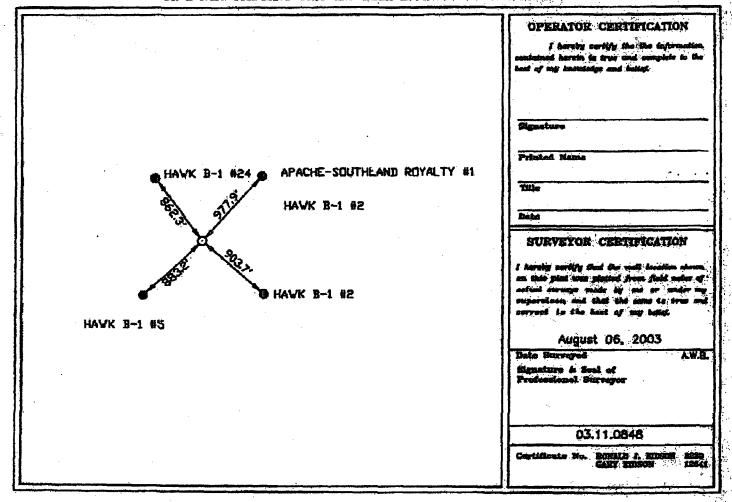
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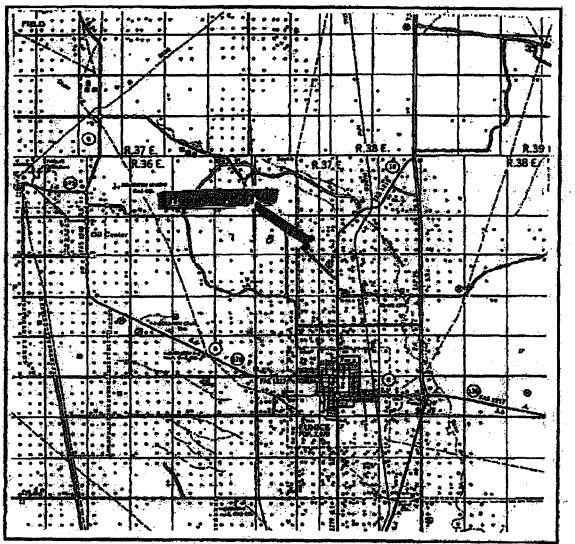
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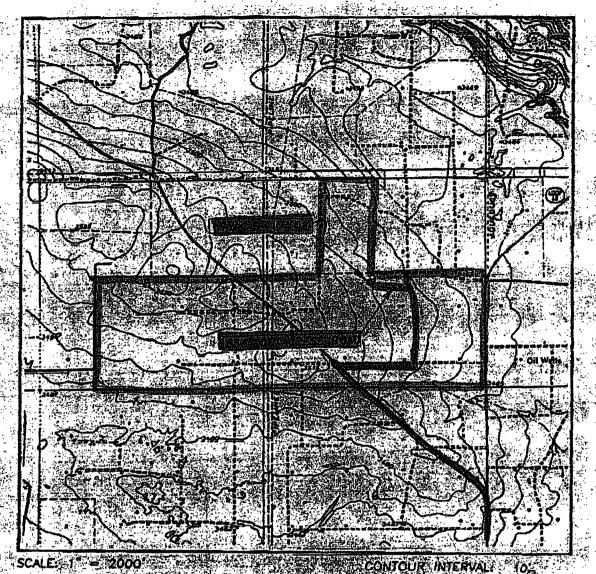
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ELEVATION 3510'

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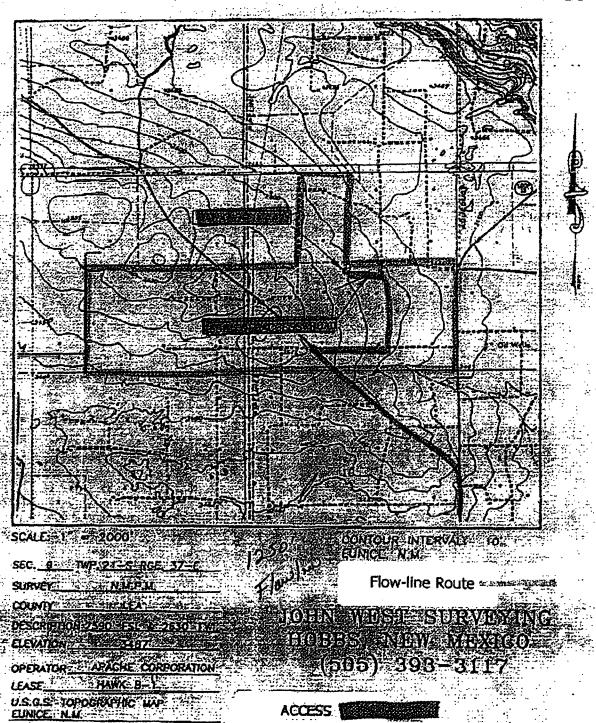
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2590' FSL & 2630' FWL, Sec. 9, T21S-R37E

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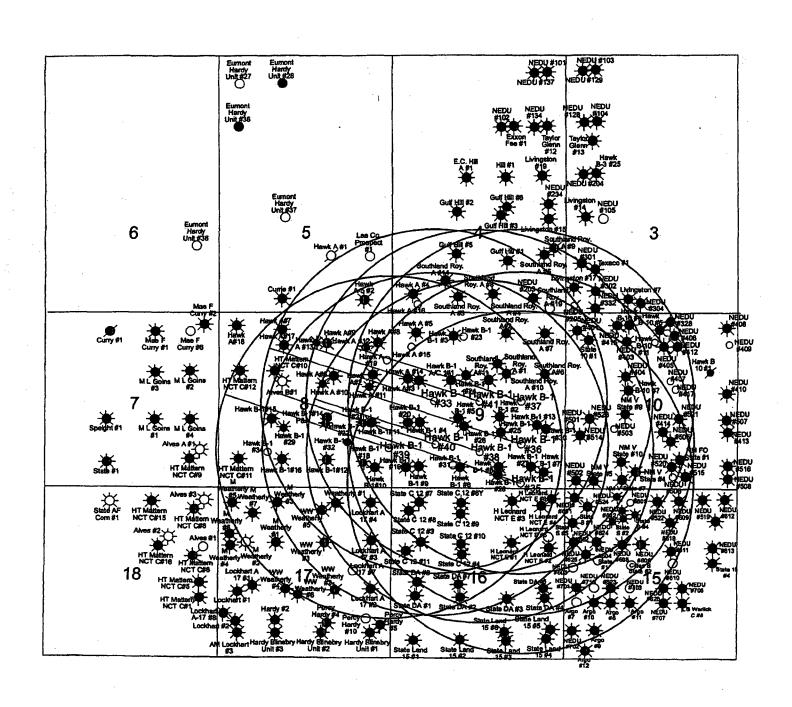


EXHIBIT "C"

SURFACE USE AND OPERATIONS PLAN CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY APPROXIMATE REHABILITATION SCHEDULE

LOCALITY: HAWK B-1 #41
OPERATOR: APACHE CORPORATION

LOCATION: NE'4SW'4 OF SECTION 9, T21S-R37E, N.M.P.M. LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

SUBMITTED TO:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
ROSWELL DISTRICT OFFICE
2909 WEST 2ND STREET
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO 88201
TELEPHONE (505) 627-0272

This plan is submitted to provide permitting agencies with information necessary to allow an appraisal of the environmental effects associated with the proposed drilling operations. Within the context of typical drilling operations, this plan provides for protection of surface resources and other environmental components. This plan has been developed in conformity with the United States Geological Survey NTL-6 guidelines, Bureau of Land Management Oil and Gas Order No. 1, and in connection and consultation with the private surface owner of record, if other than the United States of America, as well as the Roswell District Office for the Bureau of Land Management and the United States Department of the Interior personnel.

PART #1:

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1) Surface Location:

NE½SW½ of Section 9, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M. Lea County, New Mexico 2590' FSL, 2630' FWL, Unit K See attached Exhibits "D" and "E"

2) Bottom Hole Location:

NE¼SW¼ of Section 9, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M. Lea County, New Mexico 2590' FSL, 2630' FWL, Unit K

See attached Exhibits "D" and "E"

Leases Issued: NM-90161

4) Record Lessee:

Apache Corporation 50%
BP America Production Co. 25%
Chevron USA Inc. 25%

5) Acres in Lease:

Township 20 South, Range 37 East, NMPM

Section 13: SW'/NE'/4, NW'/SW'/4

Township 20 South, Range 38 East, NMPM

Section 30: Lot 1

Township 21 South, Range 37 East, NMPM

Section 4: Lots 3, 6

Section 6: NE¼SE¼, S½SE¼

Section 8: SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 9: S½, E½NW¼

Total Acres: 958.25

6) Acres Dedicated to Well:

There are 40.00 acres dedicated to this well, which takes in the NE¼SW¼ of Section 9, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.

PART #2:

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1) Existing Roads:

Exhibits "E-1" & "E-2" comprise maps showing the proposed well site in relation to existing roads and State Highway 18. The well is ±3 miles northwest of Eunice, New Mexico. From Eunice, go north approximately 2.5 miles on State Highway 18. Turn northwest on existing lease roads to location as illustrated on Exhibit "E-2".

2) Planned Access:

- A. Length and Width: A new 656' access road, 20' wide, will be constructed from the existing lease/access road to the well site. Extra width may be needed in the turns. Application for a buried pipeline will be made if it becomes necessary.
- B. Construction: The existing roads will be lightly graded and topped with compacted caliche as needed.
- C. Turnouts: None required.
- D. Culverts: None required.
- E. Cuts and Fills: As needed.
- F. Gates and Cattleguards: None required.
- 3) Location of Existing Wells:

Exhibit "F" shows existing wells within a 1-mile radius of the proposed well.

4) Location of Existing and/or Proposed Facilities:

- A. There are production facilities within the area of the Northeast Drinkard Unit, which is adjacent to the wellsite.
- B. If the oil well proves to be commercial, any necessary production facilities will be installed on the drilling pad, and flow lines will be installed along the proposed and existing roads to the production facilities and storage tanks. See Exhibit "E-3" for flow-line route.

5) Location and Type of Water Supply:

Apache Corporation plans to drill the proposed well with fresh and brine water which will be transported by truck over proposed and existing access roads.

6) Source of Construction Materials:

Caliche for surfacing access roads and the wellsite pad will be obtained from the location itself or from BLM pits in the area.

7) Method of Handling Waste Material:

- A. Drill cuttings will be disposed of in the reserve pits.
- B. Drilling fluids will be allowed to evaporate in the reserve pits until the pits are dry.
- C. All pits will be fenced with normal fencing materials to prevent livestock from entering the area.
- D. Water produced during operations will be collected in tanks until hauled to an approved disposal system.
- E. Oil produced during operation will be stored in tanks until sold.
- F. Apache Corporation will comply with current laws and regulations pertaining to the disposal of human waste.

- G. All waste materials will be contained to prevent scattering by the wind and will be removed from the well site within 30 days after drilling and/or completion operations are finished.
- 8) Ancillary Facilities: None planned.
- 9) Well Site Layout:
 - A. Exhibit "G" shows the relative location and dimensions of the well pad, reserve pits, and major rig components. The pad and pit area have been staked and flagged.
 - B. Mat Size: 140' x 200' plus reserve pits as shown on Exhibit "G".
 - C. Cut & Fill: Only minor leveling of the drilling site is anticipated.
 - D. The surface will be topped with compacted caliche and the reserve pits will be lined with 6 mil plastic.
- 10) Plans for Restoration of the Surface:
 - A. After completion of drilling and/or completion operations, all equipment and other material, not needed for operations, will be removed. Pits will be filled and the location cleaned of all trash and junk to leave the well site in as aesthetically pleasing a condition as possible.
 - B. Any unguarded pits containing fluids will be fenced until they are filled.
 - C. If the proposed well is non-productive, Apache Corporation will comply with all rehabilitation and/or vegetation requirements of the Bureau of Land Management, and such rehabilitation will be accomplished as expeditiously as possible. All pits will be filled and leveled within 90 days after abandonment.
- 11) Other Information:
 - A. Topography: The wellsite and access road are located in the Querecho Plains and are relatively flat.
 - B. <u>Soil:</u> The proposed location, access road and production facilities consist of sandy soil. Slope in the proposed area ranges from zero (0) to five (5) degrees.
 - C. Flora and Fauna: Vegetation is one of a grassland environment and a scrub-grass, scrub disclimax community. The wildlife consists of rabbits, coyotes, rattlesnakes, lizards, dove, quail and other wildlife typical of the semi-arid desert land.
 - D. <u>Ponds and Streams</u>: There are no ponds, lakes, streams or feeder creeks in the immediate area.
 - E. <u>Residences and Other Structures:</u> There are no occupied residences or other structures on or near the proposed location.
 - F. Land Use: The land is used for grazing cattle.
 - G. Surface Ownership: The surface is owned by the Trustee of the Millard Deck Estate, c/o Tim Wolters, Bank of America, P. O. Box 270, Midland, TX 79702, 915-685-2864. A Surface Damage Release agreement for this tract has been executed by the Millard Deck Estate and Apache Corporation.
 - H. Archaeological, Historical, and Other Cultural Sites:

Don Clifton, Archaeological Consultant, of Pep, New Mexico, will be conducting an archaeological survey of the proposed HAWK B-1 #41 well which covers the drilling location, production facilities, and access road, including a corridor along said access road for power and flow lines. His report will be filed under separate cover.

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that Apache Corporation has inspected the proposed drillsite and access route; that I am familiar with the conditions which presently exist; that the statements made in the 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 Apache Corporation and its contractors and subcontractors in conformity with this plan and the terms and conditions under which it is approved. This statement is subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001 for the filing of a false statement.

Bonita L. L. Jones, RLP, Consulting Landman

Agent for Apache Corporation

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Date: 11-3-03

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS, AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

> CASE NO. 13256 ORDER NO. R-12190

APPLICATION OF APACHE CORPORATION FOR CONTRACTION OF THE HARE-SAN ANDRES GAS POOL, EXPANSION OF THE EAST HARE-SAN ANDRES POOL, AND SPECIAL POOL RULES FOR THE EAST HARE-SAN ANDRES POOL, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This case came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on April 29, 2004, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner William V. Jones.

NOW, on this 12th day of August, 2004, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner,

FINDS THAT:

- (1) Due public notice has been given, and the Division has jurisdiction of this case and its subject matter.
 - (2) Apache Corporation ("applicant"), seeks an order:
 - (a) Contracting the horizontal boundaries of the Hare-San Andres Gas Pool (78080) by deleting the following acreage;

Township 21 South, Range 37 East, NMPM Section 10: S/2

(b) Expanding the horizontal boundaries of the East Hare-San Andres Pool (96601) by adding thereto the following acreage; and

Township 21 South, Range 37 East, NMPM

Section 9: S/2 Section 10: SW/4 Section 16: NW/4

- (c) Creating Special Pool Rules for the East Hare-San Andres Pool, providing for; (i) a gas-oil ratio of 5000 cubic feet of gas for each barrel of oil produced, and (ii) all other rules to comply with statewide rules.
- (3) The Hare-San Andres Gas Pool was created by Division order No. R-4423 in Case No. 4848, issued on November 1, 1972, and currently covers the following acreage:

Township 21 South, Range 37 East, NMPM

Section 10: S/2 Section 15: W/2 Section 21: S/2

Section 22: NE/4 and W/2

Section 27: W/2 Section 28: S/2

The Hare-San Andres Gas Pool was discovered by the Shell Oil Company Turner Well No. 16, located in Unit M of Section 22, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, NMPM. It was completed in the San Andres formation on June 2, 1972, with the top perforation at 4004 feet. The pool has no special pool rules and is therefore being developed on statewide rules with 160-acre gas spacing units and only one well allowed per unit.

(4) The East Hare-San Andres Pool was created by Division order No. R-10776 in Case No. 11737 issued on February 28, 1997, and currently covers the following acreage:

Township 21 South, Range 37 East, NMPM

Section 10: SE/4

The East Hare-San Andres Pool was discovered by the Exxon Corporation New Mexico "PO" State Well No. 1 located in Unit O of Section 10, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, NMPM. It was completed in the San Andres formation on October 13, 1996, with the top perforation at 4,022 feet. The pool has no special pool rules and is therefore being developed on statewide rules with 40-acre oil proration units, 40-acre depth bracket oil discovery allowable, and a 2,000:1 gas-oil ratio.

- (5) Notice was provided to operators within the East Hare-San Andres Pool and within one mile surrounding the pool. No one appeared at the hearing or otherwise opposed this application.
- (6) Exxon Mobil Corporation ("ExxonMobil") operates a San Andres gas well located within the SW/4 of Section 10 and within the current boundaries of the Hare-San Andres Gas Pool. The applicant provided testimony that the entire S/2 of Section 10 is a single State of New Mexico lease with identical ownership and Exxon would therefore not be affected by switching the SW/4 of Section 10 from the Hare-San Andres Gas Pool to the East Hare-San Andres Pool. Division records indicate that ExxonMobil's well has not in the past produced enough gas, on the average, to be restricted in the future by the applicant's proposed 5,000:1 gas-oil ratio limitation.
 - (7) The applicant provided geological and engineering testimony as follows:
 - (a) The productive portion of the San Andres reservoir in this area does not behave in a conventional manner, with gas over oil, and oil over water. Some wells will produce primarily gas even though they are lower in structure than offsetting oil producers.
 - (b) The San Andres reservoir provides water supply wells for the deeper Drinkard formation waterflood in this area. Some of these water supply wells actually flow gas at the same time as water is being pumped and are classified as gas wells.
 - (c) Oil wells in this area producing from the Grayburg formation, which is stratigraphically higher than the San Andres, are spaced on 40-acres. If this application is approved, these existing Grayburg wells can be deepened without obtaining Division approval for rule exceptions, the San Andres formation can be developed, and the wells possibly downhole commingled.

- (d) The producing lenses in the San Andres formation are at various stages of pressure depletion. Original reservoir pressure was approximately 1,700-psi and the pressure in some wells is still above the bubble point.
- (e) Ultimate primary oil and gas production from this reservoir will not be decreased as a result of allowing a 5,000:1 or higher producing gas-oil ratio. The applied for 5,000:1 gas-oil ratio limit is consistent with the special pool rules existing on other San Andres oil pools in this area.
- (f) To aid in determining the limits of the East Hare-San Andres Pool as applied for herein, the applicant has drilled three delineation wells, each in the center of a possible 160-acre San Andres gas spacing unit. One well is in the NW/4 of Section 16, one is in the SW/4 of Section 9, and one is in the SE/4 of Section 9. Each of these wells is an infill location Grayburg well as well as standard location gas wells. If these had tested as gas wells in the San Andres, they would have been the only San Andres wells allowed within each of these 160-acre units.
- (8) Implementation of the proposed gas pool contraction, oil pool expansion, and 5,000:1 gas-oil ratio limit for the oil pool, will allow the operators of wells completed in the San Andres formation in this area the opportunity to recover additional hydrocarbons, prevent waste, and will protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- (1) The application of Apache Corporation for the following three items is hereby approved:
 - (a) The following acreage is deleted from the boundaries of the Hare-San Andres Gas Pool (78080):

Township 21 South, Range 37 East, NMPM Section 10: S/2

(b) The following acreage is added to the boundaries of the East Hare-San Andres Pool (96601):

Township 21 South, Range 37 East, NMPM

Section 9:

S/2

Section 10:

SW/4

Section 16:

NW/4

(c) The "Special Pool Rules for the East Hare-San Andres Pool," are hereby established and shall read in their entirety as follows:

SPECIAL POOL RULES FOR THE EAST HARE-SAN ANDRES POOL

- RULE 1. Each well completed in or recompleted in the East Hare-San Andres Pool, or in the San Andres formation within one mile thereof and not nearer to or within the limits of another designated San Andres pool, shall be spaced, drilled, operated, and produced in accordance with the special rules hereinafter set forth.
- RULE 2. The limiting gas-oil ratio shall be 5,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil.
- <u>RULE 3</u>. Statewide rules shall govern this pool except as stated in <u>RULE 2</u> above.
- (2) Jurisdiction is hereby retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DOMES Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

MARK E. FESMIRE, P.E.

Director