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May 19, 2015

Apache Corporation  
Attn: Mr. Brian Wood

ADMINISTRATIVE NON-STANDARD LOCATION ORDER

**Administrative Order NSL-7287**  
**Administrative Application Reference No. pMAM1511345533**

**Apache Corporation**  
**OGRID 873**  
**Ranger State Well No. 16**  
**API No. 30-015-42806**

**Proposed Location:**

	<u>Footages</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Sec.</u>	<u>Twsp</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>County</u>
Surface	245` FSL & 90` FEL	P	31	17S	28E	Eddy
Top perforation	290` FSL & 217` FEL	P	31	17S	28E	Eddy
Bottom Hole	330` FSL & 329` FEL	P	31	17S	28E	Eddy

**Proposed Unit:**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Pool</u>	<u>Pool Code</u>
SE/4 SE/4 of Section 31	40	Artesia; Glorieta-Yeso	96830

Reference is made to your application received on April 23, 2015.

You have requested to drill this well at an unorthodox oil well location described above in the referenced pool or formation. This location is governed by statewide Rule 19.15.15.9.A NMAC, which provides for 40-acre units with wells located at least 330 feet from a unit outer boundary. This location is less than 330 feet from a unit outer boundary.

Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 19.15.15.13 NMAC and 19.15.4.12.A (2) NMAC.

An unorthodox location is required in order to avoid existing pipelines, roads, power lines, communication tower, and well pads. Further, the Unit is less than 40-acres; the proposed well is 113 feet to close from the East boundary, and 40 feet to close from the South boundary.


It is also understood that you have given due notice of this application to all operators or owners who are "affected persons," as defined in Rule 19.15.4.12 (A) 2 NMAC, in all adjoining units towards which the proposed location encroaches.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 19.15.15.13 (B) NMAC, the above-described unorthodox location is hereby approved.

This approval is subject to your being in compliance with all other applicable Division rules, including, but not limited to Division 19.15.5.9 NMAC.

Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

Done at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on May 19, 2015.

  
DAVID R. CATANACH  
Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Artesia  
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