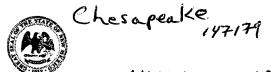
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ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

THIS CHECKLIST IS MANDATORY FOR ALL ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATIONS FOR EXCEPTIONS TO DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH REQUIRE PROCESSING AT THE DIVISION LEVEL IN SANTA FE **Application Acronyms:** [NSL-Non-Standard Location] [NSP-Non-Standard Proration Unit] [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 - Simultaneous Dedication 🕅 NSL 🗌 NSP 🔲 SD Check One Only for [B] or [C] Commingling - Storage - Measurement [B] ☐ DHC ☐ CTB ☐ PLC ☐ PC ☐ OLS ☐ OLM [C] Injection - Disposal - Pressure Increase - Enhanced Oil Recovery ☐ WFX ☐ PMX ☐ SWD ☐ IPI ☐ EOR ☐ PPR [D] Other: Specify [2] **NOTIFICATION REQUIRED TO: -** Check Those Which Apply, or Does Not Apply Working, Royalty or Overriding Royalty Interest Owners [A] NSL-6579 Offset Operators, Leaseholders or Surface Owner [B] Application is One Which Requires Published Legal Notice [C] [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] SUBMIT ACCURATE AND COMPLETE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE TYPE OF APPLICATION INDICATED ABOVE. **CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application for administrative [4] approval is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that no action will be taken on this application until the required information and notifications are submitted to the Division. Note: Statement must be completed by an individual with managerial and/or supervisory capacity.



June 5; 2012

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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Jami Bailey, Director
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Department of Energy,
Minerals and Natural Resources
1220 South Saint Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Application of Chesapeake Operating, Inc. for Amendment to Administrative Order NSL-6579 Approving An Unorthodox Well Location for the PLU Big Sinks 14 24 30 USA Well No. 1H in Section 14, Township 24 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Bailey:

By Administrative Order NSL-6579, dated March 30, 2012, the Division approved an unorthodox well location for Chesapeake Operating, Inc.'s ("Chesapeake") PLU Big Sinks 14 24 30 USA Well No. 1H located in Section 14, Township 24 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico. Under the NSL Order, the well is to be drilled in the Bone Spring formation at a surface location 50 feet from the South line and 1980 from the East line with a penetration point 330 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line with a terminus location 100 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 14. Notice was provided to the affected parties and no objection was received by the Division prior to issuance of Order NSL-6579.

As reflected on the attached amended C-102 report, Chesapeake now seeks to amend NSL-6579 to approve a surface location 50 feet from the South line and 2360 feet from the East line with the first perforations in the completed interval at a location 330 feet from the South line and 2339 feet from the East line of Section 14 for engineering reasons.

Exhibit A is a land plat for Section 14 and the surrounding sections that shows the adjoining units and existing wells. The proposed new surface location makes the well unorthodox because the acreage is governed by the Division's statewide rules which provide for wells on 40-acre spacing units to be located no closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of the spacing unit. The proposed new surface location will have a completed interval located 2339 feet from the East line of Section 14 for engineering reasons, and is, therefore, closer to the boundary of the spacing unit than allowed by Division rules.



Exhibit B is the Well Location and Acreage Dedication Plat (Form C-102), which shows that the proposed change to the PLU Big Sinks 14 24 30 USA Well No. 1H well will place its first perforation closer than allowed to the spacing and proration unit to the West.

Exhibit C is a list of the affected parties. Pursuant to 19.15.4.12(A)(2)(c) NMAC, affected parties are those toward whom the non-standard location encroaches. Here, the proposed bottom-hole location encroaches to the West upon BOPCO. A copy of this application to amend NSL-6579 with all attachments was mailed to the notice recipient.

Accordingly, Chesapeake respectfully requests that Administrative Order NSL-6579 be amended to reflect approval of a surface location 50 feet from the South line and 2360 feet from the East line with the first perforations in the completed interval at a location 330 feet from the South line and 2339 feet from the East line of Section 14.

Your attention to this application is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Adam G. Rankin

ATTORNEY FOR CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.

Enclosures AGR

cc:

David K. Brooks

Monty Montgomery, BOPCO

Teresa Long, Chesapeake Operating, Inc. w/o encls.

State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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March 30, 2012

Chesapeake Operating, Inc. c/o Holland & Hart LLP Attn: Mr. Adam G. Rankin

ADMINISTRATIVE NON-STANDARD LOCATION ORDER

Administrative Order NSL-6579 Administrative Application Reference No. pTWG12-06029635

Chesapeake Operating, Inc.
OGRID 147179
PLU Big Sinks 14 24 30 USA Well No. 1H
API No. 30-015

Proposed Location:

| | Footages | Unit | Sec. | Township | Range | County |
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| Description | Acres | Pool | Pool Code |
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| W/2 E/2 of Section 14 | 162 14 | Wildcat Bone Spring | |

Reference is made to your application received on February 28, 2012.

You have requested to drill this horizontal well at an unorthodox oil well location described above in the referenced pool or formation. This location is governed by statewide Rule 15.9.A [19.15.15.9.A NMAC], which provides for 40-acre units with wells located at least 330 feet from a unit outer boundary, and Rule 15.16.14.B(2) [19.15.16.14.B(2) NMAC] concerning directional wells in designated project areas. This location is unorthodox because portions of the proposed completed interval are less than 330 feet from an outer boundary of the project area.

Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 15.13 [19.15.15.13 NMAC] and 4.12.A(2) [19.15.4.12.A(2) NMAC].

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It is our understanding that you are seeking this location for engineering reasons, in order to maximize the productive length of the wellbore lateral within the producing area.

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 4.12.A(2), in all adjoining units towards which the proposed location encroaches.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 15.13.B, 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 Rule 5.9 [19.15.15.9 NMAC].

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

Sincerely,

Jami Bailey Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division -- Artesia United States Bureau of Land Management

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Application of Chesapeake Operating, Inc. for administrative approval of an unorthodox well location for its PLU Big Sinks 14 24 30 USA 1H well in the Bone Spring Pool Section 14, Township 24 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Bailey:

Re:

Chesapeake Operating, Inc. (OGRID No. 147179) hereby seeks administrative approval pursuant to the provisions of Division Rule 19.15.15.13 NMAC for an unorthodox well location for its PLU Big Sinks 14 24 30 USA No. 1H to be located in Section 14, Township 24 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico. The proposed wildcat well is to be drilled at a surface location 150 feet from the South line with a penetration point 330 feet from the South line and approximately 1980 feet from the East line of Section 14. The bottom-hole location will be 100 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 14. A 162.14-acre project area has been dedicated to this horizontal well comprised of the W/2 E/2 of Section 14.

Exhibit A is a land plat for Section 14 and surrounding sections that shows the proposed non-standard location of the PLU Big Sinks 14 24 30 USA No. 1H in relation to adjoining units and existing wells. This location is unorthodox because the Bone Spring formation under this acreage is governed by the Division's statewide rules which provide for wells on 40-acre spacing units to be located no closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of the spacing unit. The bottomhole location of this well will be located 100 feet from the North line of Section 14 for engineering reasons, and is, therefore, closer to the section line than allowed by Division rules.

Exhibit B is the Well Location and Acreage Dedication Plat (Form C-102), which shows that the proposed PLU Big Sinks 14 24 30 USA No. 1H well encroaches on the spacing and proration unit to the North.

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Your attention to this application is appreciated.

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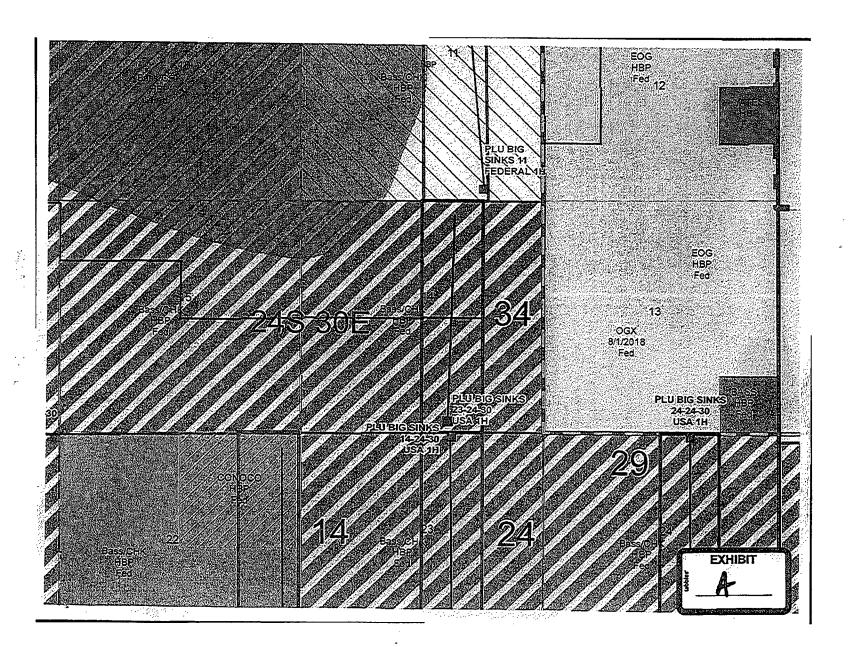
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Chesapeake's NSL Application PLU Big Sinks 14 24 30 USA No. 1H

BEPCO 201 Main Street, Suite 3100 Ft. Worth, Texas 76102



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February 14, 2012

Mr. Monty Montgomery BEPCO 201 Main Street, Suite 3100 Ft. Worth, TX: 76102

Re: Application of Chesapeake Operating, Inc. for administrative approval of an unorthodox well location for its PLU Big Sinks 14 24 30 USA 1H well in the Bone Spring Pool Section 14, Township 24 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Montgomery:

Sincerely,

Chesapeake Operating, Inc. has submitted the above-referenced application to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for an unorthodox well location for its PLU Big Sinks 14 24 30 USA 1H well. This well is located in Section 14, Township 24 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, and is to be drilled horizontally in the Bone Spring pool at a surface location 150 feet from the South line with a penetration point 330 feet from the South line and approximately 1980 feet from the East line of Section 14. The bottom-hole location will be 100 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 14.

Division Rules provide that an application may be approved sooner if the applicant obtains waivers from affected parties. We therefore request your waiver of objection to this administrative application. We respectfully request you that you sign this letter and return it by e-mail or overnight delivery as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Should you wish to discuss, please feel free to call me at 405-935-9175.

Chesapeake Exploration, L.L.C.

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BEPCO agrees to waive objection to Chesapeake Operating, Inc.'s application for an unorthodox well location for its PLU Big Sinks 14 24 30 USA 1H well.

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Date: 2.27.12

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February 28, 2012

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

TO AFFECTED PARTIES

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of the above-referenced application which was filed with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on this date by Chesapeake Operating Co. for administrative approval of an unorthodox well location for its PLU Big Sinks 14 24 30 USA Well No. 1H. The proposed wildcat well is to be drilled at a surface location 150 feet from the South line and a penetration point 330 feet from the South line, and approximately 1980 feet from the East line of Section 14. The bottom-hole location will be 100 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 14.

As an owner of an interest that may be affected by the proposed well, you may object to this application. Objections must be filed in writing within twenty days from this date at the Division's Santa Fe office that is located at 1220 South Saint Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico. 87505. If no objection is received within this twenty-day period, this application for an unorthodox well location may be approved.

Sincerely,

Adam G. Rankin

ATTORNEY FOR CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.

Enclosures

Brooks, David K., EMNRD

From:

Adam Rankin [AGRankin@hollandhart.com] Monday, March 12, 2012 3:52 PM Brooks, David K., EMNRD

Sent:

To:

Subject:

Chesapeake: Corrected Surface Location for NSL Application for PLU Big Sinks 14 24 30

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Attachments:

Revised C-102.pdf

David.

I filed on February 28 an administrative application on behalf of Chesapeake for a non-standard location for the PLU Big Sinks 14 24 30 USA 1H. BLM just informed Chesapeake that the BLM wants the surface location of this well moved.

On the application and in accordance with the C-102 filed, we requested a surface location 150 feet from the South line of Section 14 with a penetration point 330/feet from the South line. The BLM has requested that Chesapeake place the surface location 50 feet from the South line and 1980 from the East line. The penetration point will remain unchanged at 330 feet from the South line. I've attached the amended C-102 form indicating the changed surface location per BLM instruction.

To be sure that any order issued by the Division correctly states the surface location, can you please accept this email as a correction to Chesapeake's application for a non-standard surface location for its PLU Big Sinks 14 24 30 USA 1H well? Please let me know if I need to provide you with any other information or make a more formal written request.

All best, Adam

Adam G. Rankin

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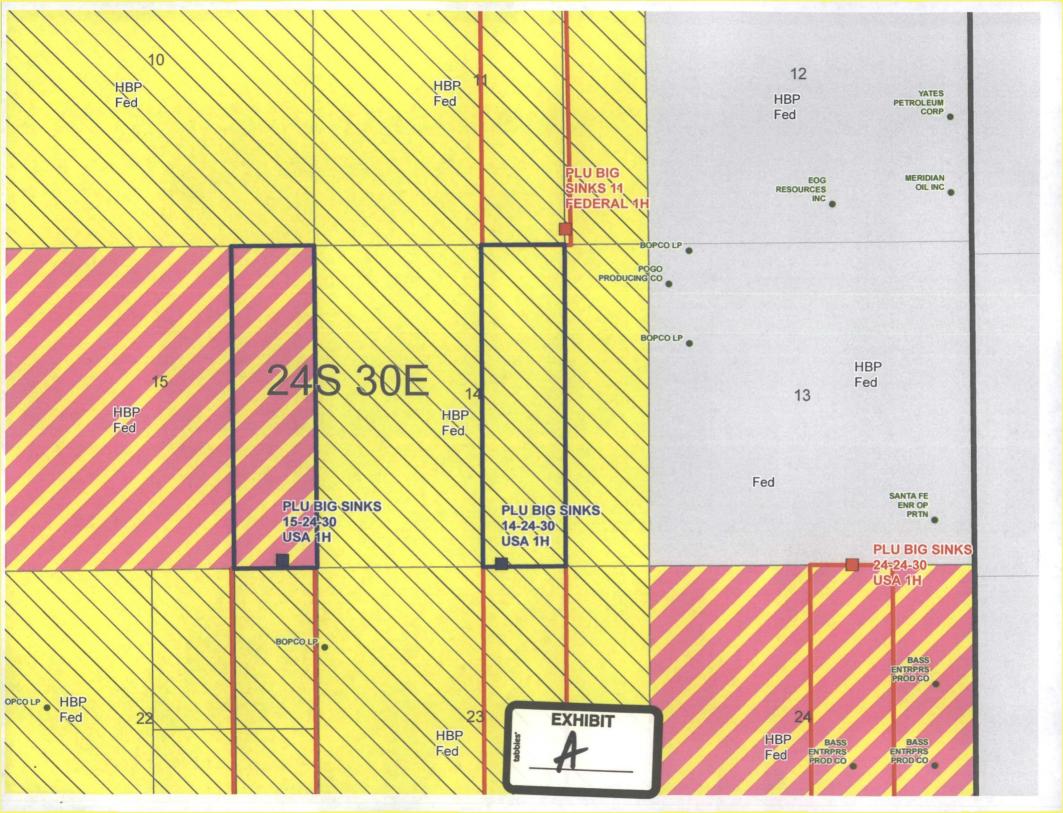
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

1220 South St. Francis Dr. Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

AMENDED REPORT

| API | Number | | | Pool Code 96403 | | Pool Name WILDCAT; BONE SPRING | | | | |
|-------------------|--|-----------------|--|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------|--|
| Property | operty Code Property Name PLU BIG SINKS 14 24 30 USA | | | | | | Well No | mber | | |
| ogrid n 147179 | | | Operator Name CHESAPEAKE OPERATING CO. | | | | Elevation 3423' | | | |
| | | | | | Surface Loca | ation | | • | | |
| UL or lot No. | Section | Township | Range | Lot ldn | Feet from the | North/South line | Feet from the | East/West line | County | |
| 0 | 14 | 24 S | 30 E | · | 50 | SOUTH | 2360 | EAST | EDDY | |
| | | | Bottom | Hole Loc | cation If Diffe | rent From Sur | face | | • | |
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| Dedicated Acre | s Joint o | or Infill . Co. | nsolidation (| Code Or | der 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

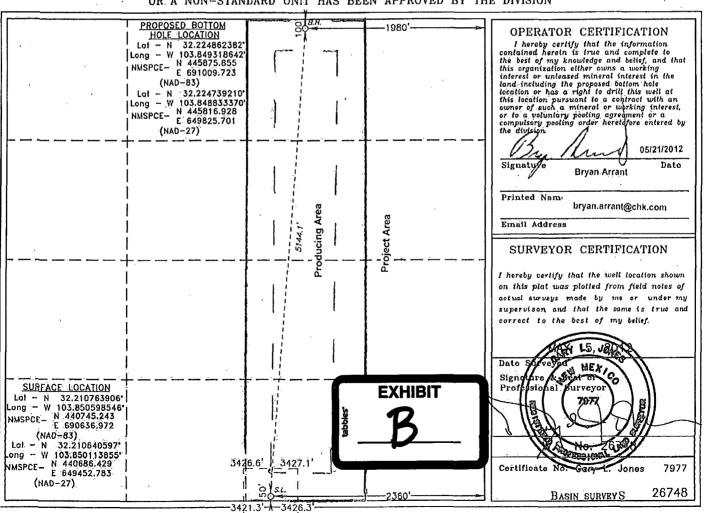


EXHIBIT C

Chesapeake's Application to Amend NSL-6579 PLU Big Sinks 14 24 30 USA No. 1H

BOPCO 201 Main Street, Suite 3100 Ft. Worth, Texas 76102



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June 5, 2012

<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> <u>RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u>

TO AFFECTED PARTIES

Re: Application of Chesapeake Operating, Inc. for Amendment to Administrative Order NSL-6579 Approving An Unorthodox Well Location for the PLU Big Sinks 14 24 30 USA Well No. 1H in Section 14, Township 24 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of the above-referenced application which was filed with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on this date by Chesapeake Operating Co. for administrative approval of amendment to NSL-6579. As reflected on the attached application, Chesapeake seeks to amend NSL-6579 to approve a surface location 50 feet from the South line and 2360 feet from the East line with the first perforations in the completed interval at a location 330 feet from the South line and 2339 feet from the East line of Section 14 for engineering reasons.

As an owner of an interest that may be affected by the proposed well, you may object to this application. Objections must be filed in writing within twenty days from this date at the Division's Santa Fe office that is located at 1220 South Saint Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico. 87505. If no objection is received within this twenty-day period, this application for an unorthodox well location may be approved.

Sincerely,

Adam G. Rankin

ATTORNEY FOR CHESAPEAKE OPERATING,

INC.

Enclosures