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<ul> <li>[C] Injection - Disposal - Pressure Increase - Enhanced Oil WFX PMX SWD IPI EOR PPR</li> <li>[D] Other: Specify</li> </ul>	Recovery
[2] <b>NOTIFICATION REQUIRED TO:</b> - Check Those Which Apply, or [A] Working, Royalty or Overriding Royalty Interest Ow	
[B] Offset Operators, Leaseholders or Surface Owner	
[C] Application is One Which Requires Published Legal N	lotice
[D] Notification and/or Concurrent Approval by BLM or U.S. Bureau of Land Management - Commissioner of Public Lands, State Land Office	SLO
(E) For all of the above, Proof of Notification or Publica	tion is Attached, and/or,
[F] Waivers are Attached	

# [3] SUBMIT ACCURATE AND COMPLETE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE TYPE OF APPLICATION INDICATED ABOVE.

[4] **CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application for administrative 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.

Print or Type Name

BRIAN WOOD (505) 466-8120 FAX 466-9682

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Signature

Title

Date

CONSULTANT

5-30-03

e-mail Address brian@permitswest.com



# REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL FOR NON-STANDARD LOCATION FOR RICHARDSON OPERATING COMPANY'S NV RACHELLE 23 #4 GAS WELL

435' FSL & 2050' FWL SEC. 23, T. 29 N., R. 14 W., SAN JUAN COUNTY, NM

I. The well is staked on Navajo Tribal Trust surface and on Navajo Tribal Trust lease 14-20-603-2198A. The proposed well is non-standard for the West Kutz Pictured Cliffs and the Basin Fruitland coal gas due to terrain (too steep). The well must be  $\geq$ 660' from all quarter section lines. This proposed well is 435' from the south line and 2050' from the east line of Section 23. Thus, it is 225' too far south and 70' too far west. It is non-standard to the southwest quarter of Section 23 and north half of Section 26. The APD and a Sundry Notice are attached (EXHIBIT A).

Richardson controls all Pictured Cliff and Fruitland coal gas rights in a one mile radius. All leases in a one mile + radius are Navajo Tribal Trust (see Exhibit B).

Richardson has already has staked, filed APDs, or drilled wells for all Fruitland or Pictured Cliffs offset locations (Exhibit C). Closest such well is Richardson's NV Kyle 23 #3 (30-045-31184) which is 2,265' west.

II. A C-102 (Exhibit D) showing the well location and pro ration units (solid line marking the east half = 320 acres for the Fruitland and a dashed line marking the southeast quarter = 160 acres for the Pictured Cliffs) is attached. Richardson's lease 14-20-603-2198A (= solid line) is shown on Exhibit B) of the Kirtland USGS topo map. The well is >7,000' from the closest non-Richardson operated lease or non-Tribal lease.

III. According to NM Oil Conservation Records; there is no existing or proposed production from the Fruitland or Pictured Cliffs within a 2,265' radius. Closest such well is Richardson's NV Kyle 23 #3 at 956' FSL & 1025' FWL 23-29n-14w. A copy of the Kirtland 7.5' USGS map (Exhibit C) is attached showing the proposed well site and other proposed or existing gas wells (all Richardson) within one mile. Richardson is the operator of all leases within >7,000'. Registered letters were sent on May 30, 2003 to the only affected interest owners. Copies are provided.

IV. The proposed well and Basin Fruitland coal gas pro ration unit (east half Section 23 = 320 acres) are both marked on the attached copy of the Kirtland USGS map (Exhibit E). Solid line represents the pro ration unit. Dashed line represents the drilling window.

The proposed well and Pictured Cliffs pro ration unit (southeast quarter of Section 23 = 160 acres) are both marked on Exhibit F. Solid line represents the pro ration unit. Dashed line represents the drilling window.

V. Terrain forces a non-standard location. The well was initially staked at a standard location of 1594 FSL & 1732 FEL (see Exhibit G). This was rejected because of the height of the cuts (13') and fills (13') on the pad and length (700') of road along a sandy ridge with a 10% grade. The non-standard location (435' FSL & 2050' FEL) has a maximum cut and fill of 2' each. It overlaps a plugged and abandoned Gallup oil well (NW Cha Cha Unit 34-23) beside a power line. No new road is needed since it overlaps an existing road.

VI. Archaeology is not an issue.

VII. The non-standard location is requested because of terrain. All of the drilling window is a series of steep narrow sandy ridges.

VIII. Directional drilling is not a feasible for such a shallow well.

IX. I hereby certify that notice has been sent to the following lessees, lessors, operators of spacing units, or owners of undrilled leases which adjoin the applicant's spacing unit on one or more of the two sides or the single closest corner to the proposed well and that the information is current and correct:

Navajo Nation Minerals Department Paul & Patricia Slayton

Brian Wood, Consultant

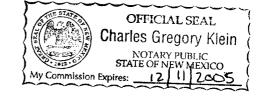
<u>May 30, 2003</u> Date



STATE OF NEW MEXICO ) ) SS: COUNTY OF SANTA FE )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 30th day of May, 2003 by Brian Wood. Witness my hand and official seal.

Notary Public



My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_12 II 2005

Business Address: 37 VERANO LOOP, SANTA FE, NM 87508

cc: Aztec OCD, BLM, Richardson

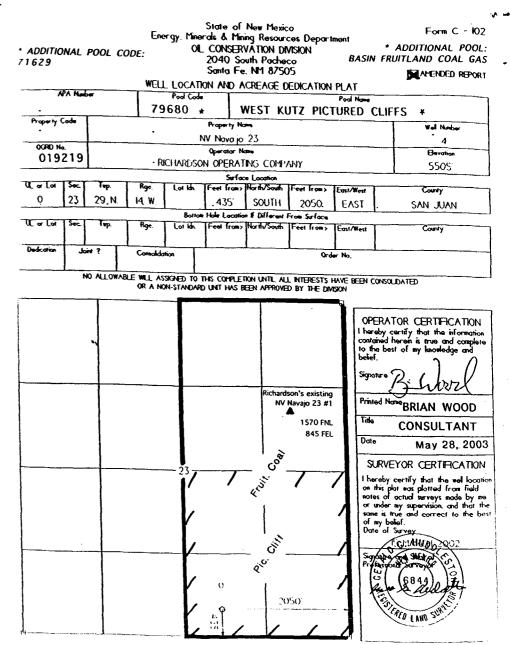


I van 1100 S (August 1999) DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR UUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS Do not use this form for proposals to drill or to re-enter an abandoned well. Use Form 3160-3 (APD) for such proposals. SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE - Other instructions on reverse side					FORM A 9778074123 OMB No. (004 0135 Expires Noromber 30, 2000 5. Lease Serial No. 14-20-603-2198A 6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name Navajo 7. If Unit or CA/Agreement, Name and/or Ni	
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3a Address 3100 LaP Farmingto 4 Location of Well (Foologe, Sec	(505) 564	3b. Phone No. (include area code) (505) 564-3100		10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory Area W Kutz PC & Basin Fr. Coal		
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13. 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 brizontally, 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 BLMBIA. 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 spite is aready for final inspection.)

Add Basin Fruitland Coal Gas as additional zone.

Otherwise, no change in down hole or surface use plans.



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cc: BIA, BLM, Jones, Tribe 14. Thereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct Name (Printed/Typed) **BRIAN WOOD** CONSULTANT (505) 466-8120 Title 5-28-03 Date 10000 2222 Third through THIS SPACE FOR FEDERAL OR STATE OFFICE USE Approved by Title Date Conditions of approval, if any, are attached. Approval of this notice does not warrant or certify that the applicant holds legal or equitable tile to those rights in the subject lease which would enrife the applicant to conduct operations thereon. Office

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and Table 43 U.S.C. Section 1212, make it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the Unite States are false, featimous of fraidulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.



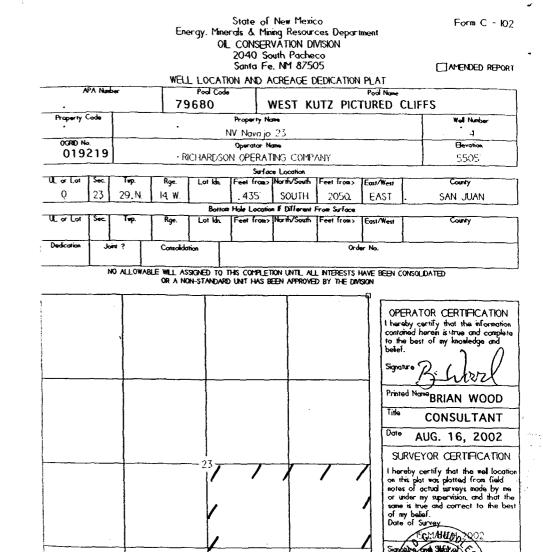


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4. Bond to cover the operations unless covered by an existing bond on file (see

Such other site specific information and/or plans as may be required by the

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Notice of Staking filed as "Navajo 23 #4"

A Surface Use Plan (if the location is on National Forest System Lands, the

SUPO shall be filed with the appropriate Forest Service Office).

1 Well plat certified by a registered surveyor

A Drilling Plan

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Operator certification

Application approval does not warrant or certify the the applicant holds legal or equitable title to those rights in the subject lease which would entitle the applicant to conduct operations thereon

Fonditions of approval, if any, are attached.

Tule 18/U/S/C. Section 1001 and Title 43/U.S.C. Section 1212, make it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United states any false, factoous or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.



#### Drilling Program

## 1. ESTIMATED FORMATION TOPS

Eormation Name Kirtland Shale Fruitland Coal Pictured Cliffs Ss Total Depth (TD)*	<u>GL Depth</u> 000' 955' 1,060' 1,300'	<u>KB Depth</u> 5' 960' 1,065' 1 305'	<u>Elevation</u> +5,505' +4,550' +4,445'
* all elevations reflect the	1,300' ungraded ground leve	1,305' el of 5,505'	+4,205'

#### 2. NOTABLE ZONES

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Gas Zones	Water Zones	o
Fruitland Coal		Coal Zones
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Water zones will be protected with casing, cement, and weighted mud. Fresh water encountered during drilling will be recorded by depth, cased, and cemented. Oil and gas shows will be tested for commercial potential based on the well site geologist's recommendations.

## 3. PRESSURE CONTROL

The drilling contract has not yet been awarded, thus the exact BOP model to be used is not yet known. (A typical 2,000 psi model is on PAGE 3.) Double ram or annular system with a rotating head will be used. All ram preventers and related equipment will be hydraulically tested at nipple up and after any use under pressure to 1000 psi.

Blind rams will be hydraulically activated and checked for operational readiness





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each time pipe is pulled out of the hole. All checks of the BOP stack and equipment will be noted on the daily drilling report. BOP equipment will include a kelly cock, floor safety valve, and choke manifold all rated to 2000 psi. Maximum expected pressure is ~440 psi.

#### 4. CASING & CEMENT

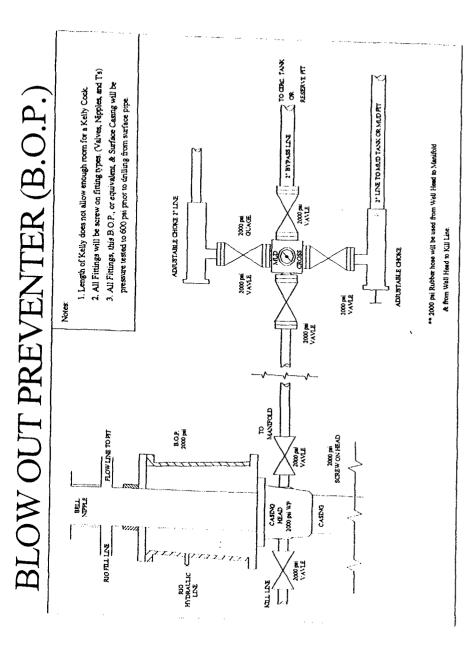
Hole Size	<u>o.p.</u>	Weight (lb/ft)	Grade	Age	<b>GL</b> Setting Depth
8-3/4"	7"	20	K-55	New	120'
6-1/4"	4-1/2"	10.5	K-55	New	1,300'

Surface casing will be cemented to surface with a36 cu. ft. (a30 sacks) Class B + 2% CaCl<sub>2</sub>. Volume is based on 100% excess, yield of 1.18 cu. ft./sk, and slurry weight of 15.6 PPG. W.O.C. = 12 hours. Pressure test surface casing to 600 psi for 30 minutes.

Production casing hole will first be cleaned of rock chips by circulating at least 150% of hole volume with mud to the surface. Thirty barrels of fresh water will next be circulated. Lead with ~155 cubic feet (~75 sacks) Class B with 2% metasilicate (yield = 2.06 cubic feet per sack, slurry weight = 12.5 pounds per gallon). Tail with ~95 cubic feet (~80 sacks) of Class B with 2% CaCl<sub>2</sub> (yield = 1.18 cubic feet per sack, slurry weight = 15.6 pounds per gallon). Total cement volume is ~250 cubic feet based on 75% excess and circulating to surface.

Production casing will have 4-1/2" cement guide shoe and self fill float collar. Float will be placed one joint above the shoe. Five centralizers will be spaced on every other joint starting above the shoe. Five turbolizers will be placed on every other joint starting from the top of the well.





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#### 5. MUD PROGRAM

Surface casing hole will be drilled with fresh water. Production casing hole will be drilled with a fresh water polymer mud. Weighting material will be drill solids or, if needed, barite. Maximum expected mud weight will be 8.7 pounds per gallon. Sufficient material to maintain mud properties, control lost circulation, and contain a blowout will be available at the well while drilling.

#### 6. CORING, TESTING, & LOGGING

No cores or drill stem tests are planned. Induction/GR and density log will be run from TD to surface.

#### 7. DOWN HOLE CONDITIONS

No abnormal pressures, temperatures, nor hydrogen sulfide are expected... Maximum pressure will be -520 psi.

#### 8. OTHER INFORMATION

The anticipated spud date is upon approval. It is expected it will take four days to drill and one week to complete the well.



#### Surface Use Plan

#### 1. DIRECTIONS & EXISTING ROADS (See PAGES 9 & 10)

From the San Juan River bridge in southwest Farmington ... Go southwest on NM 371 to the equivalent of Milepost 105.9 Then turn right and go W 2.4 miles on paved N-36 Then turn left and go S 0.9 miles on N-363 (NM State University Road) Then turn left at a white gate and go SE 0.5 mi. to the proposed well

Roads will be maintained to a standard at least equal to their present condition.

#### 2. ROAD TO BE BUILT OR UPGRADED

No new road will be built. No road will be upgraded.

#### 3. EXISTING WELLS (See PAGE 10)

Three gas wells, six oil wells, and seven plugged and abandoned wells are within a mile radius. There are no water or disposal wells within a mile according to NM Oil Conservation Division and NM State Engineer office records.

#### 4. PROPOSED PRODUCTION FACILITIES (See PAGES 13 & 14)

A meter run and separator will be installed on the pad. Surface equipment will be painted a flat tan or juniper green color. Two ~4" O. D. SDR-11 polyethylene pipelines will be buried by Richardson in one ~36" deep trench. The trench will run west 2,415.10' to Richardson's NV Kyle 23 #3. Gas line will operate at ~50 psi. Water line will operate ~60 psi. Test pressure will be ~128 psi. Test





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medium will be the well's own gas and water. Water will be discharged into the reserve pit. Burst pressure is 630 psi at 60° Celsius. Wall thickness is 0.318". Joints will be heat fused. Route will be posted with markers.

#### 5. WATER SUPPLY

Water will be trucked from a private water source in Farmington.

#### 6. CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS & METHODS

NM One Call (1-800-321-ALERT), NAPI, and Kenson will be notified before construction starts. Soil and brush will be stripped and stored east of the pit. A minimum 12 mil plastic liner will be installed in the reserve pit.

#### 7. WASTE DISPOSAL

All trash will be placed in a portable trash cage and hauled to the county landfill. There will be no trash burning. Once dry, contents of the reserve pit will be buried in place. Human waste will be disposed of in chemical toilets. Toilet contents will be hauled to an approved dump station.

#### 8. ANCILLARY FACILITIES

There will be no air strips or camps. Camper trailers may be on location for the company man, tool pusher, or mud logger.

9. WELL SITE LAYOUT



See Pages 11 and 12 for depictions of the well pad, cross section, cut and fill diagram, reserve pit, trash cage, access onto the location, parking, living facilities, and rig orientation.

#### 10. RECLAMATION

Reclamation starts once the reserve pit is dry. It usually takes a year for a reserve pit to fully evaporate, at which point it will be filled. The pad and filled pit will be contoured to a natural appearance, soil spread evenly over disturbed areas, and disturbed areas ripped or harrowed. BLM's "down south" (aka, dry or low mix or mix #2) seed mix (below) will be drilled at a depth and time to be determined by BLM.

4 pounds per acre western wheatgrass 2-1/2 pounds per acre Indian ricegrass 1-1/2 pound per acre blue grama grass 0.1 pound per acre antelope bitter brush 1/4 pound per acre four wing salt bush 1 pound per acre small burnet

If the well is a producer, then the pipeline route, reserve pit, and any other areas not needed for work overs will be reclaimed as described.

#### 11. SURFACE OWNER

The project is on Navajo Tribal Trust surface. Project Review Office phone is (928) 871-7040. Address is P. O. Box 9000, Window Rock, Az. 86515.

12. OTHER INFORMATION

The nearest hospital is a 15 minute drive away in southwest Farmington.





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### 13. <u>REPRESENTATION</u>

Anyone having questions concerning the APD should call:

Brian Wood, Consultant Permits West, Inc. 37 Verano Loop Santa Fe, NM 87508 (505) 466-8120 FAX: (505) 466-9682

Cellular: (505) 699-2276

Field representative will be:

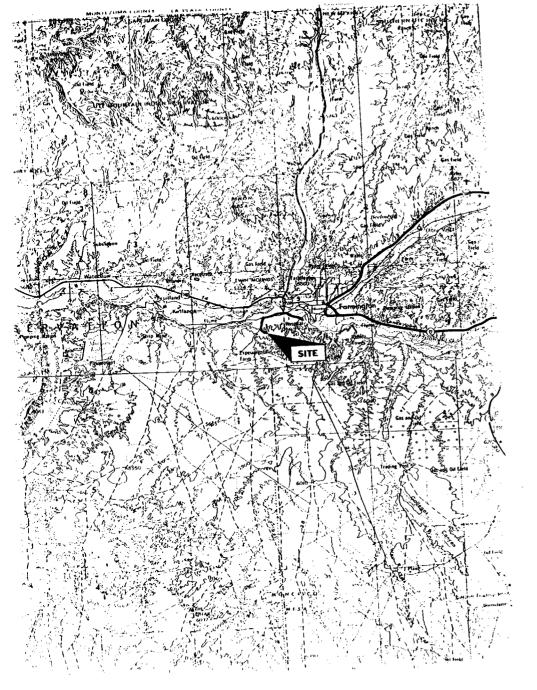
David Richardson Richardson Operating Co. 31,00 LaPlata Highway Farmington, NM 87401 (505) 564-3100 FAX: (505) 564-3109

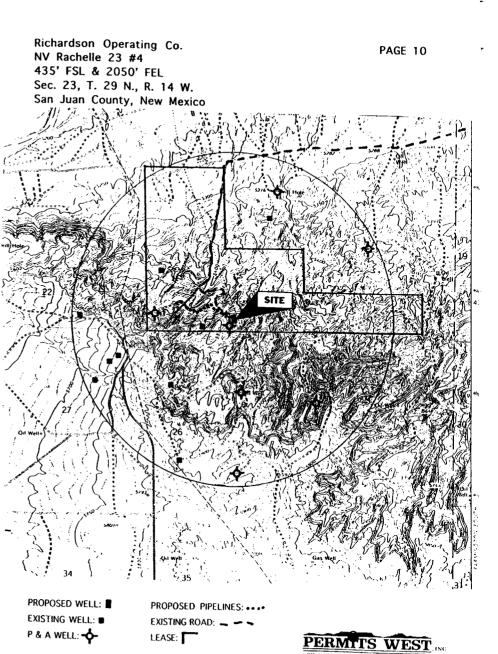
Richardson Operating Co. has the necessary consents from the proper lease owners to conduct lease operations in conjunction with this well. Bond coverage pursuant to 43 CFR 3104 for lease activities and operations is being provided by Richardson Operating Co. I hereby certify that I, or persons under my direct supervision, have inspected the proposed drill site and access route; that I am familiar with the conditions which currently exist; that the statements made in this plan are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and that the work associated with operations proposed herein will be performed by Richardson Operating Co. 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.

Brian Wood, Consultant

August 16, 2002 Date



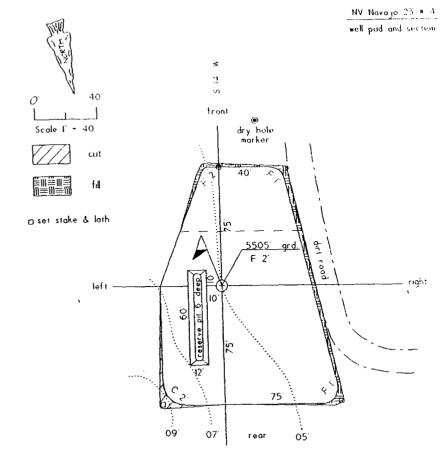




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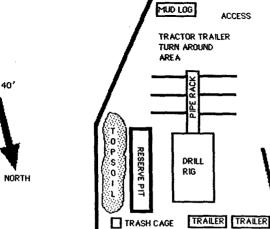
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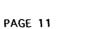


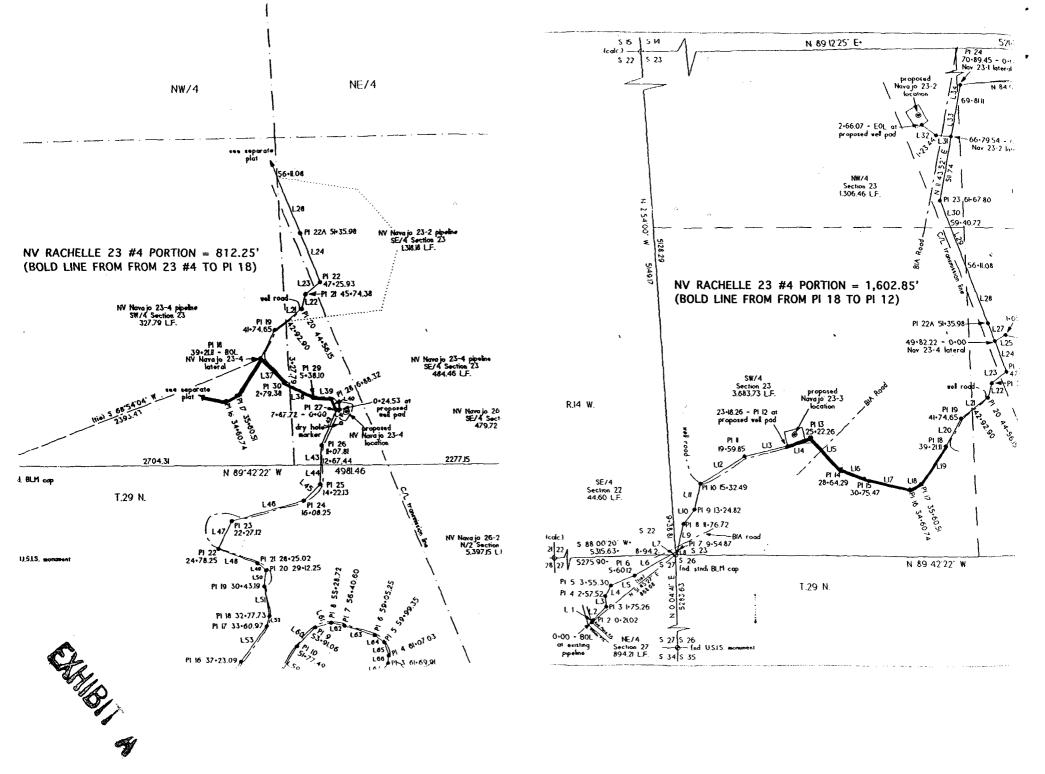


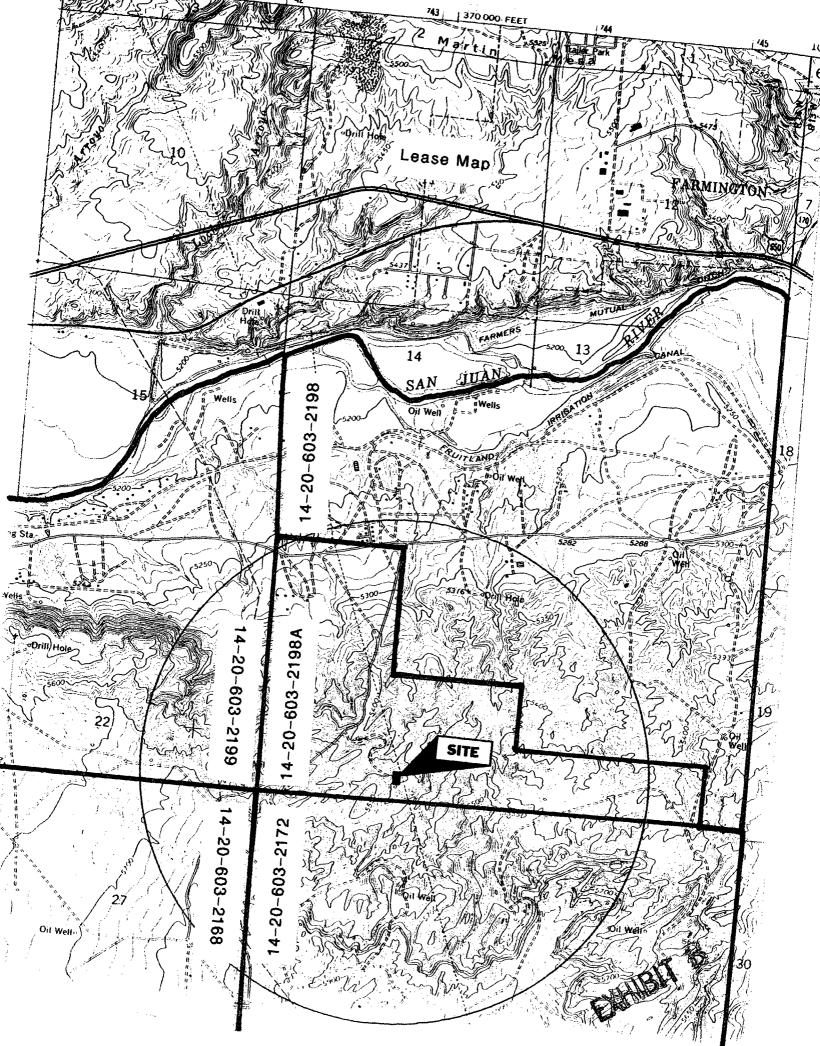


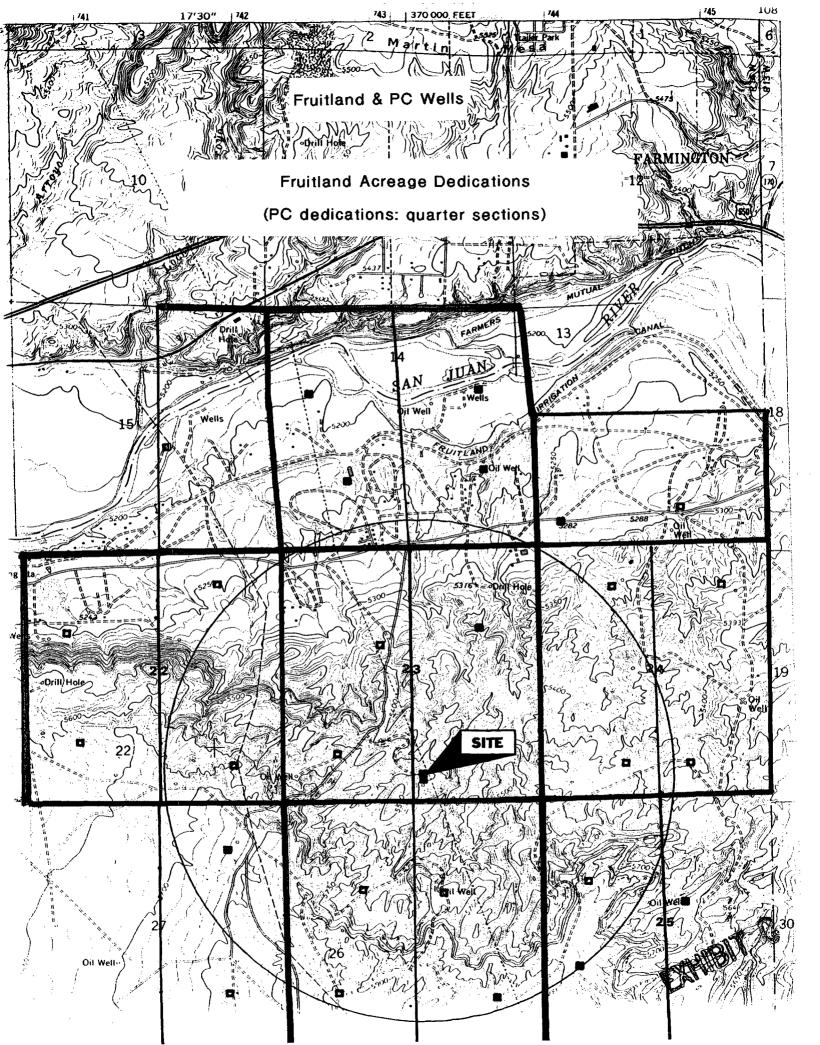












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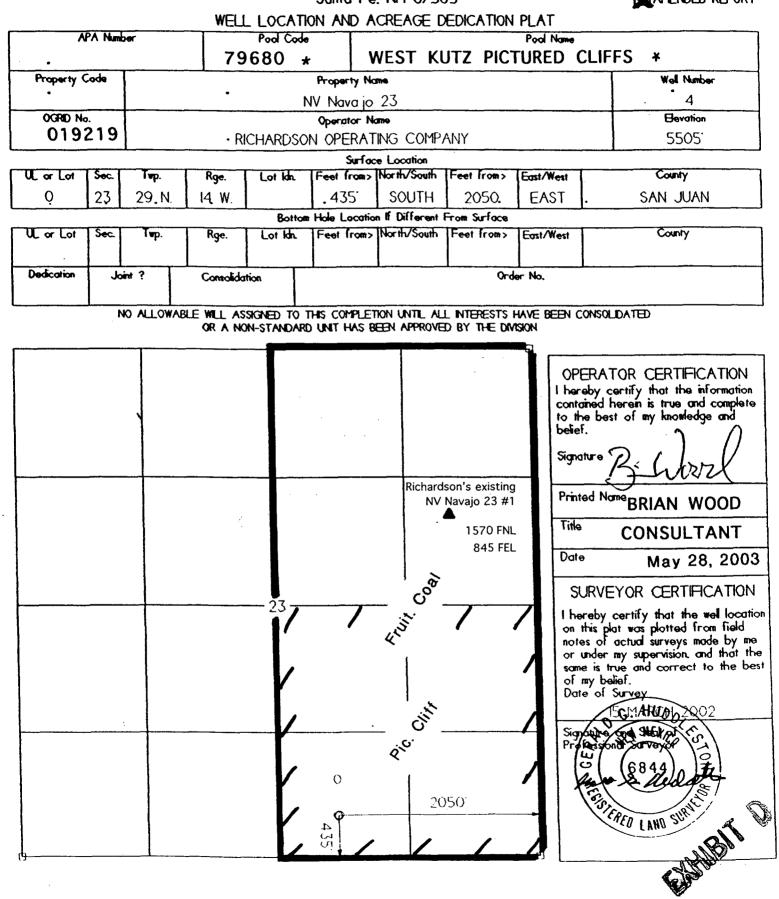
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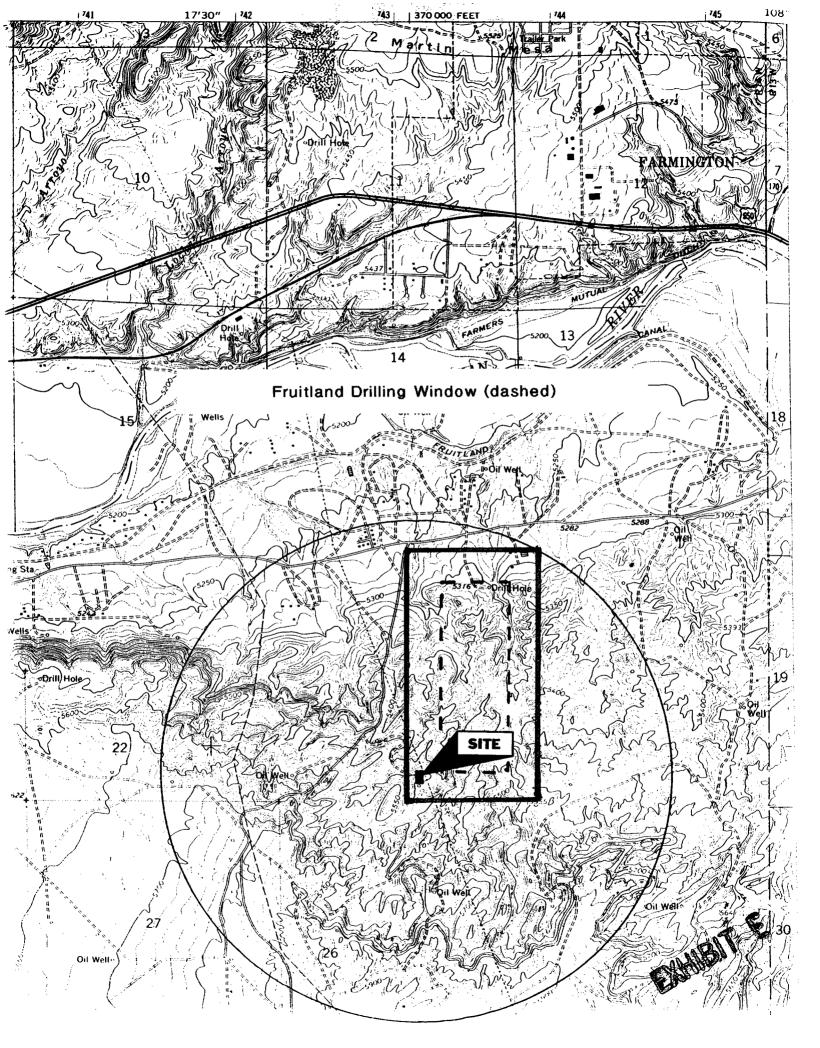
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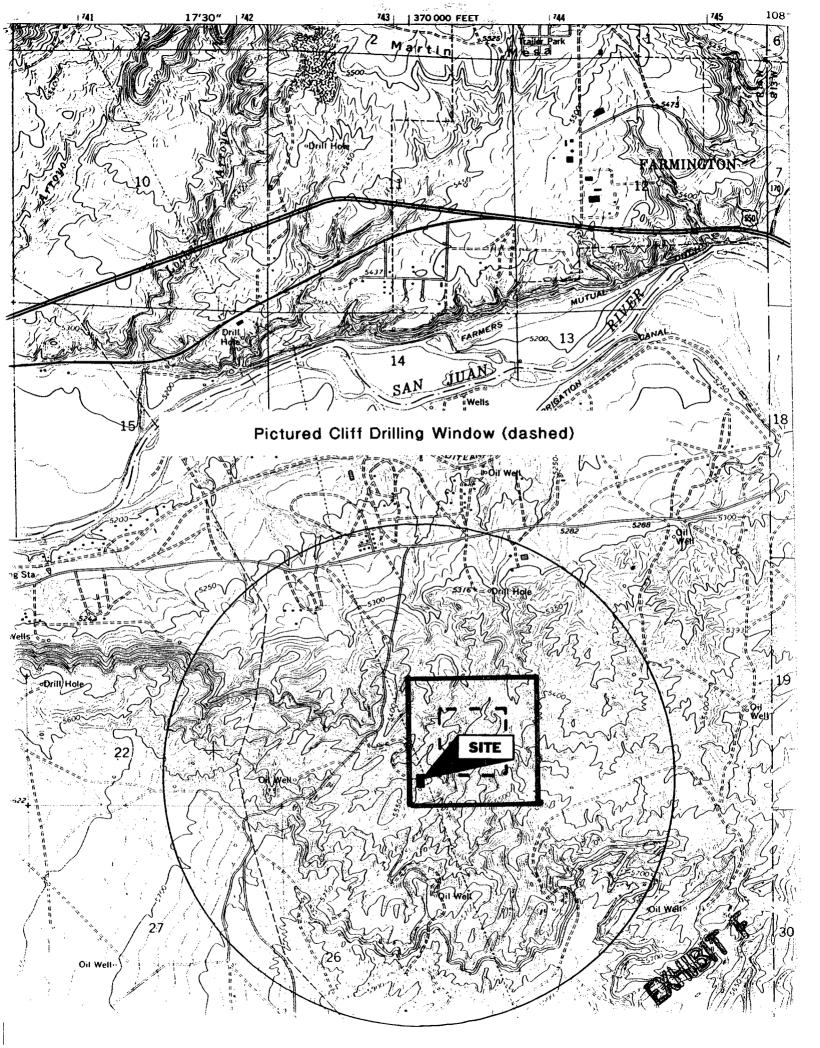
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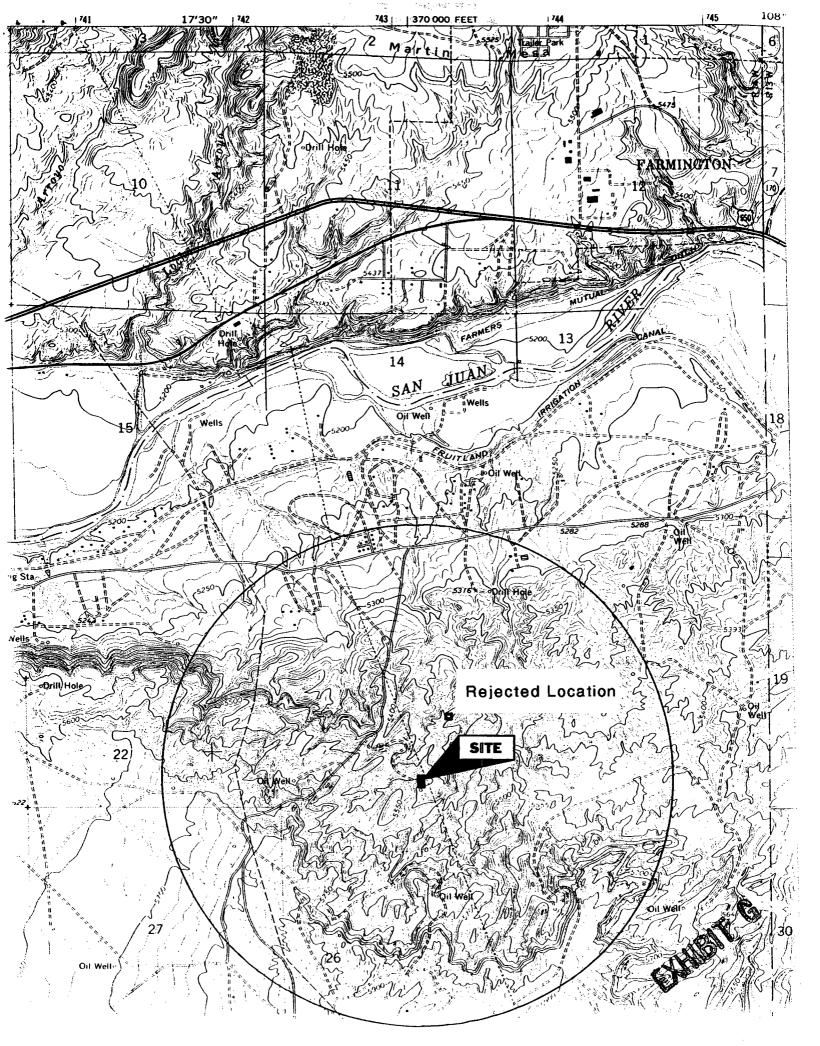
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(505) 466-8120

37 Verano Loop, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87508

May 29, 2003

Akhtar Zaman Minerals Dept. P. O. Box 1910 Window Rock, Az. 86515

Dear Akhtar,

As required by New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Rules, I am notifying you of the following non-standard location for a well. This letter is a notice only. No action is needed unless you have questions or objections.

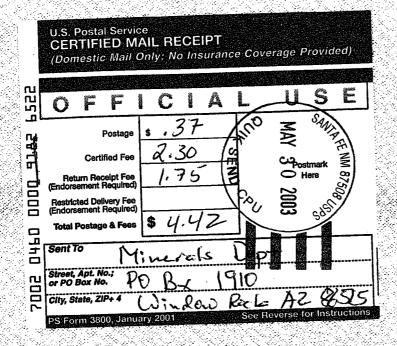
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Well Name:NV Rachelle 23 #4Total Depth: 1,300'Proposed Producing Zones:Fruitland coal gas & Pictured Cliffs sandstoneAcreage Dedication:Fruitland:E2 Sec. 23 & PC SE4 Sec. 23Location:435' FSL & 2050' FEL Sec. 23, T. 29 N., R. 14 W.,<br/>San Juan County, NM on Tribal lease 14-20-603-2198AApproximate Location:~3 air mile southwest of Farmington, NMApplicant Name:Richardson Operating Company(505) 564-3100Applicant's Address:3100 LaPlata Highway, Farmington, NM 87401

<u>Submittal Information</u>: Application for a non-standard location will be filed with the NM Oil Conservation Division. If they determine the application complies with the applicable regulations, then it will be approved. The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division address is 1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505. Their phone number is (505) 476-3440.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,





May 29, 2003

Paul & Patricia Slayton P. O. Box 1936 Roswell, NM 88202

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As required by New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Rules, I am notifying you of the following non-standard location for a well. This letter is a notice only. No action is needed unless you have questions or objections.

Richardson Operating Company is applying to drill its NV Rachelle 23 #4 gas well. Such a gas well must be  $\geq 660'$  from a quarter section line. Due to surface conditions (steep sandy terrain), the well is 225' too far south and 70' too far west. Thus, it is a non-standard location. The proposed well is 2,265' from the closest existing or proposed gas well (Richardson's NV Kyle 23 #). See attached map for more details.

Well Name:NV Rachelle 23 #4Total Depth: 1,300'Proposed Producing Zones:Fruitland coal gas & Pictured Cliffs sandstoneAcreage Dedication:Fruitland:E2 Sec. 23 & PC SE4 Sec. 23Location:435' FSL & 2050' FEL Sec. 23, T. 29 N., R. 14 W.,<br/>San Juan County, NM on Tribal lease 14-20-603-2198AApproximate Location:~3 air mile southwest of Farmington, NMApplicant Name:Richardson Operating Company(505) 564-3100Applicant's Address:3100 LaPlata Highway, Farmington, NM 87401

<u>Submittal Information:</u> Application for a non-standard location will be filed with the NM Oil Conservation Division. If they determine the application complies with the applicable regulations, then it will be approved. The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division address is 1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505. Their phone number is (505) 476-3440.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

