

State of New Mexico  
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January 30, 2013

Chevron U.S.A., Inc.  
c/o Holland & Hart LLP, Attorneys  
Attn: Mr. Adam G. Rankin

ADMINISTRATIVE NON-STANDARD LOCATION ORDER

**Administrative Order NSL-6741**  
**Administrative Application Reference No. p1302341490**

Chevron U.S.A., Inc.  
OGRID 4323  
**Big Sinks 16 24 31 State Well No. 1H**  
**API No. 30-015**

**Proposed Location:**

	<u>Footages</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Sec.</u>	<u>Twsp</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>County</u>
Surface	150 FSL & 400 FWL	M	16	24S	31E	Eddy
Penetration Point	330 FSL & 400 FWL	M	16	24S	31E	Eddy
Terminus	200 FNL & 400 FWL	D	16	24S	31E	Eddy

**Proposed Project Area:**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Pool</u>	<u>Pool Code</u>
W/2 W/2 of Section 16	160	Cotton Draw; Bone Spring	96546

Reference is made to your application received on January 22, 2013.

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].

It is our understanding that you are seeking this location for engineering reasons.

It is also understood that notice of this application to offsetting operators or owners is unnecessary due to common ownership.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jami Bailey", with a stylized, cursive script.

Jami Bailey  
Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Artesia  
New Mexico State Land Office