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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
- Engineering Bureau -  
1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505



**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]

NSL-7426

[1] TYPE OF APPLICATION - Check Those Which Apply for [A] BC OPERATING, INC [160825]

[A] Location - Spacing Unit - Simultaneous Dedication API# 30-015-42730  
 NSL  NSP  SD  
 NAME: CASE 16 STATE # 1 H

Check One Only for [B] or [C]  
 [B] Commingling - Storage - Measurement POOL: FOREHAND RANCH; WOLFCAMP  
 DHC  CTB  PLC  PC  OLS  OLM (GAS) [# 76780]

[C] Injection - Disposal - Pressure Increase - Enhanced Oil Recovery  
 WFX  PMX  SWD  IPI  EOR  PPR

[D] Other: Specify \_\_\_\_\_

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[2] NOTIFICATION REQUIRED TO: - Check Those Which Apply, or Does Not Apply

- [A]  Working, Royalty or Overriding Royalty Interest Owners  
 [B]  Offset Operators, Leaseholders or Surface Owner  
 [C]  Application is One Which Requires Published Legal Notice  
 [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.

[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.

Jordan L. Kessler  
Print or Type Name

Signature

Attorney  
Title

5/27/16  
Date

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e-mail Address

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May 27, 2016

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

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

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**Re: Application of BC Operating, Inc. for administrative approval of an unorthodox well location for its Cass 16 State No. 1H Well to be located in the N/2 of Section 16, Township 23 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico.**

Dear Mr. Catanach:

BC Operating, Inc. (OGRID No. 160825) seeks administrative approval of an unorthodox well location for its **Cass 16 State No. 1H Well** to be completed within the Forehand Ranch Wolfcamp (Gas) Pool (Pool Code 76780) underlying the N/2 of Section 16, Township 23 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico. This well will be drilled from a surface location 330 feet from the North line and 240 feet from the East line of Section 17, Township 23 South, Range 27 East. The upper most perforation will be 330 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the West line of Section 16 (Unit D) and the lower most perforation will be 330 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the East line of Section 16 (Unit A). Since this acreage is governed by the Division Rule 19.15.15.10.B which provides for wells in defined gas pools in Eddy County to be spaced on 320 acres and located no closer than 660 feet to the outer boundary of the spacing unit, the completed interval for this well will be unorthodox. Approval of the unorthodox completed interval will allow for efficient well spacing and prevent waste of a productive reservoir.

**Exhibit A** is the Well Location and Acreage Dedication Plat (Form C-102), which shows that the completed interval of the proposed **Cass 16 State No. 1H Well** encroaches on the spacing and proration units to the North, Northwest, West, East, and Northeast.

**Exhibit B** is a Midland map showing an outline of the subject acreage and the surrounding sections.

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**Exhibit C** is a land plat for Section 16 and the surrounding sections that shows the proposed **Cass 16 State No. 1H Well** in relation to adjoining units and existing wells. Exhibit C also contains a list of the parties affected by the encroachment. A copy of this application with all attachments has been sent by certified mail to each affected party advising them that if they have an objection it must be filed in writing with the division within 20 days from the date the division receives this application. A courtesy a copy of this application has also been provided to the New Mexico State Land Office.

**Exhibit D** is a notice of publication directed to unlocatable unknown heirs of affected interest owners.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jordan L. Kessler".

Jordan L. Kessler

**ATTORNEY FOR BC OPERATING, INC.**

cc: New Mexico State Land Office  
P.O. Box 1148  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

District I  
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240  
Phone: (575) 393-6161 Fax: (575) 393-0720  
District II  
811 S. First St., Artesia, NM 88210  
Phone: (575) 744-1283 Fax: (575) 748-9720  
District III  
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410  
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District IV  
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505  
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State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
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Form C-102  
Revised August 1, 2011  
Submit one copy to appropriate  
District Office

AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

<sup>1</sup> API Number 30-015-42730		<sup>2</sup> Pool Code 76780		<sup>3</sup> Pool Name FOREHAND RANCH; WOLFCAMP (GAS) ✓	
<sup>4</sup> Property Code 313797		<sup>5</sup> Property Name CASS 16 STATE			<sup>6</sup> Well Number 1H
<sup>7</sup> OGRIL 160825		<sup>8</sup> Operator Name B.C. OPERATING, INC.			<sup>9</sup> Elevation 3159

<sup>10</sup> Surface Location

UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
A	17	T23S	R27E		330'	NORTH	240'	EAST	EDDY

<sup>11</sup> Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
A	16	T23S	R27E		330'	NORTH	240'	EAST	EDDY

<sup>12</sup> Dedicated Acres 320.00	<sup>13</sup> Joint or Infill	<sup>14</sup> Consolidation Code	<sup>15</sup> Order No.
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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.

**<sup>16</sup> OPERATOR CERTIFICATION**  
I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this organization either owns a working interest or unleased mineral interest in the land including the proposed bottom hole location or has a right to drill this well at that location pursuant to a contract with an owner of such a mineral or working interest, or to a voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order heretofore entered by the division.

Signature: Pam Stevens Date: 10/1/14

Printed Name: Pam Stevens

E-mail Address: pstevens@bcoperating.com

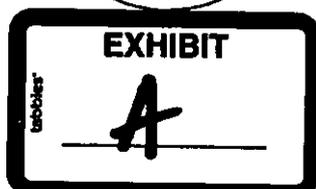
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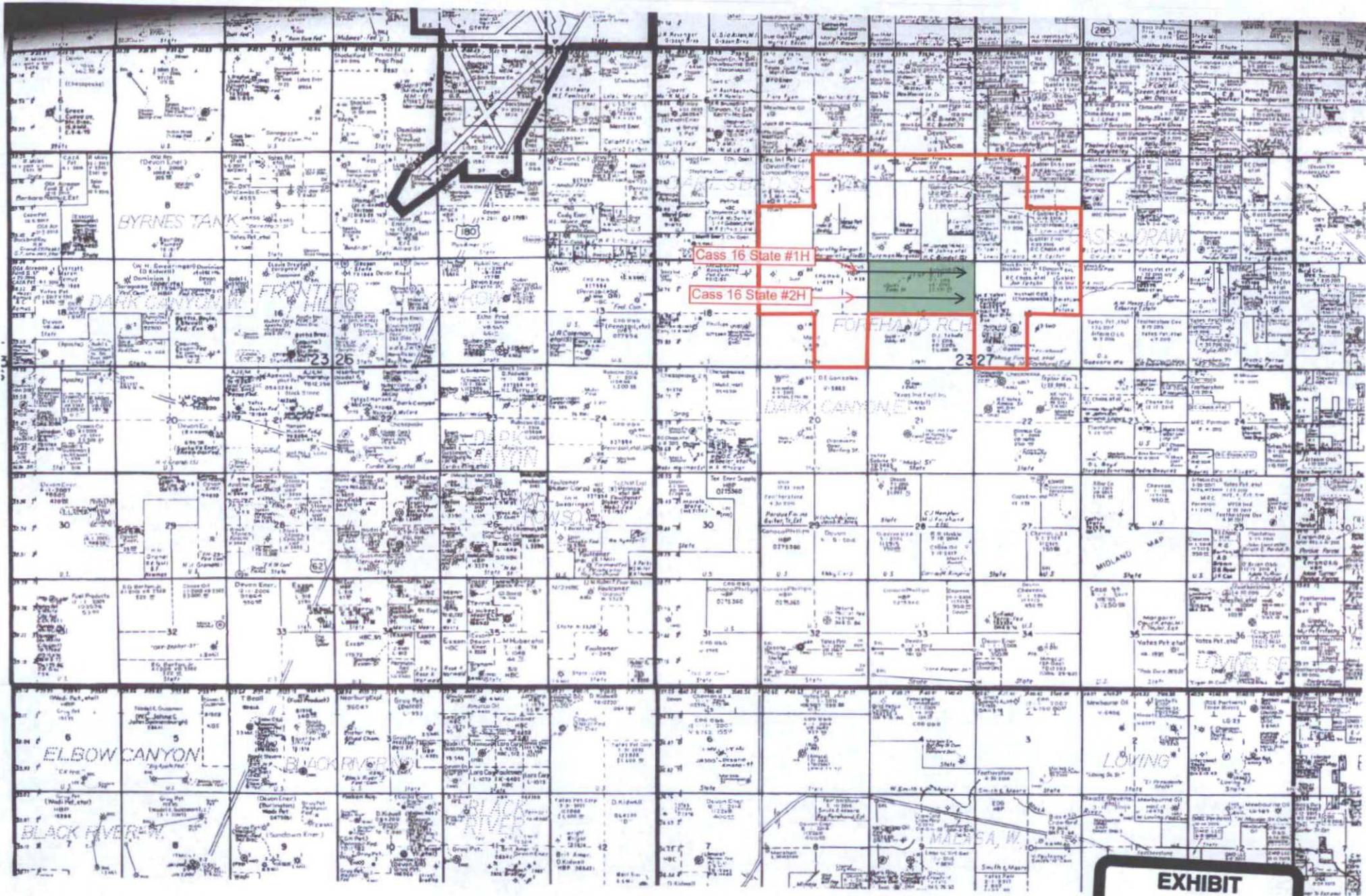
**<sup>17</sup> SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION**  
I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.

SEPTEMBER 30, 2014  
Date of Survey

Signature and Seal of Professional Surveyor: Lloyd P. Short

Certificate Number: 21653





Cass 16 State #1H

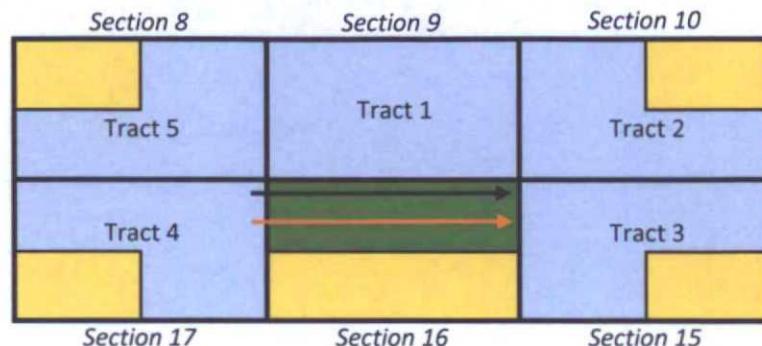
Cass 16 State #2H

EXHIBIT  
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Offset Tracts That Need Notification

BC Operating, Inc. Tract

Unaffected Tracts



**Cass 16 State #1H**

SHL: 330' FNL & 240' FEL, 17-T23S-27E  
 BHL: 330' FNL 240' FEL, 16-T23S-27E

First Take Point: 330' FNL & 330' FWL, 16-T23S-R27E

**Cass 16 State #2H**

SHL: 1650' FNL & 240' FEL, 17-T23S-27E  
 BHL: 1650' FNL 240' FEL, 16-T23S-27E

First Take Point: 1650' FNL & 330' FWL, 16-T23S-R27E

<u>Tract 1 Ownership:</u>		TRACKING NUMBER INFORMATION
<b>Merit Management Partners IV, L.P.</b> 13727 Noel Road, Suite 500 Dallas, Texas 75240	SENE, NESE (100%)	7015 3010 0001 8827 3127
	SWNE, SESE, W2SE (100%)	
	SWNW, NWSW, S2SW (100%)	
	SENW, NESW (100%) N2N2 (100%)	
<u>Tract 2 Ownership:</u>		TRACKING NUMBER INFORMATION
<b>Chase Oil Corporation</b> 11344 Lovington Hwy. Artesia, New Mexico 88210	S2SE (64.166667%)	7015 3010 0001 8827 3134
	W2SW (17.708334%)	
	E2SW (85%)	
<b>Robert Chase</b> P.O. Box 297 Artesia, New Mexico 88211	S2SE (5%)	7015 3010 0001 8827 3141
	W2SW (1.041667%)	
	E2SW (5%)	

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<b>Ventana Minerals LLC</b> P.O. Box 359 Artesia, New Mexico 88211	S2SE (5%) W2SW (1.041667%) E2SW (5%)	7015 3010 0001 8827 3158
<b>DiaKan Minerals LLC</b> P.O. Box 693 Artesia, New Mexico 88211	S2SE (5%) W2SW (1.041667%) E2SW (5%)	7015 3010 0001 8827 3165
<b>BC Operating, Inc.</b> P.O. Box 50820 Midland, Texas 79701	S2SE (20.833333%)	NOT APPLICABLE
<b>MRC Permian Company</b> 5400 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1500 Dallas, Texas 75240	SE (100%) N2NW, SWNW (100%) N2SE (100%) W2SW (79.166666%)	7015 3010 0001 8827 3172
<u>Tract 3 Ownership:</u>		
<b>Chase Oil Corporation</b> 11352 Lovington Highway Artesia, NM 88210	E2NE (48.875%) NENW, NWNE (85%)	7015 3010 0001 8827 3134
<b>Robert Chase</b> P.O. Box 297 Artesia, New Mexico 88211	E2NE (2.875%) NENW, NWNE (5%)	7015 3010 0001 8827 3141
<b>DiaKan Minerals LLC</b> P.O. Box 693 Artesia, New Mexico 88211	E2NE (2.875%) NENW, NWNE (5%)	7015 3010 0001 8827 3165
<b>Ventana Minerals LLC</b> P.O. Box 359 Artesia, New Mexico 88211	E2NE (2.875%) NENW, NWNE (5%)	7015 3010 0001 8827 3158
<b>Tritex Energy A, LP</b> 15455 Dallas Parkway, Suite 600 Addison, Texas 75001	SWNE, NWNW, S2NW (100%) SW (100%)	7015 3010 0001 8827 3196
<b>Charlie Thomas Stewart</b> Unknown Heirs	E2NW (2.5%)	PUBLISHED NOTICE
<b>Austin E. Stewart</b> Unknown Heirs	E2NW (20%)	PUBLISHED NOTICE

<b>Blanche M. Stewart</b>	E2NW (20%)	PUBLISHED NOTICE
Unknown Heirs		
<u>Tract 4 Ownership:</u>		
<b>Mobil Producing Texas &amp; NM Inc.</b> P.O. Box 2305 Houston, Texas 77252	Lessee of Record - L0-0428 (E2SE - 100%) Lessee of Record - L0-0429 (NW, W2NE, S2 -100%)	7015 3010 0001 8827 3202
<u>Tract 5 Ownership:</u>		
<b>ConocoPhillips Company</b> P.O. Box 7500 Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74005	Lessee of Record - BLM NMNM 0 540701A (SW)	7015 3010 0001 8827 3219
<b>Merit Management Partners IV, LP</b> 13727 Noel Road, #500 Dallas, Texas 75240	N2NE (91.666666%) SENE, NESE, S2SE (91.666666%) SWNE, NWSE (100%)	7015 3010 0001 8827 3127
<b>BC Operating, Inc.</b> P.O. Box 50820 Midland, Texas 79701	N2NE (8.333333%) SENE, NESE, S2SE (8.333333%)	NOT APPLICABLE

**Affidavit of Publication**

State of New Mexico,  
County of Eddy, ss.

**Erin CoatsSmith**, being first duly  
sworn, on oath says:

That she is the Publisher of the  
Carlsbad Current-Argus, a  
newspaper published daily at the  
City of Carlsbad, in said county of  
Eddy, state of New Mexico and of  
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qualified newspaper under the laws  
of the State wherein legal notices  
and advertisements may be  
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thereof on the date as follows, to wit:

May 10 2016

That the cost of publication is **\$75.49**  
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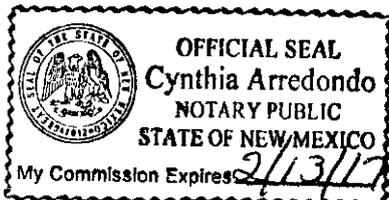
*Erin CoatsSmith*

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 18 day of May,  
2016

*Cynthia Arredondo*

My commission Expires  
2/13/17

Notary Public



May 10, 2016  
To: Charlie Thomas Stewart, his heirs and devisees, Austin E. Stewart, his heirs and devisees, Blanche M. Stewart, her heirs and devisees.  
Application of BC Operating, Inc. for administrative approval of an unorthodox well location for its Cass 16 State No. 2H Well to be located in the N/2 of Section 16, Township 23 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order approval of an unorthodox well location for its Cass 16 State No. 1H Well to be completed within the Forehand Ranch Wolfcamp (Gas) Pool (Pool Code 76780) underlying the N/2 of Section 16, Township 23 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico. The completed interval of the proposed Cass 16 State No. 1H Well encroaches on the spacing and proration units to the North, Northwest, West, East, and Northeast. If you have any questions about this application, please contact Caleb Hopson at BC Operating, Inc. 432-684-9696 ext. 762 or chopson@bcoperating.com. If no objection is received within this twenty-day period, this application may be approved administratively by the Division.



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May 27, 2016

**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

TO: Affected Parties

**Re: Application of BC Operating, Inc. for administrative approval of an unorthodox well location for its Cass 16 State No. 1H Well to be located in the N/2 of Section 16, Township 23 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico.**

To Land Manager:

Enclosed is a copy of the above-referenced application which was filed with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on this date. Any objection to this application must be filed in writing within twenty days from this date with the applicant and the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87505. If no objection is received within this twenty-day period, this application may be approved administratively by the Division.

If you have any questions about this application, please contact the following:

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Sincerely,

Jordan L. Kessler  
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## **Lowe, Leonard, EMNRD**

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**From:** Lowe, Leonard, EMNRD  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2016 9:58 AM  
**To:** 'Jordan L. Kessler'  
**Cc:** McMillan, Michael, EMNRD; Goetze, Phillip, EMNRD; Jones, William V, EMNRD; Bayliss, Randolph, EMNRD; Sharp, Karen, EMNRD; McMillan, Michael, EMNRD; Goetze, Phillip, EMNRD; Jones, William V, EMNRD; 'lisa@rwbyram.com'; Holm, Anchor E.; Martin, Ed  
**Subject:** NSL - 7426 \_Cass 16 State Well No. 1H\_6 23S 27E, Eddy County

Ms. Jordan Kessler,

The following permits has been issued and will soon be available on the Division's web site:  
<http://ocdimage.emnrd.state.nm.us/imaging/WellFileCriteria.aspx>

### **NSL-7426**

BC Operating, Inc.

API: 30-015-42730

WELL: Cass 16 State Well No. 1H; 16 23S 27E; Eddy County

### **Leonard Lowe**

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