

J. GREGORY MERRION
PETROLEUM ENGINEER
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FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO

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August 24, 1962

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
Post Office Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. A. L. Porter

Re: J. Gregory Merrion & Associates
No. 4 Edna Well
SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4,
Section 7, Township 24 North,
Range 6 West, Rio Arriba
County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

The subject well for which application to drill has been filed is located 1,733 feet from the north line and 1,147 feet from the east line of the section. This is a non-standard location in that it is closer than 330 feet from the quarter quarter section line. The non-standard location was necessitated by rough topography. I own all of the acreage in the section.

I will appreciate it if you can issue a non-standard location order for this well.

Very truly yours,

J. Gregory Merrion
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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 871

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

August 28, 1962

**Mr. Emery Arnold
District Supervisor
Oil Conservation Commission
1000 Rio Brazos Road
Aztec, New Mexico**

**Re: J. Gregory Merrion & Associates,
Edna Well No. 4, SE/4 NE/4 of
Section 7, Township 24 North,
Range 6 West, Rio Arriba County,
New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Arnold:

We have received an application from J. Gregory Merrion for administrative approval of an unorthodox location for the above well. He requests a location 1733 feet from the North line and 1147 feet from the East line of Section 7 because of rough topography.

Would you please look into this matter and advise us at your earliest convenience as to whether or not you feel the topography in the area would justify granting the application. If you feel the topography does justify such a location, the application can be granted immediately as Mr. Merrion states he owns all of the acreage in the section. However, we will not issue an administrative order until we have received your approval of the location.

Very truly yours,

**JAMES M. DURRETT, Jr.,
Attorney**

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Oil Conservation Commission

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1000 RIO BRAZOS ROAD
AZTEC, NEW MEXICO

September 7, 1962

Oil Conservation Commission
Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attn: Mr. James M. Durrett, Jr., Attorney

Re: J. Gregory Merrion & Associates
#4 Edna, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 7-24N-6W
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Durrett:

A field inspection of the above location was made by Mr. W. B. Smith of this office on September 5, 1962. He reports that the well is located on the edge of a cliff which extends across the 40-acre unit. It is not possible to move into the valley to the East of this cliff without pushing the East line of Section 7 closer than the standard distance.

As the Devils Fork spacing rules are rather restrictive in that there is only about an acre of ground in each 40 on which a standard location can be drilled and as Mr. Merrion owns the offset acreage I hereby recommend that his application for a non-standard location be approved.

Yours very truly

Emery C. Arnold
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Supervisor, District #3

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