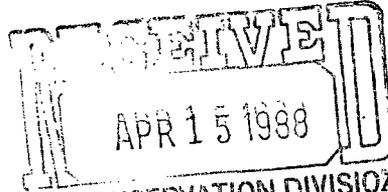


Release Date
May 4, 1988

By DC

MERIDIAN OIL



OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION April 13, 1988
SANTA FE

Mr. William LeMay
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
Post Office Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

NSL-2520
RULE-104 F(E)
Blanco Fruitland Pool
160 Acres ded.
SW 1/4 Sec 4

Dear Mr. LeMay:

This is a request for administrative approval for an unorthodox gas well location in the Undesignated Fruitland Pool.

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Sincerely yours,

Peggy Doak

OK E. D.

encl.

WAIVER

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By: _____

Date: _____

cc: Tenneco Oil

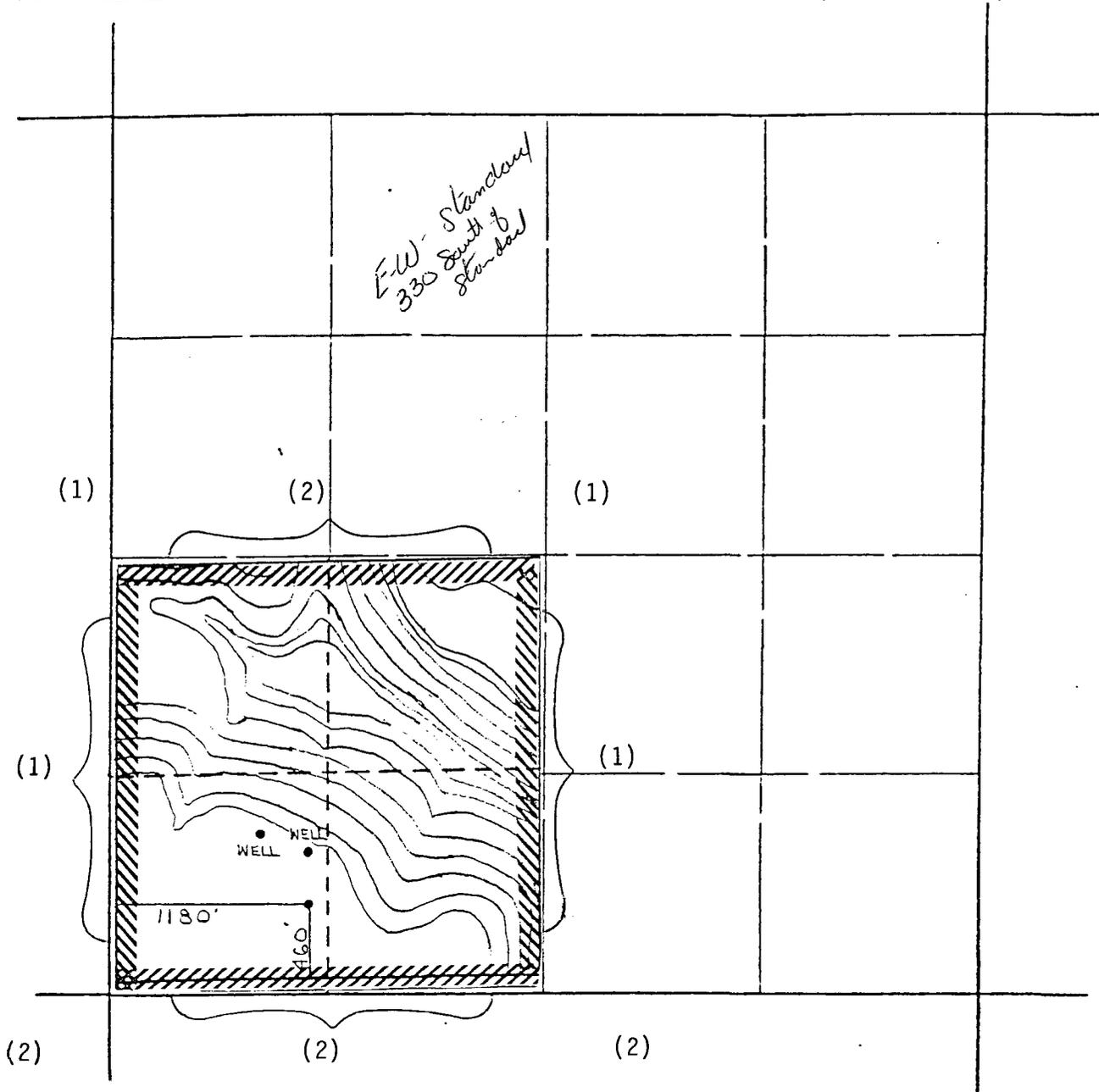
MERIDIAN OIL INC.

Well Name HOWELL A #301, Undesignated Fruitland

Footage----- 460' FSL, 1180' FWL

APPLICATION FOR NON-STANDARD LOCATION

County San Juan State New Mexico Section 4 Township 30N Range 8W



REMARKS: OFFSET OPERATORS:

- (1) Tenneco Oil Company
- (2) Meridian Oil Inc.

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All distances must be from the outer boundaries of the Section.

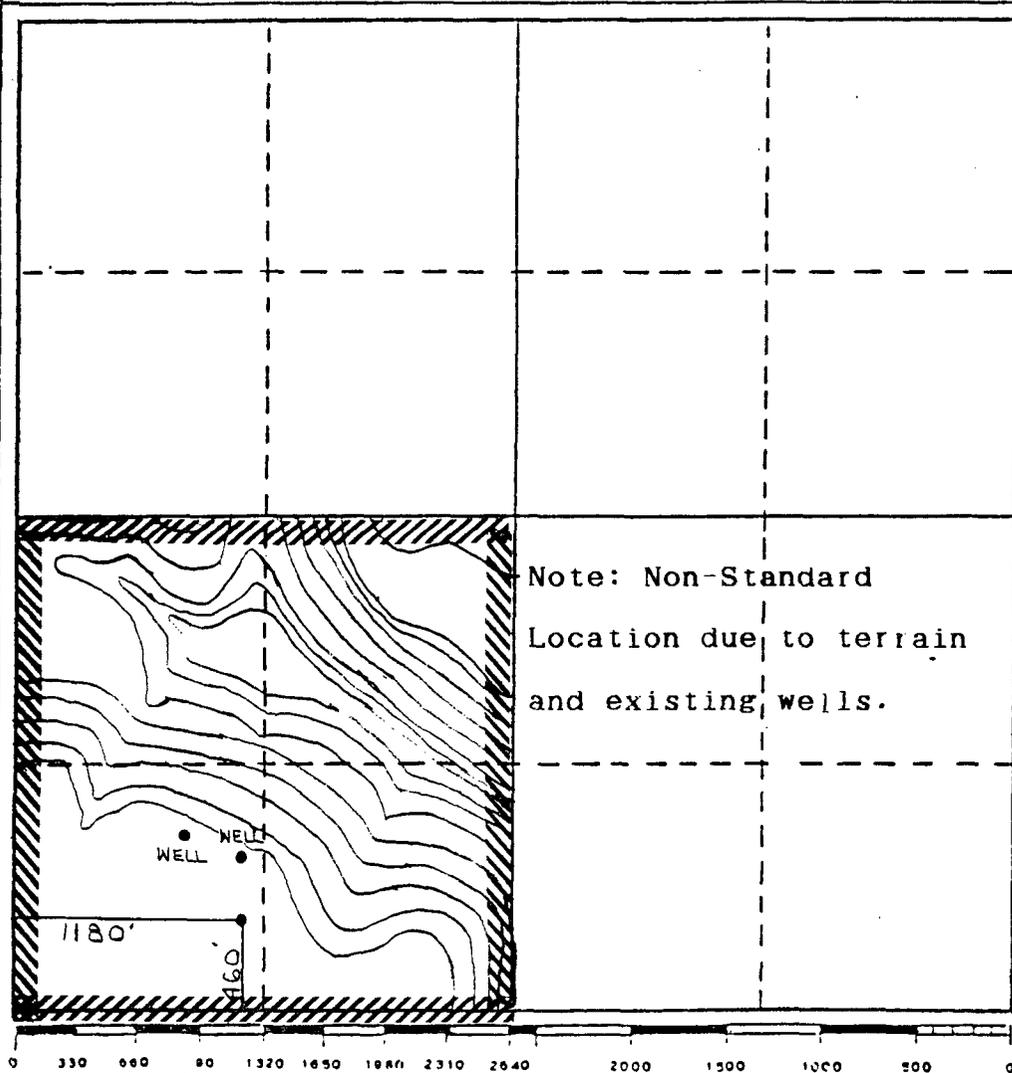
Operator Meridian Oil Co.			Lease Howell A (SF-078596)			Well No. 301		
Unit Letter M	Section 4	Township T30N	Range R8W	County San Juan				
Actual Footage Location of Wells 460 feet from the South line and 1180 feet from the West line								
Ground Level Elev. 6249	Producing Formation Fruitland			Pool Undesignated			Dedicated Acreage: 160 Acres	

1. Outline the acreage dedicated to the subject well by colored pencil or hachure marks on the plat below.
2. If more than one lease is dedicated to the well, outline each and identify the ownership thereof (both as to working interest and royalty).
3. If more than one lease of different ownership is dedicated to the well, have the interests of all owners been consolidated by communitization, unitization, force-pooling, etc?

Yes No If answer is "yes," type of consolidation _____

If answer is "no," list the owners and tract descriptions which have actually been consolidated. (Use reverse side of this form if necessary.) _____

No allowable will be assigned to the well until all interests have been consolidated (by communitization, unitization, forced-pooling, or otherwise) or until a non-standard unit, eliminating such interests, has been approved by the Division.



Note: Non-Standard Location due to terrain and existing wells.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

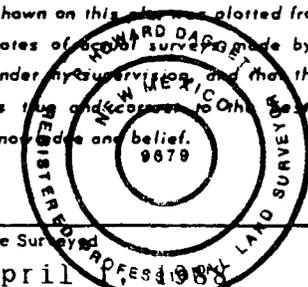
Name
Drilling Clerk

Position
Meridian Oil Inc.

Company

Date

I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of **HOWARD DAGGETT** made by me or under my supervision and that the same is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Date Surveyed
April 1988

Registered Professional
R. Howard Daggett

Certificate No.
9679

Tenneco Oil Exploration and Production

A Tenneco Company

Rocky Mountain Division

P.O. Box 3249
Englewood, Colorado 80155
(303) 740-4800

Delivery Address:
6162 South Willow Drive
Englewood, Colorado 80111



MAY - 5 1988

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION

April 22, 1988

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Attention: Mr. William LeMay

Re: Requests for Unorthodox Locations
Meridian Oil Inc.
Allison Unit Well No. 102
Howell "A" Well No. 301
San Juan County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of Meridian Oil, Inc. letter dated April 13, 1988 indicating that Tenneco has no objection to Meridian's unorthodox location for the Allison Unit Well No. 102.

Tenneco does however, object to the unorthodox location for the Howell "A" Well No. 301. Meridian proposes to drill the well 460' from the lease line. In order to protect our correlative rights in the currently unprorated Fruitland formation, we object to Meridian's request for this unorthodox location.

Yours very truly,

TENNECO OIL COMPANY


Carley Watkins
Manager, Joint Interest

kc/1342Z
Enclosures

cc: L. Jones
J. Pack
Meridian Oil, Inc.
Farmington, New Mexico

MERIDIAN OIL

April 13, 1988

Mr. William LeMay
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
Post Office Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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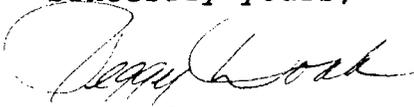
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By: _____

Date: _____

cc: Tenneco Oil

*Disapprove
K.P.*

RECEIVED
APR 18 1988

TENNECO OIL COMPANY
WRMD Joint Interest Dept.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
AZTEC DISTRICT OFFICE
MAY 25 1988

1000 RIO BRAZOS ROAD
AZTEC, NEW MEXICO 87410
(505) 334-6178

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
BOX 2088
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

DATE 5-20-88

- RE: Proposed MC _____
- Proposed DHC _____
- Proposed NSL A _____
- Proposed SWD _____
- Proposed WFX _____
- Proposed PMX _____

Gentlemen:

I have examined the application dated 4-15-88
 for the Merriman Oil, Inc. Howell A# 301 M-4-30N-801
 Operator Lease and Well No. Unit, S-T-R

and my recommendations are as follows:

Approve

Yours truly,

[Signature]
