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Attention: Peggy Bradfield

Administrative Order NSL-2844

Dear Ms. Bradfield:

Reference is made to your application dated July 24, 1990 for a non-standard Basin-Fruitland coal gas well location for your existing San Juan 27-5 Unit Well No. 153 which was drilled in 1973 and completed in the Tapacito Pictured Cliffs Pool at a standard gas well location 1460 feet from the North line and 1680 feet from the West line (Unit F) of Section 21, Township 27 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

It is my understanding that the Pictured Cliffs zone will be properly plugged back and said well will be recompleted to the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, which pursuant to the Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8768, is unorthodox. Further, the W/2 of said Section 21 shall be dedicated to the well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Rule 8 of said Division Order No. R-8768, the above-described unorthodox coal gas well location is hereby approved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. LeMay", written over a horizontal line.

William J. LeMay
Director

WJL/MES/ag

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec
US Bureau of Land Management - Farmington