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Application of Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. for Administrative Approval of an Unorthodox Oil Well Location (N2NW4, Section 9 - 18 South -33 East)

Dear Florene:

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The above Application was filed on September 9. With respect to the Application, enclosed are an original Affidavit regarding notice, and an original waiver letter signed by American Exploration Company.

Very truly yours,

HINKLE, COX, EATON, COFFIELD

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James Brace

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AFFIDAVIT REGARDING NOTICE

Re: Application for Administrative Approval of Unorthodox Oil Well Location, Kachina "9" Federal No. 1 Well, N\(\frac{1}{2}\) NW\(\frac{1}{4}\) Section 9 -

18 South - 33 East

STATE OF TEXAS))ss.
COUNTY OF MIDLAND)

Gary Green, being duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and states:

- 1. I am over the age of 18 and have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein.
- 2. I am a landman for Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners,
- 3. Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. has conducted a good faith, diligent effort to find the correct names and addresses of interest owners entitled to receive notice of the application herein.
- 4. Notice of the application was provided to the interest owners at their correct addresses by mailing to them, by certified mail, a copy of the application. Copies of the certified return receipts are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 2/s/ September, 1992, by Gary Green.

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My commission expires:

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EDITH F. WISEHART
Notary Public, State of Texas
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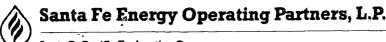
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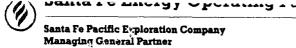
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William J. LeMay Oil Conservation Division State Land Office Building Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Re: Application of Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. for Administrative Approval of an Unorthodox Oil Well Location (N½NW¼, Section 9 - 18 South - 33 East)

Dear Mr. LeMay:

We represent Santa Fe Energy. The above application was filed with the Division on September 9, 1992, requesting a location 1,730 feet FWL and 740 feet FNL of Section 9, based upon topographic reasons. Since that date an archaeological survey has been completed (copy attached) which requires the proposed well site to be moved. (Actually, the proposed well site has had to be moved twice.) As a result, Santa Fe Energy amends its application to request an unorthodox location 2,131 feet FWL and 490 feet FNL. This location is less unorthodox than the originally requested location (it is slightly unorthodox in a northerly direction). The operator to the north, Oxy USA, Inc., has previously been notified of Santa Fe's request, and made no objection.

William J. LeMay October 29, 1992 Page Two

Santa Fe Energy has a farmout on the subject acreage expiring November 3, 1992, and thus the Division's prompt attention to this amended application is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

HINKLE, COX, EATON, COFFIELD

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c: Gary Green



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Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221-1341 (505) 887-7646 • FAX (505) 885-2587

29 October 1992

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> Mr. Darrell Roberts SANTA FE ENERGY RESOURCES, INC. 500 West Texas, Suite 1330 Midland, Texas 79701

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed please find NMAS' Archaeological Clearance Report for SANTA FE ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P.'s proposed Kachina "9" Well No. 1 in Lea County, New Mexico. No cultural resources were recorded during this survey; therefore, NMAS is suggesting clearance for this project.

If you have any questions pertaining to this report, please call my office. Thank you for asking NMAS to do this survey.

Mours sincerely,

Dr. J. Loring Haskell Principal Investigator

Enclosure

cc: Mr. George Rubelemann, BLM, Carlsbad

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Archaeological Clearance Report

for

SANTA FE RESOURCES, INC.

Kachina "9" Federal Well No. 1

Prepared

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Principal Investigator
New Mexico Archaeological Services, Inc.
Carlsbad, New Mexico

29 October 1992

Permit No. 14-2920-92-M

Report Number: NMAS -1992-12-0

ABSTRACT

New Mexico Archaeological Services, Inc., representing SANTA FE RESOURCES, INC., undertook a Class III survey of Bureau of Land Management land scheduled to be impacted by the construction of a drill location. Field work was conducted under cloudy conditions during early afternoon. The proposed location will measure 400 X 400 ft (actual area surveyed 4.44 acres). It will be situated in Section 9, T18S, R33E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. No cultural properties were recorded during this survey; therefore, NMAS is suggesting clearance for this project.

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Introduction

On 28 October 1992, New Mexico Archaeological Services, Inc., (NMAS), Carlsbad, (Permit Number: 14-2902-92-M), undertook for SANTA FE ENERGY OPERATING PARTNERS, L.P., an archaeological survey of federal land administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Lea County, New Mexico. The reconnoitered area will be impacted by the construction of a drill location. This survey was undertaken by Dr. Haskell.

Survey Technique

For this investigation, SANTA FE ENERGY OPERATING PARTNERS, L.P.'s proposed location was reconnoitered for evidence of man's past activities by walking it in a series of 8.0 m wide, close itnerval (15° or less), zigzag transects. In addition, an added zone extending 20 ft on each side of the staked 400 X 400 ft location, and lying outside the bounds of the proposed work area, was reconnoitered by a similar means. Methodologically, this procedure served to promote optimal conditions for the visual examination of the area to be impacted by construction-related activities. Field work was conducted under cloudy conditions duirng early afternoon. Ground visibility ranges between 75 and 85%. Field time 1½ hours.

Kachina "9" Federal Well No. 1

Location

The proposed location will measure 400 X 400 ft (actual area surveyed 4.44 acres) on federal land and will be situated 490 ft from the north line and 2131 ft from the west line.

Section 9, T18S, R33E, NMPM, Lea County, NM

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Thus it will be situated in the:

NElNWl, Section 9, Tl8S, R33E, NMPM, Lea County, NM
Map Reference: USGS DOG LAKE QUADRANGLE, 7.5 Minute Series,
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Enviornmental Setting

SANTA FE ENERGY OPERATING PARTNERS, L.P.'s proposed location will be situated on an aeolian landform due south of the Llano Estacado. Coppice dunes and closed deflation basins are characteristic of the surface as a whole. Surficial deposits are dominated by the sand separate. Lithic inclusions are limited to occasional chert and calcareous gravels and cobbles. Pedons fall within the Typic Torripsamment subgroup. In general, peds are subject to aeolian and colluvial processes. Elevation is about 3961 ft. Slope is 0.50°. Aspect is multiple (360°).

The scrub formation is made up of shinnery oak, plains yucca, sand sage, broom snakeweed, leather-leaf croton, spiny-leaf zinnia, mesa dropseed, plains brittle grass and poverty threeawn.

Cultural Resources

Prefield: 24 September 1992, Section 9 (five archaeological sites), T185, R33E, Arita K. Slate.

Section 9, T18S, R33E

NMAS 5735 is situated within 200 ft of the proposed location.

NMAS 5752 is situated within 2700 ft of the proposed location.

NMAS 5821 is situated within 3200 ft of the proposed location.

NM-06-4162 is situated within 450 ft of the proposed location.

NM-06-4734 is situated within 2600 ft of the proposed location.

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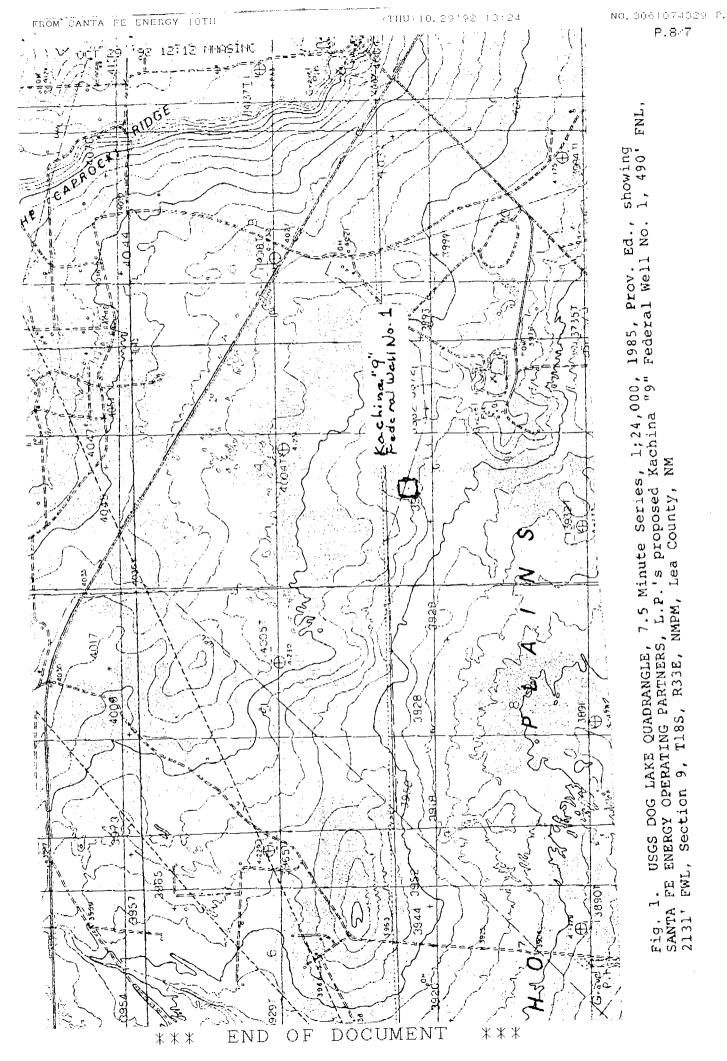
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No cultural properties were recorded during this survey.

Their absence is due to a lack of siliceous lithic sources in the immediate vicinity and the lack of substantial dune development. Areally speaking, land usage was intense.

Recommendations

NMAS recommends clearance for SANTA FE ENERGY OPERATING
PARTNERS, L.P.'s proposed Kachina "9" Federal Well No. 1 and
suggests that work-related activities proceed in accordance with
company plans (Fig. 1). Clearance, of course, is granted by
the Bureau of Land Management. If cultural resources are encountered
during construction, the BLM and NMAS should be notified immediately.
Duned settings are notorious for covering and uncovering cultural
properties.



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Attention: James Bruce

RE: Application to Amend Division Administrative Order NSL-3170

Dear Mr. Bruce:

Reference is made to your application on behalf of Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. of October 29, 1992 to amend Division Administrative Order NSL-3170, dated September 30, 1992 which authorized the unorthodox location of its Kachina "9" Federal Well No. 1 to be drilled 740 feet from the North line and 1730 feet from the West line (Unit C) of Section 9, Township 18 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Undesignated South Corbin Wolfcamp Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

The proposed amended location is in fact <u>more</u> unorthodox since the location is encroaching closer to the north line than originally requested. Therefore, before this application can be considered, all off-set operators must be notified. Please send proof of this notification when mailed so that I can start the twenty-day waiting period.

Sincerely

Michael E. Stogner

Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

All Operators

FROM:

William J. LeMay, Director WA

SUBJECT:

Administrative Applications for Unorthodox Locations

DATE:

March 21, 1990

Division Memorandum No. 3-89, dated March 24, 1989, advised the industry that the OCD would no longer automatically approve unopposed unorthodox location applications. Unorthodox locations can be approved administratively in accordance with the Rules and Regulations or applicable special pool rules if surface conditions truly prevent the use of a legal location and if directional drilling to a legal location is not feasible.

Topographic conditions which will be considered to justify an unorthodox location include such traditional factors as terrain features (steep slopes, arroyos, etc.) which make drilling impractical. In addition, approval may be given to avoid archeological sites which may not be disturbed without substantial mitigation, incompatible surface uses such as buildings, recreation areas, etc. Applications should fully document the reason an unorthodox location is required.

The attached guidelines state the minimum information which should be submitted with applications for administrative approval of unorthodox locations. Failure to provide the necessary information will probably result in processing delays.

If the surface of the proration unit or proposed drill site is controlled by a Federal Surface Management Agency, a copy of the application must be sent to the appropriate agency office.

If there are legal locations within the proration unit which are drillable, but the operator choses not to drill those locations for geological reasons the application cannot be approved administratively and a hearing will be required.

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

SUBMITTAL GUIDELINES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL OF NON-STANDARD LOCATION APPLICATIONS

- I. If the well is located on Federal or Indian Lands, the Federal Surface Management Agency must be notified and an on-site inspection conducted prior to filing the application. If an Application for Permit to drill or a Notice of Staking has been prepared, a copy must be submitted.
- II. Completed C-102 showing the well location, proration unit, leases within the unit and other required information.
- III. Land plat showing offset operators and working interest owners and any offsetting wells producing from the same pool or formation.
 - A. This information may be shown on the topo map if it does not impair the readability of the map.
 - B. The operator should certify that the information is current and correct.
- IV. Original or clear copy of topographic map, preferably 7.5 minute quad, showing contours and other mapped features impacting the location, with the following information marked thereon (In order to be able to adequately show all of the necessary surface conditions it may be necessary to enlarge the relevant portion of the topo map to provide room for detail):
 - A. The proposed well location and proration unit;
 - B. An outline of the orthodox drilling windows as provided in the applicable rules for the subject application;
 - C. The location of any wells to any formation within the area of the proration unit and a statement as to whether an existing pad can be used to drill the proposed well;
- V. An enlargement of the topo map showing the subject area with the applicable additional information:
 - A. Terrain features not shown on the map which make an orthodox location unusable;
 - B. Proposed access roads and pipelines if they affect the location selection;
 - C. The location of any surface uses which prevent use of a legal location;

D. The location of any archeological sites identified in the archeological survey;

- E. The location and nature of any other surface conditions which prevent the use of an orthodox location.
- VI. If archeological sites are a reason for the unorthodox location request, a copy of the archeological survey, or a summary, identifing sites which cannot be disturbed or which must have any disturbance mitigated. In addition, the location of such areas should be marked on the enlarged topo so they can be clearly identified.
- VII. A narrative report of any on-site inspection of the potential locations. If such on-site has resulted in elimination of legal locations due to surface conditions, such information should also be noted on the enlarged topo.
- VIII. A statement of why directional drilling to reach a legal bottom-hole location is not feasible.
- IX. An affidavit that notice has been sent to all parties entitled thereto, under the Divisions Rules and Regulations with return receipt cards showing date of receipt of notice.

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> Application to Amend Division Administrative Order NSL-3170

Dear Mr. Stogner:

As you requested by your letter of November 18, 1992, we renotified all off-set lessees or operators by letters dated November 20, 1992. Enclosed is my affidavit regarding notice, together with copies of the notice letters and certified return receipts. attention to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

HINKLE, COX, EATON, COFFIELD & HENSLEY

James Bruce

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AFFIDAVIT REGARDING NOTICE

Re: Application to Amend Division
Administrative Order NSL-3170
(Administrative Approval of Unorthodox
Oil Well Location, Kachina "9" Federal
No. 1 Well, N½NW¼ Section 9 - 18 South 33 East)

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James Bruce, being duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and states:

- 1. I am over the age of 18 and have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein.
- 2. I am the attorney for Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P.
- 3. Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. has conducted a good faith, diligent effort to find the correct names and addresses of interest owners entitled to receive notice of the application herein.
- 4. Notice of the application was provided to the interest owners at their correct addresses by mailing to them, by certified mail, a copy of the application. Copies of the certified return receipts are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Jame's Bruce

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: