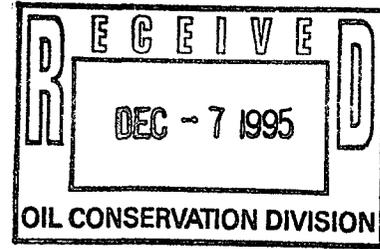


December 6, 1995

Sent Federal Express

Mr. William LeMay
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505



Re: McConnell #500
1780'FNL, 2180'FEL Section 13, T-26-N, R-9-W - San Juan County, New Mexico
API # 30-045-(not yet assigned)

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Meridian Oil Inc. is applying for administrative approval of a non-standard location for the above location in the Basin Fruitland Coal formation. This application for the referenced location is due to terrain as shown on the topographic map, the presence of extensive archaeology and an endangered plant specie.

The following attachments are for your review:

1. Application for Permit to Drill.
2. Completed C-102 at referenced location.
3. Offset operators/owners plat.
4. 7.5 minute topographic map showing the orthodox windows, and enlargement of the map to define topographic features.

A copy of this application is being submitted to all offset owners/ operators by certified mail with a request that they furnish you with a Waiver of Objection, and return one copy to this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peggy Bradfield".

Peggy Bradfield
Regulatory/Compliance Representative
encs.

WAIVER

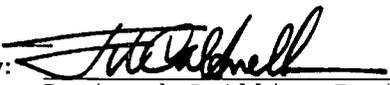
_____ hereby waives objection to Meridian Oil's application for a non-standard location for their McConnell #500 as proposed above.

By: _____ Date: _____

xc: Margaret Doris McConnell
O.J. Lilly
Barbara Ann Bruss
Barbara I. McConnell

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL, DEEPEN, OR PLUG BACK

1a. Type of Work DRILL	5. Lease Number NM-09840 Unit Reporting Number	
1b. Type of Well GAS	6. If Indian, All. or Tribe	
2. Operator MERIDIAN OIL	7. Unit Agreement Name	
3. Address & Phone No. of Operator PO Box 4289, Farmington, NM 87499 (505) 326-9700	8. Farm or Lease Name McConnell 9. Well Number 500	
4. Location of Well 1780' FNL, 2180' FEL Latitude 36° 29.1, Longitude 107° 44.3	10. Field, Pool, Wildcat Basin Ft Coal 11. Sec., Twn, Rge, Mer. (NMPM) Sec 13, T-26-N, R-9-W API # 30-045-	
14. Distance in Miles from Nearest Town 7 miles to Huerfano Trading Post	12. County San Juan	13. State NM
15. Distance from Proposed Location to Nearest Property or Lease Line 1780'	17. Acres Assigned to Well 320 E/2	
16. Acres in Lease	18. Distance from Proposed Location to Nearest Well, Drlg, Compl, or Applied for on this Lease 400'	
18. Distance from Proposed Location to Nearest Well, Drlg, Compl, or Applied for on this Lease 400'	19. Proposed Depth 2250'	20. Rotary or Cable Tools Rotary
21. Elevations (DF, FT, GR, Etc.) 6273' GR	22. Approx. Date Work will Start 4th quarter 1995	
23. Proposed Casing and Cementing Program See Operations Plan attached		
24. Authorized by:  Regional Drilling Engineer	Date: <u>11/2/95</u>	

PERMIT NO. _____ APPROVAL DATE _____

APPROVED BY _____ TITLE _____ DATE _____

Archaeological Report to be submitted
Threatened and Endangered Species Report to be submitted
NOTE: This format is issued in lieu of U.S. BLM Form 3160-3

District I
 PO Box 1980, Hobbs, NM 88241-1980
 District II
 PO Drawer DD, Artesia, NM 88211-0719
 District III
 1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410
 District IV
 PO Box 2088, Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

State of New Mexico
 Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department

Form C-10
 Revised February 21, 1991
 Instructions on back
 Submit to Appropriate District Office
 State Lease - 4 Copies
 Fee Lease - 3 Copies

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
 PO Box 2088
 Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

API Number 30-045-		Pool Code 71629		Pool Name Basin Fruitland Coal	
Property Code 7299		Property Name McCONNELL			Well Number 500
OGRID No. 14538		Operator Name MERIDIAN OIL INC.			Elevation 6273'

10 Surface Location

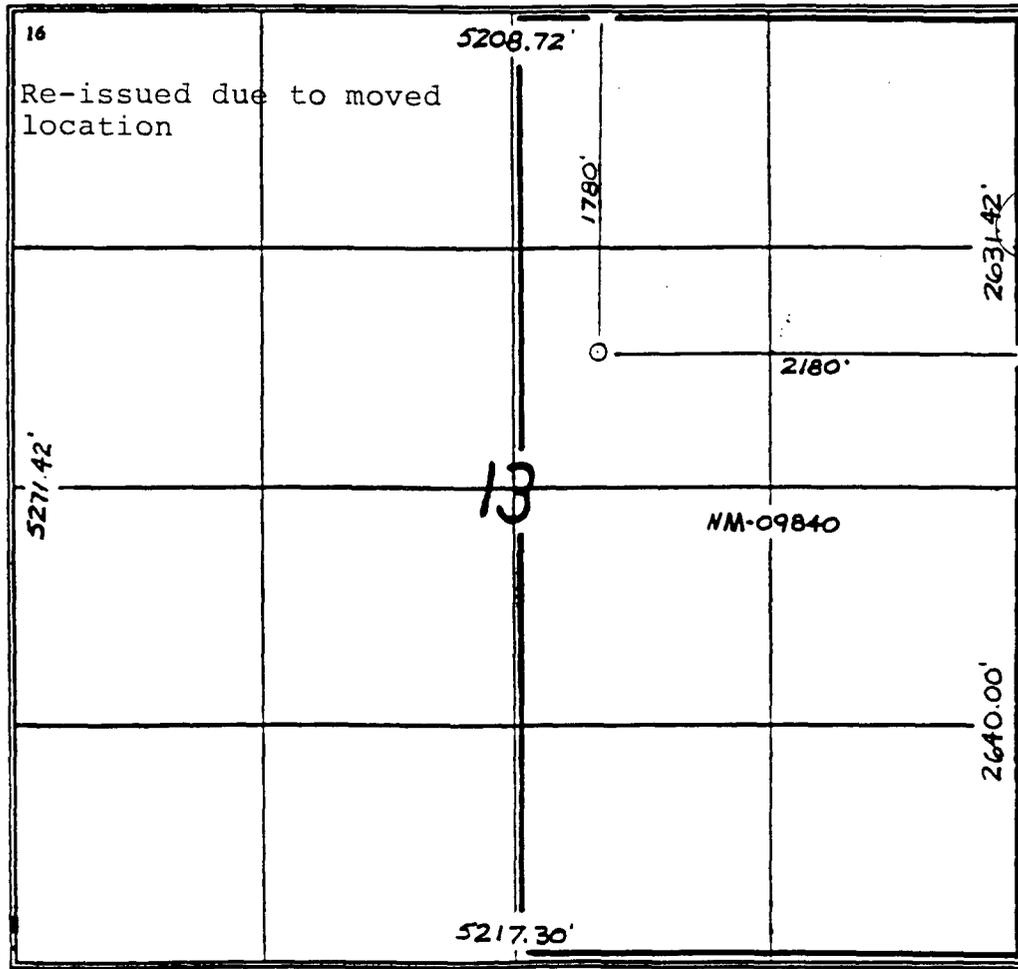
UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
G	13	26 N	9 W		1780	North	2180	East	S.J.

11 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

12 Dedicated Acres E/320	13 Joint or Infill	14 Consolidation Code	15 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



17 OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

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

Peggy Bradford
 Signature
 Peggy Bradford
 Printed Name
 Regulatory Administrator
 Title
 11-1-95
 Date

18 SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION

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

9-27-95
 Date of Survey
 Signature and Seal of Professional Surveyor:

 Certificate No. _____

OPERATIONS PLAN

Well Name: McConnell #500
Location: 1780' FNL, 2180' FEL Section 13, T-26-N, R-9-W
 San Juan County, New Mexico
 Latitude 36° 29.1, Longitude 107° 44.3
Formation: Basin Fruitland Coal
Elevation: 6273'GL

Formation:	Top	Bottom	Contents
Surface	Nacimiento	1202'	
Ojo Alamo	1202'	1309'	aquifer
Kirtland	1309'	1701'	
Fruitland	1701'	1986'	
Fruitland Coal	1843'	1986'	
Pictured Cliffs	1986'		
Total Depth	2250'		

Logging Program: Mud logs: 1700' to TD
 Dens/Neut/Por; Density/Corr; Micro/GR; Numar MR: 1700-TD
 Ind/SP/GR: to TD

Mud Program:

<u>Interval</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Vis.</u>	<u>Fluid Loss</u>
0- 200'	Spud	8.4-8.9	40-50	no control
200-2250'	Non-dispersed	8.4-9.5	30-60	no control

Casing Program:

<u>Hole Size</u>	<u>Depth Interval</u>	<u>Csg. Size</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Grade</u>
12 1/4"	0 - 200'	8 5/8"	24.0#	H-40
7 7/8"	0 - 2250'	4 1/2"	10.5#	K-55

Tubing Program:

0 - 2250'	2 3/8"	4.7#	J-55
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Float Equipment: 8 5/8" surface casing - saw tooth guide shoe.
 Centralizers will be run in accordance with Onshore Order #2.

4 1/2" production casing - float shoe on bottom. Three centralizers run every other joint above shoe. Two centralizers run every 3rd joint to the base of the Ojo Alamo @ 1309'. Two turbolizing type centralizers - one below and one into the base of the Ojo Alamo @ 1309'. Standard centralizers thereafter every fourth joint up to the base of the surface pipe.

Wellhead Equipment: 8 5/8" x 4 1/2" x 2 3/8" x 11" 2000 psi xmas tree assembly.

November 2, 1995

Cementing:

8 5/8" surface casing - cement with 235 sx Class "B" cement with 1/4# flocele/sx and 3% calcium chloride (298 cu.ft. of slurry, 200% excess to circulate to surface). WOC 12 hrs. Test casing to 600 psi/30 minutes.

4 1/2" production casing - Lead w/518 sx of 65/35 Class "B" Poz w/6% gel, 2% calcium chloride, and 1/4# flocele/sx. Tail w/100 sx Class "B" w/2% calcium chloride (1002 cu.ft. of slurry, 75% excess to circulate to surface). WOC 12 hrs. If cement does not circulate to surface, a temperature log will be run after 8 hours to determine TOC.

BOP and tests:

Surface to TD - 11" 2000 psi (minimum double gate BOP stack (Reference Figure #1 and #2)). Prior to drilling out surface casing, test rams to 600 psi/30 min.

Completion - 6" 2000 psi (minimum) double gate BOP stack (Reference Figure #2). Prior to completion operations, test rams and casing to 2000 psi/15 min.

From surface to TD - choke manifold (Reference Figure #3).

Pipe rams will be actuated to least once each day and blind rams actuated once each trip to test proper functioning. An upper kelly cock valve with handle and drill string safety valves to fit each drill string will be maintained and available on the rig floor.

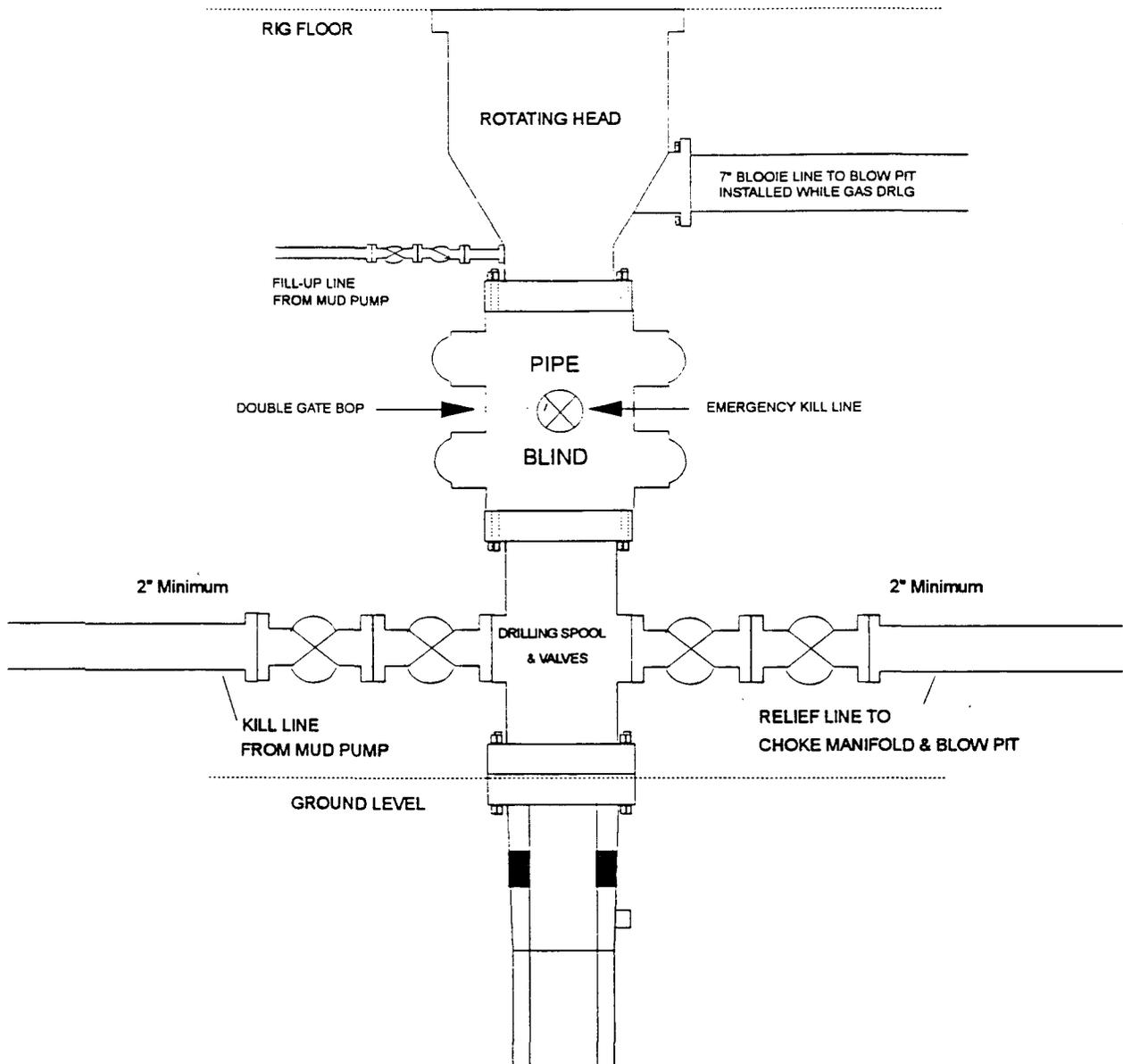
Additional information:

- * The Fruitland Coal formation will be completed.
- * Anticipated pore pressure for the Fruitland is 300 psi.
- * This gas is dedicated.
- * The east half of the section is dedicated to this well.
- * New casing will be utilized.
- * Pipe movement (either rotation or reciprocation) will be done if hole conditions permit.

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BOP Configuration

2M psi SYSTEM



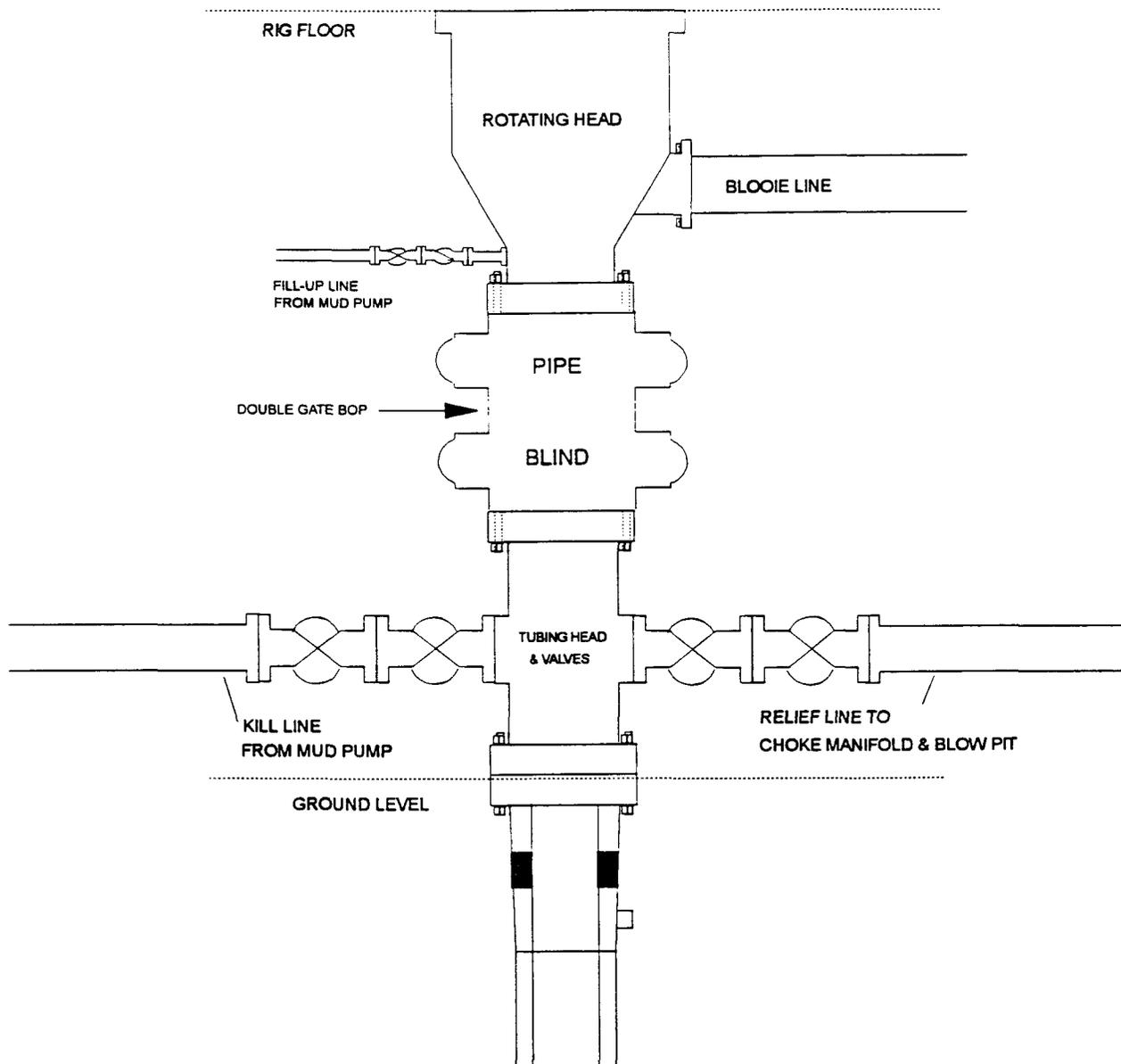
11" Bore, 2000psi minimum working pressure double gate BOP to be equipped with blind and pipe rams. A Schaffer Type 50 or equivalent rotating head to be installed on the top of the BOP. All equipment is 2000psi working pressure/or greater.

Figure #1

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BOP Configuration

2M psi SYSTEM

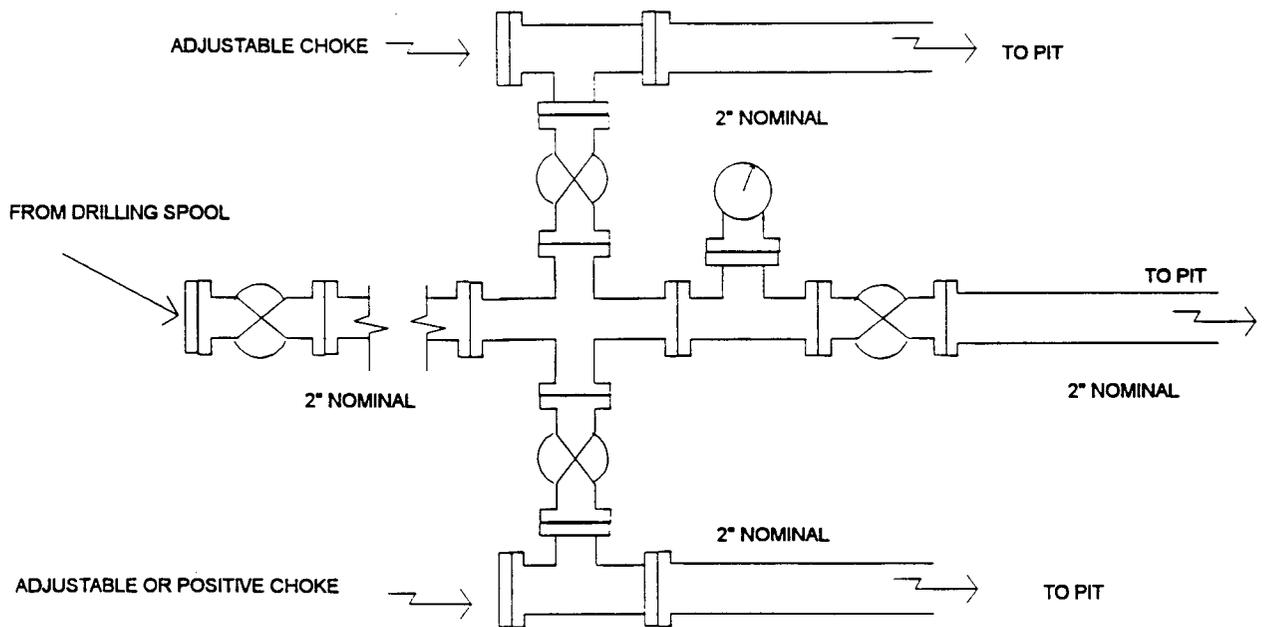


Minimum BOP installation for Completion operations. 7 1/16" Bore
(6" Nominal), 3000psi minimum working pressure double gate BOP to
be equipped with blind and pipe rams.

Figure #2

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Choke Manifold Configuration 2M System



Minimum choke manifold installation from surface to Total Depth.
2" minimum, 3000psi working pressure equipment with two chokes.

Figure #3

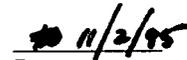
MERIDIAN OIL
McConnell #500
Multi-Point Surface Use Plan

1. Existing Roads - Refer to Map No. 1. Existing roads used to access the proposed location will be properly maintained for the duration of the project. Bureau of Land Management right-of-way has been applied for as shown on Map No. 1.
2. Planned Access Road - Refer to Map No. 1. None required.
3. Location of Existing Wells - Refer to Map No. 1A.
4. Location of Existing and/or Proposed Facilities if Well is Productive -
 - a. On the Well Pad - Refer to Plat No. 1, anticipated production facilities plat.
 - b. Off the Well Pad - Anticipated facilities off the well pad will be applied for as required.
5. Location and Type of Water Supply - Water will be hauled by truck for the proposed project and will be obtained from Huerfano Unit Water Well #1 located SE Section 13, T-26-N,R-10-W, New Mexico.
6. Source of Construction Materials - If construction materials are required for the proposed project, such materials will be obtained from a commercial quarry.
7. Methods of Handling Waste Materials - All garbage and trash materials will be removed from the site for proper disposal. A portable toilet will be provided for human waste and serviced in a proper manner. If liquids are left in the reserve pit after completion of the project, the pit will be fenced until the liquids have had adequate time to dry. The location clean-up will not take place until such time as the reserve pit can be properly covered over to prevent run-off from carrying waste materials into the watershed. Reserve pits will be lined as needed with either 12 mil bio-degradable plastic liner or a bentonite liner. All earthen pits will be so constructed as to prevent leakage from occurring; no earthen pit will be located on natural drainage. Generation of hazardous waste is not anticipated. Federal regulations will be adhered to regarding handling and disposal of such waste if so generated.
8. Ancillary Facilities - None anticipated.
9. Wellsite Layout - Refer to the location diagram and to the wellsite cut and fill diagram (Figure No. 4). The blow pit will be constructed with a 2'/160' grade to allow positive drainage to the reserve pit and prevent standing liquids in the blow pit.

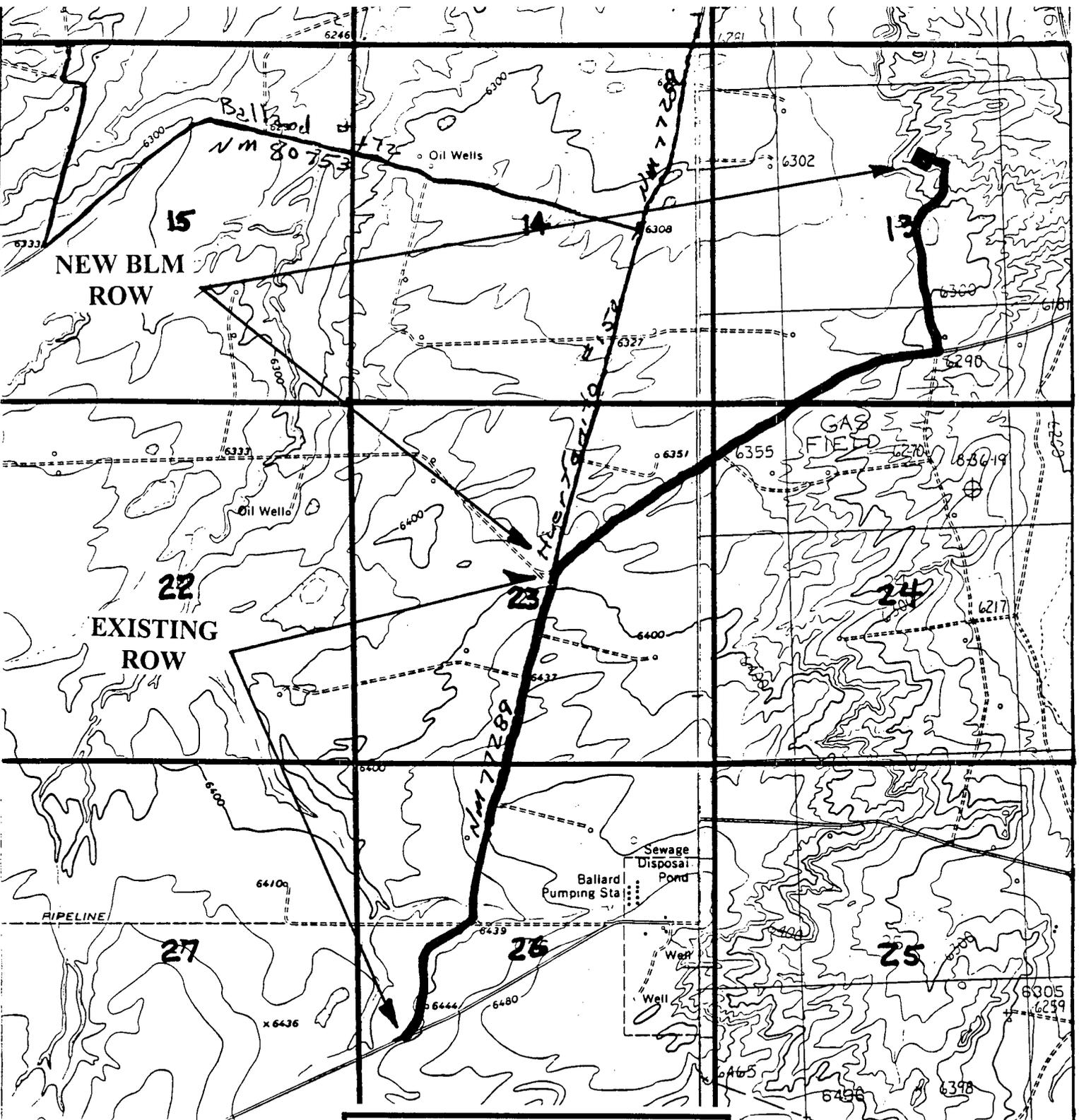
10. Plans for Restoration of the Surface - After completion of the proposed project, the location will be cleaned and leveled. The location will be left in such a condition that *will enable reseeding operations to be carried out*. Seed mixture as designated by the responsible government agency will be used. The reseeding operations will be performed during the time period set forth by the responsible government agency. The permanent location facilities will be painted as designated by the responsible government agency.
11. Surface Ownership - Bureau of Land Management.
12. Other Information - Environmental stipulations as outlined by the responsible government agency will be adhered to. Refer to the archaeological report for a description of the topography, flora, fauna, soil characteristics, dwellings, historical and cultural sites.
13. Operator's Representative and Certification - Meridian Oil Regional Drilling Manager, Post Office Box 4289, Farmington, NM 87499, telephone (505) 326-9700. I hereby certify that I, or persons under my direct supervision, have inspected the proposed drill site and access route; that I am familiar with the conditions which presently exist; that the statements made in this plan, are to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed by Meridian Oil Inc. and its contractors and subcontractors in conformity with this plan and the terms and conditions under which it is approved.



Regional Drilling Engineer


Date

JWC:pb



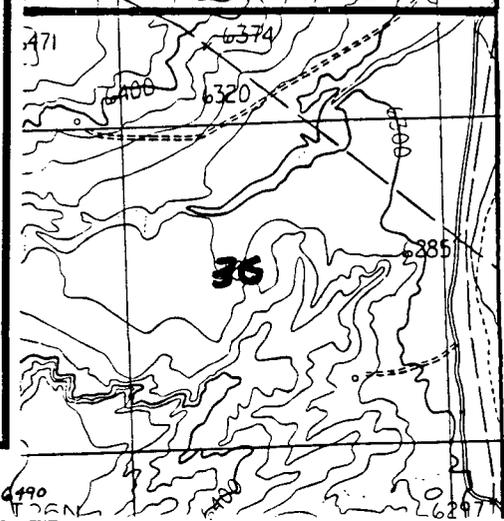
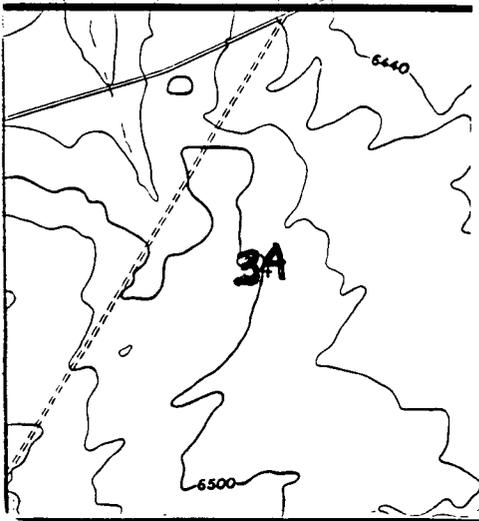
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McCONNELL #500**

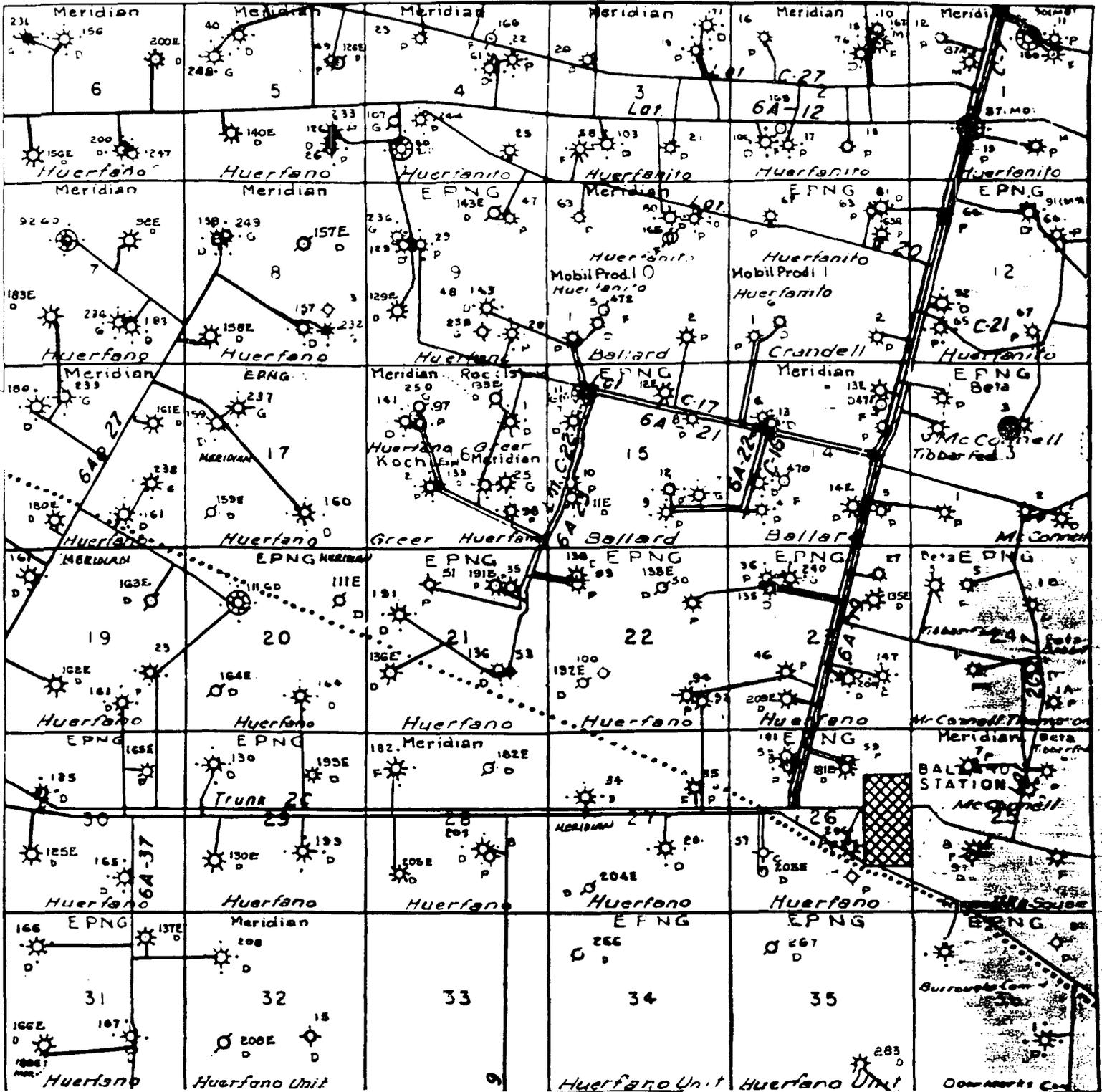
T 26 N, R 9 W

No New Construction

Section 13:	SWNE	1200'
	W2SE	2700'
	SESW	1500'
24:	NWNW	1400'
23:	NENE	1000'
	S2NE	1900'

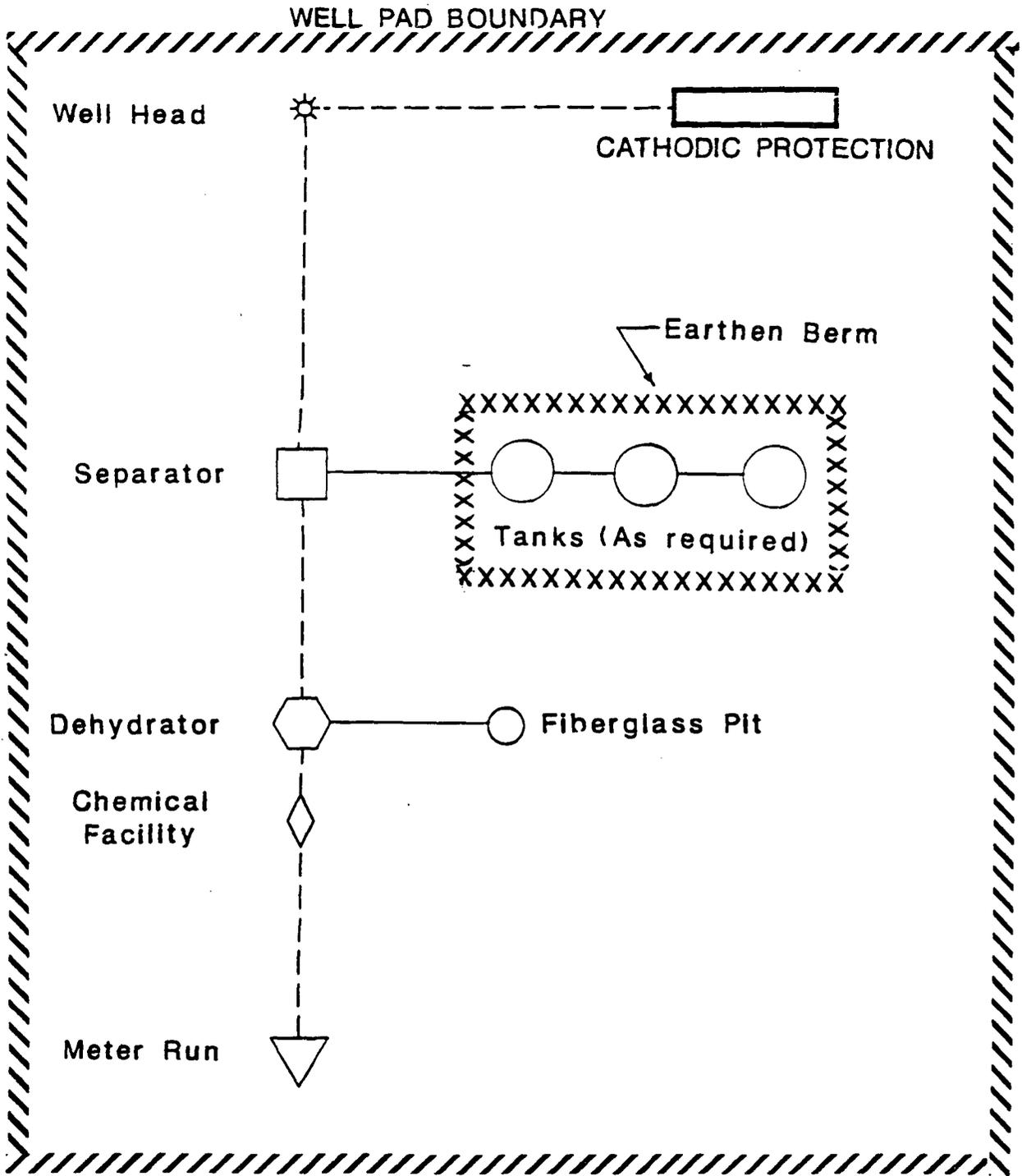
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MERIDIAN OIL INC.
 Pipeline Map
 T-26-N, R-09-W
 Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

MAP # 1A
 McCONNELL # 500



PLAT #1

MERIDIAN OIL

**ANTICIPATED
PRODUCTION FACILITIES
FOR A
FRUITLAND WELL**

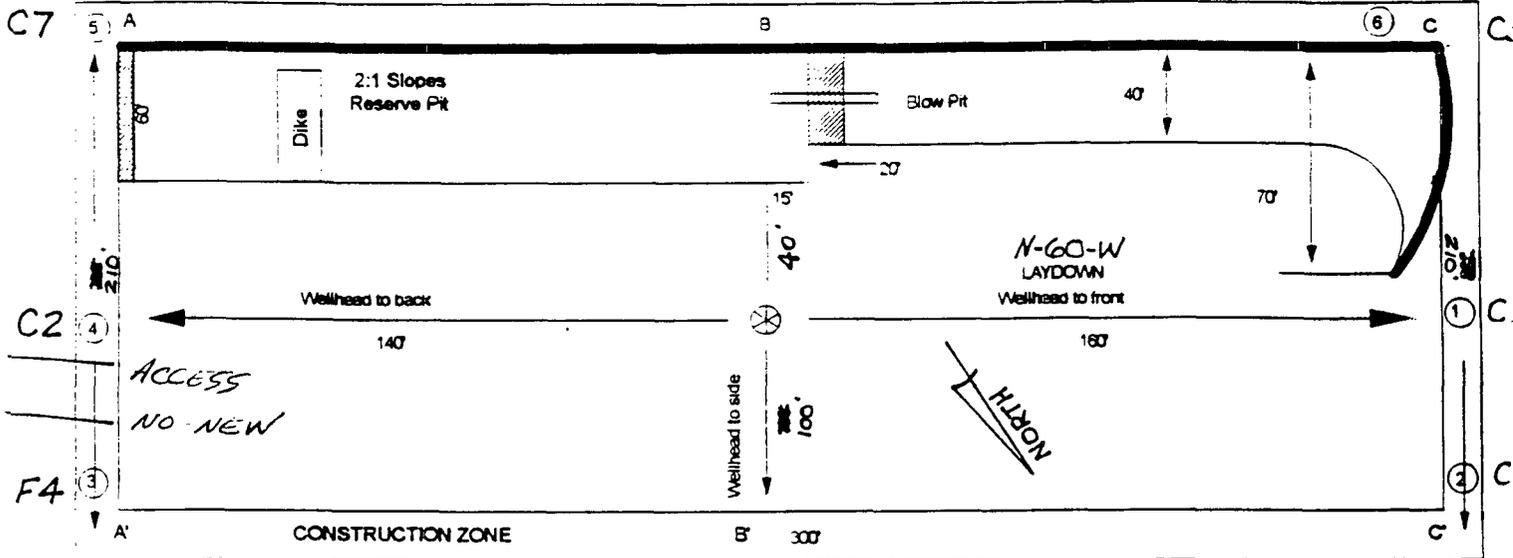
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PLAT #1

PC/FC LOW POTENTIAL

NAME: McCONNELL #500
 FOOTAGE: 1780' FNL, 2180' FEL
 SEC 13 TWN 26 N.R. 9 W NMPM
 CO: SAN JUAN ST: NEW MEXICO
 ELEVATION: 6273' DATE: 9-26-95



230'X300'

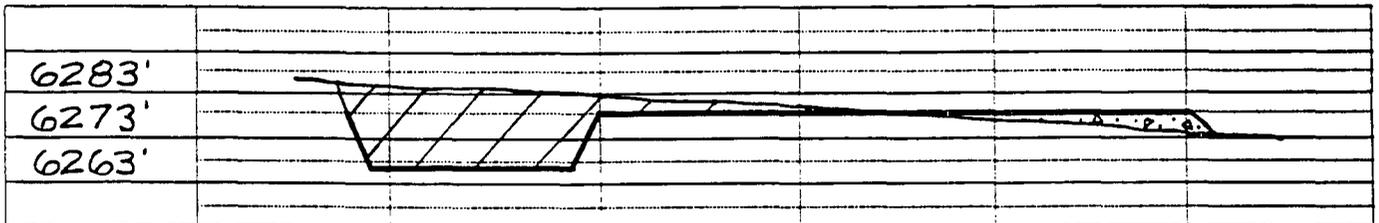
(330'X 400') = 3.03 ACRES

Reserve Pit Dike : to be 8' above Deep side; (overflow - 3' wide and 1' above shallow side.)

Blow Pit : overflow pipe halfway between top and bottom and extend over plastic liner and into blow pit.

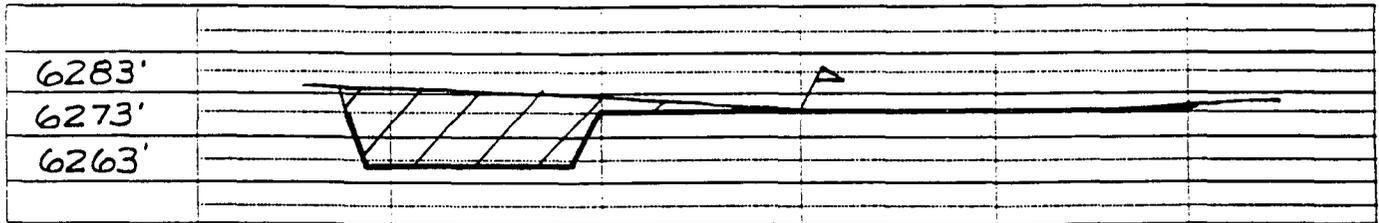
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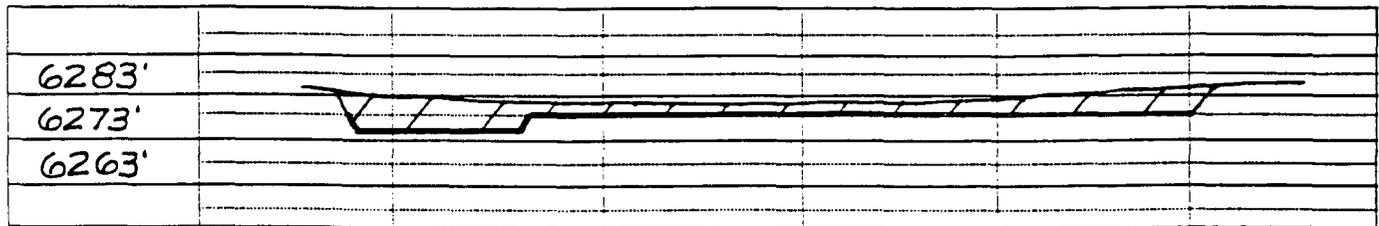
B-B'

C/L



C-C'

C/L



Note: Contractor should call One-Call for location of any marked or unmarked buried pipelines or cables on well pad and/or access road at least 2 working days prior to construction.

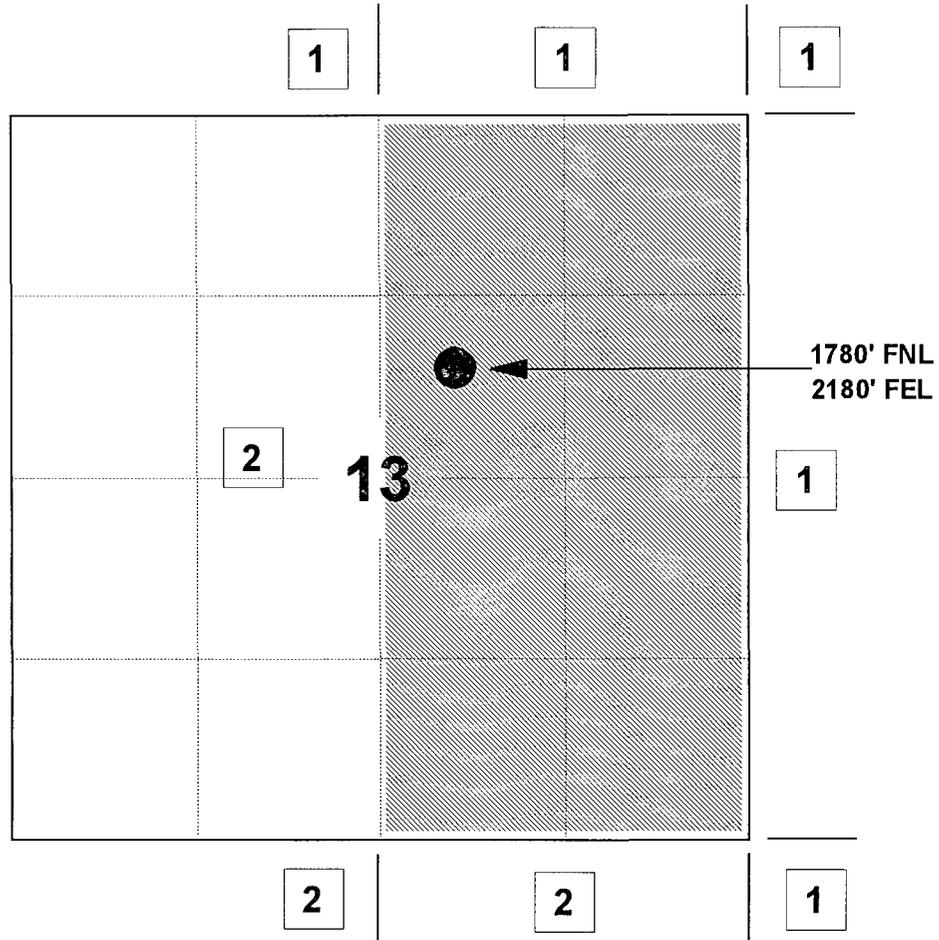
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McCONNELL #500

OFFSET OPERATOR \ OWNER PLAT

Unorthodox Fruitland Coal Well Location

Township 26 North, Range 9 West



1) Meridian Oil Inc.

2) Margaret Doris McConnell

600 N. Broadway, Hobart, OK, 73651

O. J. Lilly

1906 Rock Creek Dr., Round Rock, TX 78664

Barbara Ann Bruss

Sunwest Bank Trust Dept., PO Box 25500, Albuquerque, NM 87125

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Re: McConnell #500
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API # 30-045-(not yet assigned)

I hereby certify that the following offset operators/owners have been mailed notification of our application for non-standard location to drill the referenced well.

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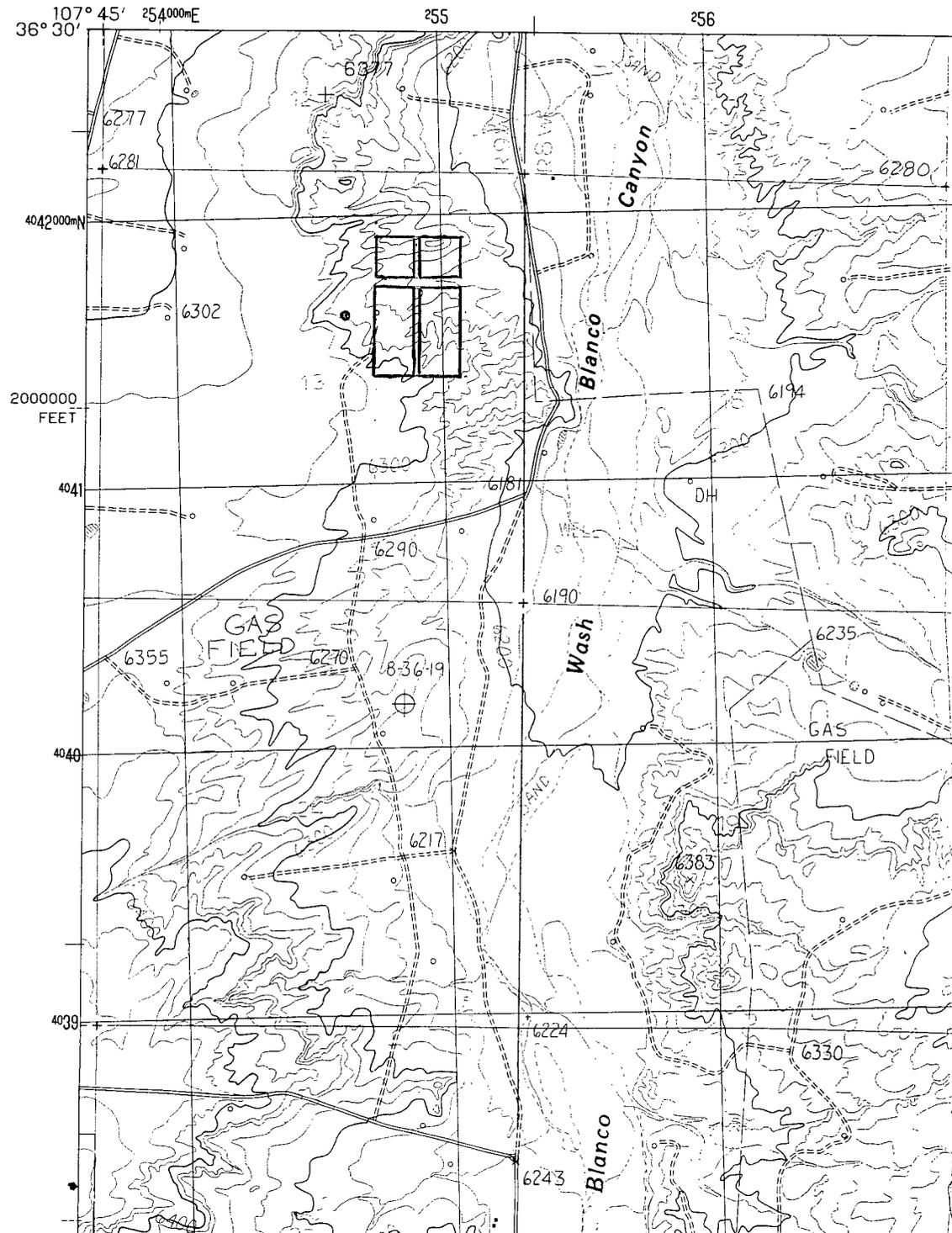
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