Sent Federal Express - December 21, 1998

Mr. Michael Stogner New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 2040 South Pacheco Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re:

McConnell #504

1110'FNL, 800'FWL Section 25, T-26-N, R-9-W, San Juan County, New Mexico

30-045-not assigned

Dear Mr. Stogner:

Burlington Resources is applying for administrative approval of an off-pattern gas well location for the Basin Fruitland Coal pool.

This application for the referenced location is for geological reasons as referenced in the attached geological explanation and maps. This off-pattern location in the northwest quarter of Section 25 will increase the probability of intersecting a thickened Fruitland Coal section.

Production from the Basin Fruitland Coal is to be included in a 320 acre gas spacing and proration unit for the west half (W/2) of Section 25.

The following attachments are for your review:

- Application for Permit to Drill.
- Completed C-102 at referenced location.
- Offset operators/owners plat Burlington is offset operator.
- 7.5 minute topographic map showing the orthodox windows and enlargement of the map to define these features.
- Geological Explanation and Maps

We appreciate your earliest consideration of this application.

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Sincerely,

Peggy Bradfield

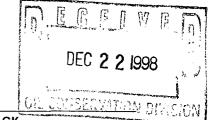
Regulatory/Compliance Administrator

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NMOCD - Aztec District Office

Bureau of Land Management - Farmington

### 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 T		
2.	Operator  BURLINGTON  RESOURCES Oil &	Gas Company	7.	Unit Agreement Name		
3.	Address & Phone No. of Operator PO Box 4289, Farmington (505) 326-9700	n, NM 87499		Farm or Lease Nat McConnell Well Number #504		
4.	Location of Well 1110' FNL, 800' FWL  Latitude 36 <sup>o</sup> 28.0 , Long:	itude 107 <sup>0</sup> 44.8	11	. Sec., Twn, Rge,	itland Coal	
14.	Distance in Miles from Nearest Tov 6 miles to Huerfano Trad		12	County San Juan	13. State NM	
15.	Distance from Proposed Location to	o Nearest Property or Lease	Line			
16.	Acres in Lease		17	Acres Assigned	to Well	
18.	Distance from Proposed Location to	o Nearest Well, Drlg, Comp	l, or Appli	ied for on this Leas	e	
19.	Proposed Depth 2170'		20	. Rotary or Cable Rotary	Tools	
21.	Elevations (DF, FT, GR, Etc.) 6448' GR		22	. Approx. Date W	ork will Start	
23.	Proposed Casing and Cementing Proposed Casing and Cementing Proposed See Operations Plan att					
24.	Authorized by: Regulatory/Co	Sadhued ompliance Administr	ator —	11-30-91 Date		
PERMIT	NO.	APPROVA	L DATE			
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Archaeological Report to be submitted

Threatened and Endangered Species Report to be submitted

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Form C-102 Revised February 21, 1994
Instructions on back
Submit to Appropriate District Office
State Lease - 4 Copies
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AMENDED SEPORT

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*Property Code		Property Name				"Well Number				
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70GRID 1	No.		*Operator Name				"Elevation			
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Signature Peggy Bradfield Printed Name Regulatory Administrator Title 11-30.98 NMNM-09840 5271.42 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 me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and connect to the best of my belief. pc. JULY 20, 1998 Date of Survey. 2628 5220.60

#### OPERATIONS PLAN

Well Name: McConnell #504

Location: 1110' FNL, 800' FWL, Section 25, T-26-N, R-9-W

San Juan County, New Mexico

Latitude 36° 28.0', Longitude 107° 44.8'

Formation: Basin Fruitland Coal

Elevation: 6448' GR

Formation:	Top	Bottom	Contents
Surface	San Jose	1285'	
Ojo Alamo	1285'	1376'	aquifer
Kirtland	1376'	1783'	gas
Fruitland	1783'	2069'	gas
Fruitland Coal	1936'	2069'	gas
Pictured Cliffs	2069'		
Total Depth	2170'		

Logging Program: AIT/Dens/ML - TD to surface

GR/Neut - TD to surface

#### Mud Program:

<u>Interval</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Vis.</u>	Fluid Loss
0- 120'	Spud	8.4-8.9	40-50	no control
120-2170'	Non-dispersed	8.4-9.5	30-60	no control

#### Casing Program:

<u> Hole Size</u>	Depth Interval	<u>Csg.Size</u>	Wt.	<u>Grade</u>
8 3/4" 6 1/4"	0 - 120' 0 - 2170'	7" 4 1/2"	20.0# 10.5#	
Tubing Program:	0 - 2170'	2 3/8"	4.7#	J-55

Float Equipment: 7" 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 @ 1376'. Two turbolizing type centralizers - one below and one into the base of the Ojo Alamo @ 1376'. Standard centralizers thereafter every fourth joint up to the base of the surface pipe.

Wellhead Equipment:  $7" \times 4 \frac{1}{2}" \times 2 \frac{3}{8}" \times 11"$  2000 psi xmas tree assembly.

#### Cementing:

7" surface casing - cement with 46 sx Class "B" cement with 1/4 pps cellophane and 3% calcium chloride (54 cu ft of slurry, includes 200% excess to circulate to surface). WOC 8 hrs. Test casing to 600 psi/30 minutes.

4 1/2" production casing - Lead w/109 sx Class "B" cmt w/3% sodium metasilicate, 7 pps Kolite, and 1/2 pps cellophane. Tail w/90 sx Class "B" w/2% calcium chloride, 2% gel, 7 pps Kolite, 1/2 pps cellophane (445 cu ft of slurry, includes 100% excess to circulate to surface). WOC 8 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 west 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.

Drilling Engineer

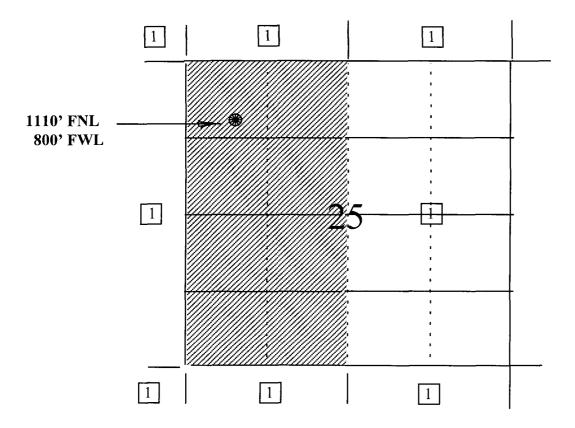
12/7/9/ Date

#### **BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL AND GAS COMPANY**

## McConnell #504 OFFSET OPERATOR \ OWNER PLAT Nonstandard Location

#### Fruitland Coal Formation Well

Township 26 North, Range 9 West



1) Burlington Resources

# BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS COMPANY MCCONNELL #504 IIIO' FNL & 800' FWL, SECTION 25, T26N, R9W, N.M.P.M. SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO APD MAP #1 100' NEW BLM CONSTRUCTION NW/NW SECTION 25, T26N, R9W 15 14 **6355** 0635/ EXISTING R.O.W. Sewage Disposal C Pond IEW B.L.M. R.O.W. 27

# OAU OOMPANY MOOONNIIL #1004 IIIO' FNL & BOO' FWL, SECTION 25, T26N, R9W, N.M.P.M. SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO \$ 6302 Sewage 00' NEW BLM CONSTRU APD MAP #1 BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL

Proposed McConnell #504 1110' FNL and 800' FWL Section 25, T26N, R9W San Juan County, New Mexico

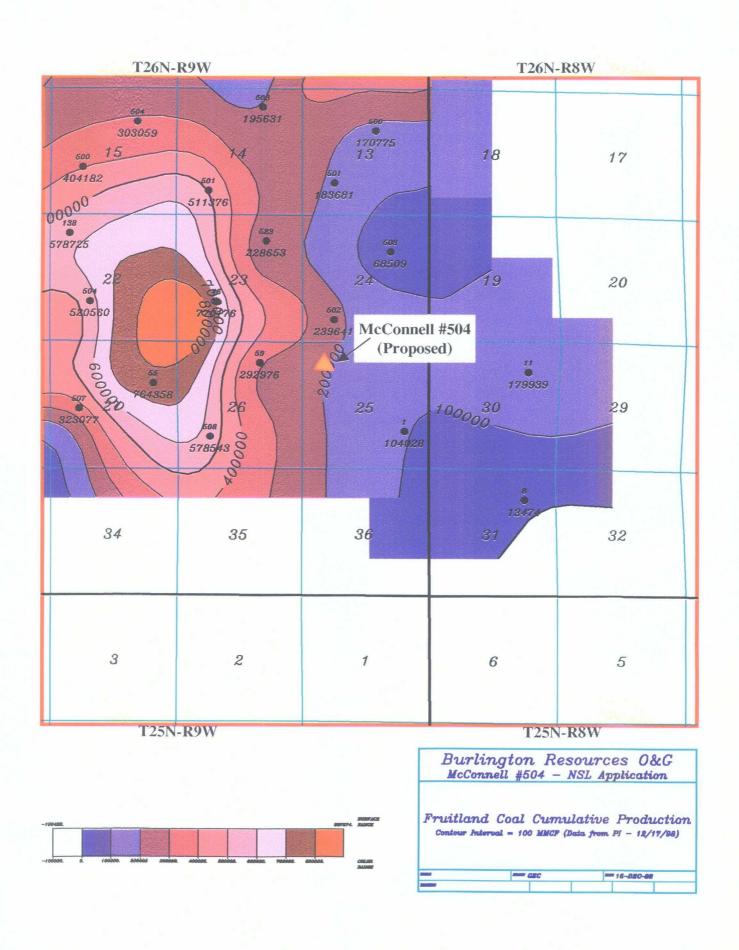
#### Basin Fruitland Coal Pool

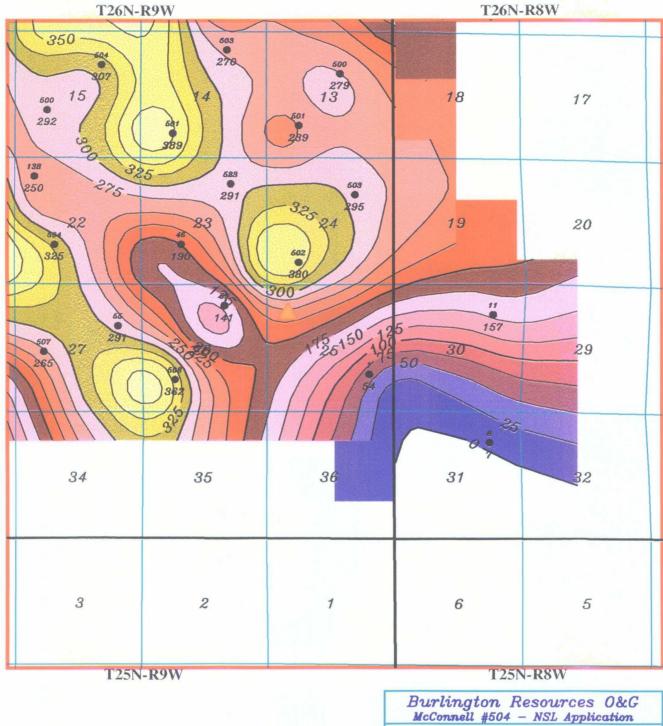
The McConnell #504 is currently staked in the non-standard location of NW/NW of Section 25 in T26N-R9W. The primary reason this location was chosen was to increase the probability of intersecting a thickened Fruitland Coal section favorable to commercial production.

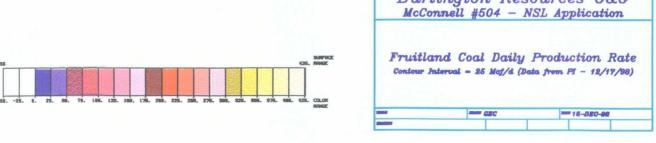
The proposed #504 is located in the southeastern portion of the San Juan Basin. The Cretaceous units are gently dipping to the northeast at approximately 70-75 ft/mi. Current day structure is similar throughout the area, with only minor changes in dips.

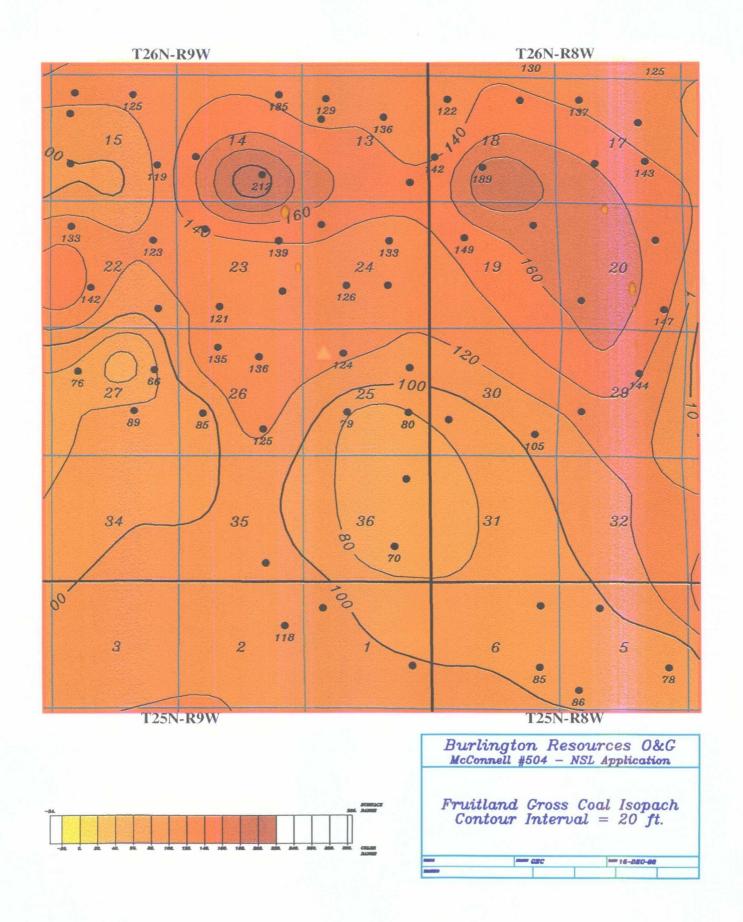
The Fruitland Coal is completed in approximately 19 wells offset to the #504 location. Cumulative production for these wells range from 100-700 mmcf (See attached Cumulative Production Map). Daily rates likewise range from 10-350 mcf/d (See attached Daily Rate Map). As observed from the production maps, the majority of the production is located in the northwest portion of the mapped area.

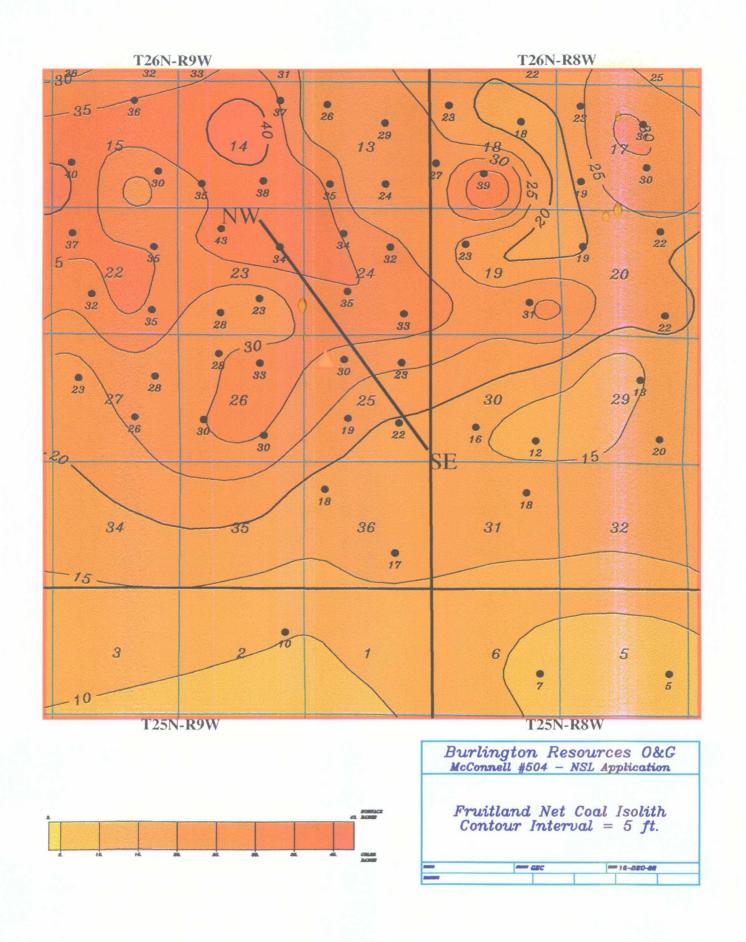
Thorough mapping of both the interval thickness between the uppermost and lowermost coals (Gross Coal Isopach, attached) and the net coal thickness in the Fruitland (Net Coal Isolith, attached) was undertaken to explain this superior production located in the northwest of the mapped area. As observed from the isopach maps, there is a general thickening to the northwest (See attached cross section). This thickening is believed to have a major role in the wells productivity and therefore, the NW/NW of Section 25 is much more advantageous geologically for the McConnell #504 location. In fact, a Mesaverde well (McConnell #7) is located in the NE/NW of Section 25 and does show that the coal is thicker in the northwest quarter than all three control points in the other quarter sections in Section 25. Therefore, net coal thickness is thought to be maximized in the NW/NW as currently staked and as a result, gas production will likewise be maximized.











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Huerfano Unit #523 B 23-26N-9W

McConnell #7 C 25-26N-9W (McConnell #504)

Ka Souse #1 I 25-26N-9W