

# New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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Ms. Ocean Munds-Dry  
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**Administrative Order NSL-6027**

**Re: Chesapeake Operating, Inc.**  
**Sparrowhawk 15 Fee Well No. 1H**  
**API No. 30-015**  
**Unit B, Section 15-25S-28E**  
**Eddy County, New Mexico**

Dear Ms. Munds-Dry:

Reference is made to the following:

(a) your application (**administrative application reference No. pKAA09-09051685**) submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (the Division) in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on behalf of Chesapeake Operating, Inc. (Chesapeake), on March 30, 2009, and

(b) the Division's records pertinent to this request.

Chesapeake has requested to drill the above-referenced well as a horizontal well in the Delaware formation, at a location that will be unorthodox under Division Rule 16.14.B(2). The proposed surface location, point of penetration and terminus of the well are as follows:

Surface Location: 350 feet from the North line and 1470 feet from the East line  
(Unit B) of Section 15, Township 25S, Range 28E, NMPM  
Eddy County, New Mexico

Point of Penetration: same as surface location

Terminus 350 feet from the North line and 350 feet from the West line  
(Unit D) of said Section 15



The NW/4 NE/4 and N/2 NW/4 of Section 15 will be dedicated to the proposed well to form a project area consisting of three standard 40-acre spacing units in the Southwest Willow Lake Delaware Pool (96855). This pool is governed by statewide Rule 15.9, which provides for 40-acre units, with wells located at least 330 feet from a unit outer boundary. This location is unorthodox because a portion of the producing interval will be less than 330 feet from the eastern boundary of the project area, and therefore outside the producing area.

Your application on behalf of Chesapeake has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 15.13 and 4.12.A(2).

It is our understanding that you are seeking this location for engineering reasons, in order to penetrate the maximum amount of the intended producing zone in the lateral portion of the wellbore.

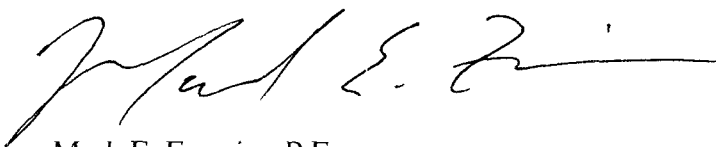
It is also understood that you have given due notice of this application to all operators or owners who are "affected persons," as defined in Rule 4.12.A(2), in all adjoining units towards which the proposed location encroaches.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 15.13.B, the above-described unorthodox location is hereby approved.

This approval is subject to Chesapeake's being in compliance with all other applicable Division rules, including, but not limited to Division Rule 5.9.

Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark E. Fesmire', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.  
Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Artesia