



# New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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Hess Corporation  
Attn: Mr. James S. Hughart  
500 Dallas Street  
Houston, TX 77002

## Administrative Order NSL-6139

**Re: West Bravo Dome Gas Unit 1829 Well No. 31  
API No. 30-021-20412  
1200 feet FSL and 1800 feet FEL  
Unit O, Section 3-18N-29E  
Harding County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Hughart:

Reference is made to the following:

(a) your application (**administrative application reference No. pWVJ10-01261322**) submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (the Division) in Santa Fe, New Mexico on January 12, 2010, and

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

Hess Corporation [OGRID 495] (Hess) has requested to drill the above-referenced well at an unorthodox well location described above in the caption of this letter. All of Section 3 will be dedicated to this well in order to form a non-standard, 630-acre, more or less, spacing unit in the West Bravo Dome Carbon Dioxide Gas Area (72480). Spacing in this area is governed by the Special Rules and Regulations for the West Bravo Dome Carbon Dioxide Area, as promulgated by Order R-7737, issued on November 19, 1984, which provide, as to the area affected by this Order, for 640-acre units, with wells to be located at least 1650 feet from a unit outer boundary. This location is less than 1650 feet from the southern unit boundary.

Your application 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 topographic reasons.

It is also understood that notice to offsetting operators or owners is unnecessary due to common ownership.

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

This approval is subject to your 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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.  
Director

MEF/db

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Santa Fe  
United States Bureau of Land Management - Taos