



# New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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OXY USA, Inc.  
Attn: David Stewart  
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Midland, TX 79710-0250

## Administrative Order NSL-6263

**Re: Lost Tank 10 Federal Well No. 3**  
**API No. 30-015-37897**  
**805 feet FSL & 1874 feet FEL**  
**Unit O, Section 3-22S-31E**  
**Eddy County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Reference is made to the following:

(a) your application (**administrative application reference No. pTGW10-23748737**) submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (the Division) in Santa Fe, New Mexico on August 25, 2010, and

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

OXY USA, Inc. [OGRID 16696] (OXY) has requested to drill the above-referenced well as a directional 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: 805 feet from the South line and 1874 feet from the East line  
(Unit O) of Section 3, Township 22S, Range 31E, NMPM,  
Eddy County, New Mexico

Point of Penetration: same as surface location

Terminus 864 feet from the North line and 1866 feet from the West line  
(Unit C) of Section 10, said Township and Range

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The N/2 and SE/4 of the NE/4 and the NE/4 of the NW/4 of Section 10 will be dedicated to the proposed well to form a project area consisting of four standard spacing units in the West Lost Tank-Delaware Pool (96582). This pool is governed by statewide Rule 15.9.A, which provides for 40-acre units, with wells located at least 330 feet from a unit outer boundary. This location is unorthodox because portions of the producing interval will be outside the producing area.

The penetration point is in the SW/4 SE/4 of Section 3, which is outside the project area. This approval is **CONDITIONED UPON** the well being completed only within the designated project area.

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

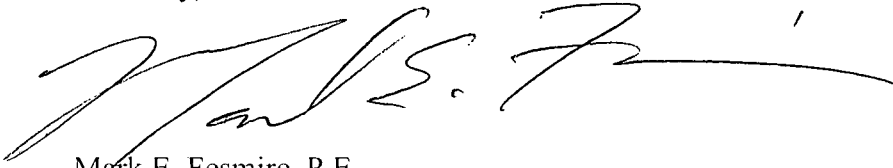
It is our understanding that you are seeking this location to conform to United States Bureau of Land Management potash area drilling restrictions. It is also understood that you have given due notice of this application to all operators or owners who are "affected persons," as defined in Rule 4.12.A(2), 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 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 dark ink, appearing to read 'Mark E. Fesmire', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.  
Acting Director

MEF/db

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Artesia  
United States Bureau of Land Management