



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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March 2, 2001

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Director  
Oil Conservation Division

**Conoco, Inc.**  
**10 Desta Drive - Suite 100-W**  
**Midland, Texas 79705-4500**  
**Attention: Kay Maddox, Regulatory Agent**

## *Administrative Order NSP-1666-B(L)(SD)*

Dear Ms. Maddox:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application dated November 9, 2000; (ii) the records of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") in Santa Fe, including the files on Division Administrative Order NSP-1666 (L), dated April 6, 1993, Division Administrative Order NSP-1666-A (L) (SD), dated January 10, 2000, and Division Administrative Order NSP-1807, dated October 4, 1999; (iii) your written message dated February 23, 2001 with attachments; (iv) your telephone conversations with Mr. Michael E. Stogner, Division Engineer/Chief Hearing Officer on Wednesday, February 28, 2001 and Thursday, March 1, 2001; and (v) the stipulated declaratory judgement of the First Judicial District Court in Santa Fe County, New Mexico issued on December 15, 2000: all concerning Conoco, Inc.'s requests to combine acreage from two existing non-standard gas spacing and proration units ("GPU") in order to form a single 601.68-acre non-standard GPU consisting of the following acreage in the Eumont Gas Pool:

LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO  
TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 38 EAST, NMPM  
Section 19: Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, W/2 NE/4, SE/4 NE/4,  
E/2 NW/4, E/2 SW/4, and SE/4.

### **The Division Director Finds That:**

(1) By Administrative Order NSP-1666-A (L) (SD) the Division established a 441.68-acre non-standard GPU comprising Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, the W/2 NE/4, the SE/4 NE/4, the E/2 NW/4, and the E/2 SW/4 of Section 19 to be simultaneously dedicated to Conoco, Inc.'s:

- (i) SEMU Burger "B" Well No. 72 (API No. 30-025-12760), located at an unorthodox gas well location for this 441.68-acre GPU 330 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 19;
- (ii) SEMU Burger "B" Well No. 126 (API No. 30-025-34127),

located at an unorthodox gas well location for this GPU 1310 feet from the South line and 1120 feet from the West line (Lot 4/Unit M) of Section 19; and

- (iii) SEMU Burger Well No. 141 (API No. 30-025-34921), located at an unorthodox gas well location for this GPU 1300 feet from the North line and 1150 feet from the West line (Lot 1/Unit D) of Section 19.

(2) Similarly, by Administrative Order NSP-1807 the Division established a 160-acre non-standard GPU comprising the SE/4 of Section 19 for Conoco, Inc.'s SEMU Burger Well No. 81 (API No. 30-025-20500), located at a standard gas well location for this 160-acre GPU 660 feet from the South and East lines (Unit P) of Section 19.

(3) According to your application and Division records the above-described SEMU Burger "B" Wells No. 72 and 126 have never been completed within the Eumont Gas Pool and that the SEMU Burger Well No. 141 is the only Eumont gas well assigned the aforementioned 441.68-acre GPU.

(4) The immediate application has been duly filed under the provisions of: (i) Division Rules 104.D (2) and 104.F, revised by Division Order No. R-11231, issued by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission in Case No. 12119 on August 12, 1999; (ii) Division Rule 605.B; and (iii) the "*Special Rules and Regulations for the Eumont Gas Pool*", as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8170, as amended, and appears to be in compliance with the principals and provisions set forth in the stipulated declaratory judgement of the First Judicial District Court in Santa Fe County, New Mexico issued on December 15, 2000.

(5) The newly proposed 601.68-acre GPU is to be simultaneously dedicated to Conoco, Inc.'s: (i) above-described SEMU Burger Well No. 141, which according to Rule 2 (b) 4 of the special Eumont Gas Pool rules is also located at an unorthodox for the proposed 601.68-acre GPU; (ii) above-described SEMU Burger Well No. 81, which location is now considered to be unorthodox for this expanded GPU; and (iii) proposed SEMU Burger Well No. 152, to be drilled at an unorthodox infill gas well location 2630 feet from the North line and 1530 feet from the Eats line (Unit G) of Section 19.

**It Is Therefore Ordered That:**

(1) Under the provisions of Division Rules 605.B (2) (b), 104.D (2), and 104.F (2) and the applicable provisions of the "*Special Rules and Regulations for the Eumont Gas Pool*", a single 601.68-acre non-standard GPU comprising Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, the W/2 NE/4, the SE/4 NE/4, the E/2 NW/4, the E/2 SW/4, and the SE/4 of Section 19, Township 20 South, Range 38 East,

NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico is hereby established.

**It Is Further Ordered That:**

- (2) This unit is to be simultaneously dedicated to Conoco, Inc.'s:
  - (i) existing SEMU Burger Well No. 81 (**API No. 30-025-20500**), located at an unorthodox gas well location for this 601.68-acre GPU 660 feet from the South and East lines (Unit P) of Section 19;
  - (ii) existing SEMU Burger Well No. 141 (**API No. 30-025-34921**), located at an unorthodox gas well location for this GPU 1300 feet from the North line and 1150 feet from the West line (Lot 1/Unit D) of Section 19; and
  - (iii) proposed SEMU Burger Well No. 152, to be drilled at an unorthodox infill gas well location 2630 feet from the North line and 1530 feet from the Eats line (Unit G) of Section 19.
- (3) Conoco, Inc. is hereby permitted to produce the allowable assigned this 601.68-acre GPU from the SEMU Burger Wells No. 81, 141, and 152 in accordance with Rule 8 of the special rules governing the Eumont Gas Pool, as revised by Division Orders No. R-8170-G and R-8170-G-1, and Division Rule 605.D (4) (a).
- (4) Division Administrative Order NSP-1666-A (L) (SD) and NSL-1807 shall both be placed in abeyance until further notice.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lori Wrotenbery", followed by a large, stylized flourish or set of initials.

Lori Wrotenbery  
Director

LW/MES/kv

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs  
U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Carlsbad  
W. Thomas Kellahin, Legal Counsel for Conoco, Inc. - Santa Fe  
File: NSP-1666(L) /  
NSL-3854  
NSP-1666(L)(SD)  
NSP-1807



**NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS  
& NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

**OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**  
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January 10, 2000

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**Attention: Kay Maddox, Regulatory Agent**

***Administrative Order NSP-1666-A (L) (SD)***

Dear Ms. Maddox:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application dated December 15, 1999; and (ii) the records of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") in Santa Fe, including the files on Division Administrative Order NSP-1666 (L), dated April 6, 1993: all concerning Conoco, Inc.'s request for a 441.68-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit ("GPU") consisting of the following acreage in the Eumont Gas Pool:

LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO  
TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 38 EAST, NMPM  
Section 19: Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, W/2 NE/4, SE/4 NE/4,  
E/2 NW/4, and E/2 SW/4.

It is our understanding that this unit is to be simultaneously dedicated to the following described wells:

- (1) Conoco's existing SEMU Burger "B" Well No. 72 (API No. 30-025-12760), located 330 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 19, which is considered to be an unorthodox gas well location for this GPU, is currently a temporarily abandoned oil well in the Warren-Tubb Pool; however, it is to be plugged back and recompleted up-hole into the Eumont Gas Pool upon issuance of this order;
- (2) Conoco's existing SEMU Burger "B" Well No. 126 (API No. 30-025-34127), located at an unorthodox gas well location for this GPU 1310 feet from the South line and 1120 feet from the West line (Lot 4/Unit M) of Section 19, which is currently completed in the Skaggs-Drinkard Pool at an unorthodox oil well location within a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit comprising Lot 4/Unit "M" of Section 19 (approved in part by Division Administrative Order NSL-3854, dated August 14, 1997); however, it too is to be plugged back and recompleted up-hole into the Eumont Gas Pool upon issuance of this order; and
- (3) proposed SEMU Burger "B" Well No. 141 to be drilled at an

unorthodox gas well location for this GPU 1300 feet from the North line and 1150 feet from the West line (Lot 1/Unit D) of Section 19.

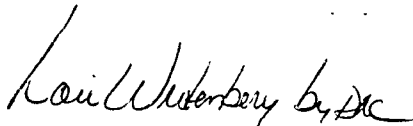
By authority granted me under the provisions Rule 2(d) of the "*Special Rules and Regulations for the Eumont Gas Pool*", as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8170, as amended, and Division Rules 104.D and 104.F (2), the above-described 441.68-acre non-standard GPU and the three unorthodox Eumont gas well locations for the above-described SEMU Burger "B" Wells No. 72, 126, and 141 are hereby approved.

Also, Conoco is hereby authorized to simultaneously dedicate Eumont gas production from all three of the above described wells and is also permitted to produce the allowable assigned the subject 441.68-acre GPU from all three wells in any proportion.

The Division's records indicate that Conoco's previously existing 120-acre GPU, comprising the W/2 NE/4 and the SE/4 NE/4 of Section 19, approved by Division Administrative Order NSP-1666 (L), dated April 6, 1993, ceased to exist when its only dedicated well, the SEMU Burger Well No. 63 (API No. **30-025-07826**), located at an unorthodox gas well location for this 120-acre GPU [also approved by Order NSP-1666 (L)] 1650 feet from the North and East lines (Unit G) of Section 19, was plugged and abandoned in April, 1993. Therefore, Division Administrative Order NSP-1666 (L) as described above shall be placed in abeyance until further notice.

Furthermore, that portion of Division Administrative Order NSL-3854 pertaining to SEMU Burger "B" Well No. 126 shall be placed in abeyance until further notice.

Sincerely,



Lori Wrotenbery  
Director

LW/MES/kv

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs  
U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Carlsbad  
W. Thomas Kellahin, Legal Counsel for Conoco, Inc. - Santa Fe  
File: NSP-1666 (L) /  
NSL-3854



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

**BILL RICHARDSON**

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**Joanna Prukop**  
Cabinet Secretary

February 17, 2004

**Lori Wrotenbery**

Director

Oil Conservation Division

**ConocoPhillips Company**  
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**Attention: Celesta G. Dale**  
Regulatory Analyst

**RE: NMOCD Correspondence Reference No. SD-04-02: Eumont Gas Pool (76480) development within an existing non-standard 601.68-acre gas spacing unit comprising Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, W/2 NE/4, SE/4 NE/4, E/2 NW/4, E/2 SW/4, and SE/4 of Section 19, Township 20 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.**

Dear Ms. Dale:

Reference is made to your letter of January 2, 2004 (*administrative reference No. pMES0-400631823*) notifying the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division's ("Division") Santa Fe office of ConocoPhillips Company's plans for further Eumont gas development within its existing non-standard 601.68-acre gas spacing unit comprising Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, W/2 NE/4, SE/4 NE/4, E/2 NW/4, E/2 SW/4, and SE/4 of Section 19, Township 20 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, which unit was the subject of Division Administrative Order NSP-1666-B (L) (SD), dated March 2, 2001.

By Order No. R-8170-P, issued in Case No. 12563 on December 14, 2001, the Division caused the prorationing of gas production to cease within the Eumont Gas Pool and promulgated "*Special Pool Rules for the Eumont Gas Pool*," which provides for: (i) 640-acre standard gas spacing units; (ii) gas development on a well density based on one well per 160 acres; (iii) gas well locations to be no closer than 660 feet to any outer boundary of its assigned gas spacing unit or governmental quarter section line nor closer than 330 feet to any governmental quarter-quarter section line; and (iv) administrative exceptions, in most cases, to these rules.

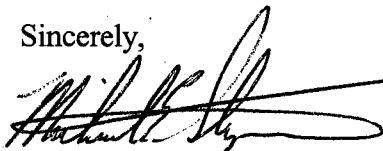
It is the Division's understanding from your letter and from our records that gas production attributed to the Eumont Gas Pool within this 601.68-acre unit will to be simultaneously dedicated to ConocoPhillips Company's following four described wells:

- (i) the existing SEMU Burger Well No. 81 (API No. 30-025-20500), located in the SE/4 of Section 19 at a standard gas well location for this unit 660 feet from the South and East lines (Unit P) of Section 19;

- (ii) the existing SEMU Burger Well No. 141 (API No. 30-025-34921), located in the NW/4 equivalent of Section 19 at an unorthodox gas well location [approved by Division Administrative Order NSP-1666-B (L) (SD)] for this unit 1300 feet from the North line and 1150 feet from the West line (Lot 1/Unit D) of Section 19;
- (iii) the existing SEMU Burger Well No. 152 (API No. 30-025-35443), located at an unorthodox infill gas well location [also approved by Division Administrative Order NSP-1666-B (L) (SD)] for this unit 2630 feet from the North line and 1530 feet from the East line (Unit G) of Section 19, which was drilled in 2001 but has never produced from the Eumont Gas Pool; and
- (iv) the existing SEMU Burger Well No. 153 (API No. 30-025-35434), located at a standard infill gas well location for this unit 830 feet from the South line and 910 feet from the West line (Lot 4/Unit M) of Section 19, to be recompleted up-hole from the North Hardy-Strawn Pool (96893) to the Eumont gas bearing interval.

It is further understood by the Division that ConocoPhillips Company will abide by all existing rules, regulations, policies, and procedures applicable to this pool and that ConocoPhillips Company will operate the aforementioned SEMU Burger Wells No. 81, 141, 152, and 153 and the existing 601.68-acre non-standard gas spacing unit in accordance therein.

Sincerely,



Michael E. Stogner  
Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Hobbs  
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