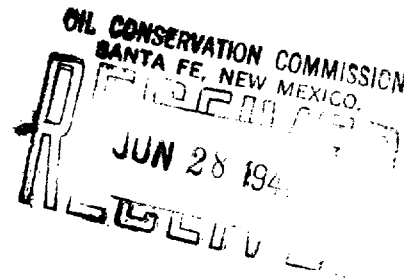


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June 25, 1948



Oil Conservation Commission
State of New Mexico
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. George Graham, Attorney

Gentlemen:

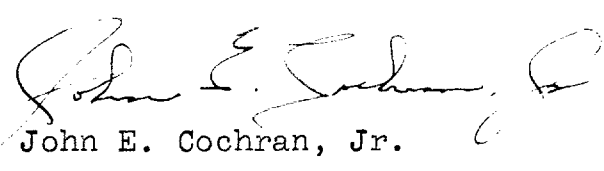
Enclosed herewith is Application, in triplicate, of Ross Sears, for Order granting permission to drill unorthodox location designated as Well No. 5 on the Miller Lease, described as SW/4 of Section 26, Township 17 South, Range 32 East, N.M.P.M., in the Maljamar Field of Lea County, New Mexico.

Please publish Notice of Hearing on this matter as soon as possible, and please advise me the date set for hearing on this application.

Since the acreage involved in this Application is a Federal Oil and Gas Lease, we are forwarding a copy of this Application to Mr. Foster Morrell, Supervisor for the United States Geological Survey at Roswell, New Mexico.

Very truly yours

COCHRAN & SIEGENTHALER


John E. Cochran, Jr.

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cc: Mr. Foster Morrell, Supervisor
United States Geological Survey
Roswell, New Mexico

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

P. O. Box 997
Roswell, New Mexico
June 29, 1948

Mr. John E. Cochran, Jr.
Cochran and Seigenthaler
Carper Building
Artesia, New Mexico

Lease Las Cruces 058699(a)

Dear Mr. Cochran:

Reference is made to your letter of June 25, 1948, transmitting a copy of an application executed by you on June 25, 1948, for Cochran and Seigenthaler, attorneys for applicant, Ross Sears, which has been filed with the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico for permission to drill an unorthodox well location in sec. 26, T. 17 S., R. 32 E., N.M.P.M., Maljamar pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

The land involved in the application is embraced in Federal oil and gas lease Las Cruces 058699(a) now operated by Ross Sears, lessee. The unorthodox well location set forth in the application is approximately 25 feet south and 50 feet east of the common intersection of the boundaries of the four 40-acre legal subdivisions comprising the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ section 26. No encroachment of the outer boundaries of the leasehold is involved as such lease includes the entire SW $\frac{1}{4}$ section 26.

Records of the Roswell office disclose that well No. 3-A was drilled by Johney Cockburn in the C SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ section 26, 660 feet from the south line and 1980 feet from the west line of said section, and completed during May 1942 at a total depth of 4358 feet. Uncommercial showings of oil were found and the well was subsequently abandoned. The unorthodox well location requested in the above petition is in the northwest corner of the same 40-acre legal subdivision. The applicant requests that the Commission fix a daily allowable for the 40-acre unit upon which the proposed additional well is to be located.

No objection is offered by this office to the unorthodox well location specified in the application. It is the opinion of this office that the drilling of the additional well may afford an opportunity for increased recovery of oil and gas from the presently producing reservoir of the Maljamar pool.

Approval to drill the additional well at the unorthodox well location will be contingent upon approval of such location by the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico for proration purposes.

Very truly yours,

Foster Morrell
Foster Morrell,

Supervisor, Oil and Gas Operations.

cc: Mr. Cochran

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OFFICE OF STATE GEOLOGIST
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

30 June 1948

Mr. John E. Cochran, Jr.
Carper Bldg.,
Artesia, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Cochran:

Attached is Notice of Publication on your petition which
is known as Case 150.

Hearing is to be held in the Senate Chambers of the Capitol
building.

Very truly yours,

RRS:bsp