

**BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW  
MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
CONSIDERING:**

**CASE NO. 1438  
Order No. R-1174**

**APPLICATION OF MONSANTO CHEMICAL  
COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN UNORTHODOX  
GAS WELL LOCATION IN AN UNDESIGNATED  
DAKOTA GAS POOL IN SAN JUAN COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO.**

**ORDER OF THE COMMISSION**

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on May 6, 1958, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner duly appointed by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission," in accordance with Rule 1214 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

NOW, on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1958, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the application, the evidence adduced, and the recommendations of the Examiner, Daniel S. Nutter, and being fully advised in the premises,

**FINDS:**

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, Monsanto Chemical Company, is the owner and operator of the Viersen Well No. 1, which was drilled to and completed in the Dakota formation at a point 660 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 19, Township 30 North, Range 13 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

(3) That under the terms of Rule 104 (b) of the Commission Rules and Regulations, the location of the said Viersen Well No. 1 is orthodox for an oil well completion, but unorthodox for a gas well completion.

(4) That the applicant expected to discover oil in the Dakota formation underlying the NE/4 NE/4 of said Section 19 and that the said Viersen Well No. 1 was projected as an oil well.

(5) That upon completion the said Viersen Well No. 1 proved to be a gas well rather than an oil well.

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(6) That the applicant requests approval of the unorthodox gas well location for its said Viersen Well No. 1.

(7) That approval of the subject application will not cause waste nor impair the correlative rights of any other operator in the area.

(8) That unless the subject application is approved, applicant will be denied the opportunity to recover its just and equitable share of the gas in place in the Dakota formation underlying the NE/4 of said Section 19.

(9) That the subject application should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That the unorthodox gas well location of the Monsanto Chemical Company Viersen Well No. 1 in an undesignated Dakota gas pool at a point 660 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 19, Township 30 North, Range 13 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, be and the same is hereby approved.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

*E. L. Mechem*

EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman

*Murray E. Morgan*

MURRAY E. MORGAN, Member

*A. L. Porter, Jr.*

A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

