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Oil Conservation Commission



LAND COMMISSIONER
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A. L. PORTER, JR.
SECRETARY - DIRECTOR

P. O. BOX 2088
SANTA FE

June 9, 1965

Mr. Clarence Hinkle
Hinkle, Bondurant & Christy
Attorneys at Law
Post Office Box 10
Roswell, New Mexico

Re: Case No. 3260
Order No. 3262
Applicant:
Delaware Apache &
Monsanto Company

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Commission order recently entered in the subject case.

Very truly yours,

A. L. Porter, Jr.
A. L. PORTER, Jr.
Secretary-Director

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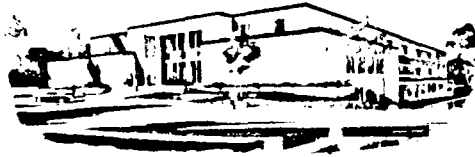
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State of New Mexico



Commissioner of Public Lands



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HINKLE, BONDURANT & CHRISTY
ROSSELL, NEW MEXICO

P. O. BOX 1148
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

GUYTON B. HAYS
COMMISSIONER

May 21, 1965

Mr. Clarence E. Hinkle
Hinkle, Bondurant & Christy, Attorneys
P. O. Box 10
Roswell, New Mexico

Re: Cueva Unit
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Hinkle:

We have received by your letter of May 17, 1965,
the Unit Agreement form for the proposed Cueva Unit in Eddy
County, New Mexico.

We herewith approve this Unit Agreement form as
to form and content.

Very truly yours,

GUYTON B. HAYS
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

BY:

Ted Bilberry
(Mr.) Ted Bilberry, Director
Oil and Gas Department

GBH/MMR/d

Inasmuch as this unit contains State of New Mexico lands, please contact the Commissioner of Public Lands, Santa Fe, New Mexico, before soliciting joinders.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Julius J. Baker".

Acting Director



IN REPLY REFER TO:

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

FEB 24 1965

Monsanto Company
602 West Missouri
Midland, Texas 79704

Attention: Mr. V. M. Basil

Gentlemen:

Your application of January 25, filed with the Oil and Gas Supervisor, Roswell, New Mexico, requests the designation of 12,488.64 acres, more or less, in Eddy County, New Mexico, as logically subject to exploration and development under the unitization provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act, as amended.

Pursuant to unit plan regulations of December 22, 1950, 30 CFR 226.3 (1961 reprint), the land requested as outlined on your map marked "Exhibit A, Cueva unit area, Eddy County, New Mexico," is hereby designated as a logical unit area. The unit agreement submitted for the area designated should provide for the drilling of an initial test well to test formations of Devonian Age or to 11,000 feet. The 1961 reprint of the standard form of unit agreement should be used with the changes in sections 6(b) and 27 set forth in your application and the addition of the language required by the State of New Mexico.

In the absence of any type of land requiring special provisions or any objections not now apparent, a duly executed agreement identical to the 1961 reprint, modified only as outlined in your application, will be approved if submitted in approvable status within a reasonable time. However, the right is reserved to deny approval of any executed agreement which, in our opinion, does not have full commitment of sufficient lands to afford effective control of unit operations.

When the executed agreement is transmitted to the Supervisor for approval, include the latest status of all acreage. In preparation of Exhibits A and B, follow closely the format of the sample exhibits attached to the 1961 reprint of the standard form.

CLARENCE E. HINKLE
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LAW OFFICES
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HINKLE BUILDING
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

OF COUNSEL: HIRAM M. DOW

TELEPHONE 622-6510
AREA CODE 505
POST OFFICE BOX 10

May 10, 1965

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Cueva Unit
Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

We enclose herewith in triplicate Application of Monsanto Company for approval of the Cueva Unit Agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico, which we would like for you to set for the first examiner's hearing in June inasmuch as we are going to make an effort to have the unit effective so that drilling operations can be commenced before June 30.

You will note that the application states that we are filing 3 copies of the unit agreement. The unit form is not yet completed and we will forward these to you within a few days.

Yours sincerely,

HINKLE, BONDURANT & CHRISTY

By 

CEH:cs
Enc.

DOCKET MAILED

Date 5-22-65

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POST OFFICE BOX 10

May 17, 1965

Oil Conservation Commission
Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Cueva Unit, Eddy County, N.M.

Gentlemen:

We forwarded to you last week the application of Monsanto Company for approval of the proposed Cueva Unit Agreement. At the time the application was forwarded to you, the form of unit agreement was not completed and we now enclose 3 copies of the same to be filed with the application. It is our understanding that this matter will be set down for hearing at the first examiner's hearing in June.

Yours very truly,

HINKLE, BONDURANT & CHRISTY

By  _____

CEH:cs
Enc.
cc: Mr. Basil

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Acting Director



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FEB 24 1965

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602 West Missouri
Midland, Texas 79704

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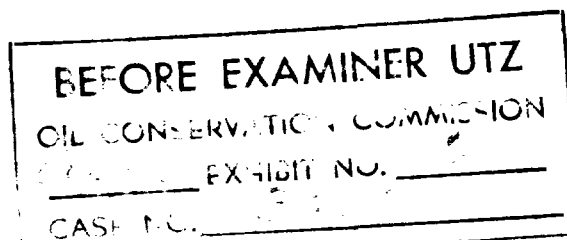
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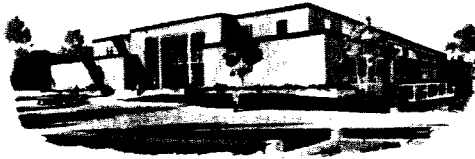
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Commissioner of Public Lands



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COMMISSIONER

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P. O. BOX 1148
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

May 21, 1965

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Hinkle, Bondurant & Christy, Attorneys
P. O. Box 10
Roswell, New Mexico

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Eddy County, New Mexico

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GUYTON B. HAYS
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

BY: *Ted Bilberry*
(Mr.) Ted Bilberry, Director
Oil and Gas Department

BEFORE EXAMINER UTZ
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
EXHIBIT NO. <u>4</u>
CASE NO. <u> </u>

GBH/MMR/d

June 15, 1965

Monsanto Company
602 West Missouri Avenue
Midland, Texas

Re: Cueva Unit
Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

The Commissioner of Public Lands approved as of June 15, 1965, the Cueva Unit, Eddy County, New Mexico, subject to like approval by the United States Geological Survey.

We are this date handing to Mr. V. M. Basil eleven originally signed copies of Certificate of Approval of this Unit Agreement, along with Official Receipt No. H-13546 in the amount of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, which covers the filing fee.

Very truly yours,

GUYTON B. HAYS
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

BY:
(Mr.) Ted Bilberry, Director
Oil and Gas Department

GBH/MMR/d
Enclosures

cc: United States Geological Survey
P. O. Drawer 1857, Roswell, New Mexico
Attention: Mr. John A. Anderson

Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico

February 1, 1966

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to Section 20 (b) of the Unit Agreement. Notice of intention to terminate the agreement has previously been sent to all parties in interest.

Very truly yours,

MONSANTO COMPANY

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By

Attorney-in-Fact

FRANK RICHARDSON

UNIT OPERATOR

HL

APPROVED:

United States Geological Survey

Commissioner of Public Lands

Director, New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

Monsanto

C O M P A N Y

Hydrocarbons Division
101 North Marienfeld
Midland, Texas 79704

February 1, 1965

In Re: Cueva Unit (No. 14-08-0001-5090)
Sady County, New Mexico
Request for Approval to Terminate

Regional Supervisor
United States Geological Survey
P. O. Box 1807
Roswell, New Mexico

Commissioner of Public Lands
State of New Mexico
P. O. Box 1148
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Director
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Monsanto Company, designated unit operator of the Cueva Unit, respectfully requests the approval of the Director of the Geological Survey and Commissioner of Public Lands to terminate the Cueva Unit Agreement dated May 15, 1965.

Approval to terminate said unit Agreement is requested pursuant


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February 1, 1966
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Attorney-in-Fact FRANK RICHARDSON
UNIT OPERATOR

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Hydrocarbons Division
101 North Marienfeld
Midland, Texas 79704

February 1, 1966

In Re: Cueva Unit (No. 14-09-0001-8095)
Eddy County, New Mexico
Request for Approval to Terminate

Regional Supervisor
United States Geological Survey
P. O. Box 1857
Roswell, New Mexico

Commissioner of Public Lands
State of New Mexico
P. O. Box 1148
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Director
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 871

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

July 21, 1966

Monsanto Company
Hydrocarbons Division
101 North Marlenfield
Midland, Texas

Attention: Mr. V. M. Basil

Re: Cueva Unit - Request for
Approval to Terminate

Gentlemen:

Please inform this office of action taken, if any, by the
Commissioner of Public Lands for the State of New Mexico and
the United States Geological Survey on your Request for
Approval to Terminate the Cueva Unit dated January 31, 1966.

Very truly yours,

A. L. PORTER, Jr.,
Secretary-Director

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HYDROCARBONS DIVISION

101 North Marienfeld
Midland, Texas 79704
(915) MUtual 3-3306

January 31, 1966

Director
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Cueva Unit (No. 14-08-0001-8698)
Eddy County, New Mexico
Request for Approval to Terminate

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find in two (2) counterparts Request for Approval to Terminate the Cueva Unit. We shall appreciate receiving one approved copy of this Request.

Very truly yours,

MONSANTO COMPANY



W. Basil
District Landman

VMB/vc
Enclosures

Mr. Wm. F. Schwenn
740 South 45th Street
Boulder, Colorado

Mr. Don R. Link
840 Petr. Club Bldg.
Denver, Colorado

Mr. William A. Huffman
3150 Columbia Dr.
Abilene, Texas

Mr. R. G. Hanagan
Box 1737
Roswell, New Mexico

Sullivan, Inc.
Ulysses
Kansas

Mr. H. Boscowitz
630 - 5th Ave.
New York 20, New York

Mr. J. T. Winkhaus, Jr.
2 Broadway
New York 4, New York

Mr. C. P. Ellis, III
No. 6 Richmond
New Orleans, Louisiana

Mrs. Mary Charlotte Cooper
1005 Upland
Midland, Texas

Mr. Wesley Chalfant
506 Vaughn Bldg.
Midland, Texas

Miss Claire M. Mask
4600 Pasadena Dr.
Midland, Texas

Mr. Earl G. Bateman
620 Oil & Gas Bldg.
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Mr. W. L. Serpas, Sr.
620 Oil & Gas Bldg.
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Mr. C. M. McElhannon
Box 1657
Ft. Worth, Texas

Mr. Johney Cockburn
Box 1076
Del Rio, Texas

Mr. Ralph A. Shugart
100 Carper Bldg.
Artesia, New Mexico

Mrs. Rose Salzman
Miss Gertrude Bennett
Miss Mae G. Smith
c/o Wm. M. Nathan
Bettes Bldg.
Houston 2, Texas

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Hydrocarbons Division
101 North Marienfeld
Midland, Texas 79704

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January 13, 1966

IN RE: Cueva Unit
Eddy County, New Mexico
Notice of Intention to Terminate

Parties In Interest - Addressee List Attached

Commissioner of Public Lands
State of New Mexico
P. O. Box 1148
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Regional Supervisor
United States Geological Survey
P. O. Box 1857
Roswell, New Mexico

✓ Director
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

The initial exploratory well drilled in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 28, T-22S, R-25E, N.M.P.M., pursuant to Section 9 of the Cueva Unit Agreement, was completed as a dry hole on August 16, 1965. The results of said well have now been evaluated.

In the opinion of Unit Operator, the prospect has been tested. Pursuant to Section 20 (b) of the Unit Agreement, notice is given to all parties

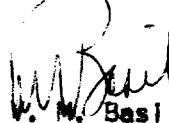
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In Interest that it is the intention of Operator to request termination of the Cueva Unit Agreement.

On February 1, 1966, Unit Operator plans to request from the United States Geological Survey, Commissioner of Public Lands and New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission approval to terminate the Cueva Unit Agreement. In the event any party in interest desires to extend said Unit pursuant to Section 9 of the Unit Agreement, we shall be pleased to hear from such party prior to the date set out hereinabove.

Very truly yours,

MONSANTO COMPANY

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. M. Basil", is written over the typed name.

W. M. Basil
District Landman

VMB/vc

Gulf Oil Corporation
Box 1938
Roswell, New Mexico

Mr. Curtis R. Inman
Box 737
Midland, Texas

Richfield Oil Corporation
308 West Colorado
Midland, Texas

Kern County Land Company
407 V&J Tower Bldg.
Midland, Texas

Sinclair Oil & Gas Company
Box 1677
Roswell, New Mexico

Pan American Petroleum Corporation
Box 268
Lubbock, Texas

Mr. David Fasken
c/o Richard S. Brooks
608 First National Bank Bldg.
Midland, Texas

Mr. Hoover H. Wright
Box 2312
Roswell, New Mexico

Phillips Petroleum Company
Box 791
Midland, Texas

Union Oil Company of California
300 Security National Bank Bldg.
Roswell, New Mexico

Mr. Derrell G. Hanks
419 E. Dengar
Midland, Texas

Socony Mobil Oil Company, Inc.
Box 820
Roswell, New Mexico

Marathon Oil Company
P. O. Drawer 1398
Roswell, New Mexico

Southern Minerals Corporation
Box 1816
Midland, Texas

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Midland, Texas

Mr. P. K. Middleton
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Carlsbad, New Mexico

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Box 3109
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108 W. Alb.
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New Orleans 22, Louisiana

Mr. T. J. Deason, Jr.
1017 S. Kentucky
Roswell, New Mexico

Mr. Gordon M. Cone
Box 1148
Lovington, New Mexico

Mr. E. D. White
Box 146
Roswell, New Mexico

Mrs. Marion V. Harris
Box 6657
Roswell, New Mexico

The Blanco Company
Box 146
Roswell, New Mexico

Mrs. Irma M. Hanson
Box 1515
Roswell, New Mexico

Mr. Fred M. Cassidy
1609 Humble St.
Midland, Texas

Mrs. Ruth C. McPherson
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Roswell, New Mexico