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FROM: Jerry Sexton
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DATE: October 28, 1992

Case 10660

SUBJECT: Division Order R-9722

We have no objections to changing the designation of the East Big Dog-Strawn Pool to West Lovington-Strawn Pool.

The pool name to be the only change and all stipulations concerning special rules applied to the East Big Dog-Strawn Pool to apply to the West Lovington-Strawn Pool.





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MEMORANDUM

TO: William J. LeMay, Director
Jerry Sexton, District Supervisor
Paul Kautz, Geologist
~~Barry Van Ryan~~, Chief Engineer

To: **FROM:** Michael E. Stogner, Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

SUBJECT: East Big Dog Strawn Pool
W/2 SE/4 Section 33, Township 15 South, Range 35
East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
Division Order No. R-9722

DATE: October 9, 1992

[Signature] 12/9/92

Pursuant to Mr. William Crow's letter dated October 6, 1992, whereby some rather valid points were made, I propose the following advertisement be issued and said order be amended to resolve this matter. In the future all Districts, including the Santa Fe office, should exercise more care to insure that this naming policy is adhered to.

Application of Charles B. Gillespie, Jr. to amend Division Order No. R-9722, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above styled cause, seeks the redesignation of the East Big Dog-Strawn Pool, which was created by Division Order No. R-9722, issued in Case 10530 and dated September 23, 1992, to the West Lovington-Strawn Pool. The Special Rules and Regulations promulgated by said Order should also be amended to reflect the proposed name change. The subject pool area incorporates the W/2 SE/4 of Section 33, Township 15 South, Range 35 East, being approximately 3.5 miles northwest of Lovington, New Mexico. IN THE ABSENCE OF OBJECTION THIS MATTER WILL BE TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT.

Charles B. Gillespie, Jr.

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Attention: Mr. Jerry Sexton
Supervisor, District 1

Case 10660

Re: Order No. R-9722, Case No. 10530
Application of Charles B. Gillespie, Jr.
For Pool Creation and Special Pool
Rules, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Sexton:

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Charles B. Gillespie, Jr. would like to point out that the name "Big Dog" also does not appear to correspond to the Division's long-standing policy of referencing nearby geographical place names to a pool name and, therefore, we ask that the new pool be designated a different name.

The Big Dog Strawn Pool was created in 1986 and it consists of one very marginal Strawn oil producer which lies one and a half miles west of the subject lands. The pool produces from a very limited reservoir which, as indicated by pressure data, seismic data and subsurface mapping, is completely separate from the new reservoir recently discovered by Gillespie. The pool name "Big Dog" was selected by Mitchell Energy Corporation following its completion of the No. 1 Baer Well. The name "Big Dog" was Mitchell's original prospect name for the well and it makes no reference to any nearby geographical place.

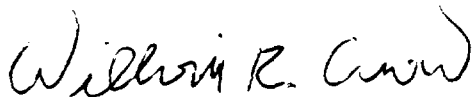
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Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William R. Crow".

William R. Crow
Exploration Manager

WRC/ksy

cc: State of New Mexico
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Bill LeMay

FROM: Jerry Sexton *JS* *Bob FYI*

SUBJECT: POOL NAME CHANGE
FROM EAST BIG DOG STRAWN TO PATIENCE STRAWN
SEC 33-T15S-R35E, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

DATE: September 29, 1992

I hope this confirms and explains our telephone call on the changing of the East Big Dog Strawn pool to Patience Strawn pool.

What happened was that I did not pay close enough attention to what was going on. Paul recommended that the pool name Patience not be used because it was not a landmark. Mr. Gillespie had talked to me about the pool name, and I had no problem with the name he had recommended. Not all pool names are for area landmarks as the present pool name of Big Dog indicates.

What I thought District I was doing was going along, as much as possible, with the operators suggested name. Although a pool cannot be given a persons name, there has been some exception to this. The Sawyer Lane and Vada pools are all named after ranchers. By the time I went to work for the Oil Conservation Division (OCD), this practice had been done away with.

Even under present practice the OCD has no written guidelines and yet we send out requests for new pools. The main guideline I tell operators is that a pool not be named after a person. Landmarks are not that reliable and certainly this rule has not been followed nor is it being followed at this time.

I make enough people mad in the normal course of my job, and find it unnecessary to make producers angry over pool names. I don't think the OCD can have a philosophy so inflexible that it can make people loose respect for the OCD, and for items such as pool names, especially when the name we give the pool does not pertain to landmarks.



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Bill LeMay
September 29, 1992

This is exactly what is being brought up for discussion at the Energy Summit. The inflexability of bureaucracy to create a favorable business climate. It is not necessarily one rule, but an attitude percieved by businesses of regulation for the sake of regulation and power.

What I am recommending we do is abolish the East Big Dog Strawn pool and create the Patience Strawn pool. District I can do this on a nomenclature hearing.

I talked to Mike Stogner on this and he did not feel he had the authority to do this and suggested I talk to you. Since it was my dropping the ball that allowed the misnaming of the pool I thought you needed an explanation of what happened.

To prevent this from happening again all changes in pool names from what the operator's request, will be approved by me for District I.

JS/sad

cc: ✓ Mike Stogner
Paul Kautz