



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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**Devon SFS Operating, Inc.**  
c/o **James Bruce**  
**P. O. Box 1056**  
**Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504**



**Re:** *Administrative application for an exception to the well location provisions [Rule 2 (b)] of the "Special Rules and Regulations for the Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8170, as amended.*

Dear Mr. Bruce:

This letter acknowledges the receipt of your administrative application dated October 13, 2001 on behalf of Devon SFS Operating, Inc. for an unorthodox Morrow gas well location for the proposed Stock Tank "15" Federal Well No. 1 (API No. 30-005-63371), to be drilled 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 15, Township 15 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico. The Division received your application on October 16, 2001, and assigned it NMOC application reference No. *pKRV0-129039620*. Please refer to this number in future correspondence with the Division.

Our preliminary review indicates that the information provided in the application is not sufficient to process an administrative order. While your geological data supports locating this well in the SW/4 rather than the NW/4 of Section 15 it is insufficient to support the 660 offset requests.

Since the submitted information is insufficient to review, the application was ruled as incomplete on October 22, 2001. Please submit the above stated information by Monday, October 29, 2001.

The Division cannot proceed with your application until the required information is submitted. Upon receipt, the Division will continue to process your application. The additional information can be faxed to (505) 476-3471, or mailed to the Division in Santa Fe. If the necessary information is not submitted, your application will be returned to you.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me in Santa Fe at (505) 476-3465. Thank you.

Sincerely,

**Michael E. Stogner**  
Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Artesia