LM. OIL CONS. COMMISSION

UN...ED STATES Form 3160-5 (June 1990)

Approved by

Conditions of approval, if any:

30 X 1980 FORM APPROVED BY A PENANTHER STATE OF THE STATE

Expires: March 31, 1993 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR 5. Lease Designation and Serial No. **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT** NM 0997 SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS 6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name Do not use this form for proposals to drill or to deepen or reentry to a different reservoir. Use "APPLICATION FOR PERMIT - " for such proposals 7. If Unit or CA, Agreement Designation SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE 1. Type of Well 8. Well Name and No. Federal '21' X Oil Well # 1 2. Name of Operator Meridian Oil Inc. 9. API Well No. 30-025-26830 3. Address and Telephone No. 10. Field and Pool, or exploratory Area P.O. Box 51810. Midland. TX 79710-1810 915-688-6943 South Corbin Bone Springs 4. Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T., R., M., or Survey Description) 1980' FSL & 660' FWL 11. County or Parish, State Sec. 21. T18S. R33E NM CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(s) TO INDICATE NATURE OF NOTICE, REPORT, OR OTHER DATA 12. TYPE OF ACTION TYPE OF SUBMISSION Change of Plans Abandonment Notice of Intent **New Construction** Recompletion Non-Routine Fracturing X Subsequent Report Plugging Back Water Shut-Off Casing Repair Final Abandonment Notice Conversion to Injection Altering Casing Dispose Water (Note: Report results of multiple completion on Well Completion or Recompletion Report and Log form.) 13. Describe Proposed or Completed Operations (Clearly state all pertinent details, and give pertinent dates, including estimated date of starting any proposed work. If well is directionally drilled, give subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths for all markers and zones pertinent to this work.)* Meridian Oil Inc. respectfully requests continued TA status. This well is positioned in between the East Corbin Delaware Unit and the proposed West Corbin Delaware Unit that is scheduled for later part of 1996. It is our contention to convert this well to a water source well. 14. I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct Title Regulatory Compliance Signed PETROLEUN ENGINEER (This space for Feet CARTE

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, makes it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT CARLSBAD RESOURCE AREA

Temporary Abandonment of Wells on Federal Lands

Conditions of Approval

Temporary Abandonment (TA) status approval requires: A) <u>Successful Casing Integrity Test</u> and,
B) <u>Successful Bradenhead Test.</u>

Any temporary abandonment request must be submitted on a Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5), one (1) original signature and five (5) copies, and include the following:

- Justification why the well should be temporarily abandoned rather than permanently plugged and abandoned.
- 2. Description of the temporary abandonment procedure.
- 3. A complete wellbore diagram shown as temporarily abandoned.
- 4. The anticipated date the operations will occur.

Contact the appropriate BLM office at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled Casing Integrity and the Bradenhead Tests. For wells in Eddy County call (505) 887-6544; for wells in Lea County call (505) 393-3612.

A) Casing Integrity Test for Th:

- 1. Install an isolation device (such as a retainer or bridge plug) within 50' to 100' of the top perforation or cement plug that extends at least 50' above each set of open perforations. Unless prior approval is granted by the Authorized Officer, fill the well bore with conditioned, non-corrosive fluid and shut-in at the surface. If a cement plug is used, the top of the cement must be verified by tagging. If the wellbore had more than one producing horizon, the lower set(s) of perforations or open hole must meet the requirements for permanent plug to abandonment, unless justification is provided by the operator not to do so.
- 2. A test demonstrating casing mechanical integrity is required. An approved method is a pressure test of the casing and uppermost plug. The pressure test conducted shall be a minimum of 500 pei surface pressure with less than 10 percent pressure drop within thirty (30) minutes. In no event shall the pressure test required exceed seventy (70) percent of the internal yield of the casing. In the case of an unsuccessful test, the operator shall either correct the problem or plan to plug and abandon the well. Alternative methods demonstrating casing mechanical integrity may be approved by the Authorized Officer on a case-by-case basis.

B) Bradenhead Test for The

- Record the pressure measured on each casing string, including intermediate casing, using deadweight or calibrated pressure gauge.
- 2. Open the bradenhead valve to the atmosphere. If gas or water flow is observed or indicated, flow the bradenhead for a minimum of fifteen (15) minutes and record pressures at five (5) minute intervals on the production, intermediate and surface casing. Describe in detail any fluids flowing from the bradenhead including measured or estimated rates of flow. A water and/or gas analysis may be required.

Wells that successfully pass the casing integrity test and the bradenhead test will be approved for Temporary Abandonment (TA) status for 12 months provided that the operator:

- 1.Submits within thirty (30) days a subsequent Sundry Motice (one (1) original signature and five (5) copies) requesting TA approval,
- 2.Attaches a clear copy or the original of the pressure test charts,
- If the well does not pass the casing integrity test and/or the bradenhead test, then the operator shall within 90 days submit to BLM for approval one of the following:
- 1. A procedure to repair the casing so that a TA approval can be granted.
- 2. A procedure to plug and abandon the well.