



May 7, 1996

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
PO Box 1980
Hobbs, NM 88240

Attn: Mr. Jerry Sexton
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division I Director

Re: **Temporary approval to Surface Commingle**
N. M. "R" State NCT-3 #26 *J-1-18S-34E*
Wildcat Vacuum Blinebry
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Sexton,

Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. respectfully requests a ³⁰~~60~~ day temporary approval to surface commingle production from the wildcat Vacuum Blinebry and the Vacuum Drinkard pools in a storage facility located in unit letter section P, township 18S, range 34E, Lea County, New Mexico.

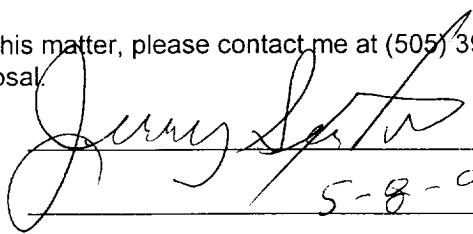
The N. M. "R" State NCT-3 #26 was completed as a wildcat Vacuum Blinebry producer April 29, 1996, and is anticipated to produce approximately 45 BOPD. Due to the environmental and safety hazards associated with venting or flaring produced gas, only swab tests have been conducted on the subject well to determine productive capacity. In order to adequately test the well, Texaco proposes to rod pump and route Vacuum Blinebry production from the subject well to a storage facility currently dedicated to the Vacuum Drinkard.

Other Vacuum Blinebry wells in the vicinity have indicated an API gravity of approximately 36.1° API. The average API gravity of the production from the Vacuum Drinkard battery for April, 1996 was 36.7°. Therefore, surface commingling production from both pools will not result in a loss of total hydrocarbon value, and also provide a safe means of adequately testing the well.

Provided that the subject well produces hydrocarbons at commercially economic rates, Texaco will immediately file the appropriate application for surface commingling to the Oil Commission in Santa Fe.

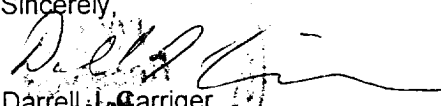
Please indicate your approval of the above proposal by signing in the space provided below and returning one copy to Texaco in the self addressed envelope.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (505) 397-0426. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

approved by: 

Date: 5-8-96

Sincerely,


Darrell J. Garriger
Production Engineer
Texaco Exploration and Production

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