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NSL-4333-A (50)

RE: Proposed: MC DHC NSL NSP SWD WFX РМХ

Gentlemen:

I have examined the application for the:

 $\frac{\#_{151-I}-25-205-37e}{S^{-T-R}}$ Api 30-025-35336 <u>SEMU</u> Lease & Well No. Operator Unit

and my recommendations are as follows:

Yours very truly,

Chris Williams Supervisor, District 1

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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION									
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ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION COVERSHEET									
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Application Acronyms: [NSP-Non-Standard Proration Unit] [NSL-Non-Standard Location] [DD-Directional Drilling] [SD-Simultaneous Dedication] [DHC-Downhole Commingling] [CTB-Lease Commingling] [PLC-Pool/Lease Commingling] [PC-Pool Commingling] [OLS - Off-Lease Storage] [OLM-Off-Lease Measurement] [WFX-Waterflood Expansion] [PMX-Pressure Maintenance Expansion] [SWD-Salt Water Disposal] [IPI-Injection Pressure Increase] [EOR-Qualified Enhanced Oil Recovery Certification] [PPR-Positive Production Response]									
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	[B]	Offset Operators,	Leaseholders or Surfa	ce Owner					
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[F] **U** Waivers are Attached

[3] INFORMATION / DATA SUBMITTED IS COMPLETE - Statement of Understanding

I hereby certify that I, or personnel under my supervision, have read and complied with all applicable Rules and Regulations of the Oil Conservation Division. Further, I assert that the attached application for administrative approval is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and where applicable, verify that all interest (WI, RI, ORRI) is common. I understand that any omission of data, information or notification is cause to have the application package returned with no action taken.

Note: Statement must be completed by an individual with supervisory capacity.

Regulatory Agent



Mid-Continent Region Exploration/Production Conoco Inc. 10 Desta Drive, Suite 100W Midland, TX 79705-4500 (915) 686-5400

February 1, 2001

Mr. Michael Stogner New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 1220 S. Saint Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Application for Nonstandard location North Hardy Strawn pool

SEMU # 151 – New Drill Section 25, T-20-S, R-37-E, I 1650' FSL & 330' FEL 30-025-35338 Lea County, NM

Dear Mr. Stogner,

Conoco respectfully requests your approval of this administrative application for a nonstandard location order for the above listed well.

The North Hardy Strawn pool rules state that a standard location is 660' from the outer boundary of the 160 acre proration unit. The SEMU staked location is only 330' FEL & 330' from the quarter quarter section line of the 160 acre proration unit. Please reference attached C-102 plat.

The Strawn play in this area is based on a 3-D seismic interpretation that has meticulously defined the thickest porosity zones. The location of new drilling prospects is based on the proximity to thick porosity zones coordinated with structure. Data collected from surrounding wells proves that dolomitic stratigraphy is necessary for productive Strawn wells in the North Hardy Strawn pool. Conoco feels that the placement of the above listed well will not comprise the validity of the scientific data interpretation. This location was chosen to further evaluate the North Hardy Strawn Pool in the southeast quarter of T20S, R37E, Section 25. The reservoir facies within the Strawn in this pool varies dramatically over a short distance. This well is proposed to evaluate the control the Devonian topography has on Strawn deposition and reservoir quality. Exhibit 1 is an east west seismic line from the 3D survey through the SEMU 82, the proposed SEMU 151 and the SEMU 134 wells. The SEMU 82 was drilled in 1962 and was not completed in the Strawn. The SEMU 134 was drilled in 1999 and Conoco completed the well in the Strawn with an initial flow rate of 158 BOPD. On Exhibit 1 the red line is the Top Strawn seismic pick at about 1060 milliseconds and the green line is the Top Devonian seismic pick at about 1080 milliseconds. The Top Devonian is interpreted to have a structural bump near the proposed location and could represent a topographic high at the time the Strawn was deposited and therefore higher energy carbonates could have been deposited at this location. The reflective character within the Strawn changes between these wells, which hopefully indicates a Strawn interval that has higher porosity. This location was chosen as the highest point that can be reached on this Devonian structural feature and still remain standard for possible shallow recompletion potential. The original APD for this well was filed as a North Hardy Tubb-Drinkard well with a Strawn tail. After further evaluation (explanation above) it has been determined that this location has excellent Strawn potential.

Please note that Conoco will only be encroaching interior to their lease, there is no notification to an offset operator required. The location and 160 acre proration unit for this well is already included in the Southeast Monument Unit Strawn Participating Area as is the 160 acre proration unit to the east that the well will be encroaching upon. All royalty, WI, and override owners interests will be protected by the Strawn Participating area. (See enclosed map)

Conoco respectfully requests that a nonstandard location order be granted for the SEMU # 151. If any additional information is required please cal me at (915) 686-5798.

Sincerely, L

Kay Maddox Regulatory Agent – Conoco

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___ AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

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