U. S. Geological Survey

HOBBS DISTRICT

Continental Oil Company
No. 3 Brinninstool Unit
SW4SE4 sec. 19-23S-33E
Lea County, New Mexico
Above Data Required on Well Sign

## CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

- 1. Drilling operations authorized are subject to compliance with the attached General Requirements for Drilling Operations on Federal Oil and Gas Leases, dated January 1, 1977.
- 2. Notify this office (telephone (505) 393-3612) when the well is to be spudded and in sufficient time for a representative to witness all cementing operations. Attached are names and telephone numbers of Geological Survey and Bureau of Land Management personnel who are available for consultation during construction, drilling, completion, and rehabilitation activities.
- 3. Immediate notice is required of all blowouts, fires, spills, and accidents involving life-threatening injuries or loss of life.
- 4. Secure prior approval of the District Engineer for variance from the approved drilling program and before commencing plugging operations, plugback work, casing repair work, corrective cementing operations, or suspending drilling operations indefinitely.
- 5. Blowout prevention equipment is to be installed, tested, and in working order before drilling below the surface casing and shall be maintained ready for use until drilling operations are completed.
- 6. Operations must be in compliance with the provisions of the landowner agreement concerning surface disturbance and surface restoration.
- 7. After setting the 7-5/8" casing string and before drilling into the Pennsylvanian formation, the blowout preventers and related control equipment shall be pressure tested to rated working pressures by an independent service company. Any equipment failing to test satisfactorily shall be repaired or replaced. This office should be notified in sufficient time for a representative to witness the tests and shall be furnished a copy of the pressure test report.

Mud system monitoring equipment, with derrick floor indicators and visual and audio alarms, shall be installed and operating before drilling into the Pennsylvanian formation and used until production casing is run and cemented. Monitoring equipment shall consist of the following:

- (1) A recording pit level indicator to determine pit volume gains and losses.
- (2) A mud volume measuring device for accurately determining mud volume necessary to fill the hole on trips.
- (3) A flow sensor on the flow-line to warn of any abnormal mud returns from the well.

