

ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

HOBBS DISTRICT OFFICE

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GARREY CARRUTHERS GOVERNOR

> Chevron USA Inc. P.O. Box 670 Hobbs, NM 88240

Attn: Mr. J. T. Ray

Re: Drinkard NCT-B Well #7-K Sec. 30, T22S, R38E Downhole commingled well which produces more than authorized Casinghead Gas Allowable

Gentlemen:

This is in reply to your June 14 letter concerning the makeup of overproduction of gas from the above-referenced well. Your proposal to shutin the well for 20 days a month until production is brought into line does not conform to our policy that downhole commingled wells should not be shutin without zones being isolated.

Also, I believe you advised Evelyn Downs of this office that it was not practical to produce the well at a reduced rate due to the fact that it would paraffin up.

I believe there have been some instances where the OCD has granted special casinghead gas allowables to downhole commingled wells. Refer to Order R-6008 for an example. You might desire to make application for this special casinghead gas allowable rather than having to isolate one zone.

Feel free to call if I can be of further assistance.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Jerry Sexton Supervisor, District I

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