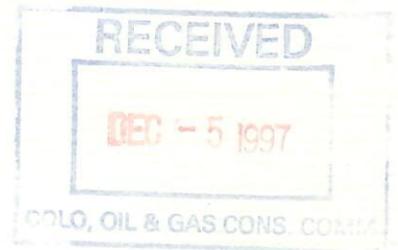




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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Richard T. Greibling
Director
Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
1120 Lincoln St., Suite 801
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Request for Exception Location
Federal #16-24-1N-103W (Proposed Well Location)
600' FSL, 1956' FWL Section 16, T1N, R103W, 6th P.M.
Rio Blanco Co., Colorado

Dear Sir:

Bonneville Fuels respectfully requests administrative approval of an exception location in the Castlegate formation because of topographical reasons. This well location requires an exception to Rule 318 because it is located 1016' from the Federal #16-34-1N-103W. The Federal #16-34-1N-103W is located at 660' FSL 2310' FEL Sec. 16, T1N, R103W and is operated by Bonneville Fuels Corporation. The proposed well is located 600' from the nearest lease line and does not encroach upon any offset leases.

Enclosed with this request is a map showing the approximate locations of the affected wells and lease boundaries.

If you have any questions or require anything further to process this request, please contact the undersigned at (303) 863-1555.

Very truly yours,

Alan L. Merrill
Operations Engineer

Enclosure