



VESSELS

September 9, 1996

Thomas S. Morton
James G. Norton
3191 West 151st Street Court
Broomfield, CO 80020

Re: Drilling of the Thomas 7-14 Well
Township 1 North, Range 68 West, 6th PM
Section 7: SE/4SW/4
Weld County, Colorado

Dear Messrs. Norton and Morton:

Pursuant to Rule 305.b. of the regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado, Vessels Oil & Gas Company hereby notifies you of its plans to commence dirtwork on the captioned well sometime in 1997. Because we are still in the process of evaluating next year's drilling program, we cannot determine the exact date that we plan to drill, but we will keep you advised of our plans. We will be contacting you at least thirty days prior to commencing dirtwork to finalize our Surface Agreement, if one is not already in place. These locations will be staked on the lands described above, approximately as shown on the attached plat, which were approved by the Town of Erie on May 9, 1996 based on our meetings with you.

As before, we would like to afford you or your representative one more opportunity to meet at the site, if you so desire, to hear any additional concerns you might have and to confirm how we will be placing the road, pipeline, production equipment and drillsite.

Enclosed is a plat illustrating the proposed location of the drillsite and access and a diagram of a typical drillsite. I will be representing Vessels Oil & Gas Company, the operator of the well, and any correspondence or contact with us may be made with me at the address provided on this letterhead or by phone at (303) 825-3500.

Please return the enclosed prepaid postcard at your earliest convenience, indicating your desire to waive or proceed with the consultation I have described. If you have a tenant and would like him involved in the consultation process, Vessels will be happy to accomodate you. Because of the difficulty on the part of the operator in determining the existence of tenants, however, the State of Colorado places the responsibility on the surface owner of notifying the tenant of oil and gas activities. If you would like a consultation, simply indicate the name and appropriate information on how and when to contact you on the enclosed postcard. We look forward to working with you and thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Best Regards,

Andy Boden

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cc: Weld County Commissioners