Surface Use Plan

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## Empire Federal SWD 10 #5 BLM On-Site

Date of on-site: 1-21-2010
Attendees:
John Fast – BLM
Noel Olivas – COG
Don Quimby – Madron Surveying Inc.
On-site Determinations:
V-Door Southeast. 953' of new road from existing lease road to Southwest corner of pad.
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#### SURFACE USE AND OPERATING PLAN

#### 1. Existing & Proposed Access Roads

- A. The well site survey and elevation plat for the proposed well is shown in Exhibit #1. It was staked by Madron Surveying Inc., Carlsbad, NM.
- B. All roads to the location are shown in the topographic map Exhibit #2. The existing lease roads are illustrated and are adequate for travel during drilling and production operations. Upgrading existing roads prior to drilling the well will be done where necessary.
- C. Directions to location: From State Hwy 82 and CR 214 (Barnaval Draw Rd- Caliche), go North on CR 214 for 1.6 miles. Turn Right and go East 836'. Turn left and go North 0.8 miles to a road survey. Follow road survey 434' then Northeast 519' to the Southwest pad corner for this location. See Vicinity Map, Exhibit #3.
- D. Routine grading and maintenance of existing roads will be conducted as necessary to maintain their condition as long as any operations continue on this lease. Roads will be maintained according to specifications in section 2A of this Surface Use and Operating Plan.

#### 2. Proposed Access Road:

Exhibit #4 shows that 953' of new access road will be required for this location. If any road is required it will be constructed as follows:

- A. The maximum width of the running surface will be 14'. The road will be crowned, ditched and constructed of 6" rolled and compacted caliche. Ditches will be at 3:1 slope and 4 feet wide. Water will be diverted where necessary to avoid ponding, prevent erosion, maintain good drainage, and to be consistent with local drainage patterns.
- B. The average grade will be less than 1%.
- C. No turnouts are planned.
- D. No culverts, cattleguard, gates, low water crossings or fence cuts are necessary.
- E. Surfacing material will consist of native caliche. Caliche will be obtained from the actual well site if available. If not available onsite, caliche will be hauled from the nearest BLM caliche pit.

#### 3. Location of Existing Well:

Exhibit #5 shows all existing wells within a one-mile radius of this well.

As shown on this plat there are numerous wells producing from the San Andres and Yeso formations.

#### 4. Location of Existing and/or Proposed Facilities:

- A. COG Operating LLC will operate the SWD on location.
- B. Once the well is drilled, contemplated facilities will be as follows:
  - 1) Tank batteries will be set on the Empire Fed. SWD 10 #5 location. The facility location is shown in Exhibit #5.
  - 2) The tank battery and facilities including all flow lines and pipeline will be installed according to API specifications.
  - 3) Any additional caliche will be obtained from a BLM approved caliche pit. Any additional construction materials will be purchased from contractors.
  - 4) Proposed pipelines will follow an archaeologically approved route to the main Water Line tie in point that will be requested by a Right of Way Application.
  - 5) It will be necessary to run electric power after the well is drilled. Power will be provided by CVE, and they will submit a separate plan and ROW for service to the well location.

#### 5. Location and Type of Water Supply:

The well will be drilled with combination brine and fresh water mud system as outlined in the drilling program. The water will be obtained from commercial water stations in the area and hauled to location by transport truck over the existing and proposed access roads shown in Exhibit #2. If a commercial fresh water source is nearby, fast line may be laid along existing road ROW's and fresh water pumped to the well. No water well will be drilled on the location.

#### 6. Source of Construction Materials and Location "Turn-Over" Procedure:

Obtaining caliche: The primary way of obtaining caliche to build locations and roads will be by "turning over" the location. This means, caliche will be obtained from the actual well sight. A caliche permit will be obtained from BLM prior to pushing up any caliche. 2400 cu. Yards is max amount of caliche needed

for pad and roads. Amount will vary for each pad. The procedure below has been approved by BLM personnel:

- A. The top 6 inches of topsoil is pushed off and stockpiled along the side of the location.
- B. An approximate 120' X 120' area is used within the proposed well site to remove caliche.
- C. Subsoil is removed and piled along side the 120' by 120' area within the pad site.
- D. When caliche is found, material will be stock piled within the pad site to build the location and road.
- E. Then subsoil is pushed back in the hole and caliche is spread accordingly across entire location and road.
- F. Once well is drilled, the stock piled top soil will be used for interim reclamation and spread along areas where caliche is picked up and the location size is reduced. Neither caliche or subsoil will be stock piled outside of the well pad. Topsoil will be stockpiled along the edge of the pad as depicted in attached plat.

In the event that no caliche is found onsite, caliche will be hauled in from a BLM approved caliche pit.

#### 7. Methods of Handling Water Disposal:

- A. The well will be drilled utilizing a closed loop mud system. Drill cuttings will be held in roll-off style mud boxes and taken to an NMOCD approved disposal site.
- B. Drilling fluids will be contained in steel mud pits.
- C. Water produced from the well during completion will be held temporarily in steel tanks and then taken to an NMOCD approved commercial disposal facility.
- D. Garbage and trash produced during drilling or completion operations will be collected in a trash bin and hauled to an approved landfill. No toxic waste or hazardous chemicals will be produced by this operation.
- E. After the rig is moved out and the well is either completed or abandoned, all waste materials will be cleaned up within 30 days. In the event of a dry hole only a dry hole marker will remain.

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#### 8. Ancillary Facilities:

No airstrip, campsite or other facilities will be built as a result of the operation on this well.

#### 9. Well Site Layout:

- A. The drill pad layout, with elevations staked by Madron Surveying Inc, is shown in Exhibit #4. Dimensions of the pad and pits are shown on Exhibit #6. V door direction is Southeast Topsoil, if available, will be stockpiled per BLM specifications. Because the pad is almost level no major cuts will be required.
- B. Exhibit #6 also shows the proposed orientation of closed loop system and access road. No permanent living facilities are planned, but a temporary foreman/toolpusher's trailer will be on location during the drilling operations.

#### 10. Plans for Restoration of the Surface:

- A. Interim Reclamation will not occur while SWD is in operation.
- B. Final Reclamation: Upon plugging and abandoning the well, All caliche for well pad and lease road will be removed and surface will be recountoured to reflect its surroundings as much as possible. Caliche will be recycled for road repair or reused for another well pad within the lease. If any topsoil remains, it will be spread out and the area will be reseded with a BLM approved mixture and revegitated as per BLM orders.

#### 11.Surface Ownership:

- A. The surface is owned by the U.S. Government and is administered by the Bureau of Land Management. The surface is multiple uses with the primary uses of the region for grazing of livestock and the production of oil and gas.
- B. The surface tenant for this site is Bogel Farms, Lewis Derrick, P O Box 441, Artesia, NM.
- C. The proposed road routes and surface location will be restored as directed by the BLM

#### 12.Other Information:

- A. The area around the well site is grassland and the topsoil is sandy. The vegetation is moderately sparse with native prairie grasses, some mesquite and shinnery oak. No wildlife was observed but it is likely that mule deer, rabbits, coyotes and rodents traverse the area.
- B. There is no permanent or live water in the immediate area.

- C. There are no dwellings within 2 miles of this location.
- D. If needed, a Cultural Resources Examination is being prepared by Southern New Mexico Archaeological Services, Inc. P.O. Box 1, Bent New Mexico, 88314, phone # 505-671-4797 and the results will be forwarded to your office in the near future. Otherwise, COG will be participating in the Permian Basin MOA Program.

#### 13. Bond Coverage:

Bond Coverage is Nationwide Bond # 000215

#### 14. Lessee's and Operator's Representative:

The COG Operating LLC representative responsible for assuring compliance with the surface use plan is as follows:

John Coffman, Erick Nelson.

Drilling Superintendent Division Operations Manager

COG Operating LLC COG Operating LLC

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I hereby certify that I, or persons under my direct supervision, have inspected the drill site and access road proposed herein; that I am familiar with the conditions that presently exist; that I have full knowledge of State and Federal laws applicable to this operation; that the statements make in this APD package are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed in conformity with this APD package and the terms and conditions under which it is approved. I also certify that I, or COG Operating, LLC, am responsible for the operations conducted under this application. These statements are subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001 for the filing of false statements. Executed this 31st day of March, 2010.

Signed

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Position: Sr. Operations Engineer

Address: 550 W. Texas, Suite 1300, Midland, Texas 79701

Telephone: (432) 686-3021

Field Representative (if not above signatory): Same

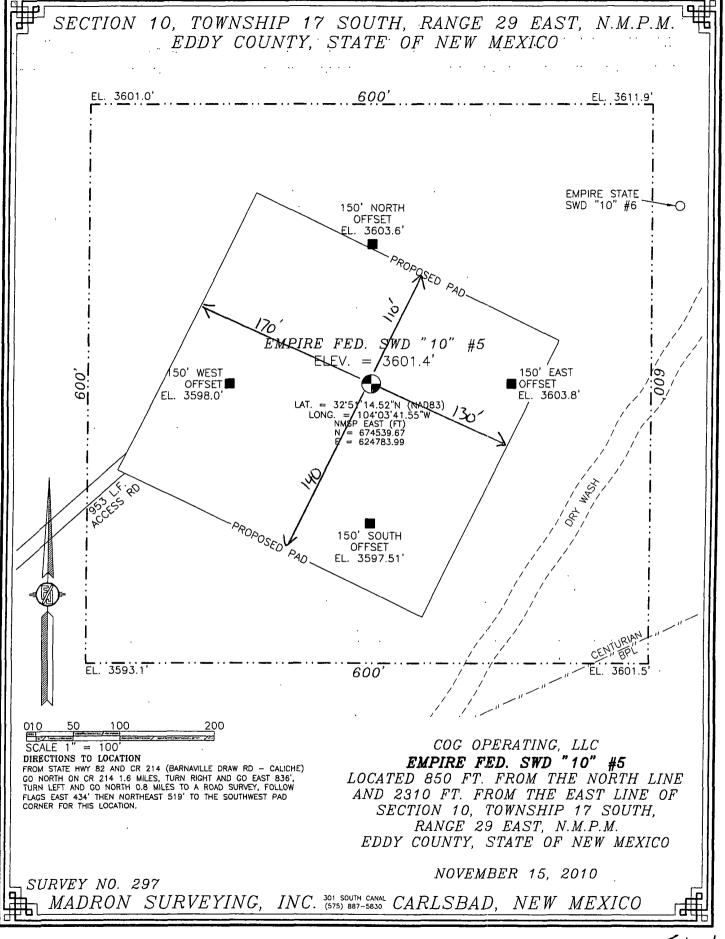
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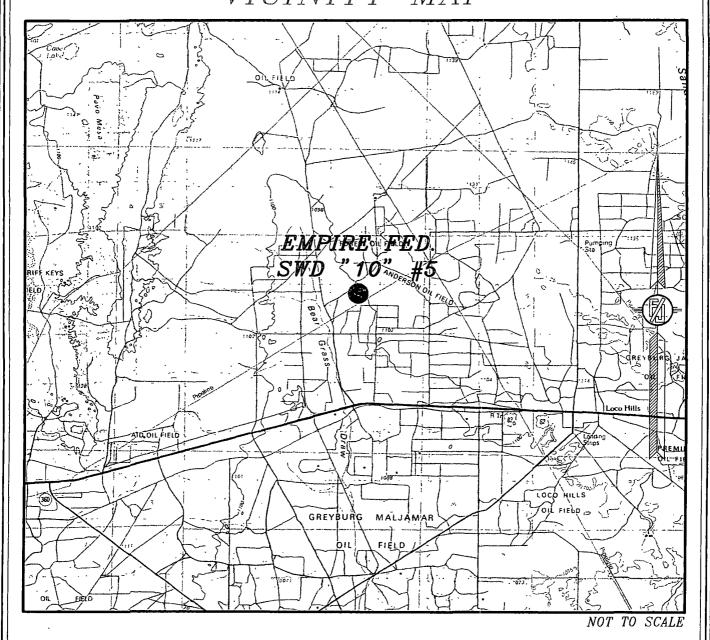
### **Exhibits:**

Exhibit #1	Wellsite and Elevation Plat
	Form C-102 Well location and acreage dedication plat
Exhibit #2	Topographic Map (Madron)
Exhibit #3	Vicinity Map and area roads
Exhibit #4	Elevation Plat (Madron)
Exhibit #5	Topographic extract showing wells, roads and flowlines
Exhibit #6	Pad Layout and orientation
Exhibit #7	H2S Signage
Exhibit #8	H2S Equipment location
Exhibit #9	BOP and Choke diagrams
Exhibit #10	Form C-144 NMOCD pit permit application
Exhibit #11	1 Mile Radius List and Map showing all wells permitted, producing and plugged

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# SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, N.M.P.M. EDDY COUNTY, STATE OF NEW MEXICO VICINITY MAP



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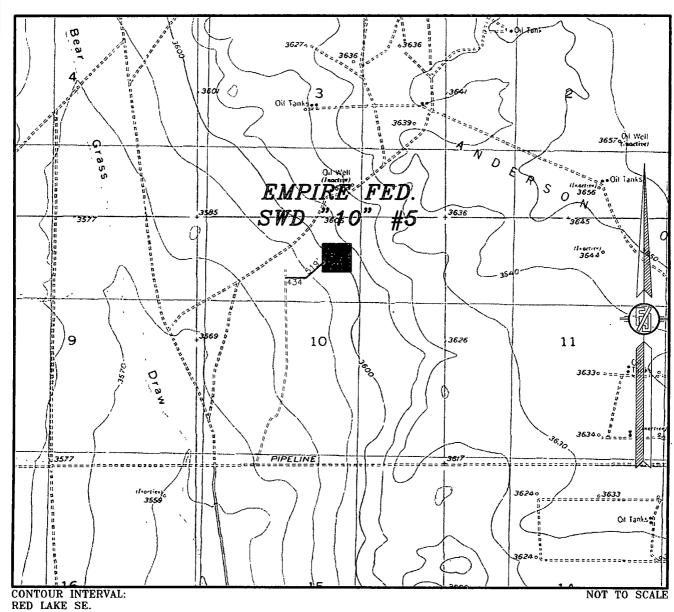
LOCATED 850 FT. FROM THE NORTH LINE AND 2310 FT. FROM THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, N.M.P.M. EDDY COUNTY, STATE OF NEW MEXICO

NOVEMBER 15, 2010

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# SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, N.M.P.M. EDDY COUNTY, STATE OF NEW MEXICO LOCATION VERIFICATION MAP



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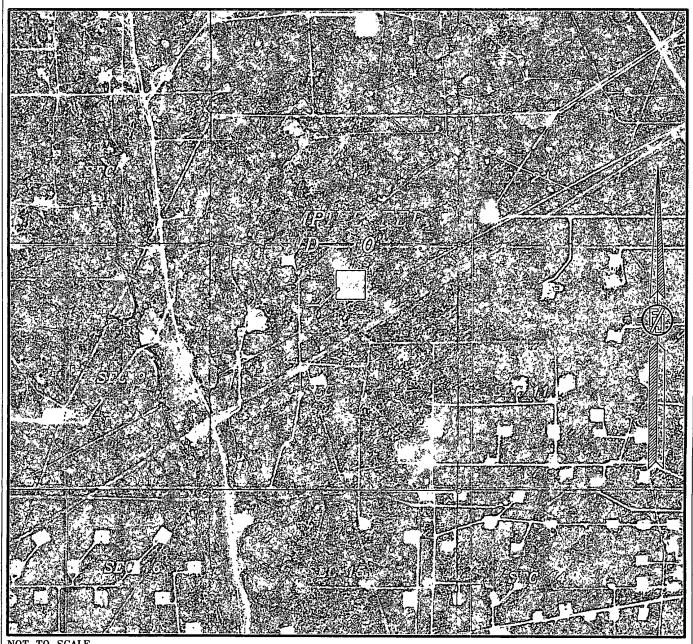
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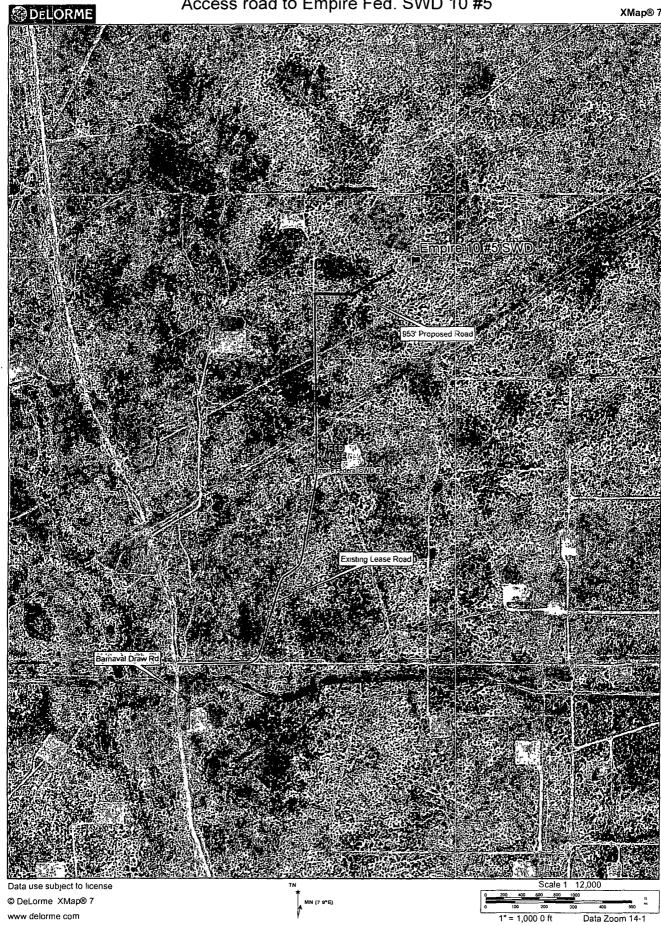
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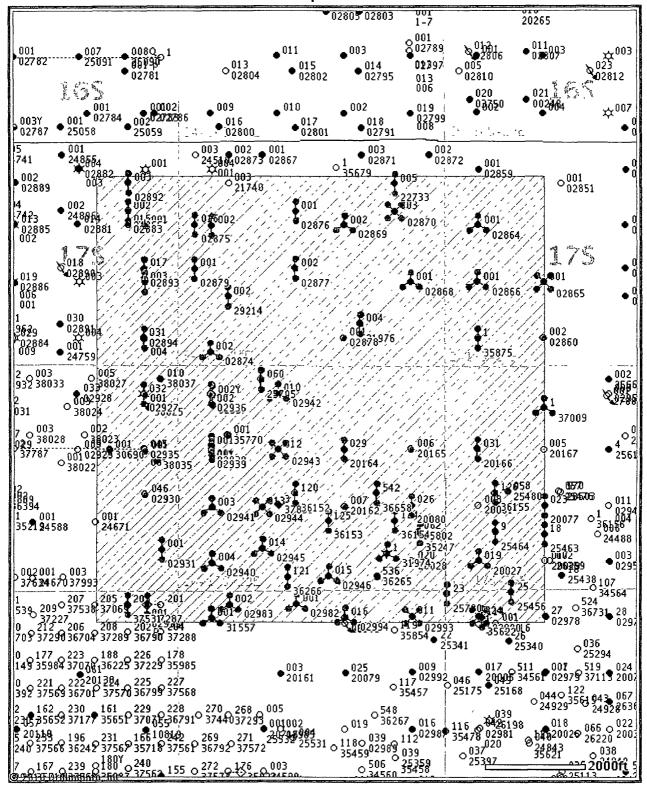
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30-015-38025	CIMAREX ENERGY CO OF COLORADO	EDDY	S 9, T 17S, R 29E	THREADTAIL 9 STATE	004	7/26/2010	6,000		Yes	lınk	6,000	PO	Active Permit	TEMP390033305
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	OXY USA WTP LIMITED			OXY SALAMANDER										

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30-015-02941	HANSON ENERGY	EDDY	S 10, T 17S, R 29E	FEATHERSTONE	003	5/1/2003	0	No	lınk	0	0	Active	TEMP1893023882
30-015-31974	DOMINION OKLAHOMA TEXAS EXPL & PROD INC	EDDY	S 10, T 17S, R 29E	DURANGO 10 FEDERAL	001	8/28/2001		No	link	10,925	G	Flowing	TEMP1569032171
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