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Form 3160-3  
(March 2012)

OCD Artesia

FORM APPROVED  
OMB No. 1004-0137  
Expires October 31, 2014UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

## APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL OR REENTER

1a. Type of work: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DRILL <input type="checkbox"/> REENTER		7. If Unit or CA Agreement, Name and No.	
1b. Type of Well: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oil Well <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Well <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single Zone <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Zone		8. Lease Name and Well No. YESO VIKING FEDERAL #5 <b>&lt;39812&gt;</b>	
2. Name of Operator OXY USA WTP LIMITED PARTNERSHIP <b>&lt;192463&gt;</b>		9. API Well No. <b>30-015-41260</b>	
3a. Address P.O. BOX 4294 HOUSTON, TX 77210	3b. Phone No. (include area code) 713-513-6640	10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory RED LAKE, GLORIETA-YESO, NE <b>&lt;9683&gt;</b>	
4. Location of Well (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements.)* At surface 1670' FSL & 860' FEL At proposed prod. zone		11. Sec., T. R. M. or Blk. and Survey or Area I; SEC 23, T17S, R27E	
14. Distance in miles and direction from nearest town or post office* 9 MILES SOUTHEAST OF ARTESIA, NM		12. County or Parish EDDY COUNTY, NM	13. State NM
15. Distance from proposed* 860' location to nearest property or lease line, ft. (Also to nearest drig. unit line, if any)	16. No. of acres in lease 640	17. Spacing Unit dedicated to this well 40	
18. Distance from proposed location* 1040' to nearest well, drilling, completed, applied for, on this lease, ft.	19. Proposed Depth 5100' MD / 5100' TVD	20. BLM/BIA Bond No. on file ESB000226	
21. Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB, RT, GL, etc.) 3536' <b>GL</b>	22. Approximate date work will start* 04/04/2013	23. Estimated duration 15 DAYS	

## 24. Attachments

The following, completed in accordance with the requirements of Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 1, must be attached to this form:

- Well plat certified by a registered surveyor.
- A Drilling Plan.
- A Surface Use Plan (if the location is on National Forest System Lands, the SUPO must be filed with the appropriate Forest Service Office).
- Bond to cover the operations unless covered by an existing bond on file (see Item 20 above).
- Operator certification
- Such other site specific information and/or plans as may be required by the BLM.

25. Signature	Name (Printed/Typed) JENNIFER DUARTE (jennifer_duarte@oxy.com)	Date 01/08/2013
Title REGULATORY ANALYST		
Approved by (Signature) <b>/s/ James A. Amos</b>	Name (Printed/Typed)	Date <b>APR - 8 2013</b>
Title <b>FIELD MANAGER</b>	Office <b>CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE</b>	

Application approval does not warrant or certify that the applicant holds legal or equitable title to those rights in the subject lease which would entitle the applicant to conduct operations thereon.  
Conditions of approval, if any, are attached.

APPROVAL FOR TWO YEARS

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and Title 43 U.S.C. Section 1212, make it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

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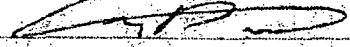
\*(Instructions on page 2)

Roswell Controlled Water Basin

Approval Subject to General Requirements  
& Special Stipulations AttachedSEE ATTACHED FOR  
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

### OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I, or someone under my direct supervision, have inspected the drill site and access route 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 made 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 the company I represent, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

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Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Form C-102  
Revised August 1, 2011  
Submit one copy to appropriate  
District Office

AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

API Number <b>30-015-41260</b>	Pool Code <b>96836</b>	Pool Name <b>Red Lake; Glorieta-Yeso, North East</b>
Property Code <b>39812</b>	Property Name <b>YESO VIKING FEDERAL</b>	Well Number <b>5</b>
OGRID No <b>192463</b>	Operator Name <b>OXY U.S.A. WTP Limited Partnership</b>	Elevation <b>3536'</b>

Surface Location

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
<b>I</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>17-S</b>	<b>27-E</b>		<b>1670</b>	<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>EAST</b>	<b>EDDY</b>

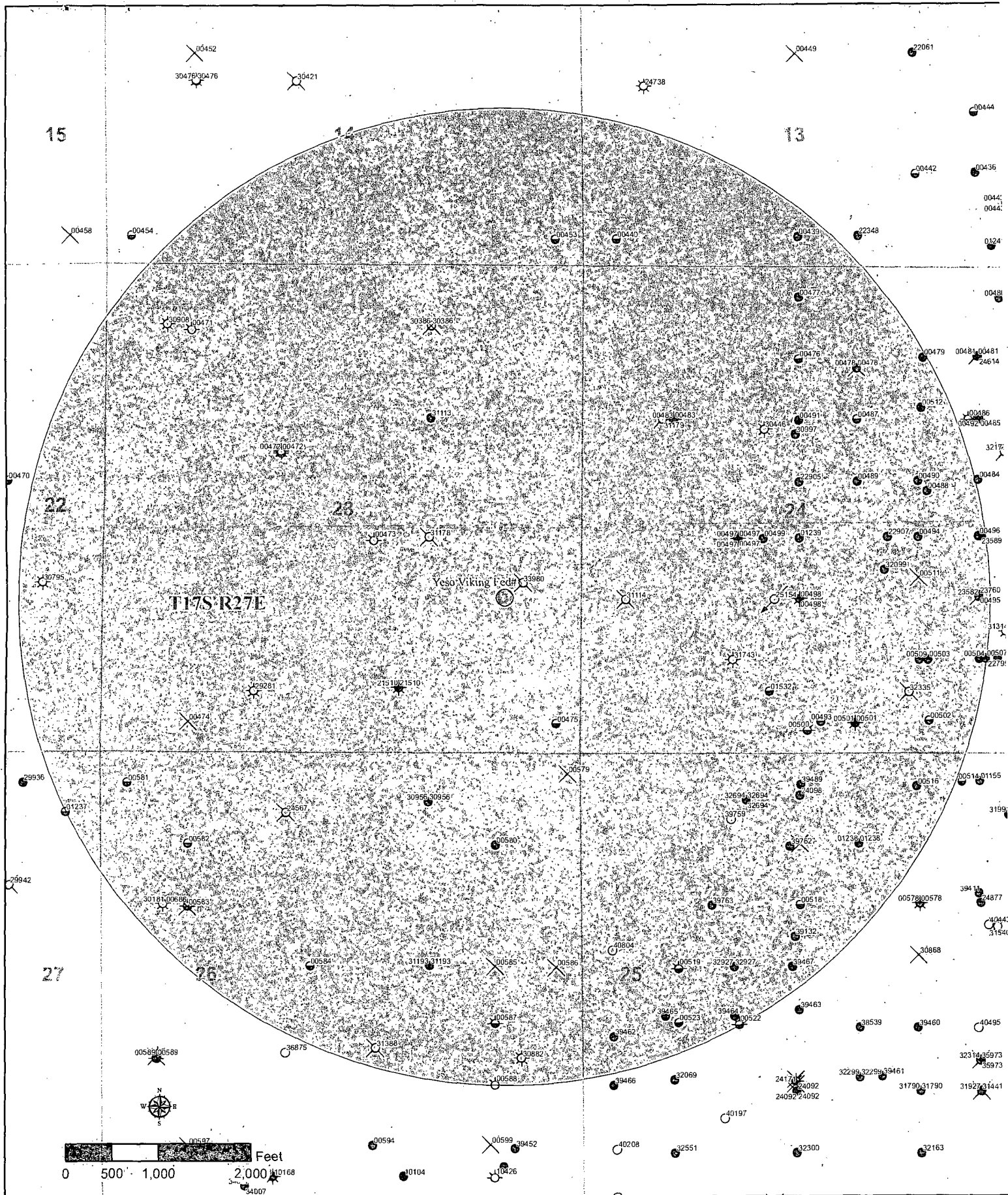
Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County

Dedicated Acres <b>40</b>	Joint or Infill	Consolidation Code	Order No.
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NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION

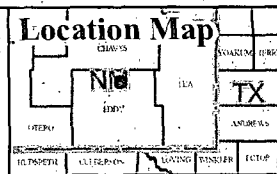
<p>GEODETIC COORDINATES NAD 27 NME</p> <p>SURFACE LOCATION Y=660905.2 N X=527717.8 E</p> <p>LAT.=32.816884° N LONG.=104.243111° W</p>	<p>SEE DETAIL</p> <p>860'</p> <p>1670'</p>	<p><b>OPERATOR CERTIFICATION</b></p> <p>I hereby certify that the information herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this organization either owns a working interest or unleased mineral interest in the land including the proposed bottom hole location or has a right to drill this well at this location pursuant to a contract with an owner of such mineral or working interest, or to a voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order heretofore entered by the division.</p> <p><i>Jennifer Duarte</i> 1/7/13 Signature Date Jennifer Duarte Printed Name jennifer.duarte@oxy.com E-mail Address</p>
		<p><b>SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION</b></p> <p>I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.</p> <p>DECEMBER 6, 2012</p> <p>Date of Survey</p> <p>Signature &amp; Seal of Professional Surveyor:</p> <p><i>Ronald J. Eidson</i> 12/13/2012 Professional Surveyor Certificate Number 3239 Ronald J. Eidson 12641 Professional Surveyor 3239</p> <p>ACR WSC W O 12 11, 1909</p>



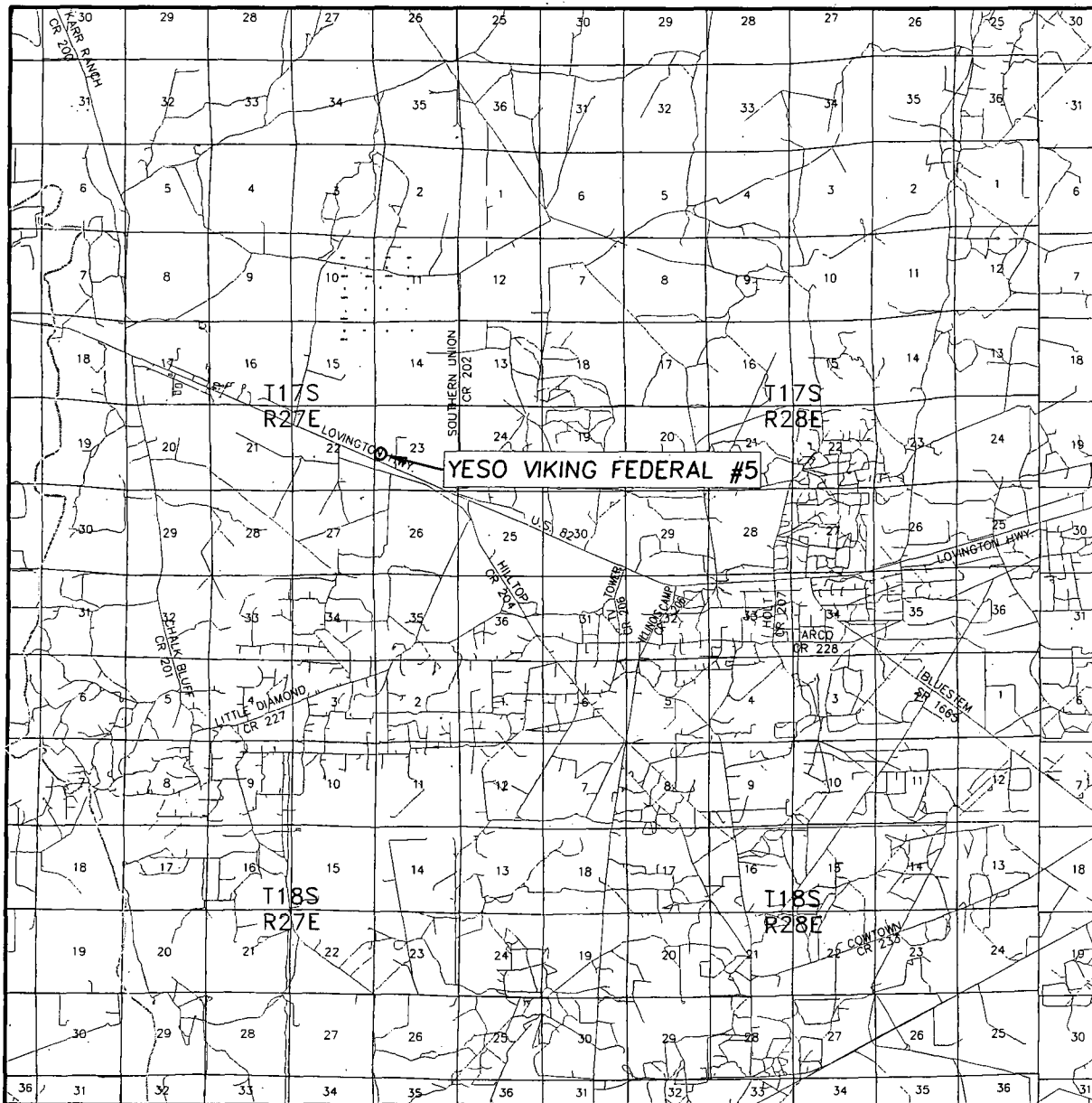
**oxy Permian Primary**  
 New Mexico  
 Eddy & Lea Counties  
 Oxy Wells with  
 1 Mile Radius  
 CL - 01/06/2013

OXY WELL	GAS SHOWS	SUS	ABANDONED LOC	OTHER
IHS Well	OIL SHOWS	AGW	ABANDONED-NO SHOWS	1 MILE RADIUS
GAS	O&G SHOWS	AOW	INJ-NO SHOWS	
OIL	LOC	AO&W		
O&G				

**Coordinate System Information**  
 Geographic Coordinate System North American 1927  
 Datum: North American 1927  
 NAD 1927 State Plane New Mexico East FIPS 3001  
 Projection: Transverse Mercator  
 False Easting: 500000.000000  
 False Northing: 0.000000  
 Central Meridian: -104.333333  
 Scale Factor: 0.999909  
 Latitude Of Origin: 31.000000  
 Linear Unit: Foot US



# VICINITY MAP



SCALE: 1" = 2 MILES

SEC. 23 TWP. 17-S RGE. 27-E

SURVEY N.M.P.M.

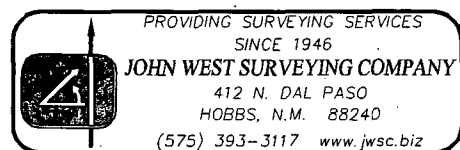
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2230' FSL & 360' FW 1-30-200

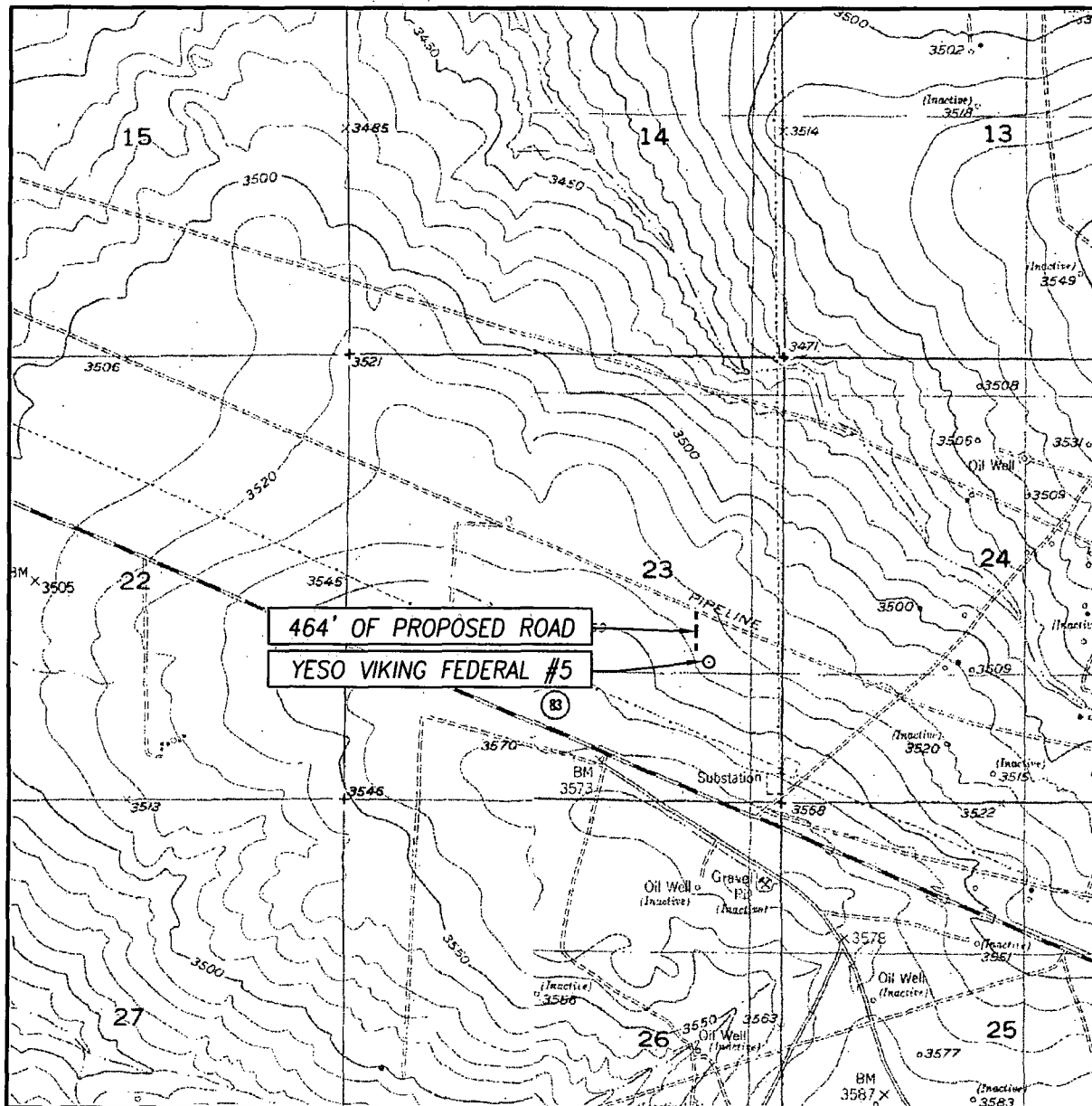
ELEVATION 3555'

OPERATOR OXY U.S.A. WTP LP

LEASE YESO VIKING FEDERAL



# LOCATION VERIFICATION MAP



SCALE: 1" = 2000'

CONTOUR INTERVAL:  
 SPRING LAKE, N.M. - 10'  
 RED LAKE, N.M. - 10'

SEC. 23 TWP. 17-S RGE. 27-E

SURVEY N.M.P.M.

COUNTY EDDY STATE NEW MEXICO

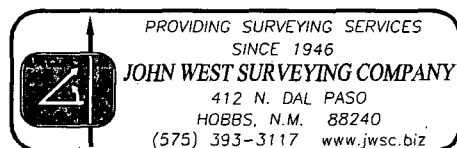
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ELEVATION 3536'

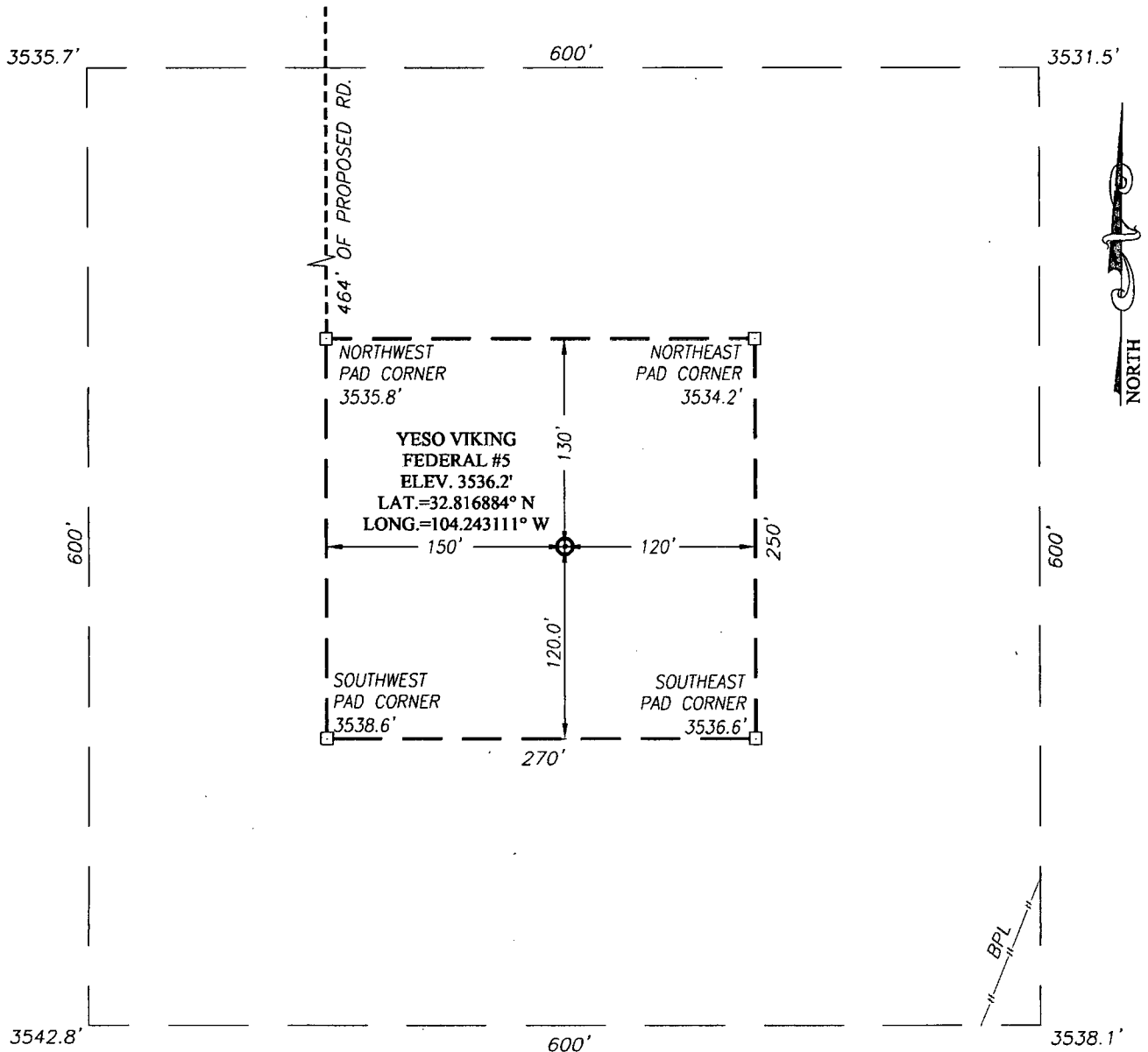
OPERATOR OXY U.S.A. WTPLP

LEASE YESO VIKING FEDERAL

U.S.G.S. TOPOGRAPHIC MAP  
 SPRING LAKE, N.M.

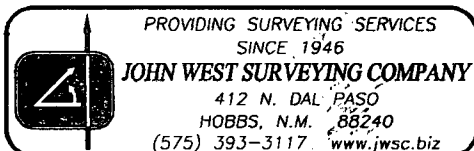


**SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, N.M.P.M.**  
**EDDY COUNTY** **NEW MEXICO**



**DIRECTIONS TO LOCATION**

FROM THE INTERSECTION OF U.S. HWY. #83 AND CO. RD. #202, GO NORTH ON CO. RD. #202 APPROX. 0.4 MILES. TURN LEFT AND GO NORTHWEST APPROX. 0.5 MILES. TURN LEFT AND FOLLOW ROAD SURVEY LATH SOUTH 464 FEET TO NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS LOCATION.

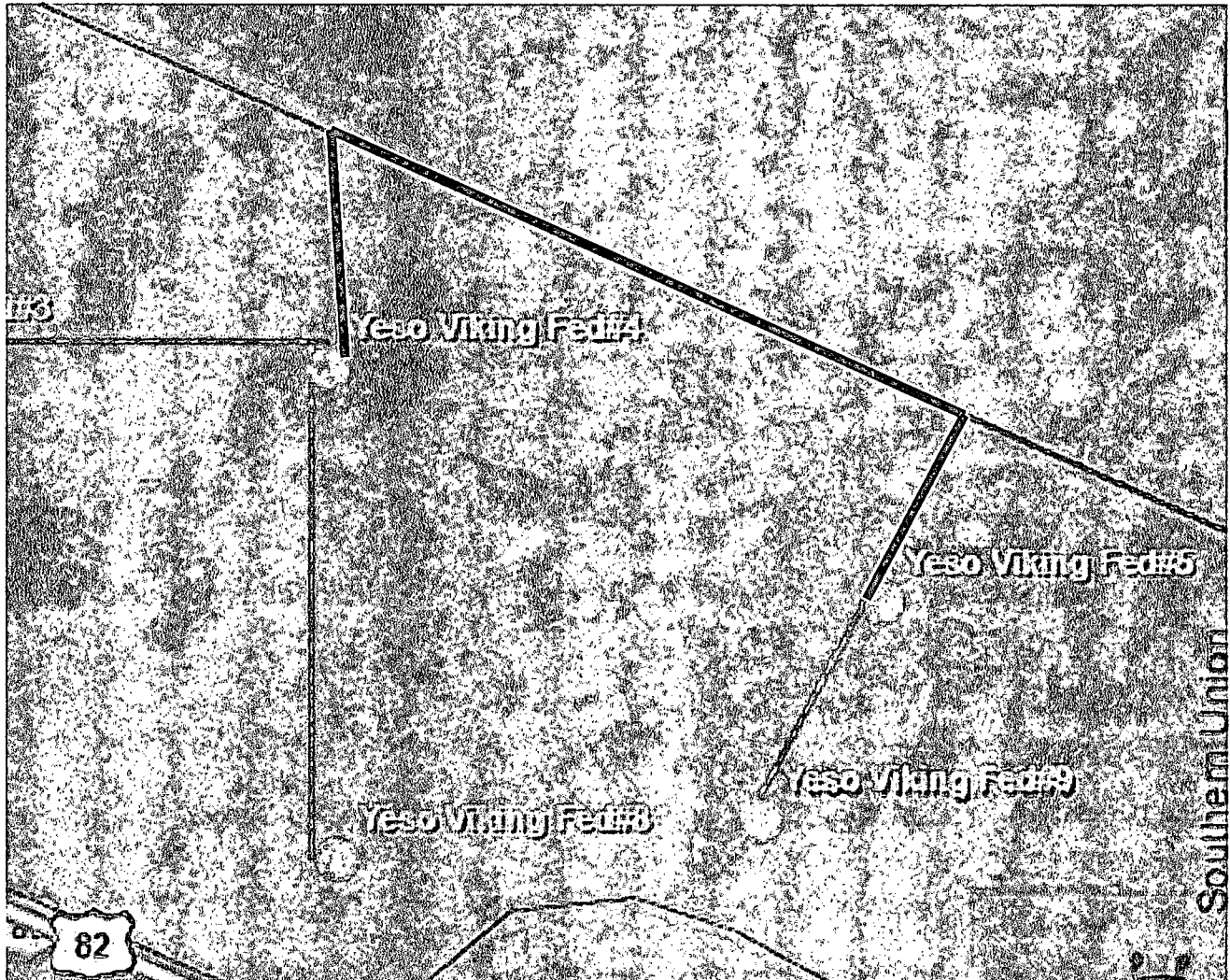


**OXY U.S.A. WTP, LP**

**YESO VIKING FEDERAL #5 WELL**  
**LOCATED 1670 FEET FROM THE SOUTH LINE**  
**AND 860 FEET FROM THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 23,**  
**TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, N.M.P.M.,**  
**EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Survey Date: 12/6/12	CAD Date: 12/12/12	Drawn By: ACR/DSS
W.O. No.: 13110155	Rev: 1/30/13	Rel. W.O.: 12111909
		Sheet 1 of 1

# Yeso Viking Federal #5 Flowline Routing



Approximately 2,700' of 4" SDR 7 Polyethylene production flowlines (oil, gas, and produced water) to be laid on the surface to the Yeso Viking Satellite.  
Operating Pressure < 125 psig

# APD DATA – DRILLING PLAN –

**OPERATOR NAME / NUMBER:** OXY USA WTP LP

**LEASE NAME / NUMBER:** Yeso Viking Federal 5

**STATE:** NM

**COUNTY:** Eddy

**SURFACE LOCATION:** 1670' FSL & 860' FEL, Sec 23, T 17S, R 27E

**C-102 PLAT APPROX GR ELEV:** 3536.0'

**EST KB ELEV:** 3550.0' (14' KB)

## 1. GEOLOGIC NAME OF SURFACE FORMATION

a. Permian

## 2. ESTIMATED TOPS OF GEOLOGICAL MARKERS & DEPTHS OF ANTICIPATED FRESH WATER, OIL OR GAS

Formation	TV Depth Top	Expected Fluids
Tansill	Surface Outcropping	-
Yates	376	-
Seven Rivers	760	-
Queen	915	-
Grayburg	1340	Oil
San Andres	1690	Oil/Water
Glorietta	3080	Oil
Paddock	3130	Oil
Blinberry	3580	Oil
Tubb – Base of Yeso	4533	Oil
TD	5100	TD

A. Based on the State Engineer Website, one nearby water well has been drilled to a depth of 40'.

B. The 16" conductor pipe will be set at 80' prior to spud.

**GREATEST PROJECTED TD 5100' MD / 5100' TVD      OBJECTIVE:** Yeso

## 3. CASING PROGRAM

Surface Casing: 8.625" casing set at ± 400' MD/ 400' TVD in a 11" hole filled with 8.4 ppg mud

Interval	Length	Wt	Gr	Condition	Cplg	Coll Rating (psi)	Burst Rating (psi)	Jt Str (M-lbs)	ID (in)	Drift (in)	SF Coll	SF Burst	SF Ten
0' - 400'	400'	24	J-55	New	ST&C	1370	2950	381	8.097	7.972	10.17	1.72	45.54

Production Casing: 5.5" casing set at ± 5100' MD / 5100' TVD in a 7.875" hole filled 9.6 ppg mud

Interval	Length	Wt	Gr	Condition	Cplg	Coll Rating (psi)	Burst Rating (psi)	Jt Str (M-lbs)	ID (in)	Drift (in)	SF Coll	SF Burst	SF Ten
0' - 5100'	5100'	17	L-80	New	LT&C	6290	7740	338	4.892	4.767	1.93	2.61	4.57

Collapse and burst loads calculated using Stress Check with actual anticipated loads.

#### 4. CEMENT PROGRAM:

##### Surface Interval

Interval	Amount sx	Ft of Fill	Type	Gal/Sk	PPG	Ft <sup>3</sup> /sk	24 Hr Comp
<b>Surface (TOC: 0' - 400')</b>							
<b>Lead:</b> 0' - 400' (125% Excess)	190	400'	Premium Plus Cement: 1 % Calcium Chloride - Flake	6.36	14.8	1.34	1608 psi

##### Production Interval

Interval	Amount sx	Ft of Fill	Type	Gal/Sk	PPG	Ft <sup>3</sup> /sk	24 Hr Comp
<b>Production (TOC: 0' - 5100')</b>							
<b>Lead:</b> 0' - 3200' (98 % Excess)	420	3200'	Interfill C: 0.4% HR-800, 0.25% D-AIR, 5000	14.34	11.9	2.48	327 psi
<b>Tail:</b> 3200' - 5100' (98 % Excess)	440	1900'	Premium Plus Cement: 0.5% Halad @-344, 0.2% WellLife 734, 5 lbm/sk Microbond, 0.3% Econolite, 0.3% CFR-3	7.72	14.2	1.55	1914 psi

**Description of Cement Additives:** Calcium Chloride – Flake (Accelerator), HR-800 (Retarder), D-Air 5000 (Defoamer), Halad @-344 (Low Fluid Loss Control), WellLife 734 (Cement Enhancer), Microbond (Expander), Econolite (Ligh Weight Additive), CFR-3 (Dispersant)

If a caliper log is run, cement volumes will be adjusted to caliper volume + 35% excess for the production hole.

#### 5. PRESSURE CONTROL EQUIPMENT

**Surface: 0 - 400'** None.

**Production: 0 - 5100'** the minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) required to drill below the surface casing shoe shall be 3000 (3M) psi. Operator will be using an 11" 3M two ram stack with 3M annular preventer, & 3M Choke Manifold.

- a. The 11" 3000 psi blowout prevention equipment will be installed and operational after setting the 8 5/8" surface casing and the 8 5/8" SOW x 11" 3K conventional wellhead; the rotating head body will be installed but the rubber will be installed when it becomes operationally necessary.
- b. The BOP and ancillary BOPE will be tested by a third party upon installation to the 8 5/8" 24# J-55 surface casing. All equipment will be tested to 250/3000 psi for 10 minutes and charted, except the annular, which will be tested to 70% of working pressure. This is to be in compliance with the Onshore Order # 2 which states the BOPE shall be tested to 70 % of the yield of the casing when the BOP and casing are not isolated.
- c. The pipe rams will be functionally tested during each 24 hour period; the blind rams will be functionally tested on each trip out of the hole. These functional tests will be documented on the Daily Driller's Log. Other accessory equipment (BOPE) will include a safety valve and subs as needed to fit all drill strings, and a 2" kill line and 3" choke line having a 3000 psi WP rating. Oxy requests that the system be tested at 3,000 psi.
- d. Oxy requests a variance if Savanna 415 is used to drill this well to use a co-flex line between the BOP and choke manifold. See attached schematic.

See COA

See COA

Manufacturer: Hebei Ouya Ltd.

Serial Number: 1642343-04

Length: 39" Size: 3" Ends: flanges

WP rating: 3000 psi

Anchors required by manufacturer: No

- e. See attached BOP & Choke manifold diagrams.

## 6. MUD PROGRAM:

Depth	Mud Wt ppg	Vis Sec	Fluid Loss	Type System
0 - 400'	8.4 - 8.8	27 - 38	NC	Fresh Water / Spud Mud
400' - TD	9.6 - 10	28 - 40	10 - 20	Brine Water / Salt Gel

Remarks: Pump high viscosity sweeps as needed for hole cleaning. The mud system will be monitored visually/manually as well as with an electronic PVT. The necessary mud products for additional weight and fluid loss control will be on location at all times.

- A. Appropriately weighted mud will be used to isolate potential gas, oil, and water zones until such time as casing can be cemented into place for zonal isolation.

## 7. AUXILIARY WELL CONTROL AND MONITORING EQUIPMENT

- a. A Kelly cock will be in the drill string at all times.
- b. A full opening drill pipe stabbing valve having the appropriate connections will be on the rig floor unobstructed and readily accessible at all times.
- c. Hydrogen Sulfide detection equipment will be in operation after drilling out the surface casing shoe until the production casing is cemented. Breathing equipment will be on location upon drilling the surface casing shoe until total depth is reached. **If Hydrogen Sulfide is encountered, measured amounts and formations will be reported to the BLM**

## 8. LOGGING / CORING AND TESTING PROGRAM:

- A. Mud Logger: Log from 2000' to TD.

- B. DST's: None.

- C. Open Hole Logs as follows: Triple combo from 400' to TD. *See COA*

## 9. POTENTIAL HAZARDS:

- See COA*
- A. H2S detection equipment will be in operation after drilling out the surface casing shoe until the production casing has been cemented. Breathing equipment will be on location from drilling out the surface shoe until production casing is cemented. If H2S is encountered the operator will comply with Onshore Order #6.
- B. The bottomhole pressure is anticipated to be **2545 psi**.
- C. No abnormal temperatures or pressures are anticipated. **The highest anticipated pressure gradient is 0.50 psi/ft.** All personnel will be familiar with all aspects of safe operation of equipment being used to drill this well. Adequate flare lines will be installed off the mud/gas separator where gas may be flared safely.

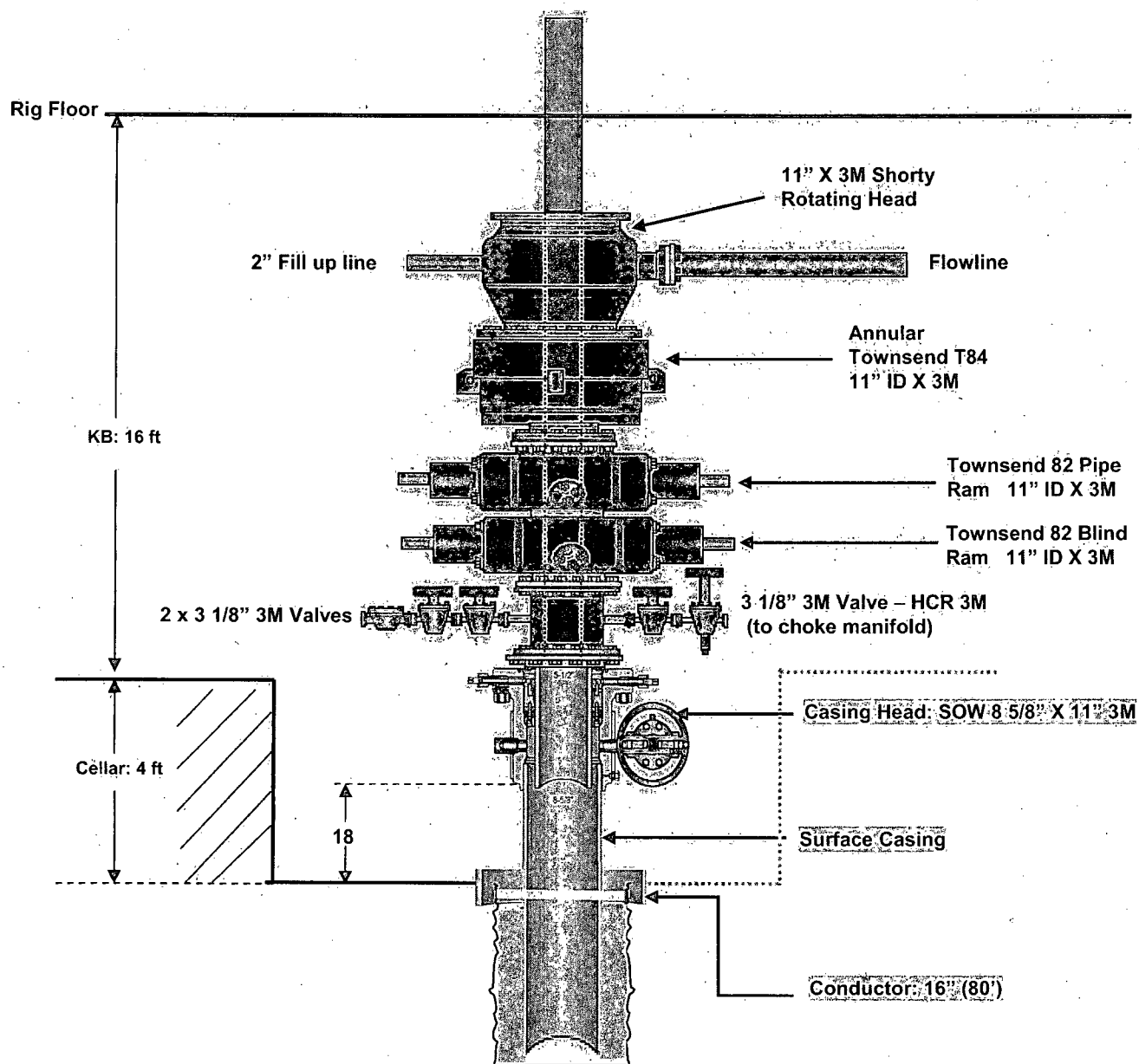
## **10. ANTICIPATED STARTING DATE AND DURATION OF OPERATIONS**

Road and location construction will begin after the BLM has approved the APD. Anticipated spud date will be as soon as possible after BLM approval and as soon as a rig will be available. Move in operations and drilling is expected to take 15 days. If production casing is run, then an additional 30 days will be needed to complete the well and construct surface facilities and/or lay flow lines in order to place well on production.

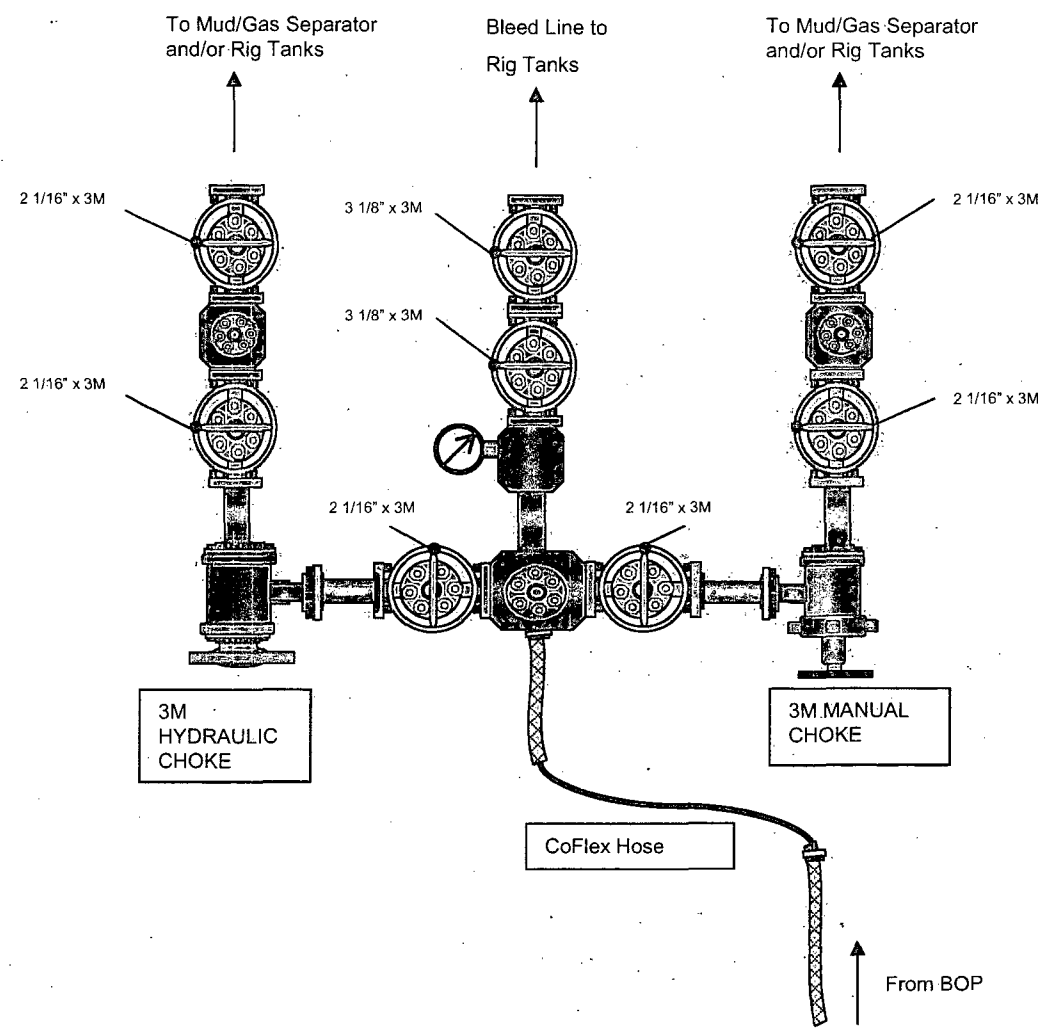
## **11. COMPANY PERSONNEL:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Office Phone</b>
Anthony Tschacher	Drilling Engineer	713-985-6949
Sebastian Millan	Drilling Engineer Supervisor	713-350-4950
Roger Allen	Drilling Superintendent	713- 215-7617
Douglas Chester	Drilling Manager	713-366-5194

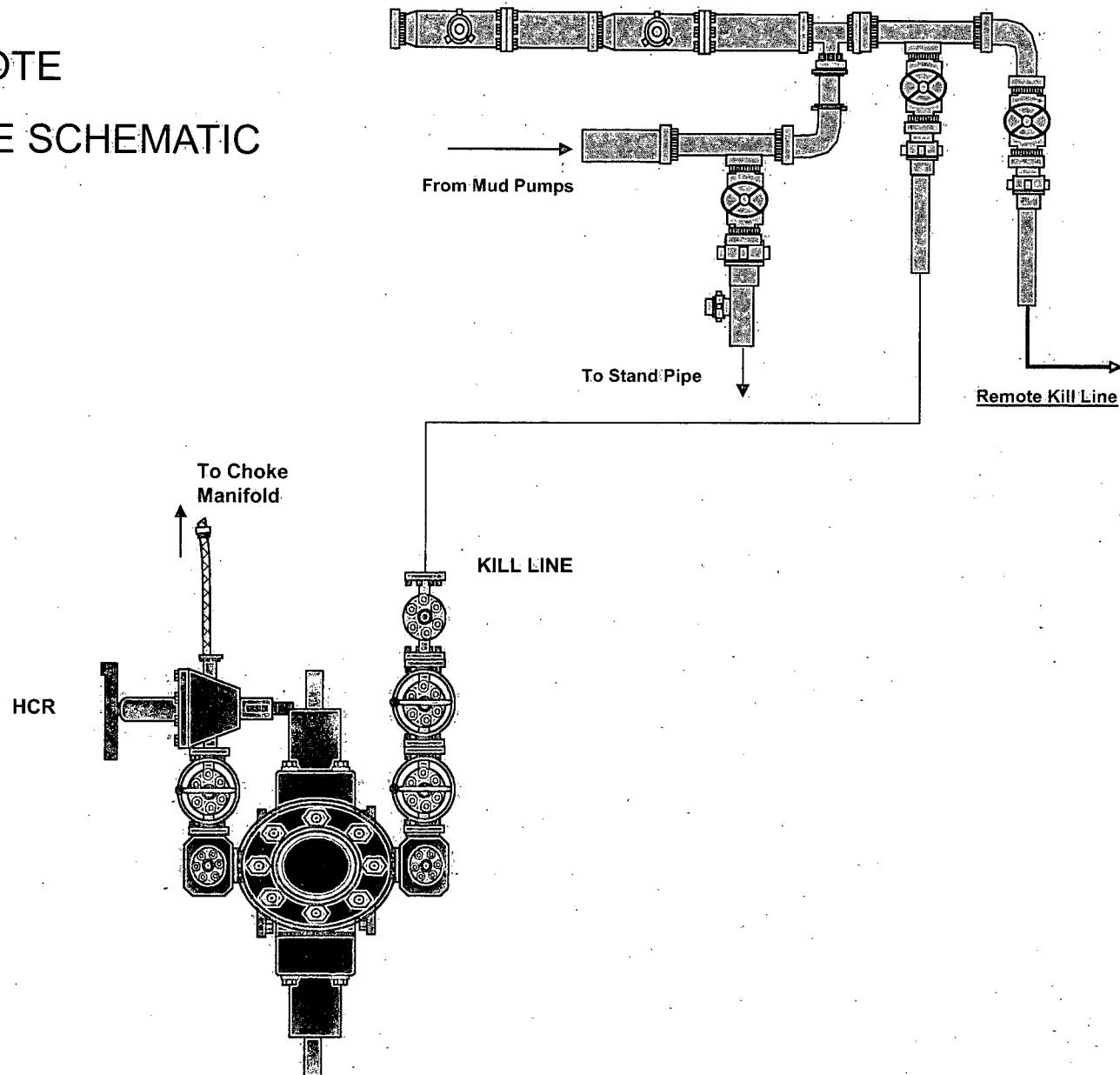
# BOP Diagram



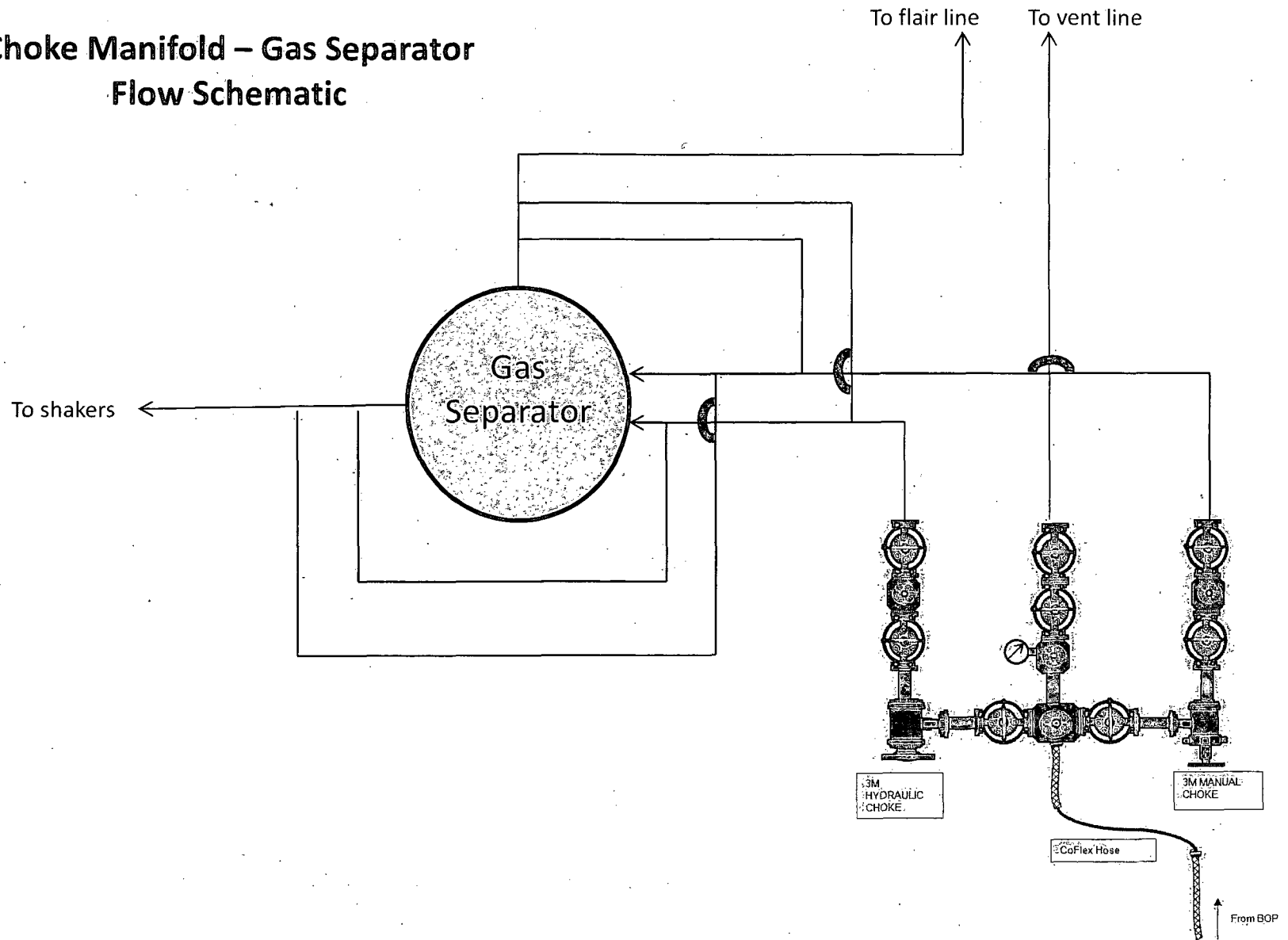
# 3M CHOKE MANIFOLD CONFIGURATION



# 3M REMOTE KILL LINE SCHEMATIC



# Choke Manifold – Gas Separator Flow Schematic





MANIFOLD

HEBEL OUYA LTD. THE WHOLESALE

9727 47th Ave  
Edmonton, AB T6E 5M7  
780-437-2630

## Certificate of Compliance

Date: 2011-12-01  
Item Desc: REDL SLIM-48x39IN-FIG1502  
Asset #: 1642343-04  
Chip ID: NOCHIPID  
Owner: Commercial Solutions INC (103867)

Test#:  
Initial Location:  
Site: 2714 5 ST

Tested by: Dave Penner

Witnessed by: Ben Ahlskog

### Item Attributes:

Serial Number  
Manufacturer  
Application Group  
Model  
Date of Mfr.  
Date Installed  
Locn Desc  
Inside Dia.  
Length  
Working Pressure  
Test Pressure  
Coupling A  
Attach Method A  
Coupling A Model  
Coupling B  
Attach Method B  
Coupling B Model  
Distributor Ref #  
Factory Ref #  
End User Ref #  
Notes

1642343-04  
HEBEL OUYA LTD.  
SLIMHOLE  
REDL-SLIMHOLE-3000-48  
2011-12-01  
3 IN  
39 IN  
3000 PSI  
4500 PSI  
948HX+48B/FIG1502-HU-48  
Swaged  
GEORGE MYER/KEMPER REBUILT  
948HX+48B/FIG1502-HU-48  
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BUILT ON PO: JON

### Default Hose Certification

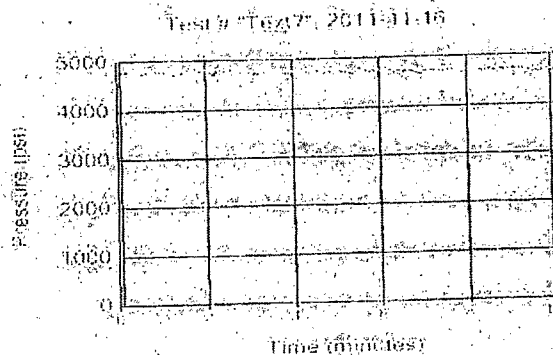
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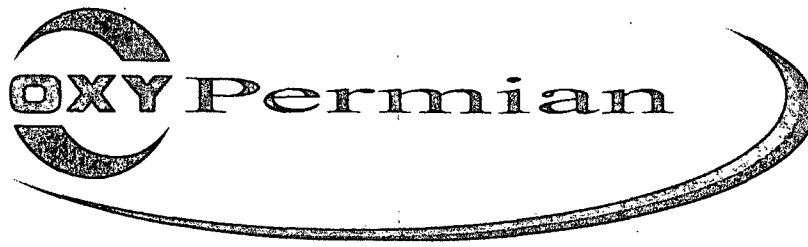
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Certification Result  
Generate Alert?  
Comments  
TimeStamp

Hose passed all visual and physical inspections  
N/A

PASS

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## Permian Drilling Hydrogen Sulfide Drilling Operations Plan New Mexico

### Scope

This contingency plan establishes guidelines for the public, all company employees, and contract employees who's work activities may involve exposure to hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) gas.

While drilling this well, it is possible to encounter H<sub>2</sub>S bearing formations. At all times, the first barrier to control H<sub>2</sub>S emissions will be the drilling fluid, which will have a density high enough to control influx.

### Objective

1. Provide an immediate and predetermined response plan to any condition when H<sub>2</sub>S is detected. All H<sub>2</sub>S detections in excess of 10 parts per million (ppm) concentration are considered an Emergency.
2. Prevent any and all accidents, and prevent the uncontrolled release of hydrogen sulfide into the atmosphere.
3. Provide proper evacuation procedures to cope with emergencies.
4. Provide immediate and adequate medical attention should an injury occur.

## Discussion

Implementation:	This plan with all details is to be fully implemented before drilling to <u>commence</u> .
Emergency response Procedure:	This section outlines the conditions and denotes steps to be taken in the event of an emergency.
Emergency equipment Procedure:	This section outlines the safety and emergency equipment that will be required for the drilling of this well.
Training provisions:	This section outlines the training provisions that must be adhered to prior to drilling.
Drilling emergency call lists:	Included are the telephone numbers of all persons to be contacted should an emergency exist.
Briefing:	This section deals with the briefing of all people involved in the drilling operation.
Public safety:	Public safety personnel will be made aware of any potential evacuation and any additional support needed.
Check lists:	Status check lists and procedural check lists have been included to insure adherence to the plan.
General information:	A general information section has been included to supply support information.

### Hydrogen Sulfide Training

All personnel, whether regularly assigned, contracted, or employed on an unscheduled basis, will receive training from a qualified instructor in the following areas prior to commencing drilling operations on the well:

1. The hazards and characteristics of H<sub>2</sub>S.
2. Proper use and maintenance of personal protective equipment and life support systems.
3. H<sub>2</sub>S detection.
4. Proper use of H<sub>2</sub>S detectors, alarms, warning systems, briefing areas, evacuation procedures and prevailing winds.
5. Proper techniques for first aid and rescue procedures.
6. Physical effects of hydrogen sulfide on the human body.
7. Toxicity of hydrogen sulfide and sulfur dioxide.
8. Use of SCBA and supplied air equipment.
9. First aid and artificial respiration.
10. Emergency rescue.

In addition, supervisory personnel will be trained in the following areas:

1. The effects of H<sub>2</sub>S on metal components. If high tensile strength tubular is to be used, personnel will be trained in their special maintenance requirements.
2. Corrective action and shut-in procedures when drilling a well, blowout prevention and well control procedures.
3. The contents and requirements of the H<sub>2</sub>S Drilling Operations Plan.

H<sub>2</sub>S training refresher must have been taken within one year prior to drilling the well. Specifics on the well to be drilled will be discussed during the pre-spud meeting. H<sub>2</sub>S and well control (choke) drills will be performed while drilling the well, at least on a weekly basis. This plan shall be available in the well site. All personnel will be required to carry the documentation proving that the H<sub>2</sub>S training has been taken.

#### Service company and visiting personnel

- A. Each service company that will be on this well will be notified if the zone contains H<sub>2</sub>S.
- B. Each service company must provide for the training and equipment of their employees before they arrive at the well site.
- C. Each service company will be expected to attend a well site briefing

## Emergency Equipment Requirements

### 1. Well control equipment

The well shall have hydraulic BOP equipment for the anticipated pressures. Equipment is to be tested on installation and follow Oxy Well Control standard, as well as BLM Onshore Order #2.

*Special control equipment:*

- A. Hydraulic BOP equipment with remote control on ground.
- B. Rotating head
- C. Gas buster equipment shall be installed before drilling out of surface pipe.

### 2. Protective equipment for personnel

- A. Four (4) 30-minute positive pressure air packs (2 at each briefing area) on location.
- B. Adequate fire extinguishers shall be located at strategic locations.
- C. Radio / cell telephone communication will be available at the rig.
  - Rig floor and trailers.
  - Vehicle.

### 3. Hydrogen sulfide sensors and alarms

- A. H<sub>2</sub>S sensor with alarms will be located on the rig floor, at the bell nipple, and at the flow line. These monitors will be set to alarm at 10 ppm with strobe light, and audible alarm.
- B. Hand operated detectors with tubes.
- C. H<sub>2</sub>S monitor tester (to be provided by contract Safety Company.)
- D. There shall be one combustible gas detector on location at all times.

### 4. Visual Warning Systems

- A. One sign located at each location entrance with the following language:

**Caution – potential poison gas  
Hydrogen sulfide  
No admittance without authorization**

*Wind sock – wind streamers:*

- A. One 36" (in length) wind sock located at protection center, at height visible from rig floor.
- B. One 36" (in length) wind sock located at height visible from pit areas.

*Condition flags*

- A. One each condition flag to be displayed to denote conditions.

**green – normal conditions**  
**yellow – potential danger**  
**red – danger, H2S present**

- B. Condition flag shall be posted at each location sign entrance.

5. Mud Program

The mud program is designed to minimize the risk of having H2S and other formation fluids at surface. Proper mud weight and safe drilling practices will be applied. H2S scavengers will be used to minimize the hazards while drilling. Below is a summary of the drilling program.

*Mud inspection devices:*

Garrett gas train or hatch tester for inspection of sulfide concentration in mud system.

6. Metallurgy

- A. Drill string, casing, tubing, wellhead, blowout preventers, drilling spools or adapters, kill lines, choke manifold, lines and valves shall be suitable for the H2S service.
- B. All the elastomers, packing, seals and ring gaskets shall be suitable for H2S service.

7. Well Testing

No drill stem test will be performed on this well.

8. Evacuation plan

Evacuation routes should be established prior to well spud for each well and discussed with all rig personnel.

9. Designated area

- A. Parking and visitor area: all vehicles are to be parked at a predetermined safe distance from the wellhead.
- B. There will be a designated smoking area.
- C. Two briefing areas on either side of the location at the maximum allowable distance from the well bore so they offset prevailing winds perpendicularly, or at a 45-degree angle if wind direction tends to shift in the area.

Emergency procedures

- A. In the event of any evidence of H<sub>2</sub>S level above 10 ppm, take the following steps:
  - 1. The Driller will pick up off bottom, shut down the pumps, slow down the pipe rotation.
  - 2. Secure and don escape breathing equipment, report to the upwind designated safe briefing / muster area.
  - 3. All personnel on location will be accounted for and emergency search should begin for any missing, the Buddy System will be implemented.
  - 4. Order non-essential personnel to leave the well site, order all essential personnel out of the danger zone and upwind to the nearest designated safe briefing / muster area.
  - 5. Entrance to the location will be secured to a higher level than our usual "Meet and Greet" requirement, and the proper condition flag will be displayed at the entrance to the location.
  - 6. Take steps to determine if the H<sub>2</sub>S level can be corrected or suppressed and, if so, proceed as required.
- B. If uncontrollable conditions occur:
  - 1. Take steps to protect and/or remove any public in the down-wind area from the rig – partial evacuation and isolation. Notify necessary public safety personnel and appropriate regulatory entities (i.e. BLM) of the situation.

2. Remove all personnel to the nearest upwind designated safe briefing / muster area or off location.
3. Notify public safety personnel of safe briefing / muster area.
4. An assigned crew member will blockade the entrance to the location. No unauthorized personnel will be allowed entry to the location.
5. Proceed with best plan (at the time) to regain control of the well. Maintain tight security and safety procedures.

C. Responsibility:

1. Designated personnel.
  - a. Shall be responsible for the total implementation of this plan.
  - b. Shall be in complete command during any emergency.
  - c. Shall designate a back-up.

- All personnel:
1. On alarm, don escape unit and report to the nearest upwind designated safe briefing / muster area upw
  2. Check status of personnel (buddy system).
  3. Secure breathing equipment.
  4. Await orders from supervisor.

- Drill site manager:
1. Don escape unit if necessary and report to nearest upwind designated safe briefing / muster area.
  2. Coordinate preparations of individuals to return to point of release with tool pusher and driller (using the buddy system).
  3. Determine H<sub>2</sub>S concentrations.
  4. Assess situation and take control measures.

- Tool pusher:
1. Don escape unit Report to up nearest upwind designated safe briefing / muster area.
  2. Coordinate preparation of individuals to return to point of release with tool pusher drill site manager (using the buddy system).
  3. Determine H<sub>2</sub>S concentration.
  4. Assess situation and take control measures.

- Driller:
1. Don escape unit, shut down pumps, continue rotating DP.

2. Check monitor for point of release.
3. Report to nearest upwind designated safe briefing / muster area.
4. Check status of personnel (in an attempt to rescue, use the buddy system).
5. Assigns least essential person to notify Drill Site Manager and tool pusher by quickest means in case of their absence.
6. Assumes the responsibilities of the Drill Site Manager and tool pusher until they arrive should they be absent.

Derrick man  
Floor man #1  
Floor man #2

1. Will remain in briefing / muster area until instructed by supervisor.

Mud engineer:

1. Report to nearest upwind designated safe briefing / muster area.
2. When instructed, begin check of mud for ph and H2S level. (Garett gas train.)

Safety personnel:

1. Mask up and check status of all personnel and secure operations as instructed by drill site manager.

### **Taking a kick**

When taking a kick during an H2S emergency, all personnel will follow standard Well control procedures after reporting to briefing area and masking up.

### **Open-hole logging**

All unnecessary personnel off floor. Drill Site Manager and safety personnel should monitor condition, advise status and determine need for use of air equipment.

### **Running casing or plugging**

Following the same "tripping" procedure as above. Drill Site Manager and safety personnel should determine if all personnel have access to protective equipment.

### Ignition procedures

The decision to ignite the well is the responsibility of the operator (Oxy Drilling Management). The decision should be made only as a last resort and in a situation where it is clear that:

1. Human life and property are endangered.
2. There is no hope controlling the blowout under the prevailing conditions at the well.

### Instructions for igniting the well

1. Two people are required for the actual igniting operation. They must wear self-contained breathing units and have a safety rope attached. One man (tool pusher or safety engineer) will check the atmosphere for explosive gases with the gas monitor. The other man is responsible for igniting the well.
2. Primary method to ignite: 25 mm flare gun with range of approximately 500 feet.
3. Ignite upwind and do not approach any closer than is warranted.
4. Select the ignition site best for protection, and which offers an easy escape route.
5. Before firing, check for presence of combustible gas.
6. After lighting, continue emergency action and procedure as before.
7. All unassigned personnel will remain in briefing area until instructed by supervisor or directed by the Drill Site Manager.

**Remember:** After well is ignited, burning hydrogen sulfide will convert to sulfur dioxide, which is also highly toxic. **Do not assume the area is safe after the well is ignited.**

### Status check list

Note: All items on this list must be completed before drilling to production casing point.

1. H2S sign at location entrance.
2. Two (2) wind socks located as required.
3. Four (4) 30-minute positive pressure air packs (2 at each Briefing area) on location for all rig personnel and mud loggers.
4. Air packs inspected and ready for use.
5. Cascade system and hose line hook-up as needed.
6. Cascade system for refilling air bottles as needed.
7. Condition flag on location and ready for use.
8. H2S detection system hooked up and tested.
9. H2S alarm system hooked up and tested.
10. Hand operated H2S detector with tubes on location.
11. 1 – 100' length of nylon rope on location.
12. All rig crew and supervisors trained as required.
13. All outside service contractors advised of potential H2S hazard on well.
14. No smoking sign posted and a designated smoking area identified.
15. Calibration of all H2S equipment shall be noted on the IADC report.

Checked by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Procedural check list during H2S events**

#### **Perform each tour:**

1. Check fire extinguishers to see that they have the proper charge.
2. Check breathing equipment to ensure that it is in proper working order.
3. Make sure all the H2S detection system is operative.

#### **Perform each week:**

1. Check each piece of breathing equipment to make sure that demand or forced air regulator is working. This requires that the bottle be opened and the mask assembly be put on tight enough so that when you inhale, you receive air or feel air flow.
2. BOP skills (well control drills).
3. Check supply pressure on BOP accumulator stand by source.
4. Check breathing equipment mask assembly to see that straps are loosened and turned back, ready to put on.
5. Check pressure on breathing equipment air bottles to make sure they are charged to full volume. ( Air quality checked for proper air grade "D" before bringing to location)
6. Confirm pressure on all supply air bottles.
7. Perform breathing equipment drills with on-site personnel.
8. Check the following supplies for availability.
  - A. Emergency telephone list.
  - B. Hand operated H2S detectors and tubes.

### General evacuation plan

1. When the company approved supervisor (Drill Site Manager, consultant, rig pusher, or driller) determines the H<sub>2</sub>S gas cannot be limited to the well location and the public will be involved, he will activate the evacuation plan.
2. Drill Site Manager or designee will notify local government agency that a hazardous condition exists and evacuation needs to be implemented.
3. Company or contractor safety personnel that have been trained in the use of H<sub>2</sub>S detection equipment and self-contained breathing equipment will monitor H<sub>2</sub>S concentrations, wind directions, and area of exposure. They will delineate the outer perimeter of the hazardous gas area. Extension to the evacuation area will be determined from information gathered.
4. Law enforcement personnel (state police, police dept., fire dept., and sheriff's dept.) Will be called to aid in setting up and maintaining road blocks. Also, they will aid in evacuation of the public if necessary.
5. After the discharge of gas has been controlled, company safety personnel will determine when the area is safe for re-entry.

**Important: Law enforcement personnel will not be asked to come into a contaminated area. Their assistance will be limited to uncontaminated areas. Constant radio contact will be maintained with them.**

### Emergency actions

#### Well blowout – if emergency

1. Evacuate all personnel to “Safe Briefing / Muster Areas” or off location if needed.
2. If sour gas – evacuate rig personnel.
3. If sour gas – evacuate public within 3000 ft radius of exposure.
4. Don SCBA and shut well in if possible using the buddy system.
5. Notify Drilling Superintendent and call 911 for emergency help (fire dept and ambulance) if needed.
6. Implement the Blowout Contingency Plan, and Drilling Emergency Action Plan.
6. Give first aid as needed.

#### Person down location/facility

1. If immediately possible, contact 911. Give location and wait for confirmation.
2. Don SCBA and perform rescue operation using buddy system.

### Toxic effects of hydrogen sulfide

Hydrogen sulfide is extremely toxic. The acceptable ceiling concentration for eight-hour exposure is 10 ppm, which is .001% by volume. Hydrogen sulfide is heavier than air (specific gravity – 1.192) and colorless. It forms an explosive mixture with air between 4.3 and 46.0 percent by volume. Hydrogen sulfide is almost as toxic as hydrogen cyanide and is between five and six times more toxic than carbon monoxide. Toxicity data for hydrogen sulfide and various other gases are compared in table i. Physical effects at various hydrogen sulfide exposure levels are shown in table ii.

Table i  
Toxicity of various gases

Common name	Chemical formula	Specific gravity (sc=1)	Threshold limit (1)	Hazardous limit (2)	Lethal concentration (3)
Hydrogen Cyanide	Hcn	0.94	10 ppm	150 ppm/hr	300 ppm
Hydrogen Sulfide	H2S	1.18	10 ppm	250 ppm/hr	600 ppm
Sulfur Dioxide	So2	2.21	5 ppm	-	1000 ppm
Chlorine	Cl2	2.45	1 ppm	4 ppm/hr	1000 ppm
Carbon Monoxide	Co	0.97	50 ppm	400 ppm/hr	1000 ppm
Carbon Dioxide	Co2	1.52	5000 ppm	5%	10%
Methane	Ch4	0.55	90,000 ppm	Combustible above 5% in air	

- 1) threshold limit – concentration at which it is believed that all workers may be repeatedly exposed day after day without adverse effects.
- 2) hazardous limit – concentration that will cause death with short-term exposure.
- 3) lethal concentration – concentration that will cause death with short-term exposure.

### Toxic effects of hydrogen sulfide

Table ii  
Physical effects of hydrogen sulfide

<u>Percent (%)</u>	<u>Ppm</u>	<u>Concentration</u> Grains <u>100 std. Ft3*</u>	<u>Physical effects</u>
0.001	<10	00.65	Obvious and unpleasant odor.

0.002	10	01.30	Safe for 8 hours of exposure.
0.010	100	06.48	Kill smell in 3 - 15 minutes. May sting eyes and throat.
0.020	200	12.96	Kills smell shortly; stings eyes and throat.
0.050	500	32.96	Dizziness; breathing ceases in a few minutes; needs prompt artificial respiration.
0.070	700	45.36	Unconscious quickly; death will result if not rescued promptly.
0.100	1000	64.30	Unconscious at once; followed by death within minutes.

\*at 15.00 psia and 60'f.

### Use of self-contained breathing equipment (SCBA)

1. Written procedures shall be prepared covering safe use of SCBA's in dangerous atmosphere, which might be encountered in normal operations or in emergencies. Personnel shall be familiar with these procedures and the available SCBA.
2. SCBA's shall be inspected frequently at random to insure that they are properly used, cleaned, and maintained.
3. Anyone who may use the SCBA's shall be trained in how to insure proper face-piece to face seal. They shall wear SCBA's in normal air and then wear them in a test atmosphere. (note: such items as facial hair {beard or sideburns} and eyeglasses will not allow proper seal.) Anyone that may be reasonably expected to wear SCBA's should have these items removed before entering a toxic atmosphere. A special mask must be obtained for anyone who must wear eyeglasses or contact lenses.
4. Maintenance and care of SCBA's:
  - a. A program for maintenance and care of SCBA's shall include the following:
    1. Inspection for defects, including leak checks.
    2. Cleaning and disinfecting.
    3. Repair.
    4. Storage.
  - b. Inspection, self-contained breathing apparatus for emergency use shall be inspected monthly.
    1. Fully charged cylinders.
    2. Regulator and warning device operation.
    3. Condition of face piece and connections.
    4. Rubber parts shall be maintained to keep them pliable and prevent deterioration.
  - c. Routinely used SCBA's shall be collected, cleaned and disinfected as frequently as necessary to insure proper protection is provided.
5. Persons assigned tasks that requires use of self-contained breathing equipment shall be certified physically fit (medically cleared) for breathing equipment usage at least annually.
6. SCBA's should be worn when:
  - A. Any employee works near the top or on top of any tank unless test reveals less than 10 ppm of H<sub>2</sub>S.

- B. When breaking out any line where H<sub>2</sub>S can reasonably be expected.
- C. When sampling air in areas to determine if toxic concentrations of H<sub>2</sub>S exists.
- D. When working in areas where over 10 ppm H<sub>2</sub>S has been detected.
- E. At any time there is a doubt as to the H<sub>2</sub>S level in the area to be entered.

**Rescue**  
**First aid for H<sub>2</sub>S poisoning**

**Do not panic!**

Remain calm – think!

1. Don SCBA breathing equipment.
2. Remove victim(s) utilizing buddy system to fresh air as quickly as possible. (go up-wind from source or at right angle to the wind. Not down wind.)
3. Briefly apply chest pressure – arm lift method of artificial respiration to clean the victim's lungs and to avoid inhaling any toxic gas directly from the victim's lungs.
4. Provide for prompt transportation to the hospital, and continue giving artificial respiration if needed.
5. Hospital(s) or medical facilities need to be informed, before-hand, of the possibility of H<sub>2</sub>S gas poisoning – no matter how remote the possibility is.
6. Notify emergency room personnel that the victim(s) has been exposed to H<sub>2</sub>S gas.

Besides basic first aid, everyone on location should have a good working knowledge of artificial respiration.

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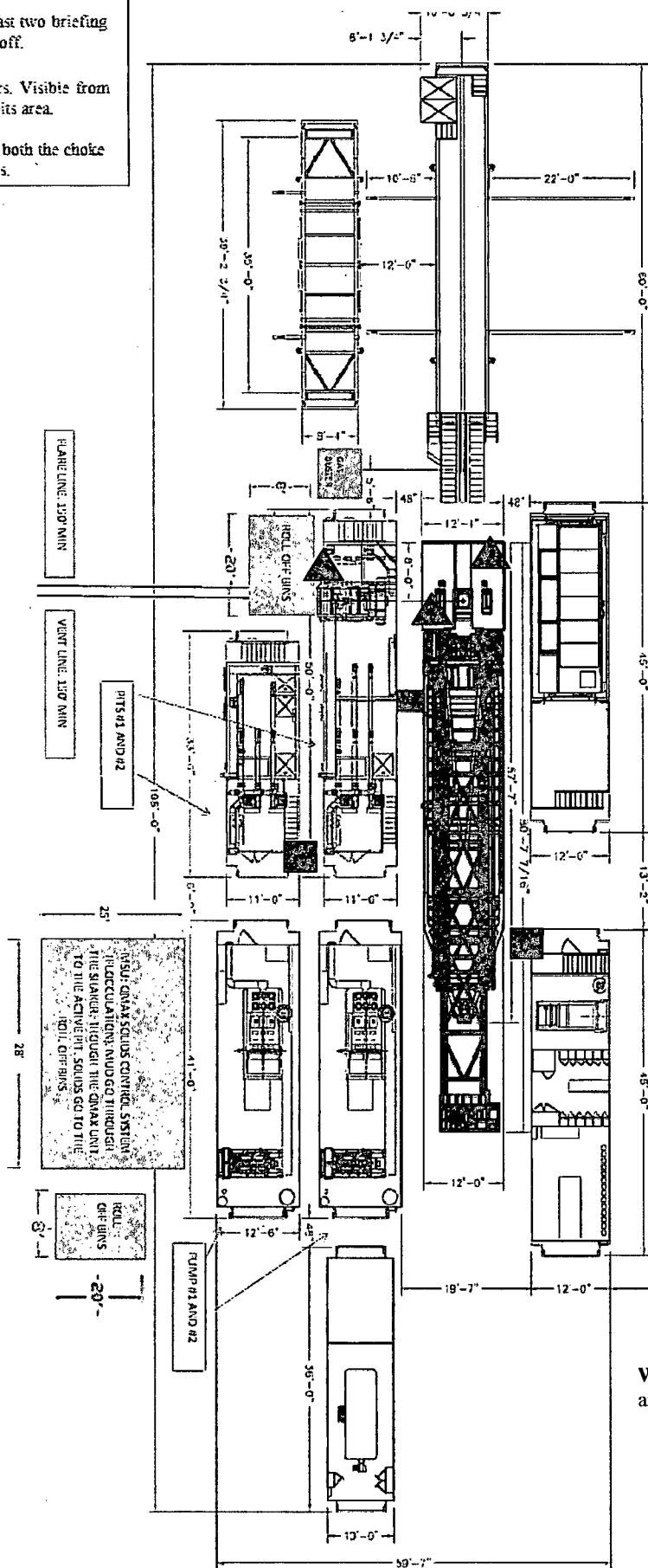
## **Permian Drilling Hydrogen Sulfide Drilling Operations Plan Yeso Viking Federal 5**

Open drill site. No homes or buildings are near the proposed location.

### **1. Escape**

Personnel shall escape upwind of wellbore in the event of an emergency gas release. Escape can take place through the lease road on the Northwest side of the location. Personnel need to move to a safe distance and block the entrance to location. If the primary route is not an option due to the wind direction, then a secondary egress route should be taken.

A gas buster is connected to both the choke manifold and flowline outlets.



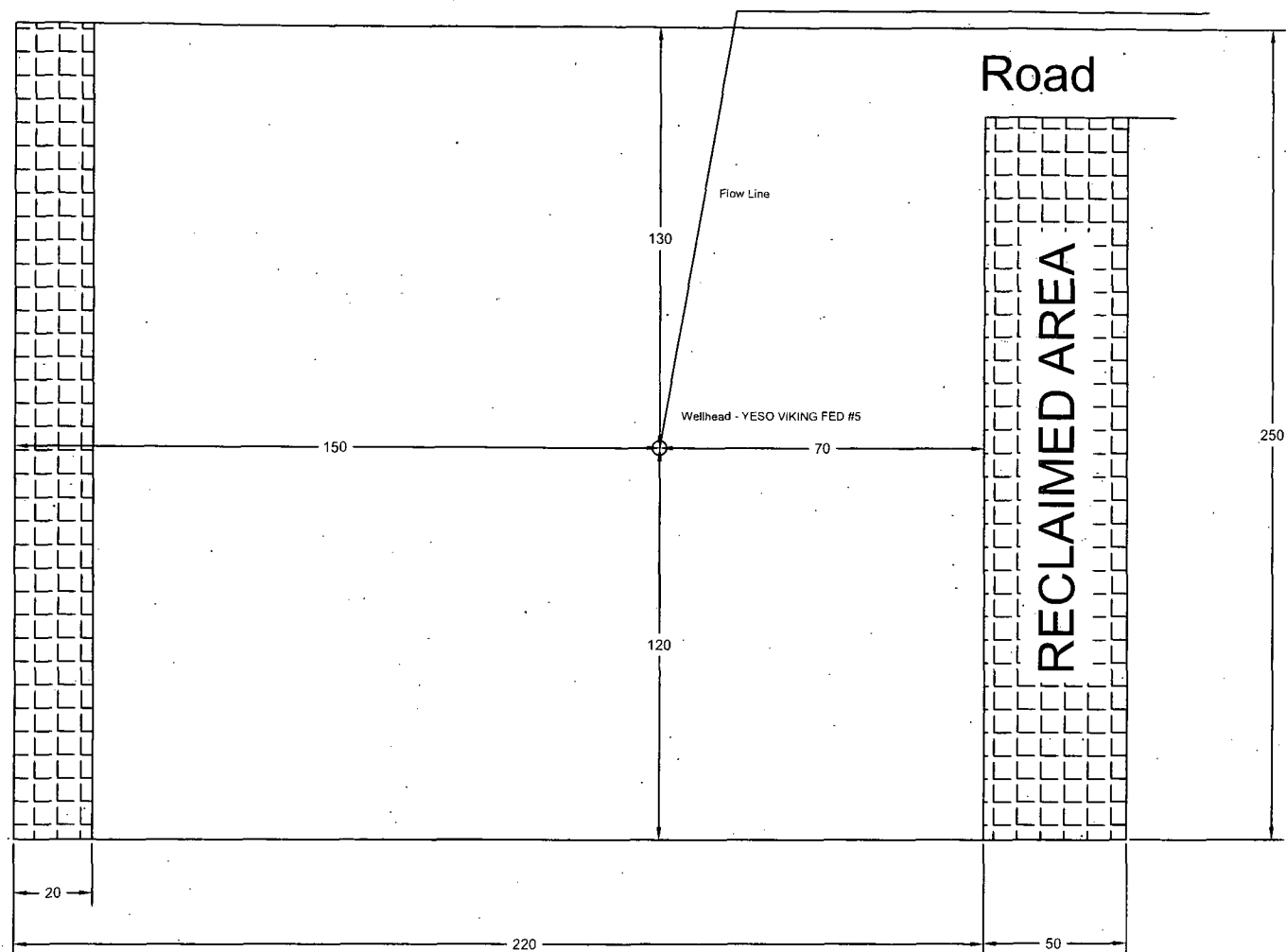
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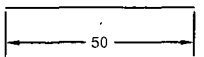
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WESTINGHOUSE

**WIND:** Prevailing winds are from the Southwest

Exit to road. Caution  
sign placed here.



All Units in Feet



REVISION BLOCK						ENGINEERING RECORD	
NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	BY	CHK	APP	BY	DATE
A	1/2/13	Plot Plan for Permitting	KMR				

**PRODUCTION FACILITY LAYOUT**  
**Yeso Viking Fed #5**

## **SURFACE USE PLAN OF OPERATIONS**

**Operator Name/Number:** OXY USA WTP LIMITED PARTNERSHIP - 192463

**Lease Name/Number:** YESO VIKING FEDERAL #5

**Pool Name/Number:** RED LAKE; GLORIETA-YESO, NE (96836)

**Surface Location:** I; SEC 23, T17S, R27E; 1670' FSL & 860' FEL; EDDY COUNTY

**Bottom Hole Location:** I; SEC 23, T17S, R27E; 1670' FSL & 860' FEL; EDDY COUNTY

### **1. Existing Roads**

- a. A copy of a USGS "SPRING LAKE, NM" quadrangle map is attached showing the proposed location. The well location is spotted on this map, which shows the existing road system.
- b. The well was staked by Terry J Asel Certificate No. 15079 on 12-06-2012, certified 12-13-2012.
- c. Directions to Location:  
FROM THE INTERSECTION OF U.S. HWY. #83 AND CO. RD. #202, GO NORTH ON CO. RD. #202 APPROX. 0.4 MILES. TURN LEFT AND GO NORTHWEST APPROX. 0.5 MILES. TURN LEFT AND FOLLOW ROAD SURVEY LATH SOUTH 464 FEET TO NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS LOCATION.

### **2. New or Reconstructed Access Roads:**

- a. A new access road will be built. The access road will run approximately 464' from an existing road to the location.
- b. The maximum width of the road will be 15'. It will be crowned and made up of 6" of rolled and compacted caliche. Water will be deflected, as necessary, to avoid accumulation and prevent surface erosion.
- c. Surface material will be native caliche. This material will be obtained from a BLM approved pit nearest in proximity to the location. The average grade will be approximately 1%.
- d. No cattle guards, grates or fence cuts will be required. No turnouts are planned.
- e. Blade, water & repair existing caliche road as required/needed.

### **3. Location of Existing Wells:**

Existing wells within a one mile radius of the proposed well are shown on attached plat.

### **4. Location of Existing and/or Proposed Production Facilities.**

- a. In the event the well is found productive, the production would be sent to the central tank battery located on the YESO VIKING CTB. The proposed lines will be approximately 2500' of QTY 74" SDR 7 Polyethylene laid on surface from well the CTB and will be operating <125 psig. See proposed Production Facilities Layout diagram.

- b. ~~The proposed route for the electric line has been surveyed and is attached.~~

- c. All flowlines will adhere to API Standards.

## 5. Location and types of Water Supply.

This well will be drilled using a combination of water mud systems. It will be obtained from commercial water stations in the area and will be hauled to location by transport truck using existing and proposed roads.

## 6. Construction Materials:

All caliche utilized for the drilling pad and proposed access road will be obtained from an existing BLM approved pit or from prevailing deposits found under the location. Will use BLM recommended use of extra caliche from other locations close by for roads, if available.

## 7. Methods of Handling Waste Material:

- a. A closed loop system will be utilized consisting of above ground steel tanks and haul-off bins. Disposal of liquids, drilling fluids and cuttings will be disposed of at an approved facility, see C-144 CLEZ.
  1. Solids - CONTROL RECOVERY INC - R9166
  2. Liquids - SUNDANCE LANDFILL - NM-01-003
- b. All trash, junk, and other waste material will be contained in trash cages or bins to prevent scattering. When the job is completed, all contents will be removed and disposed of in an approved sanitary landfill.
- c. The supplier, including broken sacks, will pick up slats remaining after completion of well.
- d. A Porto-john will be provided for the rig crews. This equipment will be properly maintained during the drilling and completion operations and will be removed when all operations are complete.
- e. Disposal of fluids to be transported will be by the following companies:
  1. Solids - CONTROL RECOVERY INC - R9166
  2. Liquids - SUNDANCE LANDFILL - NM-01-003

## 8. Ancillary Facilities: None needed

## 9. Well Site Layout

See attached for the proposed well site layout with dimensions of the pad layout and equipment location.

V-Door SOUTH CL Tanks 40' X 75' Pad 270' X 250'

## 10. Plans for Surface Reclamation:

- a. After concluding the drilling and/or completion operations, if the well is found non-commercial, the caliche will be removed from the pad and transported to the original caliche pit or used for other drilling locations. The road will be reclaimed as directed by the BLM. The original top soil will again be returned to the pad and contoured, as close as possible, to the original topography.

- b. If the well is deemed commercially productive, caliche from areas of the pad site not required for operations will be reclaimed. The original top soil will be returned to the area of the drill pad not necessary to operate the well. These unused areas of the drill pad will be contoured, as close as possible, to match the original topography, and the area will be seeded with an approved BLM mixture to re-establish vegetation.

## 11. Surface Ownership

The surface is owned by the U.S. Government and is administered by the BLM. The surface is multiple use with the primary uses of the region for the grazing of livestock and the production of oil and gas. The surface is leased to: \_\_\_\_\_ Bogle LTD Co.

They will be notified of our intention to drill prior to any activity.

## 12. Other Information

- a. The vegetation cover is generally sparse consisting of mesquite, yucca, shinnery oak, sandsage and perennial native range grass. The topsoil is sandy in nature. Wildlife in the area is also sparse consisting of deer, coyotes, rabbits, rodents, reptiles, dove and quail.
- b. There is no permanent or live water in the general proximity of the location.
- c. There are no dwellings within 2 miles of the proposed well site.
- d. A Cultural Resources Examination will be completed by Boone Archaeological Services, LLC and forwarded to the BLM office in Carlsbad, NM.

## 13. Bond Coverage:

Bond Coverage is Nationwide Bond No. \_\_\_\_\_ ESB000226

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BLM

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## PECOS DISTRICT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

<b>OPERATOR'S NAME:</b>	<b>OXY USA WTP LP</b>
<b>LEASE NO.:</b>	<b>NMNM-025527</b>
<b>WELL NAME &amp; NO.:</b>	<b>Yeso Viking Federal 5</b>
<b>SURFACE HOLE FOOTAGE:</b>	<b>1670' FSL &amp; 0860' FEL</b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>Section 23, T. 17 S., R 27 E., NMPM</b>
<b>COUNTY:</b>	<b>Eddy County, New Mexico</b>

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## **I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

The approval of the Application For Permit To Drill (APD) is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations: 43 Code of Federal Regulations 3160, the lease terms, Onshore Oil and Gas Orders, Notices To Lessees, New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) Rules, National Historical Preservation Act As Amended, and instructions and orders of the Authorized Officer. Any request for a variance shall be submitted to the Authorized Officer on Form 3160-5, Sundry Notices and Report on Wells.

## **II. PERMIT EXPIRATION**

If the permit terminates prior to drilling and drilling cannot be commenced within 60 days after expiration, an operator is required to submit Form 3160-5, Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells, requesting surface reclamation requirements for any surface disturbance. However, if the operator will be able to initiate drilling within 60 days after the expiration of the permit, the operator must have set the conductor pipe in order to allow for an extension of 60 days beyond the expiration date of the APD. (Filing of a Sundry Notice is required for this 60 day extension.)

## **III. ARCHAEOLOGICAL, PALEONTOLOGY & HISTORICAL SITES**

Any cultural and/or paleontological resource discovered by the operator or by any person working on the operator's behalf shall immediately report such findings to the Authorized Officer. The operator is fully accountable for the actions of their contractors and subcontractors. The operator shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the Authorized Officer. An evaluation of the discovery shall be made by the Authorized Officer to determine the appropriate actions that shall be required to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values of the discovery. The operator shall be held responsible for the cost of the proper mitigation measures that the Authorized Officer assesses after consultation with the operator on the evaluation and decisions of the discovery. Any unauthorized collection or disturbance of cultural or paleontological resources may result in a shutdown order by the Authorized Officer.

## **IV. NOXIOUS WEEDS**

The operator shall be held responsible if noxious weeds become established within the areas of operations. Weed control shall be required on the disturbed land where noxious weeds exist, which includes the roads, pads, associated pipeline corridor, and adjacent land affected by the establishment of weeds due to this action. The operator shall consult with the Authorized Officer for acceptable weed control methods, which include following EPA and BLM requirements and policies.

## **V. SPECIAL REQUIREMENT(S)**

### **Cave and Karst**

\*\* Depending on location, additional Drilling, Casing, and Cementing procedures may be required by engineering to protect critical karst groundwater recharge areas.

#### **Cave/Karst Surface Mitigation**

The following stipulations will be applied to minimize impacts during construction, drilling and production.

##### **Construction:**

In the advent that any underground voids are opened up during construction activities, construction activities will be halted and the BLM will be notified immediately.

##### **No Blasting:**

No blasting will be utilized for pad construction. The pad will be constructed and leveled by adding the necessary fill and caliche.

##### **Pad Berming:**

The pad will be bermed to prevent oil, salt, and other chemical contaminants from leaving the pad. All sides will be bermed.

##### **Tank Battery Liners and Berms:**

Tank battery locations will be lined and bermed. A 20 mil permanent liner will be installed with a 4 oz. felt backing to prevent tears or punctures. Tank battery berms must be large enough to contain 1 ½ times the content of the largest tank.

##### **Leak Detection System:**

A method of detecting leaks is required. The method could incorporate gauges to measure loss, siting valves and lines so they can be visually inspected, or installing electronic sensors to alarm when a leak is present. Leak detection plan will be submitted to BLM for approval.

##### **Automatic Shut-off Systems:**

Automatic shut off, check valves, or similar systems will be installed for pipelines and tanks to minimize the effects of catastrophic line failures used in production or drilling.

#### **Cave/Karst Subsurface Mitigation**

The following stipulations will be applied to protect cave/karst and ground water concerns:

##### **Rotary Drilling with Fresh Water:**

Fresh water will be used as a circulating medium in zones where caves or karst features are expected. SEE ALSO: Drilling COAs for this well.

**Directional Drilling:**

Kick off for directional drilling will occur at least 100 feet below the bottom of the cave occurrence zone. SEE ALSO: Drilling COAs for this well.

**Lost Circulation:**

ALL lost circulation zones from the surface to the base of the cave occurrence zone will be logged and reported in the drilling report.

Regardless of the type of drilling machinery used, if a void of four feet or more and circulation losses greater than 70 percent occur simultaneously while drilling in any cave-bearing zone, the BLM will be notified immediately by the operator. The BLM will assess the situation and work with the operator on corrective actions to resolve the problem.

**Abandonment Cementing:**

Upon well abandonment in high cave karst areas additional plugging conditions of approval may be required. The BLM will assess the situation and work with the operator to ensure proper plugging of the wellbore.

**Pressure Testing:**

Annual pressure monitoring will be performed by the operator on all casing annuli and reported in a sundry notice. If the test results indicated a casing failure has occurred, remedial action will be undertaken to correct the problem to the BLM's approval.

## **VI. CONSTRUCTION**

### **A. NOTIFICATION**

The BLM shall administer compliance and monitor construction of the access road and well pad. Notify the Carlsbad Field Office at (575) 234-5909 at least 3 working days prior to commencing construction of the access road and/or well pad.

When construction operations are being conducted on this well, the operator shall have the approved APD and Conditions of Approval (COA) on the well site and they shall be made available upon request by the Authorized Officer.

### **B. TOPSOIL**

The operator shall stockpile the topsoil in a low profile manner in order to prevent wind/water erosion of the topsoil. The topsoil to be stripped is approximately 4 inches in depth. The topsoil will be used for interim and final reclamation.

### **C. CLOSED LOOP SYSTEM**

Tanks are required for drilling operations: No Pits.

The operator shall properly dispose of drilling contents at an authorized disposal site.

### **D. FEDERAL MINERAL MATERIALS PIT**

Payment shall be made to the BLM prior to removal of any federal mineral materials. Call the Carlsbad Field Office at (575) 234-5972.

### **E. WELL PAD SURFACING**

Surfacing of the well pad is not required.

If the operator elects to surface the well pad, the surfacing material may be required to be removed at the time of reclamation.

The well pad shall be constructed in a manner which creates the smallest possible surface disturbance, consistent with safety and operational needs.

### **F. ON LEASE ACCESS ROADS**

#### **Road Width**

The access road shall have a driving surface that creates the smallest possible surface disturbance and does not exceed fourteen (14) feet in width. The maximum width of

surface disturbance, when constructing the access road, shall not exceed twenty-five (25) feet.

### **Surfacing**

Surfacing material is not required on the new access road driving surface. If the operator elects to surface the new access road or pad, the surfacing material may be required to be removed at the time of reclamation.

Where possible, no improvements should be made on the unsurfaced access road other than to remove vegetation as necessary, road irregularities, safety issues, or to fill low areas that may sustain standing water.

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to require surfacing of any portion of the access road at any time deemed necessary. Surfacing may be required in the event the road deteriorates, erodes, road traffic increases, or it is determined to be beneficial for future field development. The surfacing depth and type of material will be determined at the time of notification.

### **Crowning**

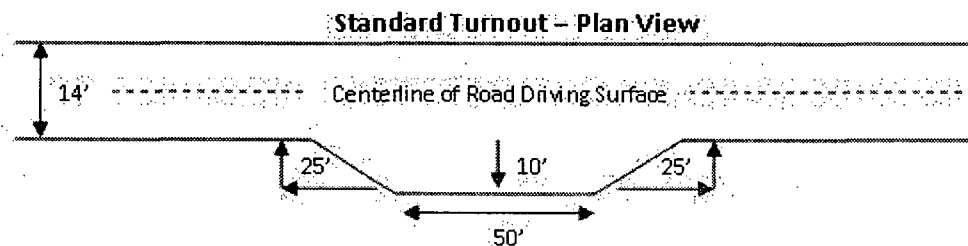
Crowning shall be done on the access road driving surface. The road crown shall have a grade of approximately 2% (i.e., a 1" crown on a 14' wide road). The road shall conform to Figure 1; cross section and plans for typical road construction.

### **Ditching**

Ditching shall be required on both sides of the road.

### **Turnouts**

Vehicle turnouts shall be constructed on the road. Turnouts shall be intervisible with interval spacing distance less than 1000 feet. Turnouts shall be constructed on all blind curves. Turnouts shall conform to the following diagram:

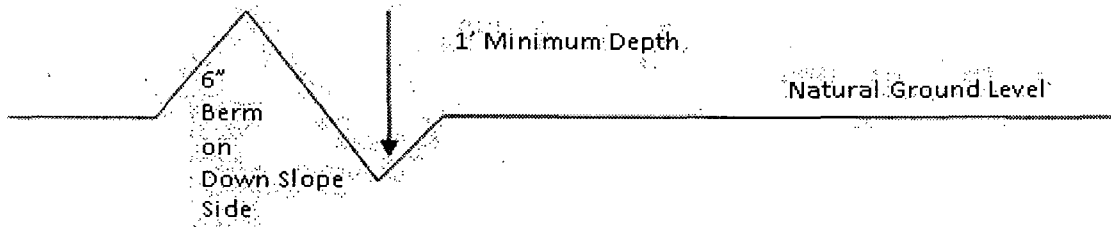


### **Drainage**

Drainage control systems shall be constructed on the entire length of road (e.g. ditches, sidehill outsloping and insloping, lead-off ditches, culvert installation, and low water crossings).

A typical lead-off ditch has a minimum depth of 1 foot below and a berm of 6 inches above natural ground level. The berm shall be on the down-slope side of the lead-off ditch.

### **Cross Section of a Typical Lead-off Ditch**



All lead-off ditches shall be graded to drain water with a 1 percent minimum to 3 percent maximum ditch slope. The spacing interval are variable for lead-off ditches and shall be determined according to the formula for spacing intervals of lead-off ditches, but may be amended depending upon existing soil types and centerline road slope (in %);

### **Formula for Spacing Interval of Lead-off Ditches**

Example - On a 4% road slope that is 400 feet long, the water flow shall drain water into a lead-off ditch. Spacing interval shall be determined by the following formula:

$$400 \text{ foot road with } 4\% \text{ road slope: } \frac{400'}{4\%} + 100' = 200' \text{ lead-off ditch interval}$$

### **Culvert Installations**

Appropriately sized culvert(s) shall be installed at the deep waterway channel flow crossing.

### **Cattleguards**

An appropriately sized cattleguard(s) sufficient to carry out the project shall be installed and maintained at fence crossing(s).

Any existing cattleguard(s) on the access road shall be repaired or replaced if they are damaged or have deteriorated beyond practical use. The operator shall be responsible for the condition of the existing cattleguard(s) that are in place and are utilized during lease operations.

A gate shall be constructed and fastened securely to H-braces.

### **Fence Requirement**

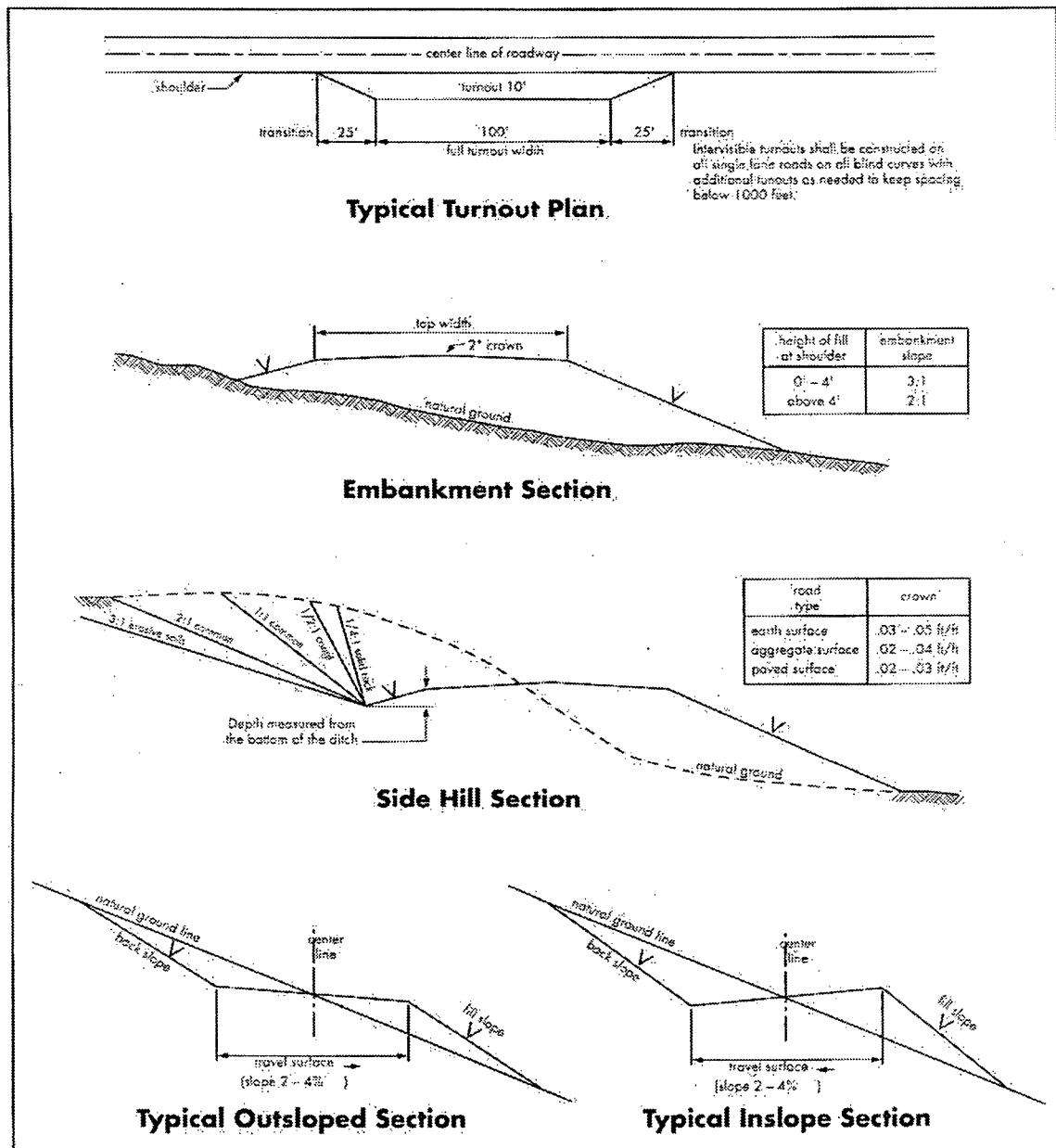
Where entry is required across a fence line, the fence shall be braced and tied off on both sides of the passageway prior to cutting.

The operator shall notify the private surface landowner or the grazing allotment holder prior to crossing any fence(s).

### Public Access

Public access on this road shall not be restricted by the operator without specific written approval granted by the Authorized Officer.

**Figure 1 – Cross Sections and Plans For Typical Road Sections**



## **I. DRILLING**

### **A. DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS**

The BLM is to be notified in advance for a representative to witness:

- a. Spudding well (minimum of 24 hours)
- b. Setting and/or Cementing of all casing strings (minimum of 4 hours)
- c. BOPE tests (minimum of 4 hours)

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(575) 361-2822

1. **Hydrogen Sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) monitors shall be installed prior to drilling out the surface shoe. If H<sub>2</sub>S is detected in concentrations greater than 100 ppm, the Hydrogen Sulfide area shall meet Onshore Order 6 requirements, which includes equipment and personnel/public protection items. If Hydrogen Sulfide is encountered, provide measured values and formations to the BLM.**
2. Unless the production casing has been run and cemented or the well has been properly plugged, the drilling rig shall not be removed from over the hole without prior approval. **If the drilling rig is removed without approval – an Incident of Non-Compliance will be written and will be a “Major” violation.**
3. Floor controls are required for 3M or Greater systems. These controls will be on the rig floor, unobstructed, readily accessible to the driller and will be operational at all times during drilling and/or completion activities. Rig floor is defined as the area immediately around the rotary table; the area immediately above the substructure on which the draw works is located, this does not include the dog house or stairway area.
4. **The record of the drilling rate along with the GR/N well log run from TD to surface shall be submitted to the BLM office as well as all other logs run on the borehole 30 days from completion. If available, a digital copy of the logs is to be submitted in addition to the paper copies.**

### **B. CASING**

**Changes to the approved APD casing program need prior approval if the items substituted are of lesser grade or different casing size. The Operator can exchange the components of the proposal with that of superior strength (i.e. changing from J-55 to N-80, or from 36# to 40#). Changes to the approved cement program need prior approval if the altered cement plan has less volume or strength or if the changes are substantial (i.e. Multistage tool, ECP, etc.).**

**Centralizers required on surface casing per Onshore Order 2.III.B.1.f.**

**Wait on cement (WOC) time prior to drilling out for a primary cement job will be a minimum 18 hours for a water basin, 24 hours in the potash area, or 500 pounds compressive strength, whichever is greater for all casing strings. DURING THIS WOC TIME, NO DRILL PIPE, ETC. SHALL BE RUN IN THE HOLE. Provide compressive strengths including hours to reach required 500 pounds compressive strength prior to cementing each casing string. See individual casing strings for details regarding lead cement slurry requirements.**

**No pea gravel permitted for remedial or fall back remedial without prior authorization from the BLM engineer.**

**Possibility of lost circulation in the Grayburg and San Andres formations.**

**HIGH CAVE/KARST – CONTINGENCY CASING WILL BE REQUIRED IF LOST CIRCULATION OCCURS WHILE DRILLING THE SURFACE HOLE. THE SURFACE HOLE WILL HAVE TO BE REAMED AND A LARGER CASING INSTALLED. IF LOST CIRCULATION OCCURS WHILE DRILLING THE 7-7/8" HOLE, THE CEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE 5-1/2" CASING WILL NEED TO BE MODIFIED AND THE BLM IS TO BE CONTACTED PRIOR TO RUNNING THE CASING. A MINIMUM OF TWO CASING STRINGS CEMENTED TO SURFACE IS REQUIRED IN HIGH CAVE/KARST AREAS. THE CEMENT MUST BE IN A SOLID SHEATH THEREFORE, ONE INCH OPERATIONS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. A DV TOOL WILL BE REQUIRED.**

1. The 8-5/8 inch surface casing shall be set at approximately 400 feet and cemented to the surface.
  - a. If cement does not circulate to the surface, the appropriate BLM office shall be notified and a temperature survey utilizing an electronic type temperature survey with surface log readout will be used or a cement bond log shall be run to verify the top of the cement. Temperature survey will be run a minimum of six hours after pumping cement and ideally between 8-10 hours after completing the cement job.
  - b. **Wait on cement (WOC) time for a primary cement job is to include the lead cement slurry.**
  - c. Wait on cement (WOC) time for a remedial job will be a minimum of 4 hours after bringing cement to surface or 500 pounds compressive strength, whichever is greater.
  - d. If cement falls back, remedial cementing will be done prior to drilling out that string.

2. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 5-1/2 inch production casing is:

☒ Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate, contact the appropriate BLM office.

3. If hardband drill pipe is rotated inside casing, returns will be monitored for metal. If metal is found in samples, drill pipe will be pulled and rubber protectors which have a larger diameter than the tool joints of the drill pipe will be installed prior to continuing drilling operations.

#### C. PRESSURE CONTROL

1. All blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) shall comply with well control requirements as described in Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 2 and API RP 53 Sec. 17.
2. Variance approved to use flex line from BOP to choke manifold. Check condition of flexible line from BOP to choke manifold, replace if exterior is damaged or if line fails test. Line to be as straight as possible with no hard bends and is to be anchored according to Manufacturer's requirements. The flexible hose can be exchanged with a hose of equal size and equal or greater pressure rating. **Anchor requirements, specification sheet and hydrostatic pressure test certification matching the hose in service, to be onsite for review. These documents shall be posted in the company man's trailer and on the rig floor.** If the BLM inspector questions the straightness of the hose, a BLM engineer will be contacted and will review in the field or via picture supplied by inspector to determine if changes are required (operator shall expect delays if this occurs).
3. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) required for drilling below the surface casing shoe shall be **3000 (3M) psi**.
4. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness the tests.
  - a. In a water basin, for all casing strings utilizing slips, these are to be set as soon as the crew and rig are ready and any fallback cement remediation has been done. The casing cut-off and BOP installation can be initiated four hours after installing the slips, which will be approximately six hours after bumping the plug. For those casing strings not using slips, the minimum wait time before cut-off is eight hours after bumping the plug. BOP/BOPE testing can begin after cut-off or once cement reaches 500 psi compressive strength (including lead when specified), whichever is greater. However, if the float does not hold, cut-off cannot be initiated until cement reaches 500 psi compressive strength (including lead when specified).

- b. The tests shall be done by an independent service company utilizing a test plug **not a cup or J-packer**.
- c. The test shall be run on a 5000 psi chart for a 2-3M BOP/BOP, on a 10000 psi chart for a 5M BOP/BOPE and on a 15000 psi chart for a 10M BOP/BOPE. If a linear chart is used, it shall be a one hour chart. A circular chart shall have a maximum 2 hour clock.
- d. The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.
- e. All tests are required to be recorded on a calibrated test chart. **A copy of the BOP/BOPE test chart and a copy of independent service company test will be submitted to the appropriate BLM office.**
- f. The BOP/BOPE test shall include a low pressure test from 250 to 300 psi. The test will be held for a minimum of 10 minutes if test is done with a test plug and 30 minutes without a test plug. This test shall be performed prior to the test at full stack pressure.

#### **D. DRILL STEM TEST**

If drill stem tests are performed, Onshore Order 2.III.D shall be followed.

#### **E. WASTE MATERIAL AND FLUIDS**

All waste (i.e. drilling fluids, trash, salts, chemicals, sewage, gray water, etc.) created as a result of drilling operations and completion operations shall be safely contained and disposed of properly at a waste disposal facility. No waste material or fluid shall be disposed of on the well location or surrounding area.

Porto-johns and trash containers will be on-location during fracturing operations or any other crew-intensive operations.

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## **II. PRODUCTION (POST DRILLING)**

### **A. WELL STRUCTURES & FACILITIES**

#### **Placement of Production Facilities**

Production facilities should be placed on the well pad to allow for maximum interim recontouring and revegetation of the well location.

#### **Containment Structures**

The containment structure shall be constructed to hold the capacity of the entire contents of the largest tank, plus 24 hour production, unless more stringent protective requirements are deemed necessary by the Authorized Officer.

#### **Painting Requirement**

All above-ground structures including meter housing that are not subject to safety requirements shall be painted a flat non-reflective paint color, Shale Green from the BLM Standard Environmental Color Chart (CC-001: June 2008).

### **B. PIPELINES**

#### **STANDARD STIPULATIONS FOR SURFACE INSTALLED PIPELINES**

**A copy of the APD/Sundry Notice and attachments, including stipulations, survey plat and/or map, will be on location during construction. BLM personnel may request to you a copy of your permit during construction to ensure compliance with all stipulations.**

Holder agrees to comply with the following stipulations to the satisfaction of the Authorized Officer:

1. The holder shall indemnify the United States against any liability for damage to life or property arising from the occupancy or use of public lands under this grant.
2. The holder shall comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations existing or hereafter enacted or promulgated. In any event, the holder shall comply with the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976 as amended, 15 USC 2601 et seq. (1982) with regards to any toxic substances that are used, generated by or stored on the right-of-way or on facilities authorized under this right-of-way grant. (See 40 CFR, Part 702-799 and especially, provisions on polychlorinated biphenyls, 40 CFR 761.1-761.193.) Additionally, any release of toxic substances (leaks, spills, etc.) in excess of the reportable quantity established by 40 CFR, Part 117 shall be reported as required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, section 102b. A copy of any report required or requested by any Federal agency or State government as a result of a reportable release or spill of any toxic substances shall be furnished to the authorized officer concurrent with the filing of the reports to the involved Federal agency or State government.

3. The holder agrees to indemnify the United States against any liability arising from the release of any hazardous substance or hazardous waste (as these terms are defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. 9601, et seq. or the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 6901, et seq.) on the Right-of-Way (unless the release or threatened release is wholly unrelated to activity of the Right-of-Way holder's activity on the Right-of-Way), or resulting from the activity of the Right-of-Way holder on the Right-of-Way. This agreement applies without regard to whether a release is caused by the holder, its agent, or unrelated third parties.

4. The holder shall be liable for damage or injury to the United States to the extent provided by 43 CFR Sec. 2883.1-4. The holder shall be held to a standard of strict liability for damage or injury to the United States resulting from pipe rupture, fire, or spills caused or substantially aggravated by any of the following within the right-of-way or permit area:

- a. Activities of the holder including, but not limited to construction, operation, maintenance, and termination of the facility.
- b. Activities of other parties including, but not limited to:
  - (1) Land clearing.
  - (2) Earth-disturbing and earth-moving work.
  - (3) Blasting.
  - (4) Vandalism and sabotage.
- c. Acts of God.

The maximum limitation for such strict liability damages shall not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for any one event, and any liability in excess of such amount shall be determined by the ordinary rules of negligence of the jurisdiction in which the damage or injury occurred.

This section shall not impose strict liability for damage or injury resulting primarily from an act of war or from the negligent acts or omissions of the United States.

5. If, during any phase of the construction, operation, maintenance, or termination of the pipeline, any oil, salt water, or other pollutant should be discharged from the pipeline system, impacting Federal lands, the control and total removal, disposal, and cleaning up of such oil, salt water, or other pollutant, wherever found, shall be the responsibility of the holder, regardless of fault. Upon failure of the holder to control, dispose of, or clean up such discharge on or affecting Federal lands, or to repair all damages resulting therefrom, on the Federal lands, the Authorized Officer may take such measures as he deems necessary to control and clean up the discharge and restore the area, including, where appropriate, the aquatic environment and fish and wildlife habitats, at the full

expense of the holder. Such action by the Authorized Officer shall not relieve the holder of any responsibility as provided herein.

6. All construction and maintenance activity will be confined to the authorized right-of-way width of 20 feet.

7. No blading or clearing of any vegetation will be allowed unless approved in writing by the Authorized Officer.

8. The holder shall install the pipeline on the surface in such a manner that will minimize suspension of the pipeline across low areas in the terrain. In hummocky or dune areas, the pipeline will be "snaked" around hummocks and dunes rather than suspended across these features.

9. The pipeline shall be buried with a minimum of 24 inches under all roads, "two-tracks," and trails. Burial of the pipe will continue for 20 feet on each side of each crossing. The condition of the road, upon completion of construction, shall be returned to at least its former state with no bumps or dips remaining in the road surface.

10. The holder shall minimize disturbance to existing fences and other improvements on public lands. The holder is required to promptly repair improvements to at least their former state. Functional use of these improvements will be maintained at all times. The holder will contact the owner of any improvements prior to disturbing them. When necessary to pass through a fence line, the fence shall be braced on both sides of the passageway prior to cutting of the fence. No permanent gates will be allowed unless approved by the Authorized Officer.

11. In those areas where erosion control structures are required to stabilize soil conditions, the holder will install such structures as are suitable for the specific soil conditions being encountered and which are in accordance with sound resource management practices.

12. Excluding the pipe, all above-ground structures not subject to safety requirement shall be painted by the holder to blend with the natural color of the landscape. The paint used shall be a color which simulates "Standard Environmental Colors" – **Shale Green**, Munsell Soil Color No. 5Y 4/2; designated by the Rocky Mountain Five State Interagency Committee.

13. The pipeline will be identified by signs at the point of origin and completion of the right-of-way and at all road crossings. At a minimum, signs will state the holder's name, BLM serial number, and the product being transported. Signs will be maintained in a legible condition for the life of the pipeline.

14. The holder shall not use the pipeline route as a road for purposes other than routine maintenance as determined necessary by the Authorized Officer in consultation with the holder. The holder will take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the pipeline

route is not used as a roadway.

15. Any cultural and/or paleontological resource (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by the holder, or any person working on his behalf, on public or Federal land shall be immediately reported to the authorized officer. Holder shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the authorized officer. An evaluation of the discovery will be made by the authorized officer to determine appropriate cultural or scientific values. The holder will be responsible for the cost of evaluation and any decision as to proper mitigation measures will be made by the authorized officer after consulting with the holder.

**C. ELECTRIC LINES (Not applied for in APD)**

### **III. INTERIM RECLAMATION**

During the life of the development, all disturbed areas not needed for active support of production operations should undergo interim reclamation in order to minimize the environmental impacts of development on other resources and uses.

Within six (6) months of well completion, operators should work with BLM surface management specialists (Jim Amos: 575-234-5909) to devise the best strategies to reduce the size of the location. Interim reclamation should allow for remedial well operations, as well as safe and efficient removal of oil and gas.

During reclamation, the removal of caliche is important to increasing the success of revegetating the site. Removed caliche that is free of contaminants may be used for road repairs, fire walls or for building other roads and locations. In order to operate the well or complete workover operations, it may be necessary to drive, park and operate on restored interim vegetation within the previously disturbed area. Disturbing revegetated areas for production or workover operations will be allowed. If there is significant disturbance and loss of vegetation, the area will need to be revegetated. Communicate with the appropriate BLM office for any exceptions/exemptions if needed.

All disturbed areas after they have been satisfactorily prepared need to be reseeded with the seed mixture provided below.

Upon completion of interim reclamation, the operator shall submit a Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells, Subsequent Report of Reclamation (Form 3160-5).

### **X. FINAL ABANDONMENT & RECLAMATION**

At final abandonment, well locations, production facilities, and access roads must undergo "final" reclamation so that the character and productivity of the land are restored.

Earthwork for final reclamation must be completed within six (6) months of well plugging. All pads, pits, facility locations and roads must be reclaimed to a satisfactory revegetated, safe, and stable condition, unless an agreement is made with the landowner or BLM to keep the road and/or pad intact.

After all disturbed areas have been satisfactorily prepared, these areas need to be revegetated with the seed mixture provided below. Seeding should be accomplished by drilling on the contour whenever practical or by other approved methods. Seeding may need to be repeated until revegetation is successful, as determined by the BLM.

Operators shall contact a BLM surface protection specialist prior to surface abandonment operations for site specific objectives (Jim Amos: 575-234-5909).

### Seed Mixture 1, for Loamy Sites

The holder shall seed all disturbed areas with the seed mixture listed below. The seed mixture shall be planted in the amounts specified in pounds of pure live seed (PLS)\* per acre. There shall be no primary or secondary noxious weeds in the seed mixture. Seed will be tested and the viability testing of seed will be done in accordance with State law(s) and within nine (9) months prior to purchase. Commercial seed will be either certified or registered seed. The seed container will be tagged in accordance with State law(s) and available for inspection by the authorized officer.

Seed will be planted using a drill equipped with a depth regulator to ensure proper depth regulator to ensure proper depth of planting where drilling is possible. The seed mixture will be evenly and uniformly planted over the disturbed area (small/heavier seeds have a tendency to drop the bottom of the drill and are planted first). The holder shall take appropriate measures to ensure this does not occur. Where drilling is not possible, seed will be broadcast and the area shall be raked or chained to cover the seed. When broadcasting the seed, the pounds per acre are to be doubled. The seeding will be repeated until a satisfactory stand is established as determined by the authorized officer. Evaluation of growth will not be made before completion of at least one full growing season after seeding.

Species to be planted in pounds of pure live seed\* per acre:

#### Species

lb/acre

Plains lovegrass ( <i>Eragrostis intermedia</i> )	0.5
Sand dropseed ( <i>Sporobolus cryptandrus</i> )	1.0
Sideoats grama ( <i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i> )	5.0
Plains bristlegrass ( <i>Setaria macrostachya</i> )	2.0

\*Pounds of pure live seed:

Pounds of seed x percent purity x percent germination = pounds pure live seed