

District I  
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240  
District II  
811 S. First St., Artesia, NM 88210  
District III  
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410  
District IV  
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-129  
Revised August 1, 2011  
Submit one copy to appropriate  
District Office

NFO Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(For Division Use Only)

**APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO NO-FLARE RULE 19.15.18.12**

(See Rule 19.15.18.12 NMAC and Rule 19.15.7.37 NMAC)

A. Applicant Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado

whose address is 600 N Marienfeld Street, Suite 600, Midland, TX 79701

hereby requests an exception to Rule 19.15.18.12 for 30 days or until September 01, 2013

for the following described tank battery (or LACT):

Name of Lease Alaska 29 Fee Name of Pool Penasco Draw: SA-Yeso (Assoc)

Location of Battery: Unit Letter N Section 29 Township 18S Range 26E

Number of wells producing into battery 8

B. Based upon oil production of 120 barrels per day, the estimated \* volume

of gas to be flared is 320 MCF; Value \$800.00 per day.

C. Name and location of nearest gas gathering facility:

DCP\*

D. Distance \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated cost of connection \_\_\_\_\_

E. This exception is requested for the following reasons: DCP curtailment for gas delivery

**OPERATOR**

I hereby certify that the rules and regulations of the Oil Conservation Division have been complied with and that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature Michelle Chappell

Printed Name  
& Title Michelle Chappell, Regulatory Technician

E-mail Address mchappell@cimarex.com

Date 08/01/2013 Telephone No. 432-620-1959

**OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

Approved Until Sept 15, 2013

By RDade

Title DIST # Supervisor

Date Aug 6, 2013

\* Gas-Oil ratio test may be required to verify estimated gas volume.

★ See Attached COA's



DCP Midstream  
10 Desta Drive, Suite 400 West  
Midland, TX 79705  
432-620-4000

July 25, 2013

TO ALL GAS PRODUCERS BEHIND ARTESIA PLANT:

RE: ACID GAS CURTAILMENT NOTICE  
August/September, 2013  
Lea County, Eddy County New Mexico

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In order to stay below the maximum Acid Gas Injection rate at Artesia Plant, DCP Midstream, LP is adjusting the allowable rates for existing and new wells with CO<sub>2</sub> content greater than 2% and H<sub>2</sub>S content greater than ¼ grain.

Effective August 1, 2013, DCP will fully curtail gas takes for gas delivered through the attached list of meters through August 15, 2013. After that time, DCP will remove those wells from the curtailment list and replace it with a new group of similar wells that are also out of contract quality specifications for CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>S content. We will divide the full list of off specification acid gas producing wells into four groups. We have designed this rotation of groups to allow off quality wells to flow for 6 out of every 8 weeks and also keep the total Acid Gas injection rate below the permissible maximum.

We need your cooperation to make these changes accurately. You must shut in your off quality wells during their respective curtailment turns. If you fail to limit deliveries, DCP will be forced to shut in various meters as necessary to limit your production into the system. As system conditions change between now and the next rotation, DCP may need to adjust the curtailment. To the extent that is necessary, but no more than twice per month, DCP will send you a revised notice with the new meter list to be curtailed.

DCP has worked hard to avoid curtailments of gas takes, as we know this places a considerable burden on your operations. We will continue to explore other options to increase the capacity to take off specification gas.

Please contact Curt Alexander at (432) 620-5428 or me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David Griessinger".

David Griessinger  
Commercial Managing Director  
(432) 620-4214

**NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
DISTRICT 2 OFFICE  
811 SOUTH FIRST STREET  
ARTESIA, NM 88210  
(575)748-1283**

**CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL for FLARING or VENTING GAS**

1. Venting gas is absolutely not allowed.
  2. Prior to flaring gas, C-129 must be filed & approved. Blanket approval cannot be given for this operation.
  3. Flared volumes of gas are to be metered & reported.
  4. Flares WILL be manned at all times. Brush should be cut down to 1 or 2 inches around flare stack at least a radial distance of 2 times the height of the flare stack.
  5. Flares WILL NOT be left unattended.
  6. No flaring operations to be conducted during red-flag days.  
<http://www.gacc.nifc.gov/swcc> (go to "Predictive Services" on SWCC website) to check for red flag warnings.
  7. Follow safe practices for flaring guidelines.
  8. Permit may be rescinded at any time by NMOCD.
  9. If well is able to be connected to a gas gathering system, it will be done so as soon as possible.
  10. Flaring of gas is prohibited. The State Forester grants an exception to the prohibition on open fires for the flaring of natural gas when the following conditions are met. Unless flaring is needed for safety purposes, flaring pursuant to this exception shall not be done on days that are "red flag days" as determined by the National Weather Service or on days when the sustained wind is in excess of 25 miles per hour in the area.
- 11.1. The day is not a "red flag day" as determined by the National Weather Service and the sustained wind is not in excess of 25 miles per hour in the area.

- 12.2. The local fire department and county dispatch are notified at least 24 hours in advance of anticipated releases that will result in flaring. If flaring is done by an automated system then the schedule of flaring shall be provided to the local fire department and county dispatch. The area is mowed and maintained at a length not to exceed 4 inches and all other flammable products or debris shall be cleared in the area for a distance of one and one half times the height of the stack.
- 13.3. At least one adult is on site with communications equipment adequate to reach county dispatch and the local fire department in the event of a fire. The individual should also be equipped with a shovel and a water backpack pump or other equipment to deliver water to suppress a fire.
- 14.4. If flaring is to take place at an unmanned facility, then the area around the flare stack is mowed and maintained at a length not to exceed 4 inches and all other flammable products or debris shall be cleared in the area for a distance of three times the height of the stack.

Your initials here

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8/6/2013

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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Division Director  
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**March 19, 2013**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Jim Winchester (505)231-8800 E-Mail: [jim.winchester@state.nm.us](mailto:jim.winchester@state.nm.us)

## **Notice to Oil and Gas Facilities and Operators Flaring Gas in New Mexico**

SANTA FE, NM – The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) encourages all oil and gas facilities with flare stacks and well operators that are flaring gas to upgrade their *Fire Awareness Programs* this year. New Mexico State Forestry reports that 460 fires have burned 25,475 acres on state and private land in calendar year 2012.

Forecasts remain dismal this spring with fewer chances for normal precipitation, particularly in southwestern New Mexico and southeastern Arizona. Temperatures could also be higher than normal.

Open flames and gas flares should be monitored carefully and oil and gas operators should create a defensible space to help prevent wildfires. Defensible Space is the area around a structure where combustible vegetation that can spread fire has been cleared, reduced or replaced. This space acts as a barrier between a structure and an advancing wildfire.

During the course of the upcoming fire season, it may become necessary for New Mexico State Forestry to issue fire restriction on State and private land. Log on to [www.nmforestry.com](http://www.nmforestry.com) for updates or call your local district office.

New Mexico State Forestry offers the following guidelines for establishing effective defensible space:

- Create a "Lean, Clean and Green" firebreak area by removing flammable vegetation and growth within 30 feet of each structure. Single trees and shrubs may be retained if they are well spaced, pruned and placed so they avoid the spread of fire. Maintain an irrigation system for any vegetation near structures.
- Keep grass and weeds mowed.
- Prune lower tree limbs to at least 6 feet up to 15 feet (or lower 1/3 of branches on smaller trees).
- Remove vegetation and debris around propane tanks.

For the latest fire weather information please visit USDA Forest Service website:

<http://activefiremaps.fs.fed.us/current.php>

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