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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO	6. If Indian, Allotee or Tribe Name			
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lb. Type of Well: Oil Well Gas Well Other	8. Lease Name and Wel RDX FEDERAL COM			
2. Name of Operator RKI EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION,	LLC. 4246289	7	9. API Well No.	42184
3a. Address 210 PARK AVENUE, SUITE 900 OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73102	3b. Phone No. (include area code) (405) 987-2138 (JOEL ACOS	STA) WIE	10. Field and Paol, or Exe UNDESIGNATED BO	lorator243016K
4. Location of Well (Report location clearly and in accordance with an	ty State requirements.*)		11. Sec., T. R. M. or Blk.a	and Survey or Area
At surface 2310 FSL & 1090 FWL, SECTION 10		SHL: SECTION 10, T.	. 26 S., R. 30 E. 🍎	
At proposed prod. zone 330 FSL & 925 FWL, SECTION 15	· ·		BHL: SECTION 15, T.	. 26 S., R. 30 E.
14. Distance in miles and direction from nearest town or post office*  15 MILES SOUTHEAST OF MALAGA, NM			12. County or Parish EDDY	13. State NM
15. Distance from proposed* 330' location to nearest property or lease line, ft. (Also to nearest drig. unit line, if any)	16. No. of acres in lease SHL: 960 BHL: 320	ng Unit dedicated to this well		
18. Distance from proposed location* to nearest well, drilling, completed, BHL: 530' applied for, on this lease, ft.			VBIA Bond No. on file IMB-000460	
21. Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB, RT, GL, etc.) 3117' GL	22. Approximate date work will sta	ırt*	23. Estimated duration 25 DAYS	
	24. Attachments			g de
The following, completed in accordance with the requirements of Onsho	re Oil and Gas Order No.1, must be a	ttached to th	is form:	B <sup>P</sup>
<ol> <li>Well plat certified by a registered surveyor.</li> <li>A Drilling Plan.</li> <li>A Surface Use Plan (if the location is on National Forest System SUPO must be filed with the appropriate Forest Service Office).</li> </ol>	Lands, the Item 20 above).  5. Operator certifi	cation	ns unless covered by an exi	
25. Signature Am W. A.	Name (Printed/Typed) BARRY W. HUNT		Da	ite 2/20/13
Title PERMIT AGENT FOR RKI EXPLORATION & PRODUC	CTION LLC			,
Approved by (Signature)	Name (Printed/Typed)			MAR 6 2014
/S/ STEPHEN-J. CAFFEY	/S/ S	TEPHE	N.I CAEEE	
Title FIELD WANAGEN	ome CARLSBAD	FIEL	D OFFICE	
Application approval does not warrant or certify that the applicant hole conduct operations thereon.	ds legal or equitable title to those rigi	hts in the sub	ject lease which would entit	le the applicant to
Conditions of approval if any are attached				

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\*(Instructions on page 2)

APPROVAL SUBJECT TO Carlsbad Controlled Water Basin

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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AND SPACHED STIPULATIONS
ATTACHED

Must be in compliance with NMOCD Rule 5.9 prior to transporting/selling product.

SEE ATTACHED FOR CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that I, or persons under my direct supervision, have inspected the proposed drill site and access road proposed herein; that I am familiar with the conditions that presently exist; that I have full knowledge of State and Federal laws applicable to this operation; that the statements 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 RKI Exploration and Production, LLC. am responsible for the operations conducted under this application. These statements are subject to the provisions of 18 U. S. C. 1001 for the filing of false statements. Executed this 13th. day of September 2013.

Signed:

Printed Name: Barry Hunt

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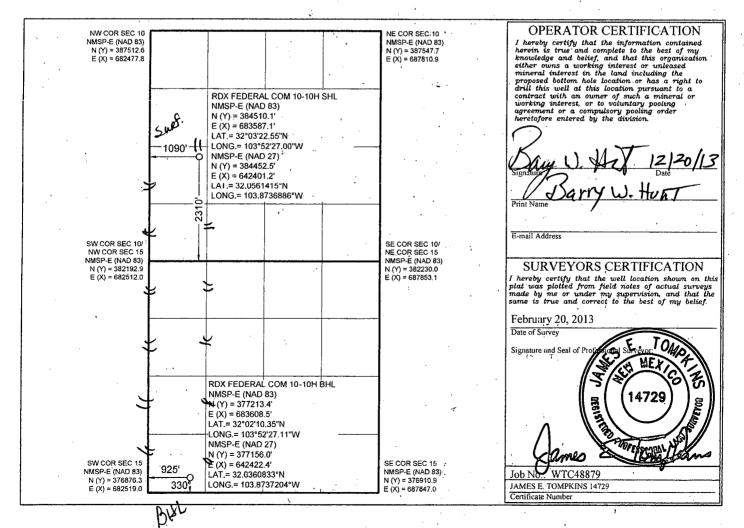
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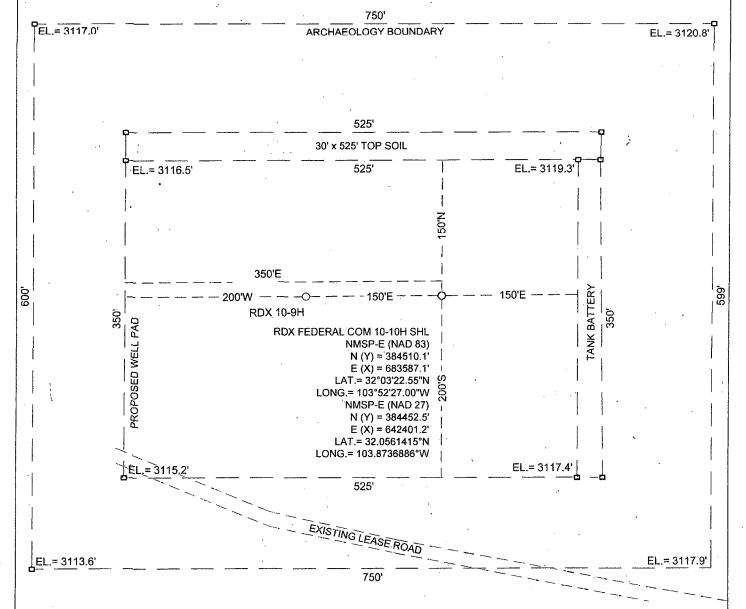
☐ AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT WC G-0 Property Name Well Number **RDX FEDERAL COM 10** 10H Operator Name Elevation 246289 **RKI EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION** 3117 Surface Location UL or lot no Section Township Range Lot Idn Feet from the North/South line Feet from the East/West line County 10 26 S 30 E 2310 SOUTH 1090 WEST L **EDDY** Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface UL or lot no Section Township Lot Idn Feet from the Feet from the East/West line County M 15 26 S 30 E 330 SOUTH 925 **WEST** ËDDY Consolidated Code Dedicated Acres Joint or Infill Order No.

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.



## SITE LOCATION





GRAPHIC SCALE 1" = 100'

SECTION:10, T 26 S, R 30 E, N.M.P.M.

COUNTY: EDDY

STATE: NM

DESCRIPTION: 2310' FSL & 1090' FWL

OPERATOR: RKI EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION

WELL NAME: RDX FEDERAL COM 10-10H

#### DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

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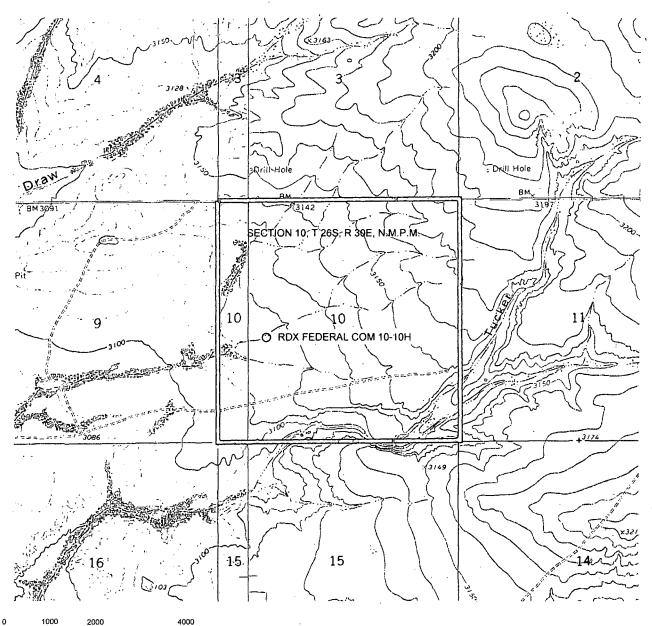


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# LOCATION VERIFICATION MAP



GRAPHIC SCALE 1" = 2000'

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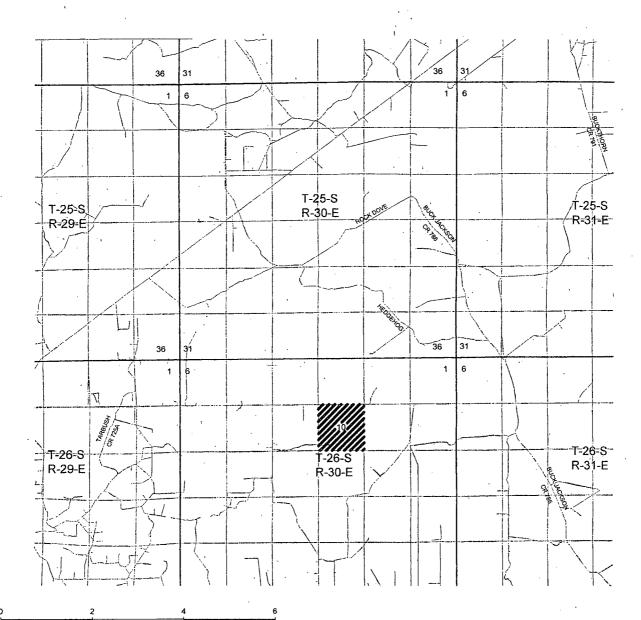
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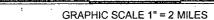
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# **VICINITY MAP**





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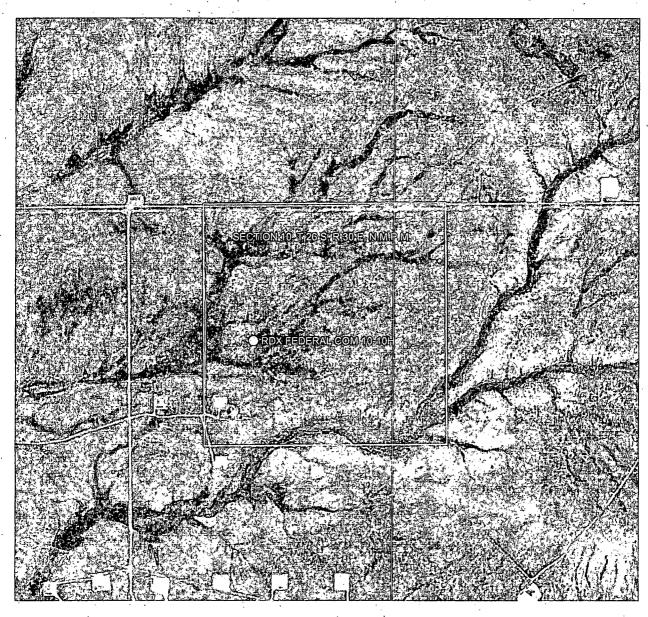


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# AERIAL MAP



4000 GRAPHIC SCALE 1" = 2000'

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OPERATOR: RKI EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION

WELL NAME: RDX FEDERAL COM 10-10H

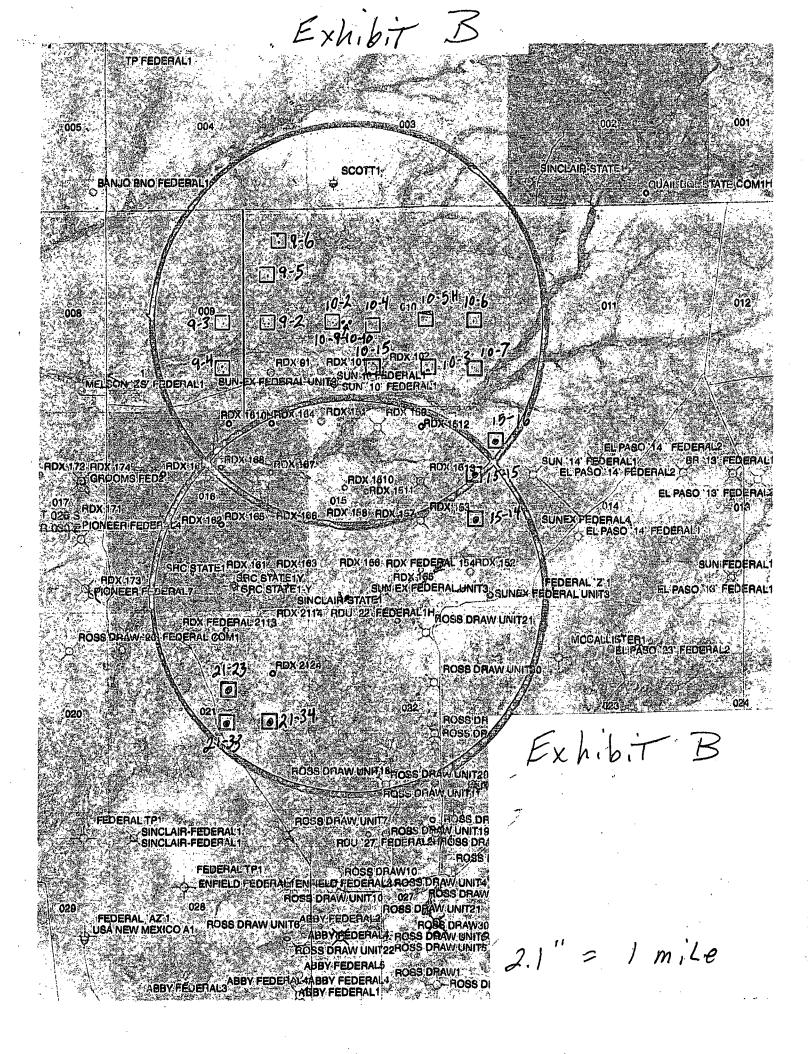
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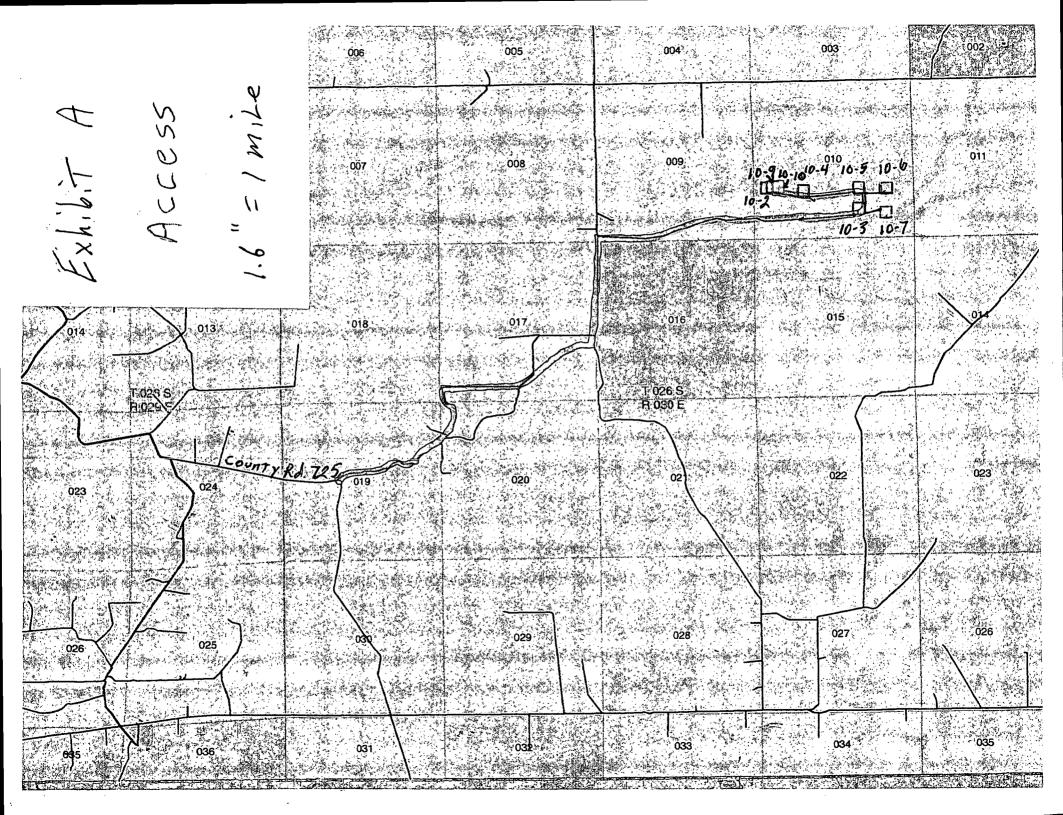
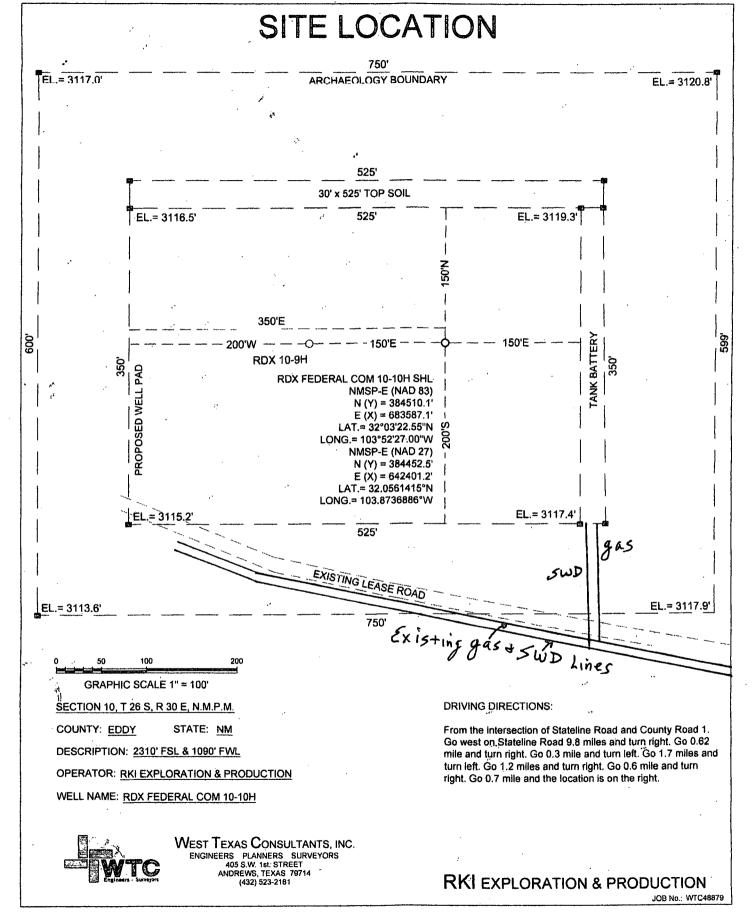
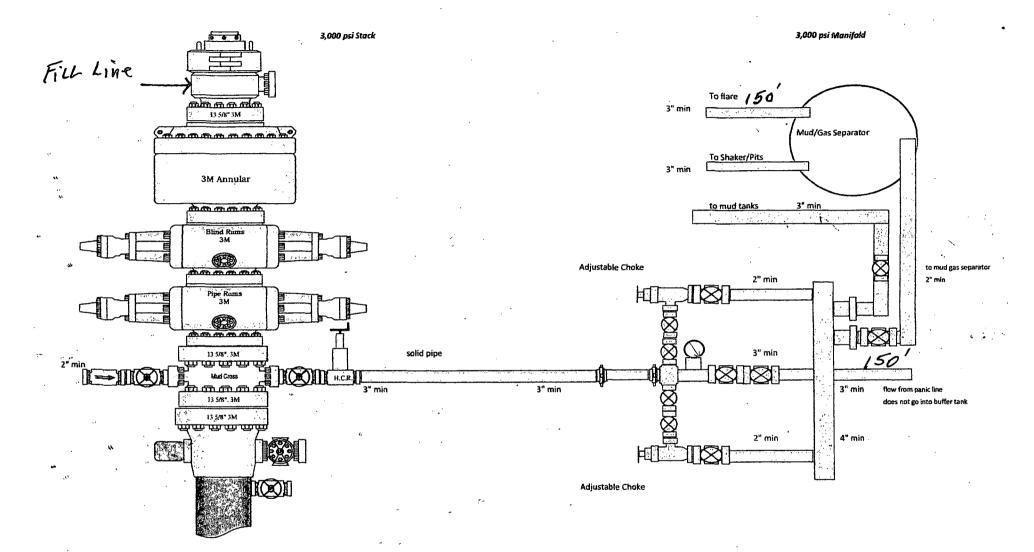


ExhibiT E.





#### RKI Exploration & Production, LLC

Well

State

RDX Federal Com 10-10H

Location

Surface:

2,310 FSL

1,090 FWL

Sec. 10-26S-30E

**Bottom Hole:** 

330 FSL

925 FWL

Sec. 15-26S-30E

County Eddv

**New Mexico** 

- 1) The elevation of the unprepared ground is 3,117 feet above sea level.
- 2) The geologic name of the surface formation is Quaternary Alluvium.
- 3) A rotary rig will be utilized to drill the well to 15,180 feet and run casing & cement. This equipment will then be rigged down and the well will be completed with a workover rig.
- 4) Proposed depth is 15,180 feet

#### 5) Estimated tops:

	MĐ	TVD		•
Rustler	768	768		
Salado	1,140	1,140		
Castile	1,589	1,589	•	
Lamar Lime	3,549	3,549		
Base of Lime	3,594	3,594		
Delaware Top	4,669	4,669		BHP = $.44 \text{ psi/ft x depth}$
Bell Canyon Sand	4,669	4,669	Oil	2,054 psi
Cherry Canyon Sand	4,702	4,702	Oil	2,069 psi
Brushy Canyon Sand	7,168	7,168	Oil	3,154 psi
Bone Spring Lime	7,324	7,324	Oil	3,223 psi
КОР	<b>7,55</b> 5	7,555	Oil	3,324 psi
Landing Point (Avalon Shale)	8,455	8,128	Oil	3,576 psi
TD	15,180	8,128		3,576 psi

Water anticipated at 180 feet.

146 degree F

#### 6) Pressure control equipment:

The blowout preventer equipment (BOP) shown in Exhibit #1 will consist of a double ram type-(3,000 psi WP) preventer, a bag-type annular preventer (3,000 psi WP), and rotating head. Both units will be hydraulically operated and the ram type preventer will be equipped with blind rams on top and pipe rams (sized to accommodate the drill pipe size being utilized) on bottom. A 13 3/8" SOW x 13 5/8" 3M multi-bowl casing head will be installed on the 13 3/8" casing and utilized until total depth is reached. All BOP and associated equipment will be tested to 3,000 psi and the annular will be tested to 1,500 psi after initial installation. The 13 3/8" and 9 5/8" casing will be tested to .22 psi per ft of casing string length or 1,500 psi whichever is greater, but not to exceed 70% of the minimum yield.

The 9 5/8" casing will be hung in the casing multi-bowl head and the stack will not be nippled down at this point. The stack will not be isolated and tested after running the 9 5/8" casing, but will be tested along with the 9 5/8" casing. Pipe rams will be operated and checked each 24 hour period and each time the drill string is out of the hole.

These function test will be documented on the daily driller's log.

A drilling spool or blowout preventer with 2 side outlets (choke side shall be 3" minimum diameter, kill side shall be at least 2" diameter).

2 kill line valves, one of which will be a check valve.

2 chokes on the manifold along with a pressure gauge.

Upper kelly cock valve with handle available.

Safety valve and subs to fit all drill string connections in use.

All BOP equipment connections subjected to pressure will be flanged, welded, or clamped.

Fill up line above the upper most preventer.

<ol> <li>Casing program:</li> <li>Hole Size</li> </ol>	Top	SING Bottom	OD Csg	Wt/Grade	Connection	Collapse Design Factor	Burst Design Factor	
	105		_	•		1 actor	racio	
17 1/2"	0	950	13 3/8"	54.5#/J-55	ST&C	2.70	13.06	
12 1/4"	0	3,580	9 5/8"	40#/J-55	LT&C	1.28	5.02	
8 3/4"	0	15,180	5 1/2"	17#/HCP-110	LT&C	2.31	1.55	
Collapse	1.125							
Burst	1.0							
Tension	2.0							
') Cement progran	n:							
Surface		17 1/2"	hole			,		
Pipe OD		13 3/8"						
Setting Depth		950	ft					
Annular Volume		0.69462	cf/ft					
Excess		1				100	%	
Lead	604	sx	1.74			cf/sk	. 13	.5 p
Tail	200	) sx	1.34			cf/sk	14	.8 p
			+ .125 pps PF29 +	.25 ps PF46				
	Tail: "C" + 1%	6 PF1		To	op of cement:	Surface		
		43.4.44						
Intermediate		12 1/4"	nole					
Pipe OD		9 5/8"	_					
Setting Depth		3,580						
Annular Volume		0.31318	cf/ft			0.3627	•	
Excess		0.5				50	%	
Lead	705	sx	1.92	cf/sk	12.9	ppg		
Tail	200	sx	1.33	cf/sk	14.8			
	Lead: 35/65   Tail: "C" + .29	•	+ 6% PF20 + 3 pps	PF42 + .125 pps	PF29 + 0.4 pps	PF46 +1% PF1		
	1aii: C +.27	% PF13		To	op of cement:	Surface		
Production		8 3/4"	hole					
Pipe OD		5 1/2"	e.					
Setting Depth		15,180		<u>.</u>	F. (C.		_	
Annular Volume		0.2526	CT/ft	0.26074		300	ft	
Excess		0.28	£.	28	%			
DV Tool Depth		5,500	π					
Stage 1								
Lead:	423	sx	2.08	cf/sk	11.5	ppg		
Tail:	1,203			cf/sk	13.0			
1	Lead:	PVL + .5% CC + .	.3% PF79 (extende	r) + .25 pps PF46	(defoamer) + 3	3 pps PF42 (Koli	te) +	
		.125 pps + .125	pps PF29 (Cellopha	ane) + .2% PF13 (	retarder)			
7	Гаil:	PVL + 30% PF15	1 (calcium carbona	nte) + .5% PF174	(expanding age	ent) + .7% PF60	6 +	
		.7% PF606 (gel s	supressing agent) +	.2% PF153 (anti	settling agent)	+ .25 pps		
		-	+ .2% PF13 (retard	•				
Stage 2		Top of cement:		DV tool				
Stage 2				64.)				
Lead:	258		1.89		12.9			
Tail:	175			cf/sk	14.8			
I	Lead:		5% PF44 (salt) + 6 antifoam) + .2% PF		25 pps PF29 (c	ellophane)		
٦	Tail:	"C" + .2% PF13	(retarder)					
		Top of coment:		3 280	٠.			

Tension Design Factor 9.93 3.63 4.68

Top of cement: 3,280 ft

#### 9) Mud program:

Тор	Bottom	Mud Wt.	Vis	Fluid Loss	Type System
0	950	8.5 to 8.9	32 to 36	NC	Fresh Water
950	3,580	9.8 to 10.0	28 to 30	NC	Brine
3,580	15,180	8.9 to 9.1	28 to 36	NC	Fresh Water

The necessary mud products for weight addition and fluid loss control will be on location at all times. Electronic pit monitoring equipment will be utilized with a Pason system. Electronic mud monitoring and mud logging will be utilized below the 9 5/8" casing.

#### 10) Logging, coring, and testing program:

No drill stem test are planned

Total depth to intermediate: CNL, Caliper, GR, DLL,

Intermediate to surface: CNL, GR

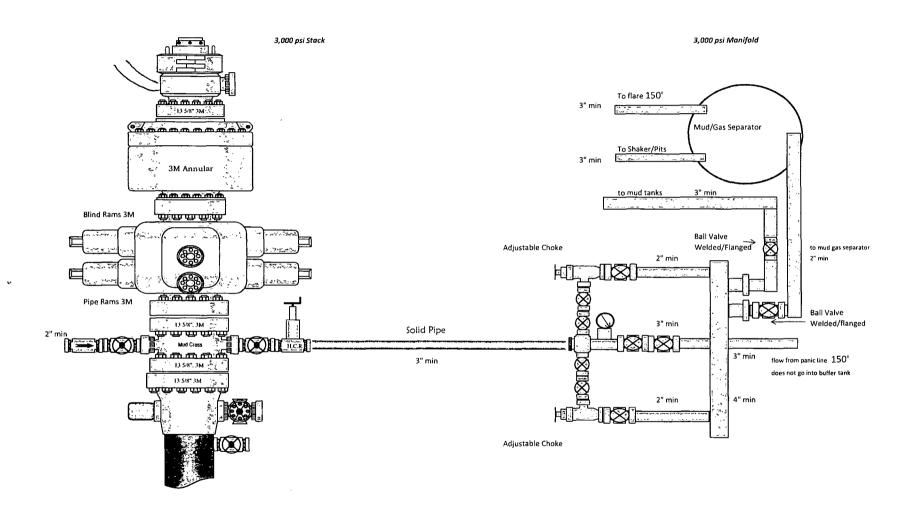
No coring is planned

#### 11) Potential hazards:

No abnormal pressure or temperature is expected. No H2S is known to exist in the area, although some form of H2S detection equipment will be utilized. If H2S is encountered the operator will comply with the provisions of Onshore Order No. 6. Lost circulation is not anticipated, but lost circulation material and weighting materials will be on location and readily available.

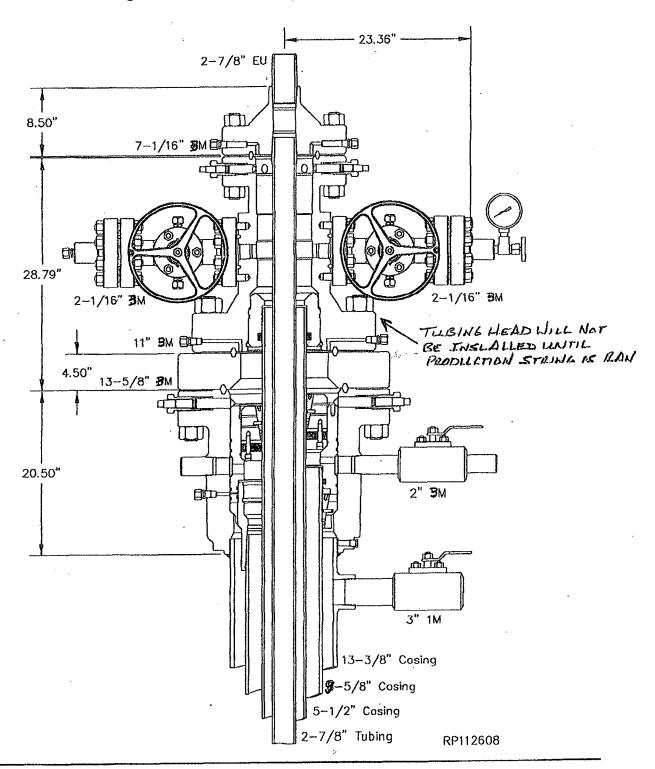
12) Anticipated start date ASAP

Duration 25 days



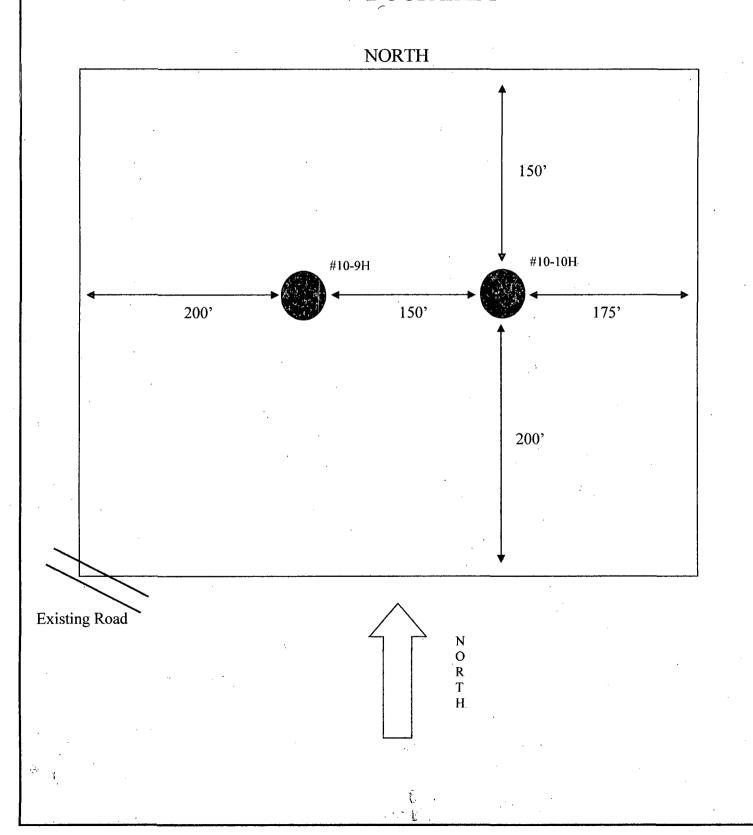
# GE Pil+Gas multi-bowl wellhead

· System Drawing



#### **EXHIBIT D**

### Rig Plat Only RDX FEDERAL COM 10-9H & RDX FEDERAL COM 10-10H V-DOOR EAST



# **EXHIBIT C** Interim Reclamation & Production Facilities RDX FEDERAL COM 10-9H & RDX FEDERAL COM 10-10H V-DOOR EAST 100' #10-9H #10-10H 175' 100' 150' 200' Existing Road **LEGEND** Well Bore Berm **Topsoil Production Facilities** Interim Reclamation **NORTH**

#### SURFACE USE PLAN

#### RKI Exploration & Production, LLC RDX Federal Com 10-10H

SHL: 2310' FSL & 1090' FWL, Section 10, T. 26 S., R. 30 E. BHL: 330' FSL & 925' FWL, Section 15, T. 26 S., R. 30 E.

**Eddy County, New Mexico** 

This plan is submitted with form 3160-3, Application for Permit to Drill, covering the above described well. The purpose of this plan is to describe the location of the proposed well, the proposed construction activities and operations plan, the magnitude of the surface disturbance involved and the procedures to be followed in rehabilitating the surface after completion of the operations, so that a complete appraisal can be made of the environmental effect associated with the operations.

#### 1. EXISTING ROADS:

A. DIRECTIONS: Go south of Carlsbad, NM, on Highway 285, for 24 miles. Turn east onto the Whitethorn road (County Road 725) for 12.6 miles. Turn east on lease road for 2.2 miles. Turn north on lease road for 0.70 miles. Turn east on lease road for 1.0 miles to a two-track road. Go east on two-track for 1.2 miles. Go north for 0.2 miles, then southwest 0.2 miles and then northwest 0.2 miles to the existing RDX Fed 10-2 well. The proposed #9H & 10H well will be just off the east side of the #2 well pad. All existing roads are either paved or a caliche lease road.

- B. See attached plats and maps provided by WTC Surveys.
- C. The access routes from Eddy County Road 725 to the well location is depicted on **Exhibit A.** The route highlighted in red has been authorized under a ROW permit.
- D. Existing roads on the access route will be improved and maintained to the standard set forth in Section 2 of this Surface Use Plan of Operations.
- E. A right-of-way (ROW) was obtained in September of 2010 to access this well and other leases within the RDX and RDU field.

#### 2. NEW OR RECONSTRUCTED ACCESS ROADS:

- A. There will be no new access road to this well. The description below will pertain to any upgrading of existing roadways to the well.
- B. The maximum width of the driving surface will be 14 feet. The road will be crowned and ditched with a 2% slope from the tip of the crown to the edge of the driving surface. The ditches will be 1 foot deep with 3:1 slopes. The driving surface will be made of 6" rolled and compacted caliche.



#### **Level Ground Section**

- C. Surface material will be native caliche. The average grade of the entire road will be approximately 3%.
- D. Fence Cuts: No
- E. Cattle guards: No

- F. Turnouts: No G. Culverts: No
- H. Cuts and Fills: Not significant
- I. Approximately 6 inches of topsoil (root zone) will be stripped from the proposed access road prior to any further construction activity. The topsoil that was stripped will be spread along the edge of the road and within the ditch. The topsoil will be seeded with the proper seed mix designated by the BLM.
  - J. The access road will be constructed and maintained as necessary to prevent soil erosion and accommodate all-weather traffic. The road will be crowned and ditched with water turnouts installed as necessary to provide for proper drainage along the access road route.
- K. The access road and associated drainage structures will be constructed and maintained in accordance with road guidelines contained in the joint BLM/USFS publication: <u>Surface Operating Standards for Oil and Gas Exploration and Development, The Gold Book, Fourth Edition and/or BLM Manual Section 9113 concerning road construction standards on projects subject to federal jurisdiction.</u>

#### 3. LOCATION OF EXISTING WELLS:

See attached map (Exhibit B) showing all wells within a one-mile radius.

#### 4. LOCATION OF EXISTING AND/OR PROPOSED FACILITIES:

- A. In the event the well is found productive, a battery will be placed on the east side of the shared #9H & 10H well pads (SEE EXHIBIT C). There is an existing power line to the 10-2 well that the 10-9H & 10H wells will tie-into. A surface, 4" (90psi) poly, SWD line and a buried, 6" (250psi) steel, gas line will run to the existing gas/SWD lateral for a distance of 110 ft. (SEE EXHIBIT E).
- B. All permanent (on site six months or longer) aboveground structures constructed or installed on location and not subject to safety requirements will be painted to BLM specifications.
- C. Containment berms will be constructed completely around production facilities designed to hold fluids. The containment berns will be constructed or compacted subsoil, be sufficiently impervious, hold 1 ½ times the capacity of the largest tank and away from cut or fill areas.

#### 5. LOCATION AND TYPE OF WATER SUPPLY:

The well will be drilled using a combination of water mud systems as outlined in the Drilling Program. The water will be obtained from commercial water stations in the area and hauled to the location by transport truck using the existing and proposed roads shown in the attached survey plats. If a commercial water well is nearby, a temporary, surface poly line, will be laid along existing roads or other ROW easements and the water pumped to the well. No water well will be drilled on the location.

#### 6. SOURCE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

Any construction material that may be required for surfacing of the drill pad and access road will be from a contractor having a permitted source of materials within the general area. No construction materials will be removed from Federal lands without prior approval from the appropriate surface management agency. All roads will be constructed of 6" rolled and compacted caliche.

#### 7. METHODS OF HANDLING WASTE DISPOSAL:

- A. The well will be drilled utilizing a closed loop mud system. Drill cuttings will be held in roll-off style mud boxes and taken to an NMOCD approved disposal site.
- B. Drilling fluids will be contained in steel mud pits.
- C. Water produced from the well during completion will be held temporarily in steel tanks and then taken to an NMOCD approved commercial disposal facility.
- D. Oil produced during operations will be stored in tanks until sold.
- E. Portable, self-contained chemical toilets will be provided for human waste disposal. Upon completion of operations, or as required, the toilet holding tanks will be pumped and the contents thereof disposed of in an approved sewage disposal facility. All state and local laws and regulations pertaining to disposal of human and solid waste will be complied with. This equipment will be properly maintained during the drilling and completion operations and will be removed when all operations are complete.
- F. All trash, junk, and other waste materials will be contained in trash cages or bins to prevent scattering and will be removed and deposited in an approved sanitary landfill. Immediately after drilling all debris and other waste materials on and around the well location, not contained in the trash cage will be cleaned up and removed from the location. No potentially adverse materials or substances will be left on the location.

#### 8. ANCILLARY FACILITIES:

No campsite, airstrip, or other facilities will be built as a result of the operation of this well. No staging areas are needed.

#### 9. WELL SITE LAYOUT:

- A. Exhibit D shows the dimensions of the proposed well pad.
- B. The proposed well pad size will be 350' x 525' (See Exhibit D). The RDX Fed Com 10-10H is to the east and the 10-9H is to the west at 150' apart. There will be no reserve pit due to the well being drilled utilizing a closed loop mud system. The closed loop system will meet the NMOCD requirements 19.15.17.
- C. The WTC Surveyor's plat, Form C-102 and **Exhibit D**, shows how the well will be turned to a V-Door East.
- D. A 600' x 600' area has been staked and flagged.
- E. All equipment and vehicles will be confined to the approved disturbed areas of this APD (i.e., access road, well pad, and topsoil storage areas)

#### 10. PLANS FOR SURFACE RECLAMATION:

- A. After concluding the drilling and/or completion operations, if the well is found non-commercial, all the equipment will be removed, the surface material, caliche, will be removed from the well pad and road and transported to the original caliche pit or used for other roads. The original stock piled top soil will be returned to the pad and contoured, as close as possible, to the original topography. The access road will have the caliche removed and the road ripped, barricaded and seeded as directed by the BLM.
- B. If the well is a producer, the portions of the location not essential to production facilities or space required for workover operations, will be reclaimed and seeded as per BLM requirements.

  (SEE EXHIBIT C FOR INTERIM RECLAMATION PLAT FOR THIS WELL)
- C. <u>Reclamation Performance Standards</u>
  The following reclamation performance standards will be met:

*Interim Reclamation* – Includes disturbed areas that may be redisturbed during operations and will be redisturbed at final reclamation to achieve restoration of the original landform and a natural vegetative community.

 Disturbed areas not needed for active, long-term production operations or vehicle travel will be recontoured, protected from erosion, and revegetated with a self-sustaining, vigorous, diverse, native (or as otherwise approved) plant community sufficient to minimize visual impacts, provide forage, stabilize soils, and impede the invasion of noxious, invasive, and non-native weeds.

Final Reclamation – Includes disturbed areas where the original landform and a natural vegetative community will be restored and it is anticipated the site will not be redisturbed for future development.

- The original landform will be restored for all disturbed areas including well pads, production facilities, roads, pipelines, and utility corridors.
- A self-sustaining, vigorous, diverse, native (or otherwise approved) plant community will be established on the site, with a density sufficient to control erosion and invasion by non-native plants and to re-establish wildlife habitat or forage production. At a minimum, the established plant community will consist of species included in the seed mix and/or desirable species occurring in the surrounding natural vegetation.
- Erosion features are equal to or less than surrounding area and erosion control is sufficient so that water naturally infiltrates into the soil and gullying, headcutting, slumping, and deep or excessive rills (greater than 3 inches) are not observed.
- The site will be free of State- or county-listed noxious weeds, oil field debris and equipment, and contaminated soil. Invasive and non-native weeds are controlled.

#### D. Reclamation Actions

Earthwork for interim and final reclamation will be completed within 6 months of well completion or plugging unless a delay is approved in writing by the BLM authorized officer.

The following minimum reclamation actions will be taken to ensure that the reclamation objectives and standards are met. It may be necessary to take additional reclamation actions beyond the minimum in order to achieve the Reclamation Standards.

#### Reclamation - General

#### Notification:

• The BLM will be notified at least 3 days prior to commencement of any reclamation operations.

#### Housekeeping:

- Within 30 days of well completion, the well location and surrounding areas(s) will be cleared of, and maintained free of, all debris, materials, trash, and equipment not required for production.
- No hazardous substances, trash, or litter will be buried or placed in pits.

#### Topsoil Management:

- Operations will disturb the minimum amount of surface area necessary to conduct safe and efficient operations.
- Topsoil depth is defined as the top layer of soil that contains 80% of the roots. In areas to be heavily disturbed, the topsoil will be stripped and stockpiled around the perimeter of the well location and along the perimeter of the access road to control run-on and run-off, to keep topsoil viable, and to make redistribution of topsoil more efficient during interim reclamation. Stockpiled topsoil will include vegetative material. Topsoil will be clearly segregated and stored separately from subsoils.
- Salvaging and spreading topsoil will not be performed when the ground or topsoil is frozen or too wet to adequately support construction equipment or so dry that dust clouds greater than 30 feet tall are created. If such equipment creates ruts in excess of four (4) inches deep, the soil will be deemed too wet.
- No major depressions will be left that would trap water and cause ponding unless the intended purpose is to trap runoff and sediment.

#### Seeding:

- <u>Seedbed Preparation</u>. Initial seedbed preparation will consist of recontouring to the appropriate interim or final reclamation standard. All compacted areas to be seeded will be ripped to a minimum depth of 18 inches with a minimum furrow spacing of 2 feet, followed by recontouring the surface and then evenly spreading the stockpiled topsoil. Prior to seeding, the seedbed will be scarified to a depth of no less than 4 6 inches. If the site is to be broadcast seeded, the surface will be left rough enough to trap seed and snow, control erosion, and increase water infiltration.
- If broadcast seeding is to be used and is delayed, final seedbed preparation will consist of contour cultivating to a depth of 4 to 6 inches within 24 hours prior to seeding, dozer tracking, or other imprinting in order to break the soil crust and create seed germination micro-sites.
- <u>Seed Application</u>. Seeding will be conducted no more than two weeks following completion of final seedbed preparation. A certified weed-free seed mix designed by the BLM to meet reclamation standards will be used.
- If the site is harrowed or dragged, seed will be covered by no more than 0.25 inch of soil.

#### 11. SURFACE OWNERSHIP:

A. The surface is owned by the U. S. Government and is administered by the Bureau of Land Management. The surface is multiple use with the primary uses of the region for the grazing of livestock and the production of oil and gas.

#### 12. OTHER INFORMATION:

- A. The area surrounding the well site is in a gentle sloped, shallow gravelly loam, rolling hills type area. The vegetation consists of Mesquite, White-Thorn Acacia, Creosote with three-awns and some dropseed species.
- B. There is no permanent or live water in the immediate area.
- C. There are no dwellings within 2 miles of this location.
- D. RKI is a Permian Basin MOA participant and a check for \$1507.00 is attached with this application.

#### 13. BOND COVERAGE:

Bond Coverage is Nationwide; Bond Number NMB-000460.

#### **OPERATORS REPRESENTATIVE:**

The RKI Exploration and Production, LLC representatives responsible for ensuring compliance of the surface use plan are listed below:

#### Surface:

Barry W. Hunt – Permitting Agent 1403 Springs Farm Place Carlsbad, NM 88220 (575) 885-1417 (Home) (575) 361-4078 (Cell)

#### **Drilling & Production:**

Ken Fairchild – RKI Exploration and Production, LLC. 210 Park Avenue, Suite 900 Oklahoma City, Ok.73102 (405) 996-5764 (Office) (469) 693-6051 (Cell)

ON-SITE PERFORMED ON 2/07/13 RESULTED IN PROPOSED LOCATION BEING OK WHERE STAKED. IT WAS AGREED TO TURN THE LOCATION TO A V-DOOR EAST. IT WAS ALSO AGREED TO PLACE THE TOP SOIL TO THE NORTH, BATTERY TO THE SOUTH AND THE INTERIM RECLAMATION WILL BE THE NORTH AND EAST PORTIONS OF THIS PAD.

#### PRESENT AT ON-SITE:

BARRY HUNT – PERMITTING AGENT FOR RKI EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION AMANDA LYNCH – BLM
BECKIE HILL - BOONE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICES
WTC SURVEYORS

# RKI Exploration & Production LLC

3817 NW Expressway, Suite 950, Oklahoma City, OK 73112 405-949-2221 Fax 405-949-2223

June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that Mr. Barry Hunt has been retained by RKI Exploration & Production to sign as our agent on Application for Permit to Drill (APD) as well as Right of Way applications within the States of New Mexico and Texas.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at (405) 996-5771.

Sincerely,

Charles K. Ahn

EH&S/Regulatory Manager

### PECOS DISTRICT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

<b>OPERATOR'S NAME:</b>	RKI Exploration & Production, LLC
LEASE NO.:	NMNM-102036
WELL NAME & NO.:	RDX Federal Com 10 10H
SURFACE HOLE FOOTAGE:	2310' FSL & 1090' FWL
BOTTOM HOLE FOOTAGE:	0330' FSL & 0925' FWL Sec. 15, T. 26 S., R 30 E.
LOCATION:	Section 10, T. 26 S., R 30 E., NMPM
COUNTY:	Eddy County, New Mexico

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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)

#### **Phantom Bank Heronries**

Surface disturbance will not be allowed within up to 200 meters of active heronries or by delaying activity for up to 120 days, or a combination of both. Exhaust noise from pump jack engines must be muffled or otherwise controlled so as not to exceed 75 db measured at 30 ft. from the source of the noise.

#### **Communitization Agreement**

A Communitization Agreement covering the acreage dedicated to this well must be filed for approval with the BLM. The effective date of the agreement shall be prior to any sales. In addition, the well sign shall include the surface and bottom hole lease numbers. If the Communitization Agreement number is known, it shall also be on the sign. If not, it shall be placed on the sign when the sign is replaced.

#### 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 strip the top portion of the soil (root zone) from the entire well pad area and stockpile the topsoil along the edge of the well pad as depicted in the APD. The root zone is typically six (6) inches in depth. All the stockpiled topsoil will be redistributed over the interim reclamation areas. Topsoil shall not be used for berming the pad or facilities. For final reclamation, the topsoil shall be spread over the entire pad area for seeding preparation.

Other subsoil (below six inches) stockpiles must be completely segregated from the topsoil stockpile. Large rocks or subsoil clods (not evident in the surrounding terrain) must be buried within the approved area 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. EXCLOSURE FENCING (CELLARS & PITS)

#### **Exclosure Fencing**

The operator will install and maintain exclosure fencing for all open well cellars to prevent access to public, livestock, and large forms of wildlife before and after drilling operations until the pit is free of fluids and the operator initiates backfilling. (For examples of exclosure fencing design, refer to BLM's Oil and Gas Gold Book, Exclosure Fence Illustrations, Figure 1, Page 18.)

#### G. 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 conform to Figure 1; cross section and plans for typical road construction.

#### 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 foot road with 4% road slope: 
$$\frac{400'}{40''}$$
 + 100' = 200' lead-off ditch interval

#### **Culvert Installations**

Appropriately sized culverts shall be installed at deep waterway channel flow crossings through the road.

#### Cattleguards

An appropriately sized cattleguard sufficient to carry out the project shall be installed and maintained at fence/road crossings.

Any existing cattleguards on the access road route 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 cattleguards that are in place and are utilized during lease operations.

#### **Fence Requirement**

Where entry is granted 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 fences.

#### **Public Access**

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

#### **Construction Steps**

- 1. Salvage topsoil
- 2. Construct road
- 3. Redistribute topsoil
- 4. Revegetate slopes

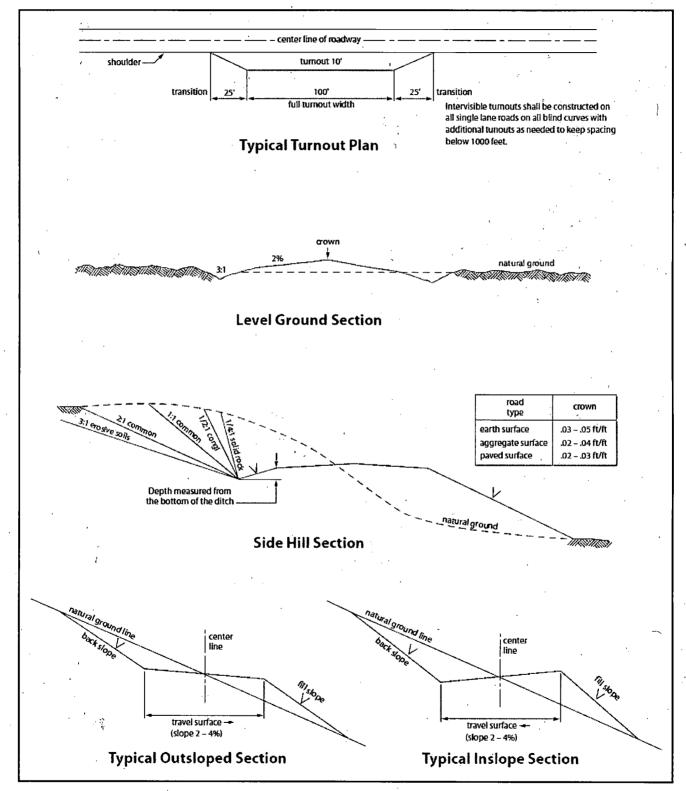


Figure 1. Cross-sections and plans for typical road sections representative of BLM resource or FS local and higher-class roads.

#### VII. 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)

#### **Eddy County**

Call the Carlsbad Field Office, 620 East Greene St., Carlsbad, NM 88220, (575) 361-2822

- 1. Although Hydrogen Sulfide has not been reported in the area, it is always a potential hazard. If Hydrogen Sulfide is encountered, report measured amounts 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 (horizontal well vertical portion of hole) 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. The Rustler top and top and bottom of Salt are to be recorded on the Completion Report.

#### 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. IF OPERATOR DOES NOT HAVE THE WELL SPECIFIC CEMENT DETAILS ONSITE PRIOR TO PUMPING THE CEMENT FOR EACH CASING STRING, THE WOC WILL BE 30 HOURS. 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.

Medium Cave/Karst
Possibility of water flows in the Salado and Castile.
Possibility of lost circulation in the Rustler and Delaware.

- 1. The 13-3/8 inch surface casing shall be set at approximately 950 feet (a minimum of 25 feet into the Rustler Anhydrite and above the salt) and cemented to the surface. If salt is encountered, set casing at least 25 feet above the salt.
  - 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 9-5/8 inch intermediate casing is:
  - □ Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate see B.1.a, c-d above. Wait on cement (WOC) time for a primary cement job is to include the lead cement slurry due to cave/karst.

If 75% or greater lost circulation occurs while drilling the intermediate casing hole, the cement on the production casing must come to surface.

Centralizers required on horizontal leg, must be type for horizontal service and a minimum of one every other joint.

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

Operator has proposed DV tool at depth of 5500'. Operator is to submit sundry if DV tool depth varies by more than 100' from approved depth.

- a. First stage to DV tool:
- □ Cement to circulate. If cement does not circulate, contact the appropriate
   □ BLM office before proceeding with second stage cement job. Operator should
   □ have plans as to how they will achieve approved top of cement on the next
   □ stage.
- b. Second stage above DV tool:
- □ Cement should tie-back at least 300 feet into previous casing string. Operator shall provide method of verification. Excess calculates to 23% Additional cement may be required.
- 4. 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. Operator has proposed a multi-bowl wellhead assembly that has a weld on head with no o-ring seals. This assembly will only be tested when installed on the surface casing. 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.
  - a. Wellhead manufacturer is supplying the test plug/retrieval tool for the operator's third party tester to use during the BOP/BOPE test. Operator shall use the supplied test plug/retrieval tool.

- b. Operator shall install the wear bushing required by the wellhead manufacturer. This wear bushing shall be installed by using the test plug/retrieval tool.
- c. Wellhead manufacturer representative shall be on location when the intermediate casing mandrel is landed.
- d. Operator shall perform the intermediate casing integrity test to 70% of the casing burst. This will test the multi-bowl seals.
- e. If the cement does not circulate and one inch operations would have been possible with a standard wellhead, the well head shall be cut off, cementing operations performed and another wellhead installed.
- 3. 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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# VIII. 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.

# **Exclosure Netting (Open-top Tanks)**

Immediately following active drilling or completion operations, the operator will take actions necessary to prevent wildlife and livestock access, including avian wildlife, to all open-topped tanks that contain or have the potential to contain salinity sufficient to cause harm to wildlife or livestock, hydrocarbons, or Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976-exempt hazardous substances. At a minimum, the operator will net, screen, or cover open-topped tanks to exclude wildlife and livestock and prevent mortality. If the operator uses netting, the operator will cover and secure the open portion of the tank to prevent wildlife entry. The operator will net, screen, or cover the tanks until the operator removes the tanks from the location or the tanks no longer contain substances that could be harmful to wildlife or livestock. Use a maximum netting mesh size of 1½ inches. The netting must not be in contact with fluids and must not have holes or gaps.

### **Chemical and Fuel Secondary Containment and Exclosure Screening**

The operator will prevent all hazardous, poisonous, flammable, and toxic substances from coming into contact with soil and water. At a minimum, the operator will install and maintain an impervious secondary containment system for any tank or barrel containing hazardous, poisonous, flammable, or toxic substances sufficient to contain the contents of the tank or barrel and any drips, leaks, and anticipated precipitation. The operator will dispose of fluids within the containment system that do not meet applicable state or U. S. Environmental Protection Agency livestock water standards in accordance with state law; the operator must not drain the fluids to the soil or ground. The operator will design, construct, and maintain all secondary containment systems to prevent wildlife and livestock exposure to harmful substances. At a minimum, the operator will install effective wildlife and livestock exclosure systems such as fencing, netting, expanded metal mesh, lids, and grate covers. Use a maximum netting mesh size of 1½ inches.

### **Open-Vent Exhaust Stack Exclosures**

The operator will construct, modify, equip, and maintain all open-vent exhaust stacks on production equipment to prevent birds and bats from entering, and to discourage perching, roosting, and nesting. (*Recommended exclosure structures on open-vent exhaust stacks are in the shape of a cone.*) Production equipment includes, but may not be limited to, tanks, heater-treaters, separators, dehydrators, flare stacks, in-line units, and compressor mufflers.

#### **Containment Structures**

Proposed production facilities such as storage tanks and other vessels will have a secondary containment structure that is constructed to hold the capacity of 1.5 times the

largest tank, plus freeboard to account for precipitation, unless more stringent protective requirements are deemed necessary.

### **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

#### **BURIED PIPELINE STIPULATIONS**

A copy of the application (Grant, APD, or Sundry Notice) and attachments, including conditions of approval, 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.
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- 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 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. If, during any phase of the construction, operation, maintenance, or termination of the pipeline, any oil 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 or other

pollutant, wherever found, shall be the responsibility of holder, regardless of fault. Upon failure of 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 holder of any responsibility as provided herein.

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5. All co	onstruction and maintenance activity will be confined to the authorized right-of-way.
_	oipeline will be buried with a minimum cover of 36 inches between the top of the ground level.
7: The r	maximum allowable disturbance for construction in this right-of-way will be $\underline{30}$ feet:
1	Blading of vegetation within the right-of-way will be allowed: maximum width of blading operations will not exceed <b>20</b> feet. The trench is included in this area. (Blading is defined as the complete removal of brush and ground vegetation.)
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Clearing of brush species within the right-of-way will be allowed: maximum width of clearing operations will not exceed 30 feet. The trench and bladed area are included in this area. (Clearing is defined as the removal of brush while leaving ground vegetation (grasses, weeds, etc.) intact. Clearing is best accomplished by holding the blade 4 to 6 inches above the ground surface.)
1	The remaining area of the right-of-way (if any) shall only be disturbed by compressing the vegetation. (Compressing can be caused by vehicle tires, placement of equipment, etc.)
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other methods of avian and terrestrial wildlife escape in the trenches according to the following criteria:

- a. Any trench left open for eight (8) hours or less is not required to have escape ramps; however, before the trench is backfilled, the contractor/operator shall inspect the trench for wildlife, remove all trapped wildlife, and release them at least 100 yards from the trench.
- b. For trenches left open for eight (8) hours or more, earthen escape ramps (built at no more than a 30 degree slope and spaced no more than 500 feet apart) shall be placed in the trench.

### STANDARD STIPULATIONS FOR SURFACE INSTALLED PIPELINES

A copy of the application (Grant, Sundry Notice, APD) 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_ feet. If the pipeline route follows an existing road or buried pipeline right-of-way, the surface pipeline must be installed no farther than 10 feet from the edge of the road or buried pipeline right-of-way. If existing surface pipelines prevent this distance, the proposed surface pipeline must be installed immediately adjacent to the outer surface pipeline. All construction and maintenance activity will be confined to existing roads or right-of-ways.
- 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 of duney areas, the pipeline will be "snaked" around hummocks and dunes rather then suspended across these features.

- 9. The pipeline shall be buried with a minimum of <u>24</u> 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.

- 16. 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, powerline 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.
- 17. Surface pipelines must be less than or equal to 4 inches and a working pressure below 125 psi.

#### C. ELECTRIC LINES

STANDARD STIPULATIONS FOR OVERHEAD ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION LINES

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whether a release is caused by the holder, its agent, or unrelated third parties.

- 4. There will be no clearing or blading of the right-of-way unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Authorized Officer.
- 5. Power lines shall be constructed and designed in accordance to standards outlined in "Suggested Practices for Avian Protection on Power lines: The State of the Art in 2006" Edison Electric Institute, APLIC, and the California Energy Commission 2006. The holder shall assume the burden and expense of proving that pole designs not shown in the above publication deter raptor perching, roosting, and nesting. Such proof shall be provided by a raptor expert approved by the Authorized Officer. The BLM reserves the right to require modification or additions to all powerline structures placed on this right-of-way, should they be necessary to ensure the safety of large perching birds. Such modifications and/or additions shall be made by the holder without liability or expense to the United States.

Raptor deterrence will consist of but not limited to the following: triangle perch discouragers shall be placed on each side of the cross arms and a nonconductive perching deterrence shall be placed on all vertical poles that extend past the cross arms.

- 6. 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 the fence. No permanent gates will be allowed unless approved by the Authorized Officer.
- 7. The BLM serial number assigned to this authorization shall be posted in a permanent, conspicuous manner where the power line crosses roads and at all serviced facilities. Numbers will be at least two inches high and will be affixed to the pole nearest the road crossing and at the facilities served.
- 8. Upon cancellation, relinquishment, or expiration of this grant, the holder shall comply with those abandonment procedures as prescribed by the Authorized Officer.
- 9. All surface structures (poles, lines, transformers, etc.) shall be removed within 180 days of abandonment, relinquishment, or termination of use of the serviced facility or facilities or within 180 days of abandonment, relinquishment, cancellation, or expiration of this grant, whichever comes first. This will not apply where the power line extends service to an active, adjoining facility or facilities.
- 10. 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 actions to prevent the loss of significant 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.

# 11. Special Stipulations:

- For reclamation remove poles, lines, transformer, etc. and dispose of properly.
- Fill in any holes with native soil.

# IX. 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 3, for Shallow 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 <u>no</u> 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 of planting where drilling is possible. The seed mixture will be evenly and uniformly planted over the disturbed area (smaller/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/acr	<u>e</u>
Plains Bristlegrass (Setaria magrostachya)	1.0	
Green Spangletop (Leptochloa dubia)	2.0	
Side oats Grama (Bouteloua curtipendula)	5.0	1

<sup>\*</sup>Pounds of pure live seed:

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