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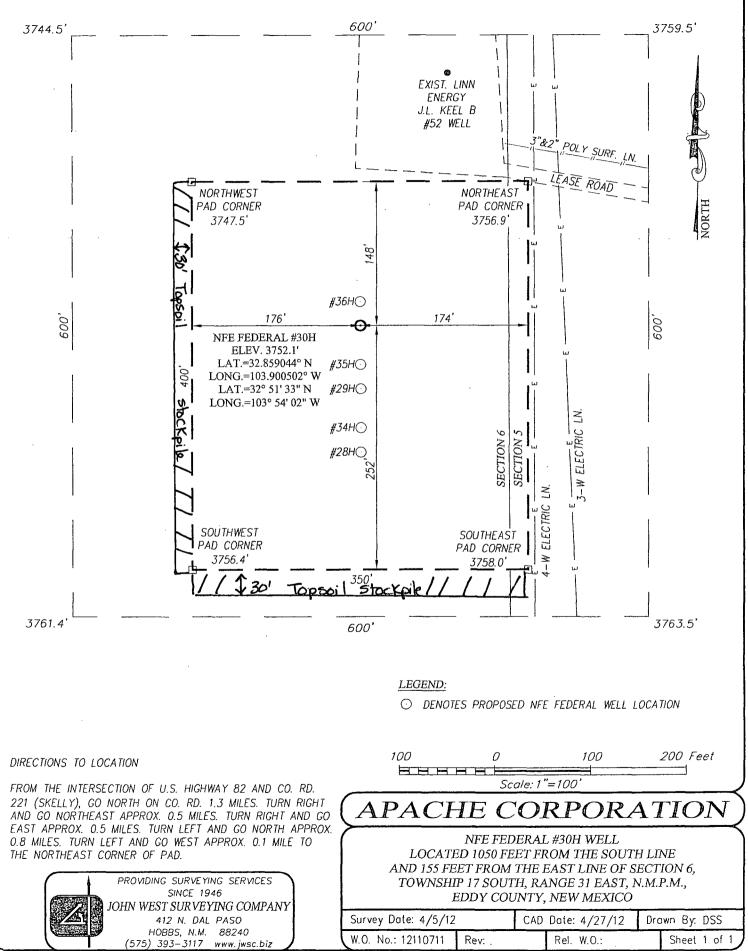
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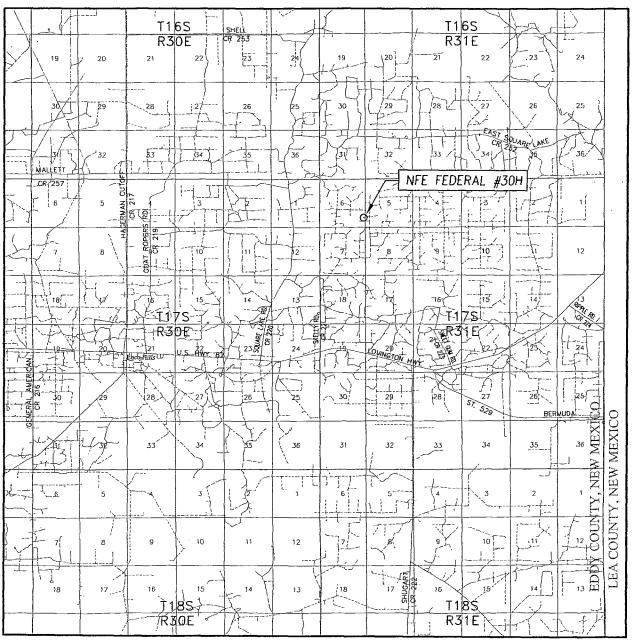
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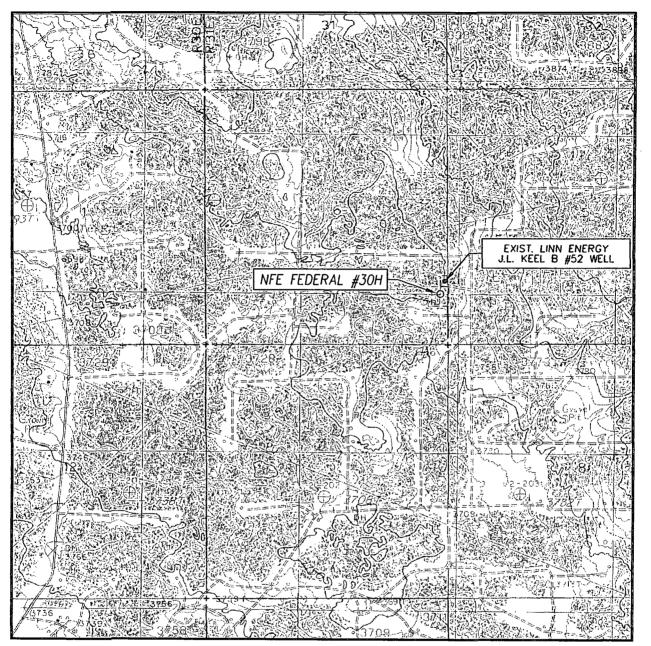
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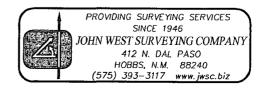
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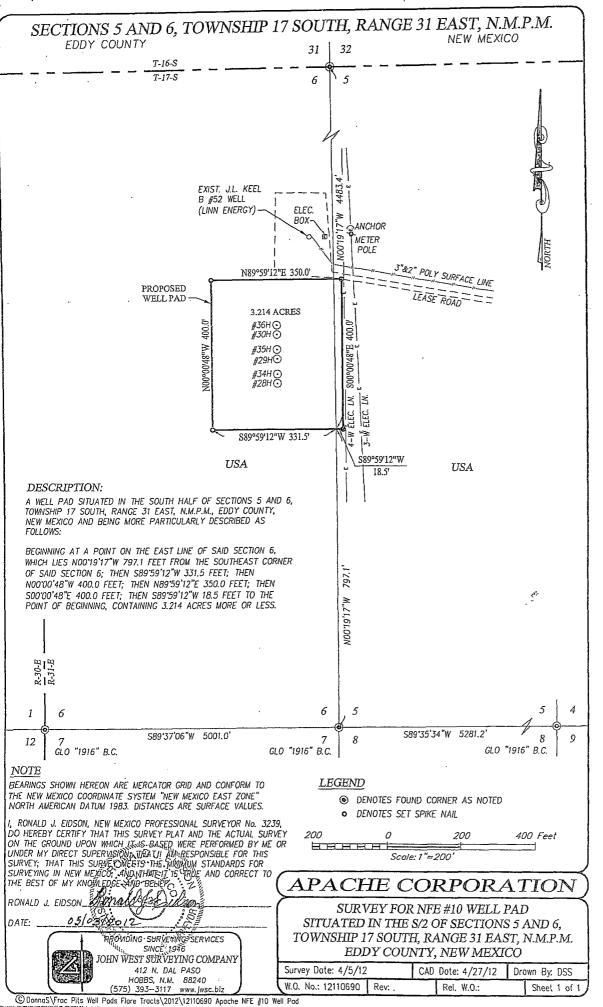


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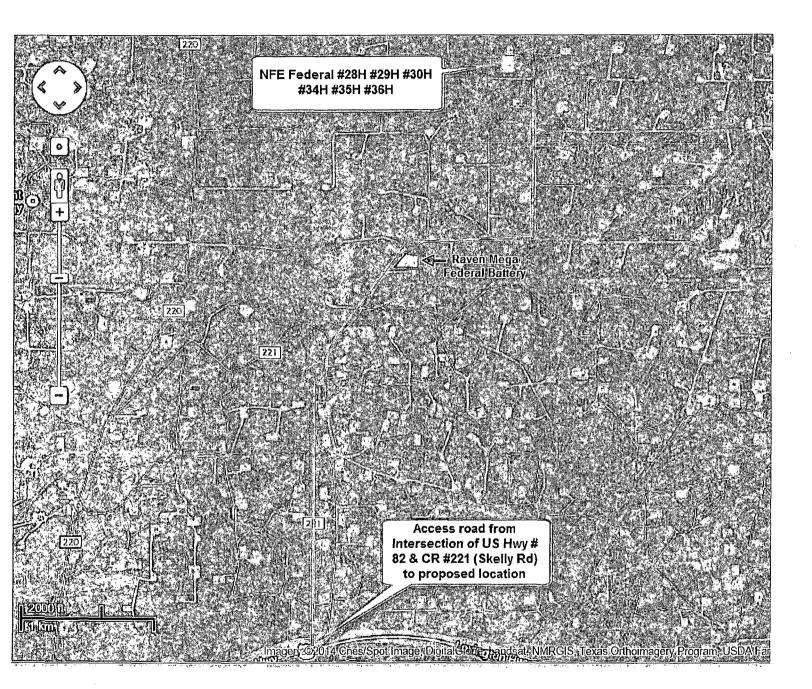


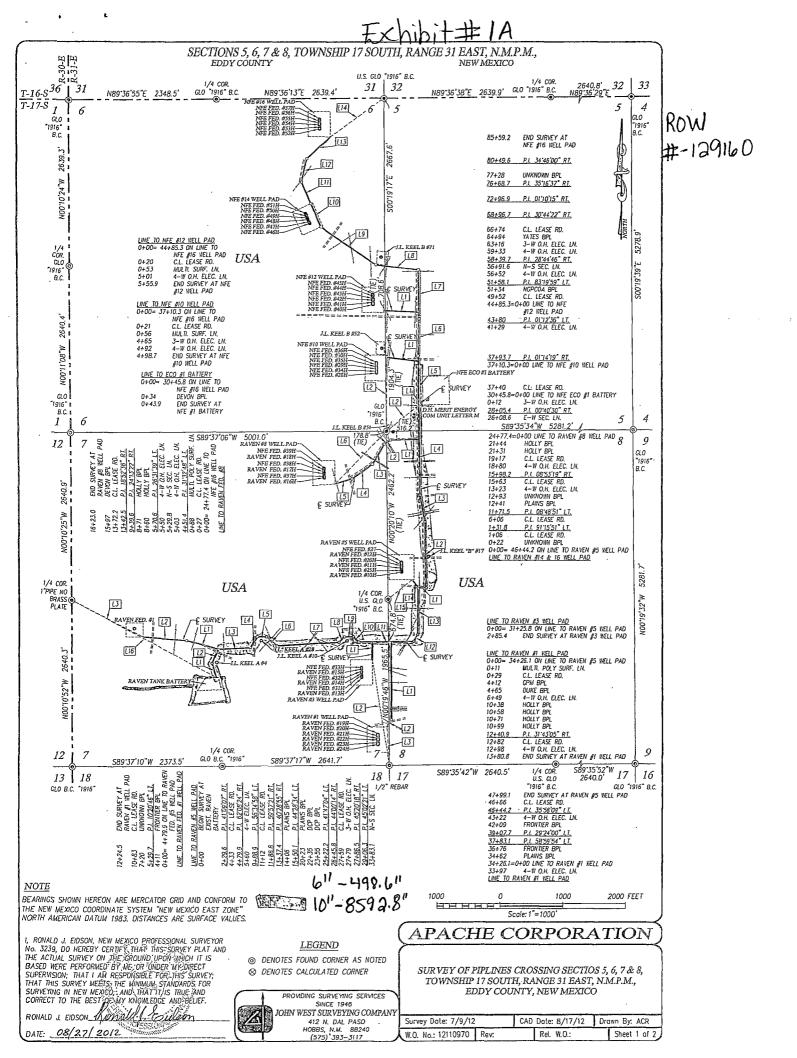
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Exhibit #2

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#### ACCESS ROAD PLAT NFE FEDERAL #28H #29H #30H #34H #35H #36H EXHIBIT #1





SECTIONS 5, 6, 7 & 8, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, N.M.P.M., EDDY COUNTY NEW MEXICO

	LINE TO RAVEN #5 WELL PAD			
	LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE	
and a	¥-111	' N16 <b>'</b> 33'39"₩	229.6'	
es.	£ 121	N25'05'28"E	250.3'	
C. C.	秦[-3]	N87*13'52"E	509.0'	
12	\$FE4	N30'41'54"E	199.9'	
e	2.L5	S89*20'45"E	148.6'	
55	QL64	S48'51'50"E	212.7'	
Č.	BL74	N86 39 36 "E	972.1 <b>'</b>	
24-6	3818	N44 52'31"E	123.6'	
	EL9:4	N88'52'45"E	140.7	
E	黨山0.	S45'46'57"E	119.8'	
	湖田市	N89'10'42"E	876.8'	
<u> </u>	SL12	N30"10'48"E	124.6'	
67	FE13	N00'46'48"E	736.5'	
4799.1	季114 到	N35'11'21"W	154.9'	
	L15	N52'04'50"E	490.8' (TIE)	
	L16	S62'05'35"E	2592.8' (TIE)	

	LR	E TO RAVEN FED.	#1 WELL
	LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
ĺ	L1	N7514'43"W	529.7'
	L2	N85'35'09"W	694.8'
	L3	S62*49'56"E	1266.7' (TIE,

	LI	NE TAB	LE TO RAVEN FED	. #1 <u>4 &amp; 16 WELL</u>
		LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
	-5	强山利	S89'44'31"E	131.8
	-3	NL2.11	N01'00'22"W	1039.7'
	1	發13人	N09'49'13"W	426.7
	еŤ	ML40	N00°55'54"W	1207.2
3193.7'	均	FE 5 3	N00'15'24"W	988.3
	25	<u> </u>	N00*58'55"E	586.3'
		L7	N0013'41"W	778.1'
		L8	N83*33'40"W	681.6'
		L9	N54*48'54"W	1057.0'
		L10	N24'04'32"W	400.2'
		L11	N22'54'17"W	371.8'
		L12	N12'22'20"E	380.9
		L13	N47'08'20"E	509.6
		L14	S54'03'54"₩	1048.5' (TIE)

LINE TO RAVEN #8 WELL					
LINĘ	BEARING	DISTANCE.			
L1	S88 52'13"W	451.2'			
L2	S57'19'25"W	119.4'			
LJ	S30*47'46"W	369.0'.	-		
L4	S55'01'08"W	402.6'			
L5	S73'53'44"W	· 280.8'			
L6	N44 50 19 "E	1165.7' (TIE)			
I	LINE TO NFE #1 BATTERY				
LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE			
L1	N80*44'18"E	43.9'	-		

L2	S51'06'17"W	713.3' (TIE)
L	INE TO NFE #10 W	ELL PAD

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
L1	N82*58'21"W	498.6' 🗰
.12		1166.4' (TIE)

L	INE TO NFE #12 WE	ELL PAD
LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
L1	N87'23'50"W	555.9'

#### LINE TO RAVEN #1 WELL PAD

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE	
L1	S00°09'17"E	1240.9'	
1.2	531'33'48"W	139.9'	
L3	N03'37'15"W	607.2' (TIE)	

LR	VE TO RAVEN #3 W	ÆLL PAD	
LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE	
L1	N00'09'00"W	285.4'	
12	N09'05'18"W	1697.8' (TIE)	

#### DESCRIPTION

SURVEY OF A STRIP OF LAND 50.0 FEET WIDE AND 18970.5 FEET OR 3.593 MILES IN LENGTH CROSSING USA LAND IN SECTIONS 5, 6, 7 & 8, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, N.M.P.M., EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AND BEING 25.0 FEET LEFT AND 25.0 FEET RIGHT OF THE ABOVE PLATTED CENTERLINE SURVEY.

NOTE

BEARINGS SHOWN HEREON ARE MERCATOR GRID AND CONFORM TO THE NEW MEXICO COORDINATE SYSTEM "NEW MEXICO EAST ZONE" NORTH AMERICAN DATUM 1983. DISTANCES ARE SURFACE VALUES.

I, RONALD J. EIDSON, NEW MEXICO PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR No. 3239, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS SURVEY PLAT AND THE ACTUAL SURVEY ON THE GROUND UPON WHICH IT IS BASED WERE PERFORMED BY ME OR UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION THAT I, AM RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS SURVEY; THAT THIS SURVEY MEETS THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR SURVEYING IN NEW MEXICO AND THAT IT IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND PELLER. A

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SURVEY OF PIPLINES CROSSING SECTIOS 5, 6, 7 & 8, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, N.M.P.M., EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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#### DRILLING PLAN: BLM COMPLIANCE (Supplement to BLM 3160-3)

#### APACHE CORPORATION (OGRID: 873) NFE FEDERAL #30H

Lease #: NMLC-029435B Projected TVD: 5600' MD: 10035' GL: 3752' SHL: 1050' FSL & 155' FEL UL: P BHL: 1050' FSL & 330' FWL UL: M SEC: 6 T17S R31E EDDY COUNTY, NM

#### 1. GEOLOGIC NAME OF SURFACE FORMATION: EOLIAN/PIEDMOND ALLUVIAL DEPOSITS

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

Quaternary Aeolian	Surf	Queen 2390'	
Rustler	283'	Grayburg 2809'	
Salt Top	540'	San Andres 3111'	
Base of Salt/Tansill	1201'	Glorieta 4633'	
Yates	1358'	Yeso (Paddock) 4644' (Oil)	
Seven Rivers	1791'	TD TVD: 5600'	MD: 10035'

Avg Depth to Ground Water: ~91'

All fresh water & prospectively valuable minerals, as described by BLM, encountered during drilling, will be recorded by depth and adequately protected. All oil & gas shows within zones of correlative rights will be tested to determine commercial potential. The surface fresh water sands will be protected by setting  $13-3/8'' \cos (2000)$  & circ cmt back to surface. All intervals will be isolated by setting  $5-1/2'' \cos (1000)$  to TD & circ cmt above the base of  $8-5/8'' \cos (2000)$ .

#### 3. CASING PROGRAM: All casing is new & API approved

STRING	HOLE SIZE	DEPTH	OD CSG	WEIGHT	COLLAR	GRADE	COLLAPSE	BURST	TENSION
Surface	17-1/2″	0' - 400'	13-3/8"	48#	STC	H-40	1.125	1.0	1.8
Intermediate	12-1/4"	0' - 3500'	9-5/8"	36#	STC	J-55	1.125	1.0	1.8
Production*	8-3/4"	0' - 5248' 5248' 10035'	7" 5-1/2"	29# 20#	LTC LTC	L-80 L-80	1.125	1.0	1.8

\* Production csg will be a tapered string w/7" csg from surf to KOP, 5-1/2" csg from KOP to LP, and 5-1/2" csg w/packers & sleeves from LP to TD. Csg will be cmtd from KOP to surface.

#### 4. CEMENT PROGRAM:

#### A. <u>Surface (TOC – Surface) \*\*100% excess cmt\*\* Cmt with:</u>

Lead: 470 sx Cl C w/2% CACL2 (14.8 wt, 1.34 yld,6.31 gal/sk) Compressive Strengths : **12 hr** – 1270 psi **24 hr** – 2029 psi

#### B. Intermediate (TOC – Surface) \*\*50% excess cmt \*\*. Cmt with:

Lead: 700 sx 35/65 Poz C w/6% Gel + 5% Salt (12.9 wt, 1.92 yld, 9.92 gal/sk) Compressive Strengths: **12 hr** – 820 psi **24 hr** – 1189 psi

<u>Tail:</u> 290 sx Class C (14.8 wt, 1.33 yld, 6.31 gal/sk) Compressive Strengths: **12 hr** – 1120 psi **24 hr** – 2106 psi

(May use a DVT & modify cmt program for a 2 stage job, if a water flow is encountered)

#### C. Production (TOC: ~2500' from Surface) \*\*35% excess cmt\*\* Cmt with:

Lead: 110 sx 35-65 Poz C w/6% Gel + 5% Salt (12.6 wt, 2.06 yld, 10.95gal/sk) Compressive Strengths: **12** hr – 317 psi **24** hr – 500 psi

<u>Tail:</u> 250 sx PVL w/1.3% Salt + 0.3% Retarder (13.0 wt, 1.48 yld, 7.58 gal/sk) Compressive Strengths: **12** hr – 1100 psi **24** psi – 1755 psi

**\*\* The above cmt volumes could be revised based on fluid caliper measurement in the open hole.** For Surface csg: If cmt does not circ to surface, the appropriate BLM office shall be notified. The TOC shall be determined as directed by the BLM for the specific set of circumstances. Operator will propose a remediation method & request BLM approval.

#### 5. PROPOSED CONTROL EQUIPMENT

*"EXHIBIT 3"* shows a 13-5/8" 3M psi WP BOP consisting of an annular bag type preventer. This BOP will be nippled up on the 13-3/8" surface csg head & tested to 2000psi using a test plug. After the 9-5/8" intermediate csg is set & cmt'd, an 11" 3M BOP consisting of an annular bag type preventer, middle pipe rams & bottom blind rams will be installed & utilized continuously until TD is reached (*"EXHIBIT 3A"*). The BOP will be tested at 2000 psi, maximum surface pressure is not expected to exceed 2M psi. BHP is calculated to be approximately 2464 psi at TD & 2519 psi at the deepest point in the lateral. All BOP's & associated equipment will be tested per BLM *Drilling Operations Order #2*. The BOP will be operated & checked each 24 hr period & blind rams will be operated & checked when the drill pipe is out of the hole. Function tests will be documented on the daily driller's log. *"EXHIBIT 3 & 3A"* also show a 3M psi choke manifold with a 3" blow down line. Full opening stabbing valve & kelly cock will be on derrick floor in case of need. No abnormal pressures or temperatures are expected in this well. No nearby wells have encountered any well control problems.

#### 6. AUXILIARY WELL CONTROL EQUIPMENT / MONITORING EQUIPMENT:

13-5/8" 3000 psi annular preventer (3M BOP/BOPE to be used as a 2M system)

13-5/8" or 11" 3000 psi double BOP (blind & pipe rams) & annular preventer (3M BOP/BOPE to be used as a 2M system) 4-1/2" x 3000 psi kelly valve

13-5/8" or 11" x 3000 psi mud cross – H2S detector on production hole

Gate-type safety valve – 3" choke line from BOP to manifold

2" adjustable chokes – 3" blow down line

Fill up line as per Onshore Order 2

#### 7. PROPOSED MUD CIRCULATION SYSTEM: (Closed Loop System)

INTERVAL	MW (ppg)	VISC (sec/qt)	FLUID LOSS (cc)	MUD TYPE
0' - 400'	8.3 - 8.8	28-36	NC	FW
400' - 3500'	9.8 - 10.0	28 - 29	NC	Brine
3500' - 5248'	9.0-10.0	28 - 29	NC	Brine/Cut Brine
5248' - 10035'	9.0 - 9.3	28 - 29	NC	Cut Brine

\*\* Visual mud monitoring equipment shall be in place to detect volume changes. A mud test shall be performed every 24 hrs after mudding up to determine, as applicable: density, viscosity, gel strength, filtration, and pH. The necessary mud products for weight addition & fluid loss control will be on location at all times.

#### 8. LOGGING, CORING & TESTING PROGRAM:

- A. No cores, DST's, or Open Hole logs are planned at this time.
- **B.** Mudloggers from 4200' to TD.
- **C.** Additional testing will be initiated subsequent to setting the 7" & 5-1/2" tapered production casing. Specific intervals will be targeted based on geological sample shows.

#### 9. POTENTIAL HAZARDS:



No abnormal pressures or temperatures are anticipated. In the event abnormal pressures are encountered, however, the proposed mud program will be modified to increase the mud-weight. There is known presence of  $H_2S$  in this area. If  $H_2S$  is encountered the operator will comply with the provisions of *Onshore Oil & Gas Order No. 6.* All personnel will be familiar with all aspects of safe operation of equipment being used to drill this well. Estimated maximum <u>BHP: 2519 psi</u> and estimated <u>BHT: 115°</u>.

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

Road and location construction will begin after BLM has approved APD. Anticipated spud date will be after BLM approval and as soon as rig is available. Move in operations and drilling is expected to take  $\simeq 20$  days. If production casing is run then an additional <u>90 days</u> will be needed to complete well and construct surface facilities and/or lay flow lines in order to place well on production.

#### **11. OTHER FACETS OF OPERATION:**

After running csg, cased hole Gamma Ray, Neutron Collar logs will be run from TD back to all possible productive zones. The Cedar Lake; Glorieta-Yeso formation will be stimulated in order to establish production. The well will be tested & potentialed as an oil well.

# **Apache Corporation**

Eddy County, NM (NAD27 NME) NFE Federal #30H

Wellbore #1

Plan: Plan #1 2-18-14

# **Standard Planning Report**

19 February, 2014



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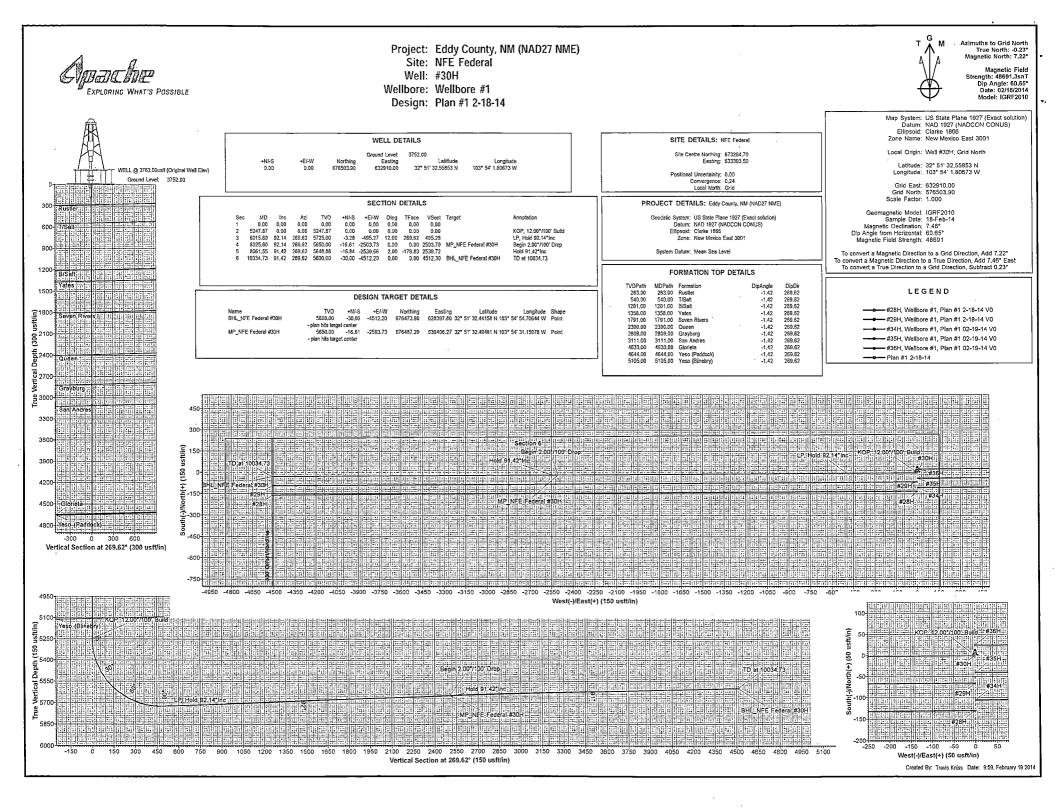
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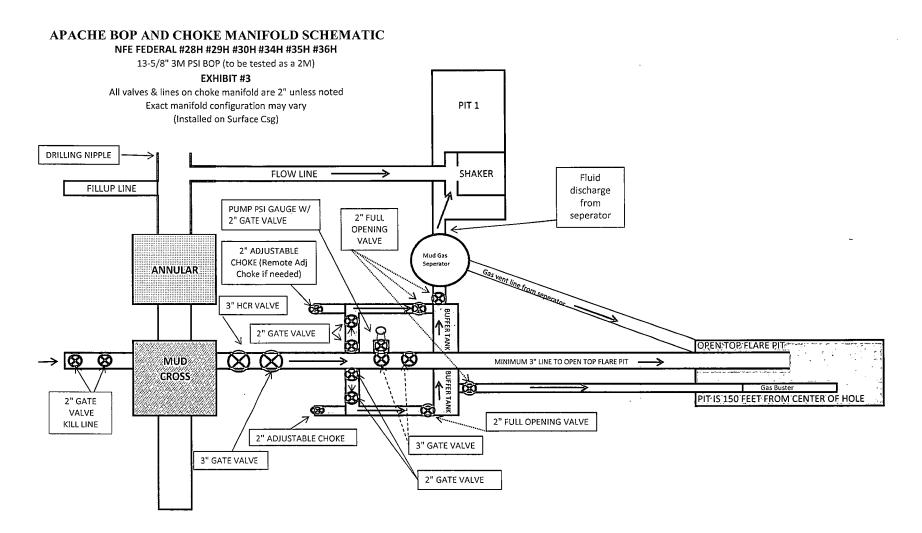
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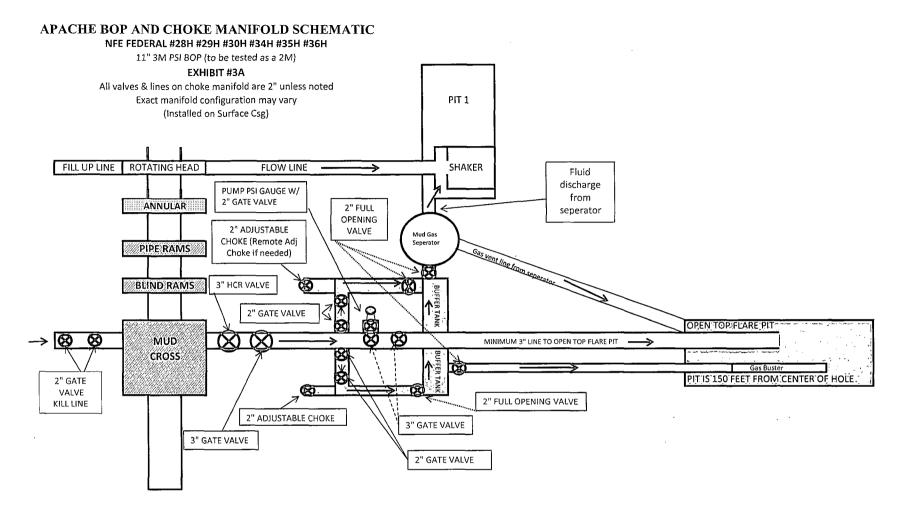
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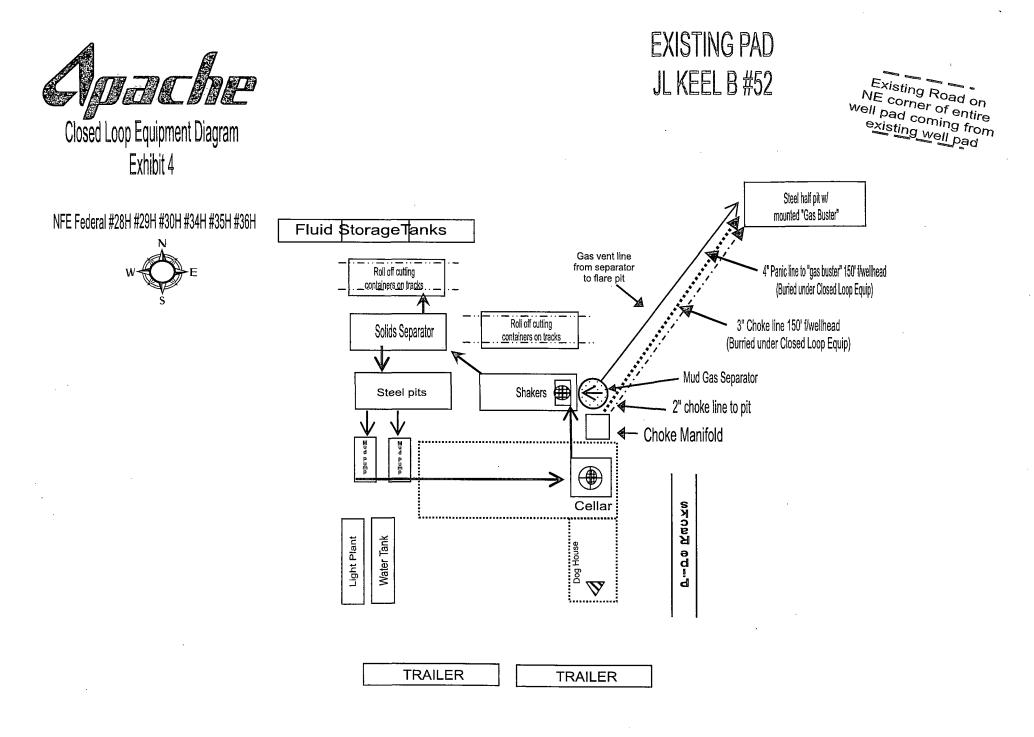


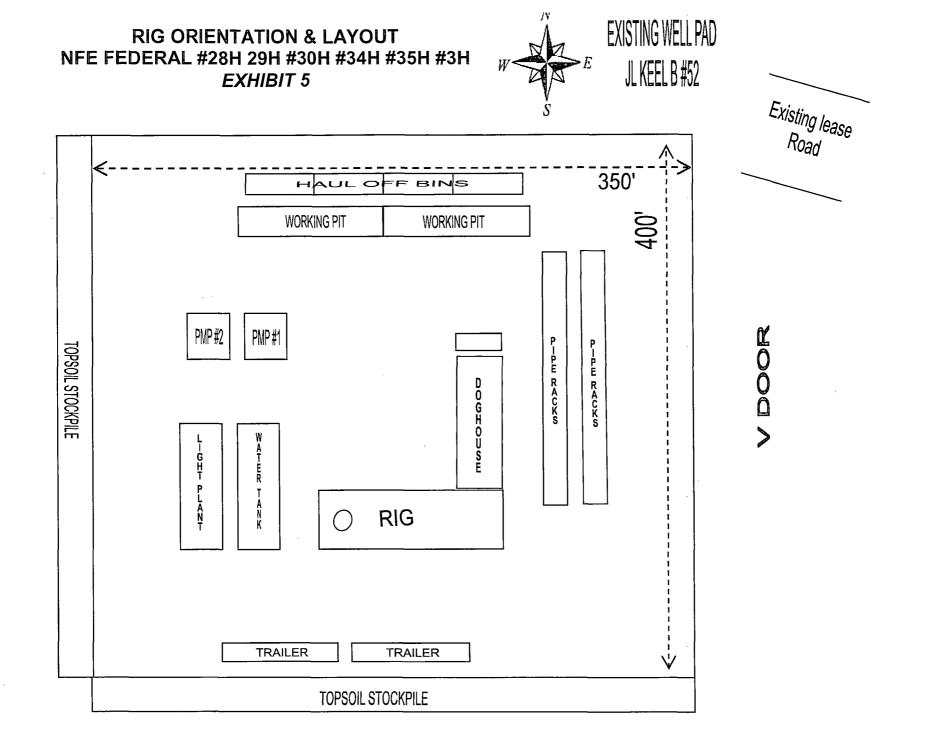


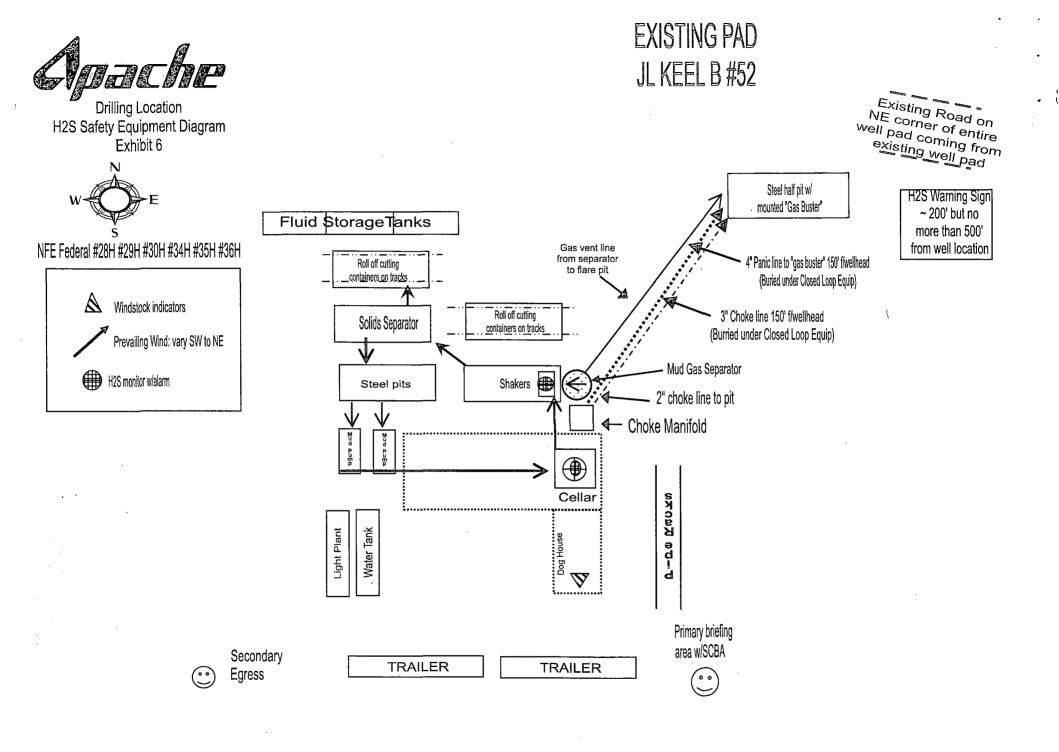
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#### HYDROGEN SULFIDE (H2S) DRILLING OPERATIONS PLAN

#### Hydrogen Sulfide Training:

<u>All regularly assigned personnel, contracted or employed by Apache Corporation</u> will receive training from qualified instructor(s) in the following areas prior to commencing drilling possible hydrogen sulfide bearing formations in this well:

- The hazards and characteristics of hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S)
- The proper use and maintenance of personal protective equipment and life support systems.
- The proper use of H<sub>2</sub>S detectors, alarms, warning systems, briefing area, evacuation procedures & prevailing winds.
- The proper techniques for first aid and rescue procedures.

#### Supervisory personnel will be trained in the following areas:

- The effects of H<sub>2</sub>S on metal components. If high tensile tubulars are to be utilized, personnel will be trained in their special maintenance requirements.
- Corrective action & shut-in procedures when drilling or reworking a well & blowout prevention / well control procedures.
- The contents and requirements of the H<sub>2</sub>S Drilling Operations Plan

There will be an initial training session just prior to encountering a known or probable  $H_2S$  zone (within 3 days or 500') and weekly  $H_2S$  and well control drills for all personnel in each crew. The initial training session shall include a review of the site specific  $H_2S$  Drilling Operations Plan and the Public Protection Plan. This plan shall be available at the well site. All personnel will be required to carry documentation that they have received proper training.

#### H<sub>2</sub>S SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS:

#### Well Control Equipment that will be available & installed if H<sub>2</sub>S is encountered:

- Flare Line with electronic igniter or continuous pilot.
- Choke manifold with a minimum of one remote choke.
- Blind rams & pipe rams to accommodate all pipe sizes with properly sized closing unit.
- Auxiliary equipment to include: annular preventer, mud-gas separator, rotating head & flare gun with flares

#### **Protective Equipment for Essential Personnel:**

• Mark II Survive-air 30 minute units located in dog house & at briefing areas, as indicated on wellsite diagram.

#### **H2S Dection and Monitoring Equipment:**

- Two portable H<sub>2</sub>S monitors positioned on location for best coverage & response. These units have warning lights & audible sirens when H<sub>2</sub>S levels of 20 ppm are reached.
- One portable H<sub>2</sub>S monitor positioned near flare line.

#### H2S Visual Warning Systems:

- Wind direction indicators are shown on wellsite diagram.
- Caution / Danger signs shall be posted on roads providing direct access to location. Signs will be painted a high visibility yellow with black lettering of sufficient size to be readable at a reasonable distance from the immediate location. Bilingual signs will be used when appropriate. *"EXHIBIT 7"*

#### Mud Program:

- The Mud Program has been designed to minimize the volume of H<sub>2</sub>S circulated to the surface. Proper mud weights, safe drilling practices & the use of H<sub>2</sub>S scavengers will minimize hazards when penetrating H<sub>2</sub>S bearing zones.
- A mud-gas separator and H<sub>2</sub>S gas buster will be utilized as needed.

#### Metallurgy:

- All drill strings, casing, tubing, wellhead, blowout preventers, drilling spool, kill lines, choke manifold & lines, & valves will be suitable for H<sub>2</sub>S service.
- All elastomers used for packing & seals shall be H<sub>2</sub>S trim.

#### Communication:

• Cellular telephone and 2-way radio communications in company vehicles, rig floor and mud logging trailer.

# HYDROGEN SULFIDE (H<sub>2</sub>S) CONTINGENCY PLAN

### Assumed 100 ppm ROE = 3000'

100 ppm  $H_2S$  concentration shall trigger activation of this plan.

#### **Emergency Procedures**

In the event of a release of gas containing H<sub>2</sub>S, the first responder(s) must

- Isolate the area and prevent entry by other persons into the 100 ppm ROE.
- Evacuate any public places encompassed by the 100 ppm ROE.
- Be equipped with  $H_2S$  monitors and air packs in order to control the release.
- Use the "buddy system" to ensure no injuries occur during the response
- Take precautions to avoid personal injury during this operation.
- Contact operators and/or local officials to aid in operation. See list of phone numbers attached.
- Have received training in the :
  - o Detection of H<sub>2</sub>S, and
  - Measures for protection against the gas,
  - Equipment used for protection and emergency response.

#### Ignition of Gas source

Should control of the well be considered lost and ignition considered, take care to protect against exposure to Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>). Intentional ignition must be coordinated with the NMOCD and local officials. Additionally the NM State Police may become involved. NM State Police shall be the Incident Command on scene of any major release. Take care to protect downwind whenever this is an ignition of the gas.

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Common Name	Chemical Formula	Specific Gravity	Threshold Limit	Hazardous Limit	Lethal Concentration
Hydrogen Sulfide	H <sub>2</sub> S	1.189 Air = I	10 ppm	100 ppm/hr	600 ppm
Sulfur Dioxide	SO <sub>2</sub>	2.21 Air = I	2 ppm	N/A	1000 ppm

#### Characteristics of H<sub>2</sub>S and SO<sub>2</sub>

#### **Contacting Authorities**

Apache Corporation personnel must liaison with local and state agencies to ensure a proper response to a major release. Additionally, the OCD must be notified of the release as soon as possible but no later than 4 hours. Agencies will ask for information such as type and volume of release, wind direction, location of release, etc. Be prepared with all information available including directions to site. The following call list of essential and potential responders has been prepared for use during a release. Apache's response must be in coordination with the State of New Mexico's *"Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan" (HMER).* 

#### I. <u>GENERAL PHILOSOPHY</u>

Our objective is to ensure that during an emergency, a predetermined procedure is followed so that prompt decisions can be made based on accurate information.

The best way to handle and emergency is with an experienced organization set up for the sole purpose of solving the problem. The *Well Control Emergency Response Team* was organized to handle dangerous & expensive well control problems. The *Team* is structured such that each individual can contribute the most from his area of expertise. Key decision-makers are determined prior to an emergency to avoid confusion about who is in charge.

If the well is flowing uncontrolled at the surface or subsurface, *The Emergency Response Team* will be mobilized. The *Team* is customized for the people currently on the Apache staff. Staff changes may require a change in the plan.

#### II. EMERGENCY PROCEDURE ON DRILLING OR COMPLETION OPERATIONS

A. In the event of an emergency the *Drilling Foreman or Tool-Pusher* will immediately contact only one of the following starting with the first name listed:

Name	Office	Mobile	Home
CD Kemp – Drlg Superintendent	432-818-1977	432-210-3234	
Barry Green – Drilling Engineer	432-818-1059	432-235-8809	
Bobby Smith – Drilling Manager	432-818-1020	432-556-7701	
Bill Jones – EH&S Coordinator		432-967-9576	

\*\*This one phone call will free the Drilling Foreman to devote his full time to securing the safety of personnel & equipment. This call will initiate the process to mobilize the Well Control Emergency Response Team. Apache maintains an Emergency Telephone Conference Room in the Houston office. This room is available for us by the Permian Region. The room has 50 separate telephone lines.

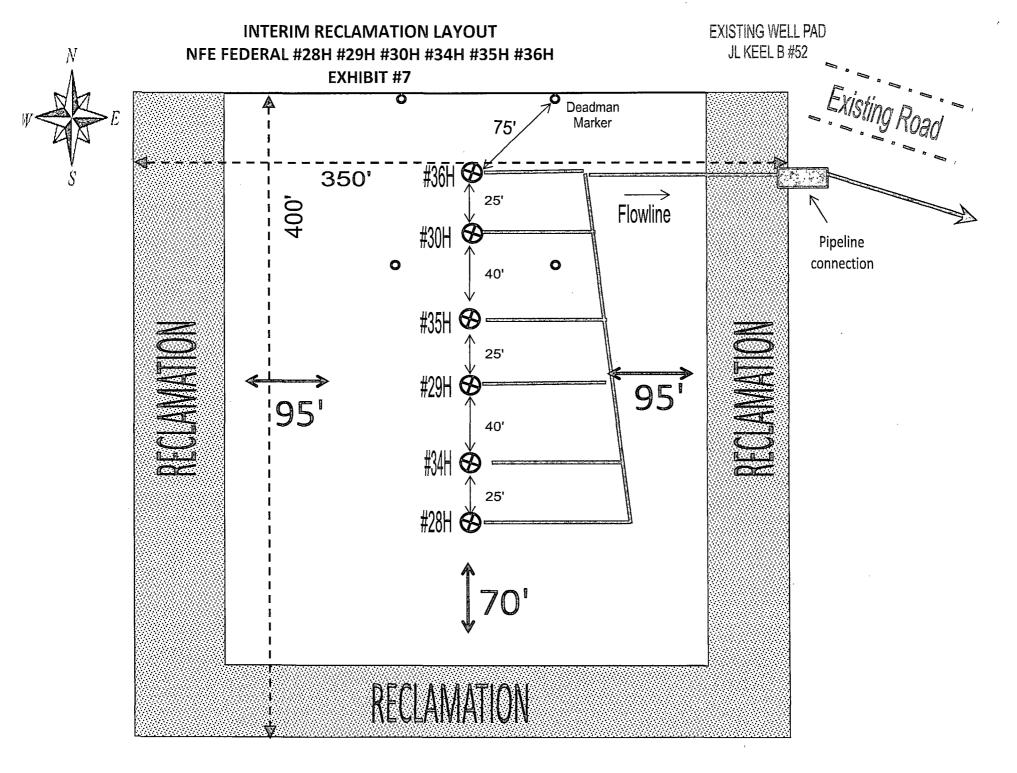
- **B.** The Apache employee contacted by the Drilling Foreman will begin contacting the rest of the *Team*. If **CD Kemp** is out of contact, **BARRY GREEN** will be notified.
- **C.** If a member of the *Emergency Response Team* is away from the job, he must be available for call back. Telephone numbers should be left with secretaries or a key decision-maker.
- **D.** Apache's reporting procedure for spills or releases of oil or hazardous materials will be implemented when spills or releases have occurred or are probable.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT	
Eddy County	575-887-7551
Lea County	575-396-3611
FIRE DEPARTMENT	911
Artesia	575-746-5050
Carlsbad	575-885-2111
Eunice	575-394-2111
Hobbs	575-397-9308
Jal	575-395-2221
Lovington	575-396-2359
HOSPITALS	911
Artesia Medical Emergency	575-746-5050
Carlsbad Medical Emergency	575-885-2111
Eunice Medical Emergency	575-394-2112
Hobbs Medical Emergency	575-397-9308
Jal Medical Emergency	575-395-2221
Lovington Medical Emergency	575-396-2359
AGENT NOTIFICATIONS	
	575-393-3612
Bureau of Land Management	272-292-2012

#### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE NUMBERS:**

# EXHIBIT #8







#### SURFACE USE PLAN OF OPERATIONS

#### NFE Federal #30H Lease #: NMLC -- 029435B SHL: 1050' FSL & 155' FEL UL: P BHL: 1050' FSL & 330' FWL UL: M SEC: 6 T17S R31E Eddy County, NM

#### **EXISTING ROADS**

- A. Proposed Well Site Location:
  - a. The well site & elevation plat for the proposed well are reflected on the well site layout (form C-102): Well staked by John West Surveying Company.
- B. Existing Roads
  - a: From the intersection of US Hwy #82 & CoRd #221 (Skelly); go North on CoRd 1:3 miles, turn Right, go Northeast approx 0.5 miles, turn Right, go East approx 0.5 miles, turn Left, go North approx 0.8 miles, turn Left, go West approx 0.1 mile to Northeast corner of pag.
- C. Route Location
  - a. No new road is expected to be constructed. The existing lease road will be used to the extent possible. If a lease/access road needs to be constructed, all lease roads will be graded in compliance with BLM standards.
     See E (a).
- D. Existing Road Maintenance or Improvement Plan
  - a. EXHIBIT 1 is a portion of a topo map showing the well & roads in the vicinity of the proposed location. The proposed well site & access route to the location are indicated on EXHIBIT 1. Right of way using this proposed route will be requested if necessary.
  - b. Routing grading & maintenance of existing roads will be conducted as necessary to maintain their condition as long as any operations continue on this lease. Roads will be maintained according to specifications in "EXISTING ROADS Section E (a)" of this Surface Use Plan.
- E. Width, Max Grade, Turnout Ditches, Culverts, Cattle Guards, & Surface Equipment
  - a: All lease roads will be graded in compliance with BLM standards. All new & reconstructed roads will have a width & "crown design" (i.e. The max width of the driving surface will be 14. The road will be crowned & ditched with a 2% slope from the tip of the crown to the edge of the driving surface. The ditches will be 1, dgep with 3:1 slopes. The driving surface will be made of 6." rolled & compacted caliche.) If required, culverts and cattle guards will be set per BLM Specs.

#### LOCATION OF EXISTING WELLS

A. "EXHIBIT 2 " indicates existing wells within a one mile radius of the proposed location.

#### LOCATION OF EXISTING AND/OR PROPOSED FACILITIES

A. Existing production facilities are located at the Raven Federal Battery.

B. New Facilities in the Event of Production

In the event well is productive, APACHE will install approx 498.6' of 6" buried pipeline from well to existing 10" buried pipeline (1 for liquid, 1 for gas) internal poly liner, externally wrapped with synergy, to the proposed Raven Federal Battery following existing lease roads. Pipeline has been applied for under ROW #NM-129160 (No pumping units will be used, fluid will be lifted with Electronic Submersible Pump.). If electricity is needed, power will be obtained from Central Valley Electric. Central Valley Electric will apply for ROW for their power lines. "SEE EXHIBIT 14".

C. Rehabilitation of Disturbed Areas Unnecessary for Production

Following the construction, those access areas required for continued production will be graded to provide drainage and minimize erosion. The areas unnecessary for use will be graded to blend in with the surrounding topography "SEE. PLANS FOR RESTORATION OF THE SURFACE"

#### LOCATION AND TYPE OF WATER SUPPLY

A. All water (fresh or otherwise) needed for the drilling and completion of this well will be purchased from a commercial source and trucked to the location via existing and/or proposed access roads. No water source wells will be drilled and no surface water will be utilized.

#### CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

A. Materials

On-site caliche will be used for any required access road and/or well site pad. If necessary, caliche will be hauled from a BLM approved pit. No surface materials will be disturbed except those necessary for actual grading and construction of the drill site and access road.

#### METHODS FOR HANDLING WASTE DISPOSAL

A. Cuttings

Apache will us a Closed Loop System. Cuttings will be contained in roll off bins, hauled & disposed of to a state approved disposal facility.

B. Drilling Fluids

Drilling fluids will be contained in steel pits, frac tanks and disposed at licensed disposal sites and/or will be cleaned and reused.

C. Produced Fluids

Water production will be contained in steel pits. Fluids may be cleaned and reused and/or disposed at a state approved facility. Hydrocarbon fluid or other fluids that may be produced during testing will be retained in test tanks until sold and hauled from site.

D. Salts

Salts remaining after completion will be picked up by supplier, including broken sacks.

E. Sewage

Current laws and regulations pertaining to the disposal of human waste will be complied with. A Port-a-John will be provided for the crews. This will be properly maintained during the drilling operations and removed upon completion of the well. Port-a-John will be cleaned out periodically.

F. Garbage

Receptacles for garbage disposal during the drilling of this well will be provided and equipped to prevent scattering by wind, animals, etc. This waste will be hauled to an approved landfill site.

G. Cleanup of Well Site

Upon release of the drilling rig, the surface of the drilling pad will be graded to accommodate a completion rig if electric log analysis indicates potential productive zones. Reasonable cleanup will be performed prior to the final restoration of the site.

#### ANCILLARY FACILITIES

A. Upon completion, and/or testing of this well, rental tank facilities will be utilized until permanent storage is established. No camps, airstrips or staging are anticipated to be constructed.

#### WELLSITE LAYOUT

A. Rig Orientation and Layout

*"EXHIBIT 5"* shows the dimensions of the well pad, closed loop system and the location of the major rig components. Only minor leveling of the well site will be required. No significant cuts or fills will be necessary.

B. Closed Loop System

A Closed Loop System will be used. Cuttings will be stored in steel roll off bins until they are hauled to a state approved disposal facility. *"SEE EXHIBIT 4"* 

#### C. Location of Access Road

"SEE EXHIBIT 1 & John West Surveying well site pad location plat"

#### PLANS FOR SURFACE RECLAMATION

#### A. Reserve Pit Cleanup

Not applicable. Closed Loop System will be used.

#### B. Restoration Plans (Production Developed) "SEE EXHIBIT 7"

Those areas not required for production will be graded & recontoured to match surrounding topography and surfacing material will be removed. Topsoil from the soil pile will be loaded over the disturbed area to the extent possible and will be seeded. The portion of the site required for production will be graded to minimize erosion and provide access during inclement conditions. This may need to be modified in certain circumstances to prevent inundation of the locations' pad and surface facilities. Due to the topography of the area, no problems are anticipated and no erosion or other detrimental effects are expected as a result of this operation. Following depletion and abandonment of the site, restoration procedures will be those that follow under *"ITEM C"* of *"PLANS FOR SURFACE RECLAMATION"*.

#### C. Restoration Plans (No Production Developed)

With no production developed, the entire surface disturbed by construction of the well site will be restored as closely as possible to its pre-operation appearance, including re-vegetation. Surfacing material will be removed and the site will be recontoured to match surrounding topography with provisions made to minimize ërosion. The topsoil, as available, shall be placed in a uniform layer and seeded according to the Bureau of Land Management's stipulations. Due to the topography of the area, no problems are anticipated and no erosion or other detrimental effects are expected as a result of this operation.

#### D. Rehabilitation's Timetable

Upon completion of drilling operations, the initial cleanup of the site will be performed as soon as weather and site conditions allow economic execution of the work.

#### SURFACE OWNERSHIP

A. Surface Ownership of drill site & access routes:

United States Department of the Interior c/o Bureau of Land Management 620 E. Greene St. Carlsbad, NM 88220

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

A. Terrain, Soil, Vegetation, Wildlife, Surface Use

Slightly rolling hills; Topsoil is made up of caliche and sand; Plants are sparse, primarily grasses, some mesquite & shinnery oak; No wildlife observed but likely that deer, rabbits, coyotes & rodents traverse the area, which are all typical of the semi-arid desert land; Land primarily used for grazing.

B. Surface Water

There are no ponds, lakes, streams or rivers within several miles of the proposed location.

C. Water Wells

No known water wells within 1-1/2 miles of the proposed location.

D. Residences and Buildings

No dwellings within the immediate vicinity of the proposed location.

E. Historical Sites

None observed.

F. Archeological Resources

An Apache agrees to contribute funding to the Permian Basin Cultural Resource Fund in lieu of being required to conduct a Class III survey for cultural resources associated with this project. Any location or construction conflicts will be resolved before construction begins.

- G. Onsite: Onsite by John Fast, BLM Specialist.
- H. Well Signs: Well signs will be incompliance per State requirements and specifications.
- I. Drilling Contractor: Pending

#### **OPERATOR'S FIELD REPRESENTATIVE**

(Field personnel responsible for compliance with development plan for surface use)

#### DRILLING

Claude (CD) Kemp Drilling Superintendent 303 Veterans Airpark Ln #1000 Midland, TX 79705 432-818-1977 - office 432-210-3234 – cell

#### PRODUCTION

Craig Maxwell Sr. Production Foreman 2350 W. Marland Blvd Hobbs, NM 88240 575-393-7106 – w 575-441-2568 – c

### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE 620 E. GREENE STREET CARLSBAD, NM 88220

#### **OPERATOR CERTIFICATION**

I HEARBY 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 WHICH CURRENTLY EXIST; THAT I HAVE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF STATE AND FEDERAL laws applicable to this operation; that the statements made in the 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.

Well: <u>NFE FEDERAL #3</u>	30Н				
Operator Name:	APACHE CORPORATION				
Signature: B	Printed Name: BARRY GREEN				
Title: <u>Drilling Engineer</u>	Date: 3/6/2014				
Email (optional):	barry.green@apachecorp.com				
Street or Box:	303 Veterans Airpark Ln., Ste. 1000				
City, State, Zip Code:	Midland, TX 79705				
Telephone:	432-818-1059				
Field Representative (if not above signatory):					
Address (if different from above):					
Telephone (if different from above):					
Email (optional):					

Executed this 6th day of March 2014

Agents not directly employed by the operator must submit a letter from the operator authorizing that the agent to act or file this application on their behalf.

## PECOS DISTRICT \ CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

<b>OPERATOR'S NAME:</b>	Apache Corporation
LEASE NO.:	NMLC-029435B
WELL NAME & NO.:	NFE Federal 30H
SURFACE HOLE FOOTAGE:	1050' FSL & 0155' FEL
<b>BOTTOM HOLE FOOTAGE:</b>	1050' FSL & 0330' FWL
LOCATION:	Section 06, T. 17 S., R 31 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)

#### **Playa Protection**

- Surface disturbance will not be allowed within 500 feet of playa.
- The entire well pad will be bermed to prevent oil, salt, and other chemical contaminants from leaving the well pad. Topsoil shall not be used to construct the berm. No water flow from the uphill side(s) of the pad shall be allowed to enter the well pad. The berm shall be maintained through the life of the well and after interim reclamation has been completed.
- Any water erosion that may occur due to the construction of the well pad during the life of the well will be quickly corrected and proper measures will be taken to prevent future erosion.
- Stockpiling of topsoil is required. The top soil shall be stockpiled in an appropriate location to prevent loss of soil due to water or wind erosion and not used for berming or erosion control.
- 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.

#### **Dunes Sagebrush Lizard Trenching Stipulation**

- Pre-construction contact with a BLM wildlife biologist is required before any ground disturbing activities associated with the project occurs.
- Successful completion of the BLM Trench Stipulation Workshop is required for a non-agency person to be approved as a monitor.
- Any trench left open for (8) hours or less is not required to have escape ramps; however, before the trench is backfilled, an agency approved monitor shall walk the entire length of the open trench and remove all trapped vertebrates. The bottom surface of the trench will be disturbed a minimum of 2 inches in order to arouse any buried vertebrates. All vertebrates will be released a minimum of 100 yards from the trench.
- For trenches left open for eight (8) hours or more the following requirements apply:
  - Earthen escape ramps and/or structures (built at no more than a 30 degree slope and spaced no more than 500 feet apart) shall be placed in the trench. Metal structures will <u>not</u> be authorized. Options will be discussed in detail at the required Trench Stipulation Workshop.
  - One approved monitor shall be required to survey up to three miles of trench between the hours of 11 AM-2 PM. A daily report (consolidate if

there is more than one monitor) on the vertebrates found and removed from the trench shall be provided to the BLM (email/fax is acceptable) the following morning.

- Prior to backfilling of the trench all structures used as escape ramps will be removed and the bottom surface of the trench will be disturbed a minimum of 2 inches in order to arouse any buried vertebrates. All vertebrates will be released a minimum of 100 yards from the trench.
- This stipulation shall apply to the entire length of the project in the DSL habitat polygon regardless of land ownership or CCA/CCAA enrollment status.
- A project closeout will be required within three business days of the completion of the project.

#### **LPC:** Conditions of Approval

**Timing Limitation Stipulation/Condition of Approval for Lesser Prairie-Chicken:** Oil and gas activities including 3-D geophysical exploration, and drilling will not be allowed in lesser prairie-chicken habitat during the period from March 1st through June 15th annually. During that period, other activities that produce noise or involve human activity, such as the maintenance of oil and gas facilities, geophysical exploration other than 3-D operations, and pipeline, road, and well pad construction, will be allowed except between 3:00 am and 9:00 am. The 3:00 am to 9:00 am restriction will not apply to normal, around-the-clock operations, such as venting, flaring, or pumping, which do not require a human presence during this period. Additionally, no new drilling will be allowed within up to 200 meters of leks known at the time of permitting. Normal vehicle use on existing roads will not be restricted. 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.

#### Ground-level Abandoned Well Marker to avoid raptor perching:

Upon the plugging and subsequent abandonment of the well, the well marker will be installed at ground level on a plate containing the pertinent information for the plugged well. For more installation details, contact the Carlsbad Field Office at 575-234-5972.

# 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

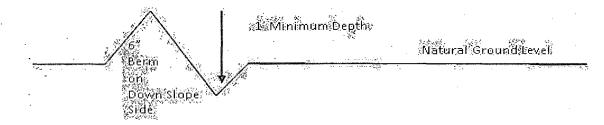
Vehicle turnouts shall be constructed on the road. Turnouts shall be intervisible with interval spacing distance less than 1000 feet. Turnouts shall conform to Figure 1; cross section and plans for typical road construction.

#### 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: 400' + 100' = 200' lead-off ditch interval

### Cattleguards

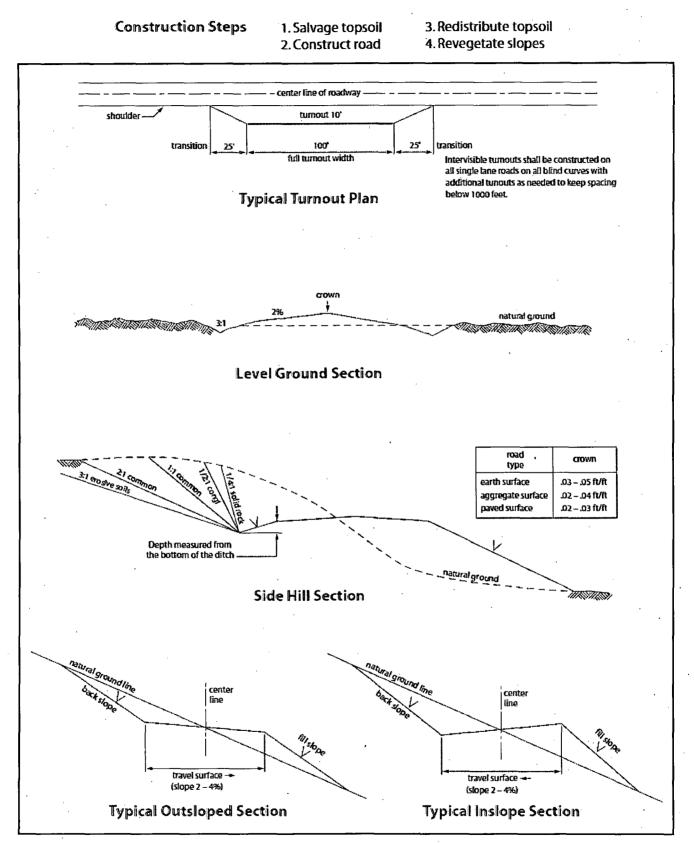
An appropriately sized cattleguard sufficient to carry out the project shall be installed and maintained at fence/road crossings. Any existing cattleguards on the access road route shall be repaired or replaced if they are damaged or have deteriorated beyond practical use. The operator shall be responsible 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.





# 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. A Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) Drilling Plan shall be activated 500 feet prior to drilling into the Grayburg formation. As a result, the Hydrogen Sulfide area must meet Onshore Order 6 requirements, which includes equipment and personnel/public protection items. If Hydrogen Sulfide is encountered, please provide measured values and formations to the BLM.
- 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. 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.

Possibility for water and brine flows in the Artesia Group, Salado, and Queen. Possible lost circulation in the Rustler, Grayburg, and San Andres.

- 1. The 13-3/8 inch surface casing shall be set at approximately 400 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.

Intermediate casing shall be kept fluid filled while running into hole to meet BLM minimum collapse requirements.

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.

3. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 7 X 5-1/2 inch production casing is:

Cement as proposed by operator. Operator shall provide method of verification.

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. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) required for drilling below the surface casing shoe shall be **2000 (2M)** psi **(Installing 3M annular, testing to 2,000 psi)**.
- 3. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) required for drilling below the 9-5/8 intermediate casing shoe shall be 2000 (2M) psi (Installing a 3M BOP, testing to 2,000 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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# 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 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 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  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 1 ½ 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, <u>Shale Green</u> from the BLM Standard Environmental Color Chart (CC-001: June 2008).

### **B. PIPELINES**

#### **BURIED PIPÈLINE 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.

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, <u>et seq</u>. or the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C.6901, <u>et seq</u>.) 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

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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.

5. All construction and maintenance activity will be confined to the authorized right-of-way.

6. The pipeline will be buried with a minimum cover of  $\underline{36}$  inches between the top of the pipe and ground level.

7. The maximum allowable disturbance for construction in this right-of-way will be  $\underline{30}$  feet:

- Blading of vegetation within the right-of-way will be allowed: maximum width of blading operations will not exceed <u>20</u> 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 <u>30</u> 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.*)
- 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.*)

8. The holder shall stockpile an adequate amount of topsoil where blading is allowed. The topsoil to be stripped is approximately  $\______6\____$  inches in depth. The topsoil will be segregated from other spoil piles from trench construction. The topsoil will be evenly distributed over the bladed area for the preparation of seeding.

9. 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.

10. Vegetation, soil, and rocks left as a result of construction or maintenance activity will be randomly scattered on this right-of-way and will not be left in rows, piles, or berms, unless

otherwise approved by the Authorized Officer. The entire right-of-way shall be recontoured to match the surrounding landscape. The backfilled soil shall be compacted and a 6 inch berm will be left over the ditch line to allow for settling back to grade.

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. The holder will reseed all disturbed areas. Seeding will be done according to the attached seeding requirements, using the following seed mix.

() seed mixture 1

( ) seed mixture 3( ) seed mixture 4

( ) seed mixture 2(X) seed mixture 2/LPC

() Aplomado Falcon Mixture

13. All above-ground structures not subject to safety requirements shall be painted by the holder to blend with the natural color of the landscape. The paint used shall be color which simulates "Standard Environmental Colors" – **Shale Green**, Munsell Soil Color No. 5Y 4/2.

14. The pipeline will be identified by signs at the point of origin and completion of the right-ofway and at all road crossings. At a minimum, signs will state the holdér's name, BLM serial number, and the product being transported. All signs and information thereon will be posted in a permanent, conspicuous manner, and will be maintained in a legible condition for the life of the pipeline.

15. 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 before maintenance begins. The holder will take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the pipeline route is not used as a roadway. As determined necessary during the life of the pipeline, the Authorized Officer may ask the holder to construct temporary deterrence structures.

16. Any cultural and/or paleontological resources (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.

17. 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 associated roads, 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.

18. <u>Escape Ramps</u> - The operator will construct and maintain pipeline/utility trenches that are not otherwise fenced, screened, or netted to prevent livestock, wildlife, and humans from becoming entrapped. At a minimum, the operator will construct and maintain escape ramps, ladders, or 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.

#### 19. Special Stipulations:

#### Lesser Prairie-Chicken

Oil and gas activities will not be allowed in lesser prairie-chicken habitat during the period from March 1st through June 15th annually. During that period, other activities that produce noise or involve human activity, such as the maintenance of oil and gas facilities, geophysical exploration other than 3-D operations, and pipeline, road, and well pad construction, will be allowed except between 3:00 am and 9:00 am. The 3:00 am to 9:00 am restriction will not apply to normal, around-the-clock operations, such as venting, flaring, or pumping, which do not require a human presence during this period. Normal vehicle use on existing roads will not be restricted. 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.

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

# 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).

Ground-level Abandoned Well Marker to avoid raptor perching: Upon the plugging and subsequent abandonment of the well, the well marker will be installed at ground level on a plate containing the pertinent information for the plugged well.

# Seed Mixture for LPC Sand/Shinnery 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	<u>lb/acre</u>
Plains Bristlegrass	5lbs/A
Sand Bluestem	5lbs/A
Little Bluestem	3lbs/A
Big Bluestem	6lbs/A
Plains Coreopsis	2lbs/A
Sand Dropseed	11bs/A

\*Pounds of pure live seed:

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