

NM OIL CONSERVATION

ARTESIA DISTRICT

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1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

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

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Form C-129

Revised August 1, 2011

Submit one copy to appropriate
District Office

NFO Permit No. _____
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APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO NO-FLARE RULE 19.15.18.12

(See Rule 19.15.18.12 NMAC and Rule 19.15.7.37 NMAC)

- A. Applicant COG Operating LLC,
whose address is 2208 W. Main, Artesia, NM 88210,
hereby requests an exception to Rule 19.15.18.12 for 90 days or until
December 31, Yr 2017, for the following described tank battery (or LACT):
Name of Lease CTA St Com Name of Pool Bone Spring
Location of Battery: Unit Letter D Section 32 Township 18S Range 30E
Number of wells producing into battery 2: 30-015-42494, 30-015-42495
- B. Based upon oil production of 65 barrels per day, the estimated * volume
of gas to be flared is 150 MCF; Value _____ per day.
- C. Name and location of nearest gas gathering facility:
DCP
- D. Distance _____ Estimated cost of connection _____
- E. This exception is requested for the following reasons: Unplanned midstream curtailment

OPERATOR

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

Signature Cathy Seely

Printed Name
& Title Cathy Seely/Engineering Tech

E-mail Address cseely@concho.com

Date 12/5/17 Telephone No. 575-748-1549

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Approved Until March 30, 2018

By Amalia Bustamante

Title Business Operations Specialist-O

Date 12/22/17

PLEASE REFER TO ATTACHED
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NOTICE TO OPERATORS

The Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") has been tasked to study flaring and develop a gas capture plan by the end of the year with the ultimate goal to reduce natural gas emissions.

Current OCD reporting has no specific method to differentiate flared and vented volumes reported on C-115 reports. This prevents the OCD from having quantifiable flaring data per Rule 19.15.18.12.F NMAC.

Therefore, to collect flaring volumes and differentiate actual vented volumes going forward, NMOCD will implement a new "Non-Transported Disposition" Code (for gas) to be reported on the C-115 reports. The new code will be "F" for Flared. The new code "F" is to be used to report the volume of gas that is flared on a well basis, or total volume if flared at a common battery or gathering system and reported under one point of disposition. Operators must report vented and flared volumes separately to their respective "Non Transported Disposition" code ("V" for vented and "F" for flared).

The change will become effective for the November 2015 production month with reporting due by January 15, 2016.

The NMOCD will be conducting operator outreach training sessions in the Southeast and Northwest to provide information and answer questions regarding the process.

Meeting notices will be posted on NMOCD website at:
<http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/OCD/announcements.html>

The C-115 instructions are available on NMOCD website at:
http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/OCD/documents/eC115_FullInstructions.pdf

RULES

19.15.7.24 OPERATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT (Form C-115):

A. An operator shall file a form C-115 for each non-plugged well completion for which the division has approved a form C-104 and for each secondary or other enhanced recovery project or pressure maintenance project injection well or other injection well within the state, setting forth complete information and data indicated on the forms in the order, format and style the director prescribes. The operator shall estimate oil production from wells producing into common storage as accurately as possible on the basis of periodic tests.

19.15.18.12 CASINGHEAD GAS:

F. Pending connection of a well to a gas-gathering facility, or when a well has been excepted from the provisions of Subsection A of 19.15.18.12 NMAC, the operator shall burn all gas produced and not used, and report the estimated volume on form C-115.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions please contact the appropriate OCD District Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David R. Catanach", with a horizontal line underneath.

David R. Catanach
Director, Oil Conservation Division