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OMB No. 1004-0137
Expires March 31, 2007

OCD-ARTESIA UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

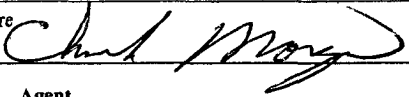
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL OR REENTER

1a. Type of work: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DRILL <input type="checkbox"/> REENTER		5. Lease Serial No. NMNM-048344	
1b. Type of Well: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oil Well <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Well <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single Zone <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Zone		6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name	
2. Name of Operator Lime Rock Resources A, L. P. (255333)		7. If Unit or CA Agreement, Name and No.	
3a. Address 1111 Bagby St, Suite 4600 Houston, TX 77002		8. Lease Name and Well No. Williams A Federal #8	
3b. Phone No. (include area code) 713-292-9510		9. API Well No. 30-015-36513	
4. Location of Well (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements.) At surface 1090' FSL 1550' FWL At proposed prod. zone Roswell Controlled Water Basin		10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory Artesia, GL-YE (96830)	
14. Distance in miles and direction from nearest town or post office* 10 miles East of Artesia, NM		11. Sec., T. R. M. or Blk. and Survey or Area Sec 29, T17S, R28E, Unit K	
15. Distance from proposed* location to nearest property or lease line, ft. (Also to nearest drig. unit line, if any) 1090' (230')	16. No. of acres in lease 200	17. Spacing Unit dedicated to this well 40	
18. Distance from proposed location* to nearest well, drilling, completed, applied for, on this lease, ft. 506'	19. Proposed Depth 3500'	20. BLM/BIA Bond No. on file NMB000499	
21. Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB, RT, GL, etc.) 3679' GR	22. Approximate date work will start* 07/01/2008	23. Estimated duration 10 days	

24. Attachments

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

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| 1. Well plat certified by a registered surveyor. | 4. Bond to cover the operations unless covered by an existing bond on file (see Item 20 above). |
| 2. A Drilling Plan. | 5. Operator certification |
| 3. A Surface Use Plan (if the location is on National Forest System Lands, the SUPO shall be filed with the appropriate Forest Service Office). | 6. Such other site specific information and/or plans as may be required by the authorized officer. |

25. Signature 	Name (Printed/Typed) Chuck Morgan	Date 04/25/2008
Title Agent		

Approved by (Signature) /s/ James Stovall	Name (Printed/Typed) /s/ James Stovall	Date JUL 31 2008
Title FIELD MANAGER	Office CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE	

Application approval does not warrant or certify that the applicant holds legal or equitable title to those rights in the subject lease which would entitle the applicant to conduct operations thereon.

Conditions of approval, if any, are attached.

APPROVAL FOR TWO YEARS

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or information.

NOTE: NEW PIT RULE

*(Instructions on page 2)

19-15-17 NMAC PART 17
A form C-144 must be approved before starting drilling operations.

**SEE ATTACHED FOR
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

**APPROVAL SUBJECT TO
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS
AND SPECIAL STIPULATIONS
ATTACHED**

STATEMENT ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATIONS

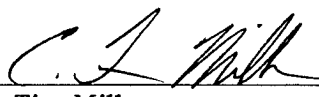
Lime Rock Resources A, L.P.
1111 Bagby St., Suite 4600
Houston, TX 77002
713-292-9510

April 25, 2008

The undersigned accepts all applicable terms, conditions, stipulations and restrictions concerning operations conducted on the leased land or portion thereof, as described below:

Lease No.:	NMNM-048344
Lease Name:	Williams A Federal #8
Legal Description of Land:	Unit N, 1090' FSL 1550' FWL Sec. 29, T17S, R28E Eddy Co., NM
Formation (s):	Artesia, GL-YE
Bond Coverage:	Statewide Bond – State of New Mexico
BLM Bond File No.:	NMB000499

Authorized Signature:



C. Tim Miller
Vice-President of Operations

District I

1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240

District II

1301 E. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210

District III

1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

District IV

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

State of New Mexico

Form C-102

Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department

Revised October 12, 2005

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Submit to Appropriate District Office

1220 South St. Francis Dr.

State Lease - 4 Copies

Santa Fe, NM 87505

Fee Lease - 3 Copies

☐ AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

1 API Number	2 Pool Code	3 Pool Name
	96830	Artesia - GL-1/E
4 Property Code	5 Property Name	6 Well Number
305454	WILLIAMS A FEDERAL	8
7 OGRID No.	8 Operator Name	9 Elevation
255333	LIME ROCK RESOURCES A, L.P.	3679

10 Surface Location

UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn.	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
N	29	17-S	28-E		1090	SOUTH	1550	WEST	EDDY

11 Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

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

12 Dedicated Acres	13 Joint or Infill	14 Consolidation Code	15 Order No.
40			

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.

LAT N32.80092		LON W104.20136	
1550'		1090'	

17 OPERATORS CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this organization either owns a working interest or undivided interest in the land including the proposed bottom hole location or has a right to drill this well at this location pursuant to a contract with an owner of such interest or working interest, or to voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order heretofore entered by the division.

C. L. Miller 6/16/08

Signature Date
C. Tim Miller, VP-Operations
Printed Name

18 SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.

MARCH 25, 2008

Date of Survey
Signature and Seal of Professional Surveyor:



Certificate Number
DAN R. REDDY NM PE&PS #5412

DRILLING PROGRAM
Lime Rock Resources A, L.P.
Williams A Federal # 8
1090' FSL, 1550' FWL
Unit N, Sec. 29, T17S, R28E
Eddy Co., NM

1. Geologic Name of Surface Formation:

Permian

2. Estimated Tops of Important Geologic Markers:

Yates	600
7- Rivers	900'
Queen	1200'
Grayburg	1600'
San Andres	1950'

3. Estimated Depth of Anticipated Fresh Water, Oil or Gas:

Water Sand	150' - 200'	Fresh Water
Yates	650	Oil & Gas
7-Rivers	950	Oil & Gas
Queen	1400'	Oil & Gas
Grayburg	1880'	Oil & Gas
San Andres	2800'	Oil & Gas

Fresh water sands will be protected by running 8-5/8" casing to a minimum depth of 450' and circulating cement. All other zones will be isolated by running 4-1/2" or 5-1/2" production casing and circulating cement.

4. Casing Program:

<u>Hole Size</u>	<u>Interval</u>	<u>OC Csg</u>	<u>Weight Grade Jt Cond Type</u>
12-1/4"	0 - 450	8-5/8"	24#, J55, ST&C, New
7-7/8"	0 - TD	5-1/2"	14- 17#, J55, ST&C, New

Cement Program:

8-5/8" Surface Casing: Cemented to surface with 325 sx of Class C with 2% CaCl and 1/4#/sx Flocele. 14.8 ppg 1.32 yield.

5-1/2" Production Casing: Lead: 350 sxs. 35/65 POZ "C". 5% salt, 6% Bentonite, 3#sx LCM: 12.5 ppg, 2.05 yield.

Tail: 350 sxs "C" with: 2% CaCl, 3#/sx. LCM, 14.8 ppg., 1.33 yield. Circulated to surface.

All casing will meet the following minimum safety factors:

Tension: 2 Collapse: 1.125 Yield: 1.125 Internal Yield Pressure: 1.0

5. Minimum Specifications for Pressure Control:

The blowout preventer equipment (BOP) shown in Exhibit #1 will consist of a double ram type preventer (2000 psi WP). Unit will be hydraulically operated. BOP will be nipped up on the 8-5/8" surface csg and used continuously until TD is reached. BOP and accessory equipment will be tested to 2000 psi before drilling out of surface casing, inspected and cycled daily, and blind rams cycled after each trip out of the hole. A 2" kill line and a 2" choke line will be included in the drilling spool. Other accessories to the BOP equipment will include a kelly cock.

6. Types and Characteristics of the Proposed Mud System:

The well will be drilled to TD with a combination of fresh water and brine water mud system. The applicable depth and properties of this system are as follows:

<u>Depth</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Weight (ppg)</u>	<u>Viscosity (sec)</u>	<u>Waterloss (cc)</u>
0 – 450	Fresh Water (spud)	8.5	40 – 45	N/C
450 – TD	Brine water, SWG, Starch	10.0	30	24

Sufficient mud materials to maintain mud properties and meet minimum lost circulation and weight increase requirements will be kept at the wellsite at all times.

7. Auxiliary Well Control and Monitoring Equipment:

- A. A kelly cock will be kept in the drill string at all times.
- B. A mud logging unit complete with H₂S detector will be continuously monitoring drilling penetration rate and hydrocarbon shows from 500' to TD.

8. Logging, Testing and Coring Program:

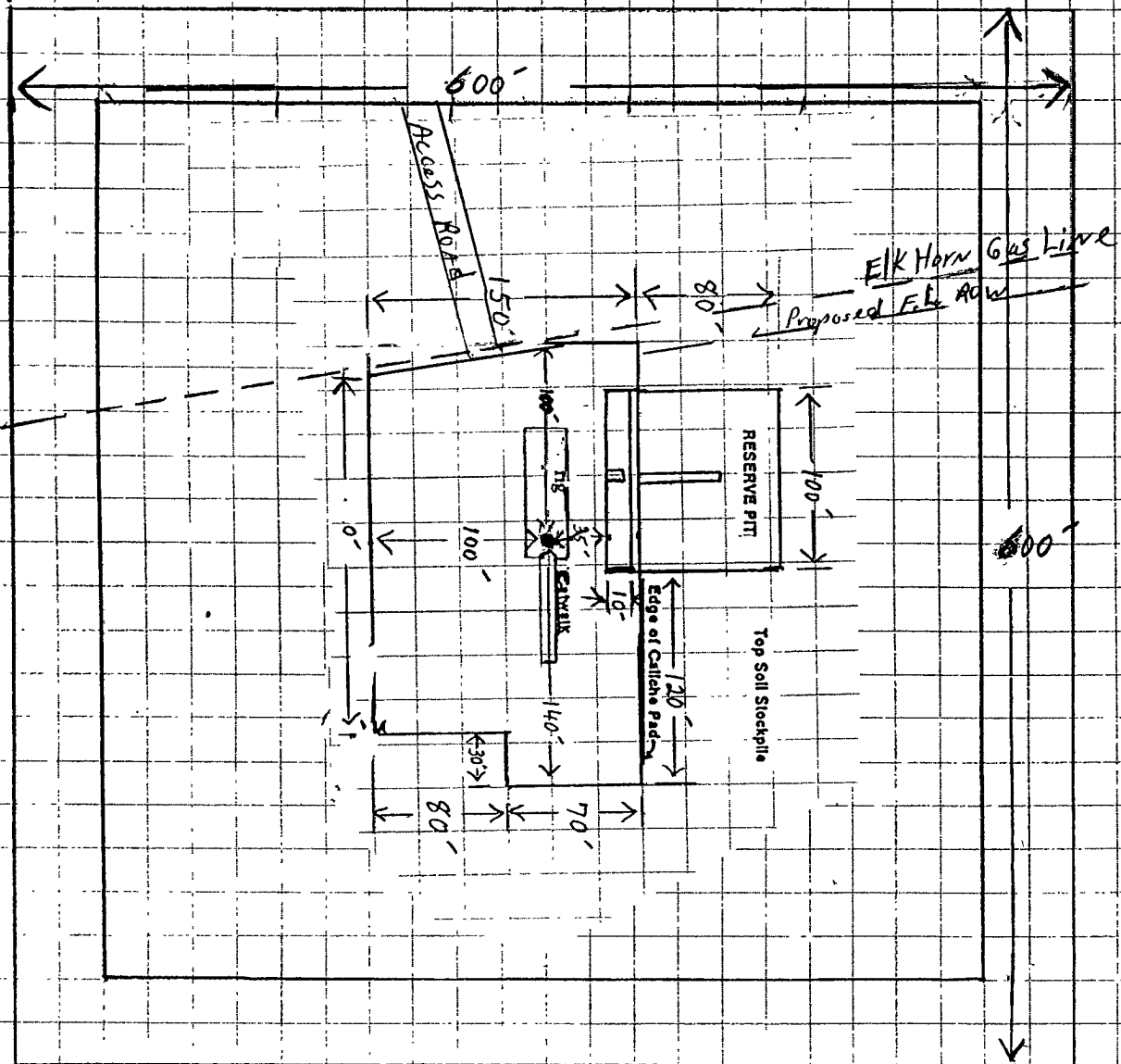
- A. Drillstem tests will be run on the basis of drilling shows.
- B. The electric logging program will consist of GR-Dual Laterolog and GR-Compensated Neutron-Density from TD to surface casing.
- C. Conventional coring may be performed in select intervals if deemed necessary.
- D. Further testing procedures will be determined after the production casing has been cemented at TD based on drill shows and log evaluation.

9. Abnormal Conditions, Pressures, Temperatures, & Potential Hazards:

No abnormal pressure or temperatures are anticipated. The estimated bottom hole temperature (BHT) at TD is 94° and estimated maximum bottom-hole pressure (BHP) is 1600 psig. No abnormal concentrations of hydrogen sulfide or other hazardous gases or fluids have been encountered, reported or are known to exist at this depth in this area. All H₂S operation precautions will be followed (see attached H₂S drilling operations plans). No major loss circulation zones have been reported in offsetting wells.

40. Anticipated Starting Date and Duration of Operations:

Road and location work will not begin until approval has been received from the BLM. The anticipated spud date is July 1, 2008. Once commenced, the drilling operation should be finished in approximately 10 days. If the well is productive, an additional 30 days will be required for completion and testing before a decision is made to install permanent facilities.



Lime Rock Resources AAP
 Drilling rig layout
 Williams A Fed. #8

Blow Out Preventor Schematic

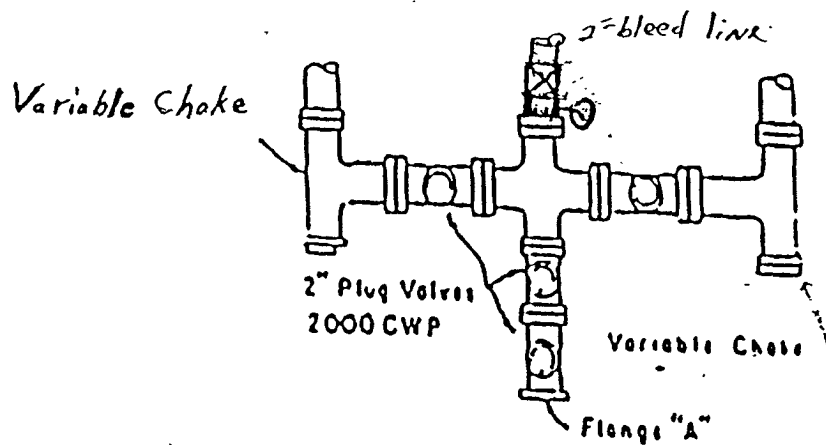
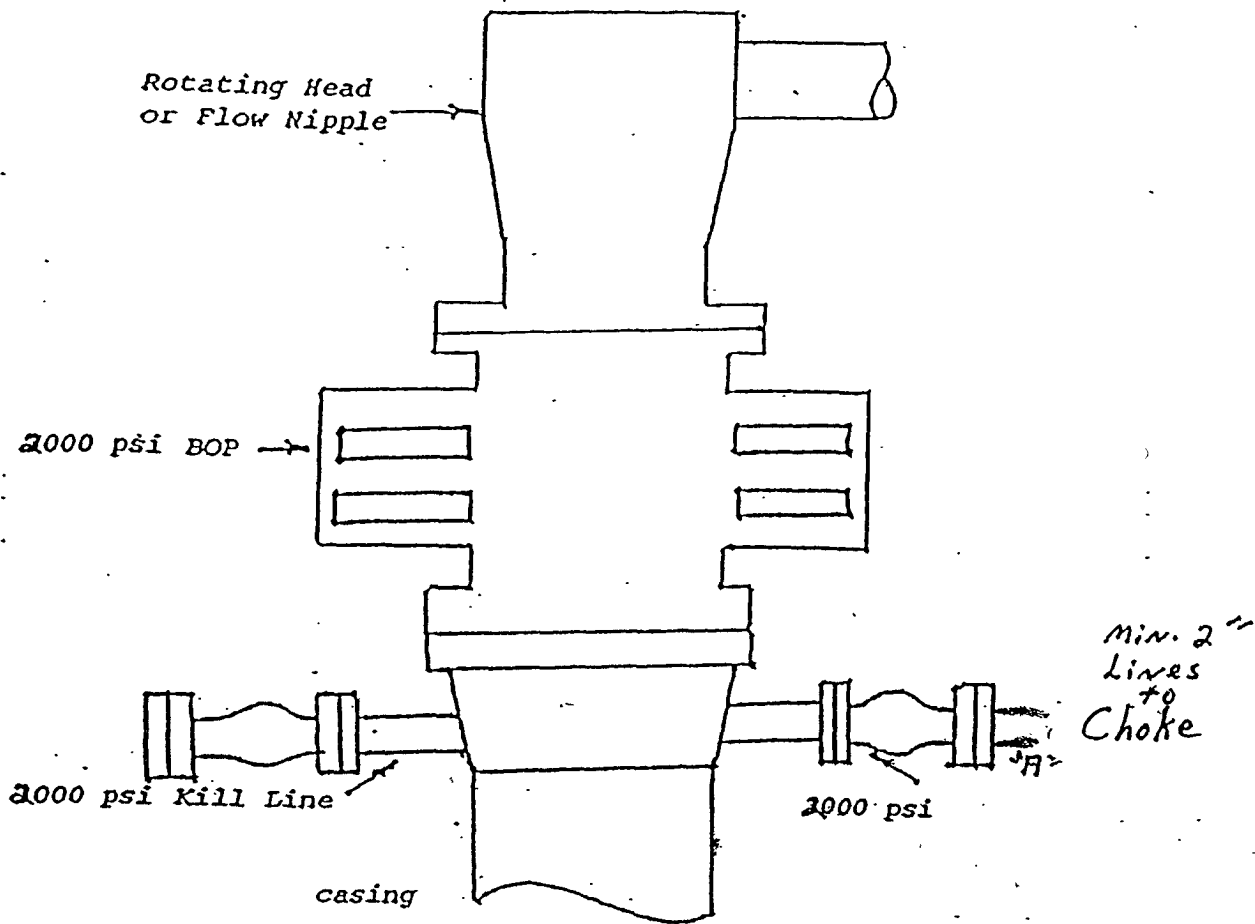


Exhibit #1. PLAN VIEW-CHOKE MANIFOLD 2" min

HYDROGEN SULFIDE DRILLING OPERATIONS PLAN
Lime Rock Resources A, L.P.
Williams A Federal # 8
1090' FSL, 1550' FWL
Sec. 29, T17S, R28E, Unit N
Eddy Co., NM

I. Hydrogen Sulfide Training

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

1. The hazards and characteristics of hydrogen sulfide (H₂S).
2. The proper use and maintenance of personal protective equipment and life support system.
3. The proper use of H₂S detectors, alarms, warning systems, briefing areas, evacuation procedures, and prevailing winds.
4. The proper techniques for first aid and rescue procedures.

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

1. The effects of H₂S on metal components. If high tensile tubulars are to be used, personnel will be trained in their special maintenance requirements.
2. Corrective action and shut-in procedures when drilling or reworking a well and blowout prevention and well control procedures.
3. The contents and requirements of the H₂S Drilling Operations Plan and the Public Protection Plan.

There will be an initial safety session just prior to commencing operations on the well. The initial session shall include a review of the site's specific H₂S 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 the proper training.

II. H₂S SAFETY EQUIPEMNT AND SYSTEMS

Note: All H₂S safety equipment and systems will be installed, tested, and operational when drilling reaches a depth of 500'.

1. Well Control Equipment:
 - A. Annular Preventer to accommodate all pipe sizes with properly sized closing unit.
2. Protective Equipment for Essential Personnel:
 - A. Mark II Surviveair 30-minute units located in the dog house.

3. H2S Detection and Monitoring Equipment:

- A. 1 – portable H2S monitor positioned on location for best coverage and response.**
- B. Mud logging trailer shall have H2S monitoring equipment.**

4. Visual Warning Systems:

- A. Guy lines will be flagged and a wind sock will be positioned on location.**
- B. Caution/Danger signs shall be posted on roads providing direct access to location.**

5. Mud Program:

The mud program has been designed to minimize the volume of H2S circulated to the surface. Proper mud weight, safe drilling practices, will minimize hazards when penetrating H2S bearing zones.

6. Metallurgy:

All drill strings, casings, tubing, wellhead, blowout preventers, drilling spool, kill lines, choke manifold and lines, and valves shall be suitable for H2S service as necessary.

7. Communication:

Radio communications in company vehicles including cellular telephone and 2-way radio.

8. Well Testing:

No DST's are planned.

SURFACE USE AND OPERATIONS PLAN
Lime Rock Resources A, L.P.
Williams A Federal # 8
1090' FSL, 1550' FWL
Unit N, Sec. 29, T17S, R28E
Eddy Co., NM

1. Existing Roads:

- A. The well site and elevation plat for the proposed well is shown in Exhibit #2. It was staked by Dan Reddy, Carlsbad, New Mexico.
- B. All roads to the location are shown in Exhibit #3A. The existing roads are labeled and upgrading of the road prior to drilling will be done where necessary as determined during the onsite inspection.
- C. Directions to location: E. of Artesia on Hwy. 82 ~ 11 miles Just E. of MP 119 turn N. thru CG. Go .3 M and turn right to Williams A Fed. #3 location. Follow road to location.
- D. Routine grading and maintenance of existing roads will be conducted as necessary to maintain their condition as long as any operations continue on this lease.

2. Proposed Access Road:

Exhibit #3A shows the existing road.

400' of new road will be needed. Existing road is shown on Exhibit #3 A& B.

3. Location of Existing Wells:

Exhibit #4 shows all existing wells within a one-mile radius of this well.

4. Location of Existing and/or Proposed Facilities and ROW's:

- A. If the well is productive:
 - 1. The well will be tested and if commercial production exist a 2 or 3" SDR-11 poly flowline will be laid to an existing flowline from the #2 well. It will either tie in to an existing flowline or follow it to the battery located at the Williams Fed. # 1. ROW is shown in exhibits 3A & B.
 - 2. A Power line will be built to location and will be permitted by Central Valley Electric Company.
- B. If the well is productive, rehabilitation plans are as follows:
 - 1. The pits will be closed as per NMOCD guidelines.
 - 2. Topsoil removed from the drill site will be used to racontour the pit area to the original natural level, as nearly as possible, and reseeded as per BLM specifications.

5. Location and Type of Water Supply:

The well will be drilled with a combination brine and fresh water mud systems as outlined in the drilling program. The brine and fresh water will be obtained from commercial water stations in the area and hauled to roads shown in Exhibit #3. No water well will be drilled on the location.

6. Source of Construction Materials:

All caliche required for construction of the drill pad and any new access road will be obtained from the drilling pits and/or on site when possible. Any additional caliche will be obtained from approved caliche pits. All roads and pads will be constructed of 6" rolled and compacted caliche.

7. Methods of Handling Water Disposal:

- A. Drill cuttings not retained for evaluation purposes will be disposed into the reserve pit.
- B. Drilling fluids will be contained in plastic lined pits. The reserve pit will contain any excess drilling fluid or flow from the well during drilling, cementing and completion operations. The reserve pit will be an earthen pit, approximately 80' x 55' x 6' deep, fenced, and plastic-lined (12 mil thickness).
- C. Water produced from the well during completion may be disposed into the reserve pit. After the well is permanently placed on production, produced water will be trucked to an approved disposal site.
- D. Garbage and trash produced during drilling or completion operations will be collected in a trash trailer by a contractor. All water and fluids will be disposed of into the reserve pit. Salts and other chemicals produced during drilling or testing will be disposed into the reserve pit. No toxic waste or hazardous chemicals will be produced by this operation.
- E. After the rig is moved out and the well is either completed or abandoned, all waste materials will be cleaned-up within 90 days. No adverse materials will be left on the location. The reserve pit will be completely fenced and kept closed until it has dried. When the reserve pit is dry enough to breakout and fill and as weather permits the unused portion of the well site will be leveled and reseeded as per BLM specifications. Only that part of the pad required for production facilities will be kept in use.

8. Ancillary Facilities:

None

9. Well Site Layout:

- A. The drill pad layout is shown in Exhibit #5. Dimensions of the pad and pits and location of major rig components are shown. Top soil, if available, will be stockpiled per BLM specifications as determined at the on-site inspection.

- B. Exhibit #5 shows the planned orientation for the rig and associated drilling equipment, reserve pit, trash pit, pipe racks, turn-around, parking areas and access road. No permanent living facilities are planned but a temporary foreman/toolpusher's trailer will be on location during the drilling operations.
- C. The reserve pit will be lined with high-quality plastic sheeting (12 mil thickness).

10. Plan for Restoration of the Surface:

- A. Upon completion of the proposed operation, if the well is to be abandoned, the pit area, after allowing to dry, will be closed according to NMOCD guidelines. The original top soil will be returned to the entire location which will be leveled and contoured to as nearly the original topography as possible.
- B. All trash and garbage will be hauled away in order to leave the location in an aesthetically pleasing condition. All pits will be filled and the location leveled within 120 days after abandonment.
- C. The disturbed area will be revegetated by reseeding during the proper growing season with a seed mixture of native grasses as recommended by the BLM.
- D. The reserve pit will be fenced prior to and during drilling operations. The fencing will remain in place until the pit area is cleaned-up and leveled. No oil will be left on the surface of the fluid in the pit.
- E. Upon completion of the proposed operations, if the well is completed, the reserve pit area will be treated as outlined above within the same prescribed time. The caliche from any are of the original drill site not needed for production operation or facilities will be removed and used for construction of thicker pads. Any additional caliche required for facilities will be obtained from an approved caliche pit. Topsoil removed from the drill site will be used to recontour the pit area and any unused portions of the drill pad to the original natural level and reseeded as per BLM specifications.

11. Surface Ownership:

BLM
Grazing leased to Bogle, LTD

Surface lease has been notified.

12. Other Information:

- A. The areas around the well site is grassland. The vegetation is native scrub grasses with abundant catclaw and mesquite.
- B. There is no permanent or live water in the immediate area.
- C. An archaeological survey was filed with the original application.

13. Lessee's and Operator's Representative:

The Lime Rock Resources A, L.P. representative for assuring compliance with the surface use plan is as follows:

C. Tim Miller
Lime Rock Resources A, L.P.
111 Bagby Street, Suite 4600
Houston, TX 77002
713-292-9510 Office
713-353-4601 Fax

Certification:

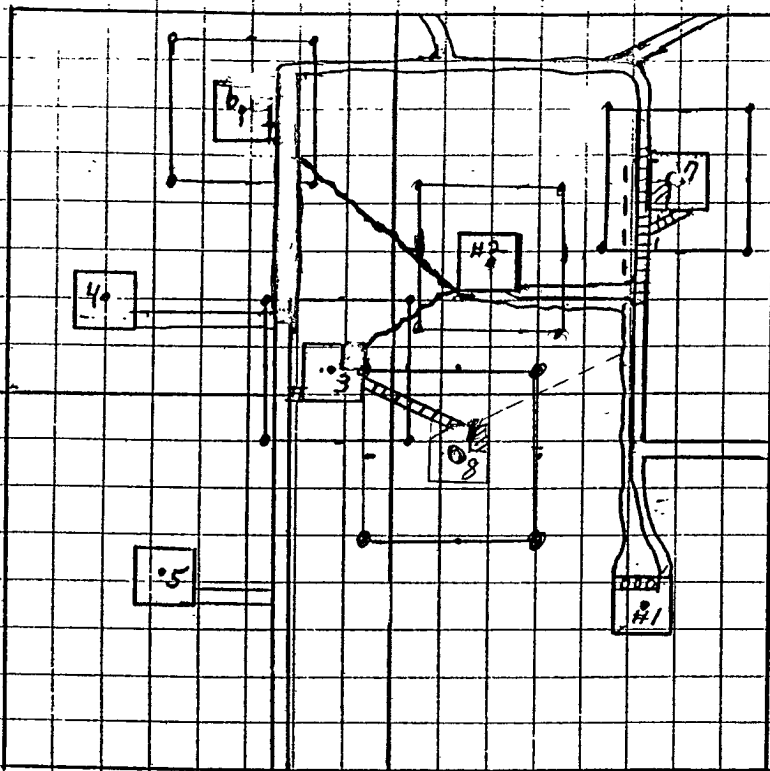
I hereby certify that I, or persons under my direct supervision, have inspected the proposed drill site and access route; that I am familiar with the conditions which currently exist; that the statements made in this plan are to the best of my knowledge, true, and correct; and the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed by Lime Rock Resources A, L.P. and its contractors and subcontractors in conformity with this plan and the terms and conditions which it is approved.

Lime Rock Resources A, L.P.

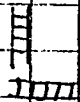


C. Tim Miller
Vice-President, Operations

Lime Rock Resources A, L.P.
 Williams A Federal #8
 Lease SW/4
 Sec. 29 T17S R28E



1" = 660'



Proposed road



existing road



proposed location
pit area



proposed archeological
survey area

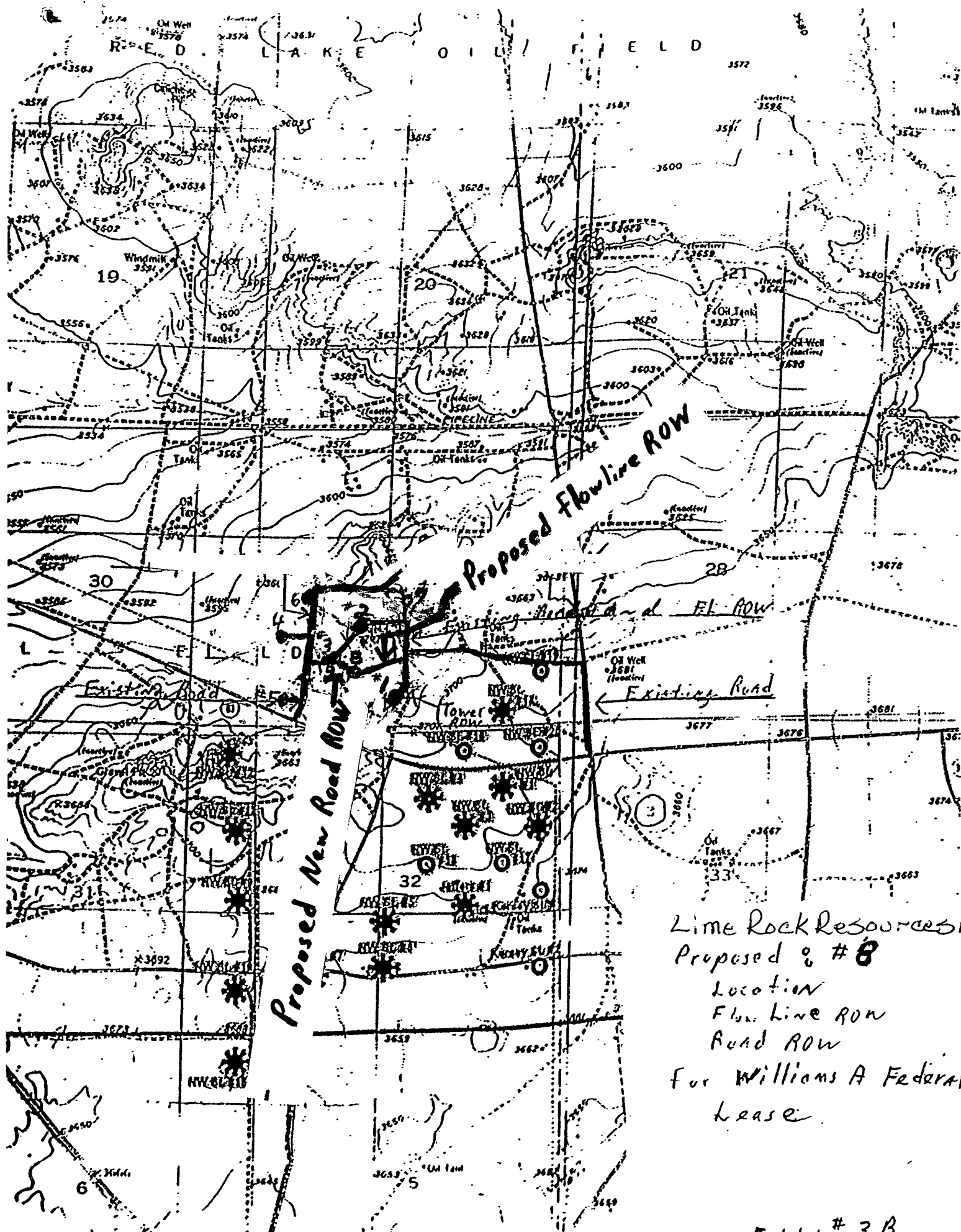


Proposed Flow line



existing flow line

Exhibit #3A



Lime Rock Resources and
Proposed # 8
Location
Flow Line ROW
Road ROW
For Williams A Federal
Lease

PECOS DISTRICT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

OPERATOR'S NAME:	LIME ROCK RESOURCES
LEASE NO.:	NM048344
WELL NAME & NO.:	Williams A Federal #8
SURFACE HOLE FOOTAGE:	1090' FSL & 1550' FWL
BOTTOM HOLE FOOTAGE	
LOCATION:	Section 29, T. 17 S., R 28 E., NMPM
COUNTY:	Eddy County, New Mexico

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Standard Conditions of Approval (COA) apply to this APD. If any deviations to these standards exist or special COAs are required, the section with the deviation or requirement will be checked below.

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- ☐ **Noxious Weeds**
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- ☐ **Reserve Pit Closure/Interim Reclamation**
- ☐ **Final Abandonment/Reclamation**

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)

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

Cave/Karst Surface Mitigation

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

Berming:

Tank batteries will be bermed to contain 1 ½ times the content of the largest tank.

Bermed areas will be lined with a 4 oz. felt liner to prevent tears or punctures and a permanent 20 mil plastic liner.

Cave/Karst Subsurface Mitigation

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

Fresh Water Drilling:

The surface interval down to the bottom of the karst zone will be drilled with fresh water.

Lost Circulation:

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

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

Delayed Blasting:

Any blasting will be phased and time delayed.

Abandonment Cementing:

Upon well abandonment the well bore will be cemented completely from 100 feet below the bottom of the cave bearing zone to the surface.

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) 234-5972 at least 3 working days prior to commencing construction of the access road and/or well pad.

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

B. TOPSOIL

The operator shall stockpile the topsoil of the well pad. The topsoil to be stripped is approximately 4 inches in depth. The topsoil shall not be used to backfill the reserve pit and will be used for interim and final reclamation.

C. RESERVE PITS

The reserve pit shall be constructed and closed in accordance with the NMOCD rules.

The reserve pit shall be constructed 80' X 100' on the East side of the well pad.

The reserve pit shall be constructed, so that upon completion of drilling operations, the dried pit contents shall be buried a minimum depth of three feet below ground level. Should the pit content level not meet the three foot minimum depth requirement, the excess contents shall be removed until the required minimum depth of three feet below ground level has been met. The operator shall properly dispose of the excess contents at an authorized disposal site.

The reserve pit shall be constructed and maintained so that runoff water from outside the location is not allowed to enter the pit. The berms surrounding the entire perimeter of the pit shall extend a minimum of two (2) feet above ground level. At no time will standing fluids in the pit be allowed to rise above ground level.

The reserve pit shall be fenced on three (3) sides during drilling operations. The fourth side shall be fenced immediately upon rig release.

D. FEDERAL MINERAL MATERIALS PIT

If the operator elects to surface the access road and/or well pad, mineral materials extracted during construction of the reserve pit may be used for surfacing the well pad and access road and other facilities on the lease.

Payment shall be made to the BLM prior to removal of any additional federal mineral materials from any site other than the reserve pit. Call the Carlsbad Field Office at (575) 234-5972.

E. WELL PAD SURFACING

Surfacing of the well pad is not required.

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

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

F. ON LEASE ACCESS ROADS

Road Width

The access road shall have a driving surface that creates the smallest possible surface disturbance and does not exceed fourteen (14) feet in width. The maximum width of surface disturbance, when constructing the access road, shall not exceed thirty (30) feet.

Surfacing

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

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

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

Crowning

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

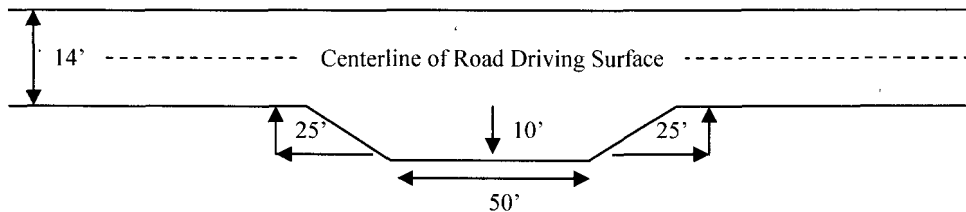
Ditching

Ditching shall be required on both sides of the road.

Turnouts

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

Standard Turnout – Plan View

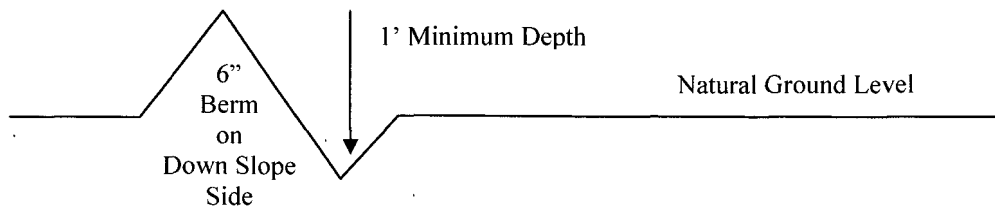


Drainage

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

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

Cross Section of a Typical Lead-off Ditch



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

Formula for Spacing Interval of Lead-off Ditches

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

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

Culvert Installations

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

Cattleguards

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

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

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

Fence Requirement

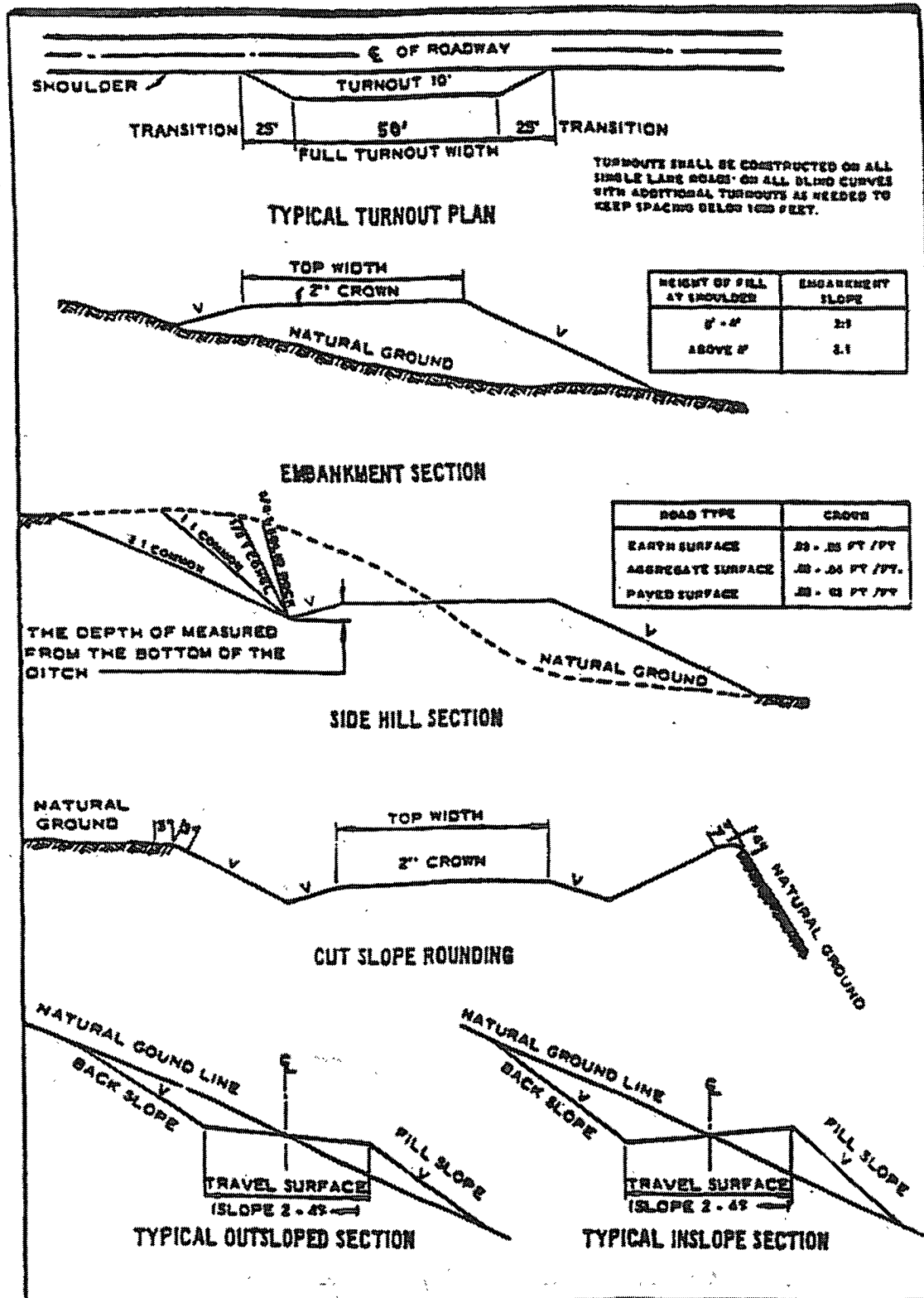
Where entry is required across a fence line, the fence shall be braced and tied off on both sides of the passageway prior to cutting.

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

Public Access

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

Figure 1 – Cross Sections and Plans For Typical Road Sections



VII. DRILLING

A. DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS

The BLM is to be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness:

- a. Spudding well
- b. Setting and/or Cementing of all casing strings
- c. BOPE tests

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(575) 361-2822**

1. **Although Hydrogen Sulfide has not been reported in this section, it is always a potential hazard. It has been reported in Sections 18 and 23 as well as the Township to the West. It is recommended that monitoring equipment be onsite for potential Hydrogen Sulfide. If Hydrogen Sulfide is encountered, please 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.

B. CASING

Changes to the approved APD casing and cement program require submitting a sundry and receiving approval prior to work. Failure to obtain approval prior to work will result in an Incident of Non-Compliance being issued.

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

Provide compressive strengths including hours to reach required 500 pounds compressive strength prior to cementing each casing string.

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

**Possible lost circulation in the Grayburg and San Andres Formations
High potential for cave/karst**

1. The 8-5/8 inch surface casing shall be set at **approximately 450 feet (a minimum of 25 feet into the Rustler Anhydrite and above the salt)** and cemented to the surface.
 - a. If cement does not circulate to the surface, the appropriate BLM office shall be notified and a temperature survey utilizing an electronic type temperature survey with a surface log readout will be used or a cement bond log shall be run to verify the top of the cement.
 - b. Wait on cement (WOC) time 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. (This is to include the lead cement).
 - c. Wait on cement (WOC) time for a remedial job will be a minimum of 4 hours after bringing cement to surface or 500 pounds compressive strength, whichever is greater.
 - d. If cement falls back, remedial cementing will be done prior to drilling out that string.
2. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 5-1/2 inch production casing is:
 - ☒ Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate, contact the appropriate BLM office.
3. If hardband drill pipe is rotated inside casing, returns will be monitored for metal. If metal is found in samples, drill pipe will be pulled and rubber protectors which have a larger diameter than the tool joints of the drill pipe will be installed prior to continuing drilling operations.

C. PRESSURE CONTROL

1. All blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) shall comply with well control requirements as described in Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 2 and API RP 53 Sec. 17.
2. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness the tests.
 - a. The tests shall be done by an independent service company.
 - b. The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.

- c. 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.
- d. 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.

D. DRILL STEM TEST

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

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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.

Containment Structures

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

Painting Requirement

All above-ground structures including meter housing that are not subject to safety requirements shall be painted a flat non-reflective paint color Shale Green, Munsell Soil Color Chart # 5Y 4/2

B. PIPELINES

STANDARD STIPULATIONS FOR SURFACE INSTALLED PIPELINES

A copy of the 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 25 feet.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IX. INTERIM RECLAMATION & RESERVE PIT CLOSURE

A. INTERIM RECLAMATION

If the well is a producer, interim reclamation shall be conducted on the well site in accordance with the orders of the Authorized Officer. The operator shall submit a Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells (Notice of Intent), Form 3160-5, prior to conducting 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.

At the time reserve pits are to be reclaimed, operators should work with BLM surface management specialists to devise the best strategies to reduce the size of the location. Any reductions 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 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.

B. RESERVE PIT CLOSURE

The reserve pit, when dried and closed, shall be recontoured, all trash removed, and reseeded as follows:

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 no primary or secondary noxious weeds in the seed mixture. Seed will be tested and the viability testing of seed will be done in accordance with State law(s) and within nine (9) months prior to purchase. Commercial seed will be either certified or registered seed. The seed container will be tagged in accordance with State law(s) and available for inspection by the authorized officer.

Seed will be planted using a drill equipped with a depth regulator to ensure proper depth 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:

<u>Specie</u>	<u>lb/acre</u>
Plains Bristlegrass (<i>Setaria magrostachya</i>)	1.0
Green Spangletop (<i>Leptochloa dubia</i>)	2.0
Side oats Grama (<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>)	5.0

*Pounds of pure live seed:

Pounds of seed x percent purity x percent germination = pounds pure live seed
(Insert Seed Mixture Here)

X. FINAL ABANDONMENT & REHABILITATION REQUIREMENTS

Upon abandonment of the well and/or when the access road is no longer in service the Authorized Officer shall issue instructions and/or orders for surface reclamation and restoration of all disturbed areas.

On private surface/federal mineral estate land the reclamation procedures on the road and well pad shall be accomplished in accordance with the private surface land owner agreement.