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Form 3160-3
(April 2004)

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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FORM APPROVED
OMB No 1004-0137
Expires March 31, 2007

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL OR REENTER

1a. Type of Work: [X] DRILL [ ] REENTER	5. Lease Serial No. LC-060524
	6. If Indian, Allotee or Tribe Name
	7. If Unit or CA Agreement, Name and No.
1b. Type of Well: [X] Oil Well [ ] Gas Well [ ] Other [X] Single Zone [ ] Multiple Zone	8. Lease Name and Well No. Vega 9 Federal No. 4 37431
2. Name of Operator Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado 162683	9. API Well No. 30-015- 36714
3a Address PO Box 140907 Irving, TX 75014	3b. Phone No. *(include area code)* 972-401-3111
	10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory Loco Hills; Glorieta-Yeso
4. Location of Well *(Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements.*)* At Surface 990 FNL & 330 FWL - D At proposed prod Zone	11. Sec., T. R. M. or Blk and Survey or Area 9-17S-30E
14. Distance in miles and direction from nearest town or post office* 2 miles North of Loco Hills, NM	12. County or Parish Eddy / 13. State NM

15 Distance from proposed* location to nearest property or lease line, ft (Also to nearest drig. unit line if any) 330'	16 No of acres in lease 240	17. Spacing Unit dedicated to this well NWSW 40
18 Distance from proposed location* to nearest well, drilling, completed, applied for, on this lease, ft. 816'	19 Proposed Depth 6000'	20 BLM/BIA Bond No. on File NM-2575
21. Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB, RT, GL, etc.) 3681' GR	22. Approximate date work will start* 08.01.08	23. Estimated duration 20-25 days

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

1. Well plat certified by a registered surveyor
2. A Drilling Plan
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).
4. Bond to cover the operations unless covered by an existing bond on file (see Item 20 above)
5. Operator Certification
6. Such other site specific information and/or plans as may be required by the authorized officer

25 Signature Zeno Farris	Name *(Printed/Typed)* Zeno Farris	Date 07.10.08
Title Manager Operations Administration		
Approved By *(Signature)* /s/ Don Peterson	Name (Printed/Typed) /s/ Don Peterson	Date OCT 09 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

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* *(Instructions on page 2)*

SEE ATTACHED FOR
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Approval Subject to General Requirements & Special Stipulations Attached

Roswell Controlled Water Basin

Form 3160-5
(November 1994)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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FORM APPROVED
OMB No 1004-0135
Expires July 31, 1996

SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS

Do not use this form for proposals to drill or to re-enter an abandoned well. Use form 3160-3 (APD) for such proposals.

SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE - Other instructions on reverse side

5. Lease Serial No: LC-060524
6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name:
7. If Unit or CA/Agreement, Name and/or No:

1. Type of Well: [X] Oil Well [ ] Gas Well [ ] Other
8. Well Name and No: Vega 9 Federal No. 4
2. Name of Operator: Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
9. API Well No.: 30-015-
3a Address: PO Box 140907; Irving, TX 75014-0907
3b. Phone No *(include area code)*: 972-401-3111
10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory Area: Loco Hills; Glorieta-Yeso
4 Location of Well *(Footage, Sec , T , R , M , or Survey Description)*: 990' FNL & 330' FWL, 9-17S-30E
11. County or Parish, State: Eddy County, NM

12. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES) TO INDICATE NATURE OF NOTICE, REPORT, OR OTHER DATA

TYPE OF SUBMISSION	TYPE OF ACTION			
[X] Notice of Intent	[ ] Acidize	[ ] Deepen	[ ] Production (Start/Resume)	[ ] Water Shut-Off
	[X] Alter Casing	[ ] Fracture Treat	[ ] Reclamation	[ ] Well Integrity
[ ] Subsequent Report	[ ] Casing Repair	[ ] New Construction	[ ] Recomplete	[ ] Other
	[ ] Change Plans	[ ] Plug and Abandon	[ ] Temporarily Abandon	
[ ] Final Abandonment Notice	[ ] Convert to Injection	[ ] Plug Back	[ ] Water Disposal	

13. Describe Proposed or Completed Operation (clearly state all pertinent details, included estimated starting date of any proposed work and approximate duration thereof If the proposal is to deepen directionally or recomplete horizontally, give subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths of all pertinent markers and zones. Attach the bond under which the work will be performed or provide the Bond No on file with BLM/BIA Required subsequent reports shall be filed within 30 days following completion of the involved operations If the operation results in a multiple completion or recompletion in a new interval, a Form 3160-4 shall be filed once testing has been completed. Final Abandonment Notices shall be filed only after all requirements, including reclamation, have been completed, and the operator has determined that the site is ready for final inspection.)

Cimarex would like to change surface, intermediate, and production casing for this well as shown below:

Old Casing Plan	New Casing Plan
Surface	
14¾" hole, 11¾" 42# H-40 STC to 450'	14¾" hole, 11¾" 42# H-40 STC to 430'
Cement: 530 sx Class H + 2% $CaCl_2$ (wt 14.8, yld 1.34)	Cement: 310 sx Class C + 2% Si + 0.236# D-130 (wt 14.8, yld 1.34)
TOC 0'	**TOC 0'**
Intermediate	
11" hole, 8 5/8" 24# j-55 STC to 1100'	11" hole, 8 5/8" 24# J-55 STC to ~~1350'~~ 1250'
Lead 300 sx class C lite + 6# salt + 1/4# CF (wt 12.7, yld 1.99)	*Lead* 100 sx 50:50 POZ C + 5% D44+ 10% D20 + .125pps D 130 +2pps D24 (wt11.9, yld 2.46)
Tail 200 sx class C + 2% CaCl2 (wt 14.8, yld 1.34) TOC 0'	*Tail* 200sx class C + 2% S1 (wt 14.8, yld 1.34) TOC 0'
Production	
7⅞" hole, 5½" 15.5# J-55 LTC to 6000'	7⅞" hole, 5½" 17# J-55 LTC to 6000'
Cement:	Cement:
Stage 1: 580 sx 50/50/2 Class C + 1% FL25 + 0.3% FL52 + 5% Salt + 0.5% SMS (wt 13, yld 1.68), DV tool 3500'	*Lead* 400 sx LiteCrete 40/60 (D961/D124) + 0.2% D46 + 0.3% D65 + 1% D153 + 0.125# D130 (wt 9.88, yld 2.83), *Tail* 430 sx TXI lightwt + 0.2% D167 + 0.2% D65 + 0.1% D13 (wt 13.0, yld 1.39)
Stage 2: *Lead* 550 sx Class H Lite + 6# Salt + 1/4# CF (wt 12.7, yld 1.92), *Tail* 200 sx Class H + 2% $CaCl_2$ (wt 13, yld 1.68)	**TOC 0'**
TOC 900'	

see APD COA

14. I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct

Name *(Printed/Typed)*: Scott Haynes
Title: Regulatory Analyst
Signature: Scott Haynes
Date: August 14, 2008

THIS SPACE FOR FEDERAL OR STATE OFFICE USE

Approved by: /s/ Don Peterson
Title: FIELD MANAGER
Date: OCT 09 2008

Conditions of Approval, if any, are attached. Approval of this notice 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

Office: CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE

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(Instructions on reverse)

DISTRICT I
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240
DISTRICT II
1301 W 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
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

1220 South St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Form C-102
Revised October 12, 2005

Submit to Appropriate District Office
State Lease – 4 Copies
Fee Lease – 3 Copies

☐ AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

API Number	Pool Code	Pool Name
	96718	Loco Hills; Glorieta-Yeso

Property Code	Property Name	Well Number
	VEGA "9" FEDERAL	4

OGRID No.	Operator Name	Elevation
162683	CIMAREX ENERGY CO. OF COLORADO	3681'

Surface Location

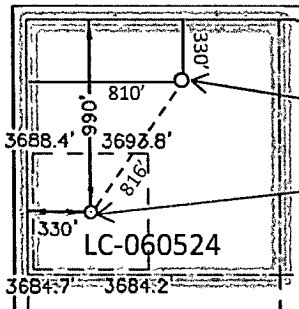
UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
D	9	17 S	30 E		990	NORTH	330	WEST	EDDY

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

Dedicated Acres	Joint or Infill	Consolidation Code	Order No.
40	Y		

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



SURFACE LOCATION
Lat – N32°51'12.93"
Long – W103°59'04.16"
NMSPCE– N 674446.7
E 648462.0
(NAD–83)

OPERATOR 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 unleased mineral interest in the land including the proposed bottom hole location pursuant to a contract with an owner of such a mineral or working interest, or to a voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order heretofore entered by the division.

Zeno Farris 07-10-08
Signature Date

Zeno Farris
Printed Name

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 supervison, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.

JUNE 18, 2008
Date Surveyed

Signature & Seal of Professional Surveyor

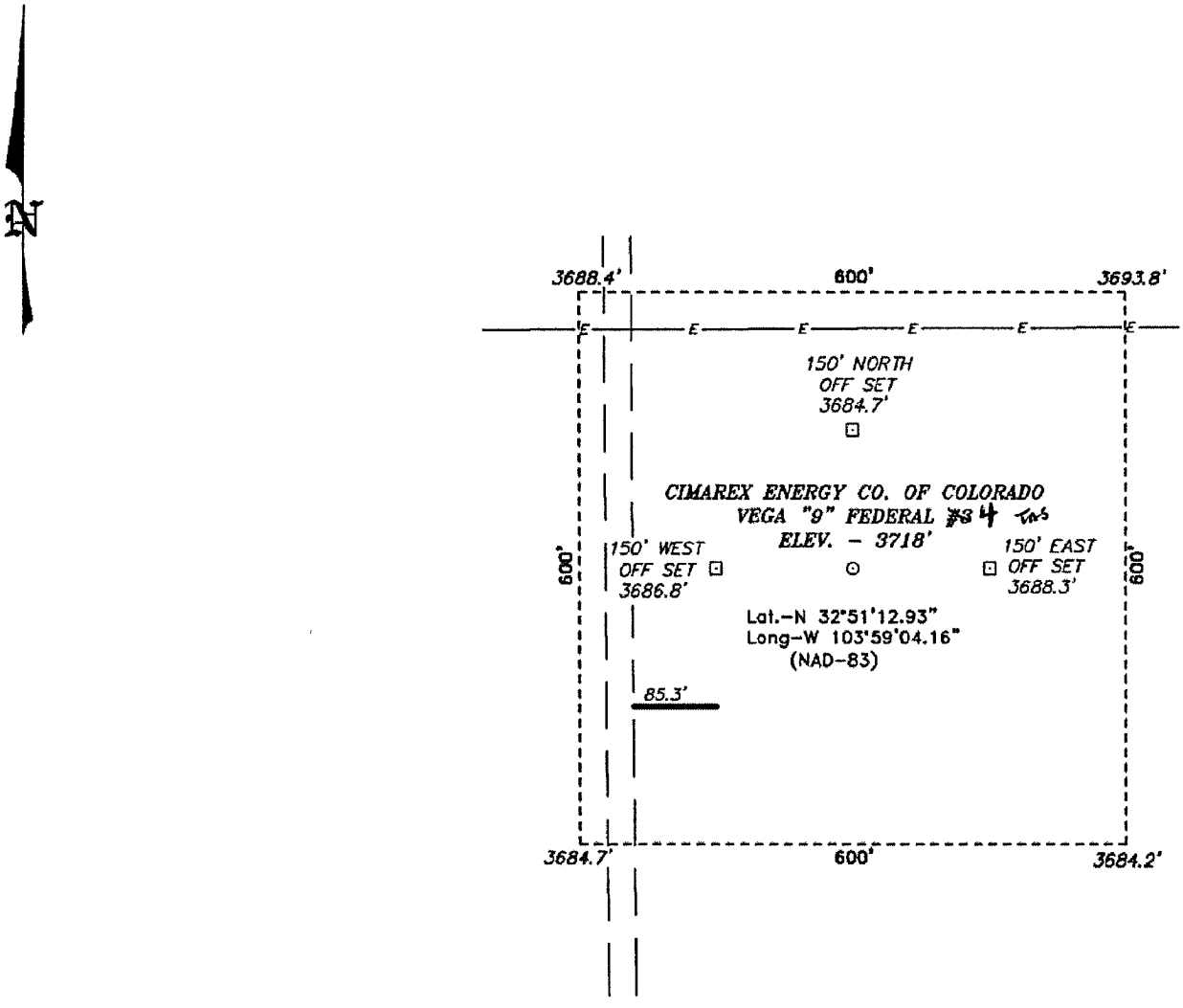
GARY L. JONES
NEW MEXICO
7977
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR

W.O. # 19960

Certificate No. Gary L. Jones 7977

BASIN SURVEYS

SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, N.M.P.M.,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.



Directions to Location:

FROM LOCO HILLS, GO NORTH ON CO. RD. 217 FOR 2.4 MILES TO PROPOSED LEASE ROAD.

CIMAREX ENERGY CO. OF COLORADO

REF: VEGA "9" FEDERAL #4 / WELL PAD TOPO

THE VEGA "9" FEDERAL #4 LOCATED 990' FROM THE NORTH LINE AND 330' FROM THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, N.M.P.M., EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

BASIN SURVEYS P.O. BOX 1786 - HOBBS, NEW MEXICO

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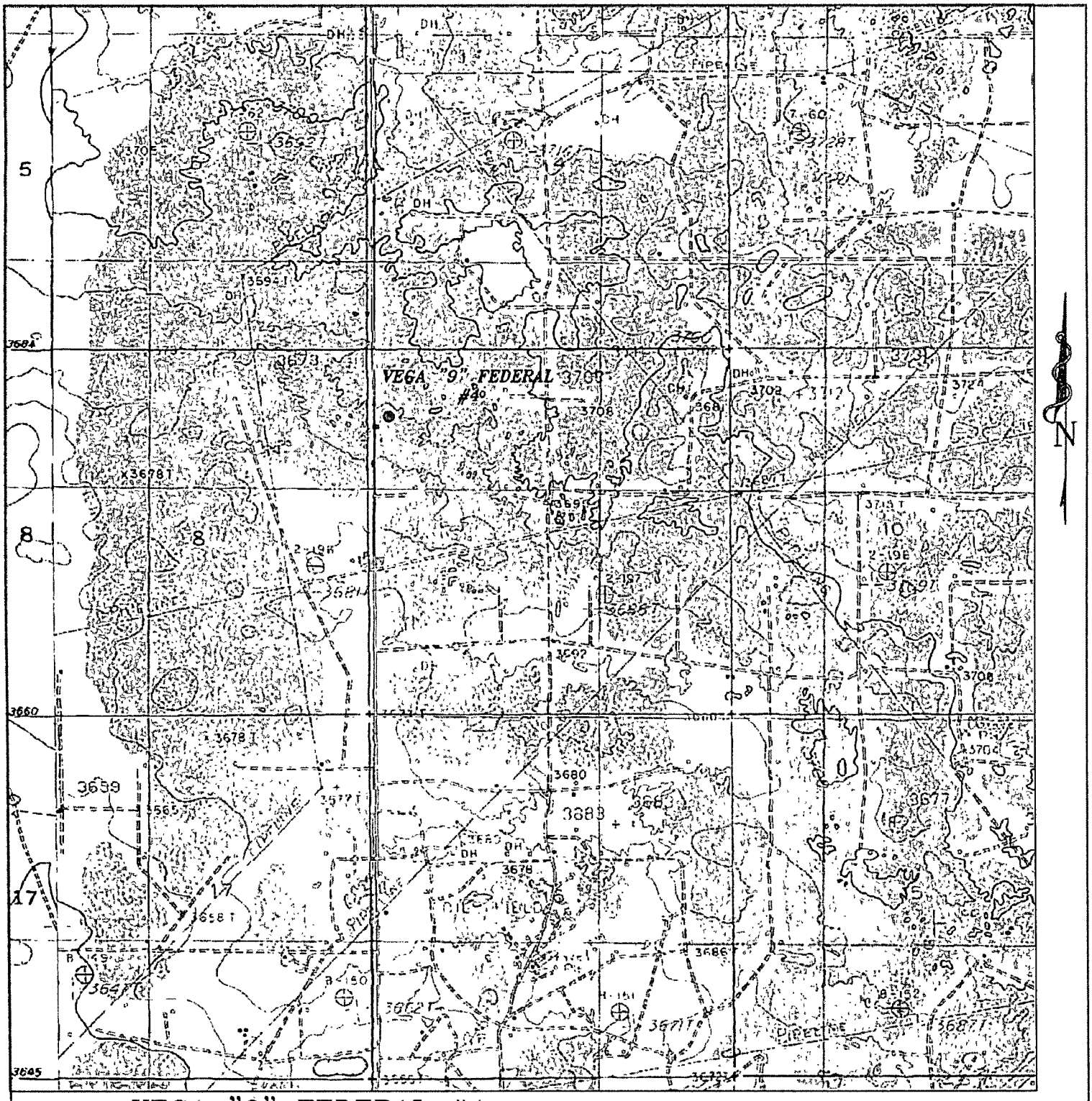
Date: 06-24-2008	Disk: JMS 19967	Survey Date: 06-18-2008	Sheet 1 of 1 Sheets



VEGA "9" FEDERAL #4
Located 990' FNL and 330' FWL
Section 9, Township 17 South, Range 30 East,
N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico.

basin surveys
focused on excellence in the oilfield
P.O. Box 1786
1120 N. West County Rd.
Hobbs, New Mexico 88241
(505) 393-7316 - Office
(505) 392-3074 - Fax
basinsurveys.com

W.O. Number	JMS 19967
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CIMAREX ENERGY CO. OF COLORADO

Exhibit C

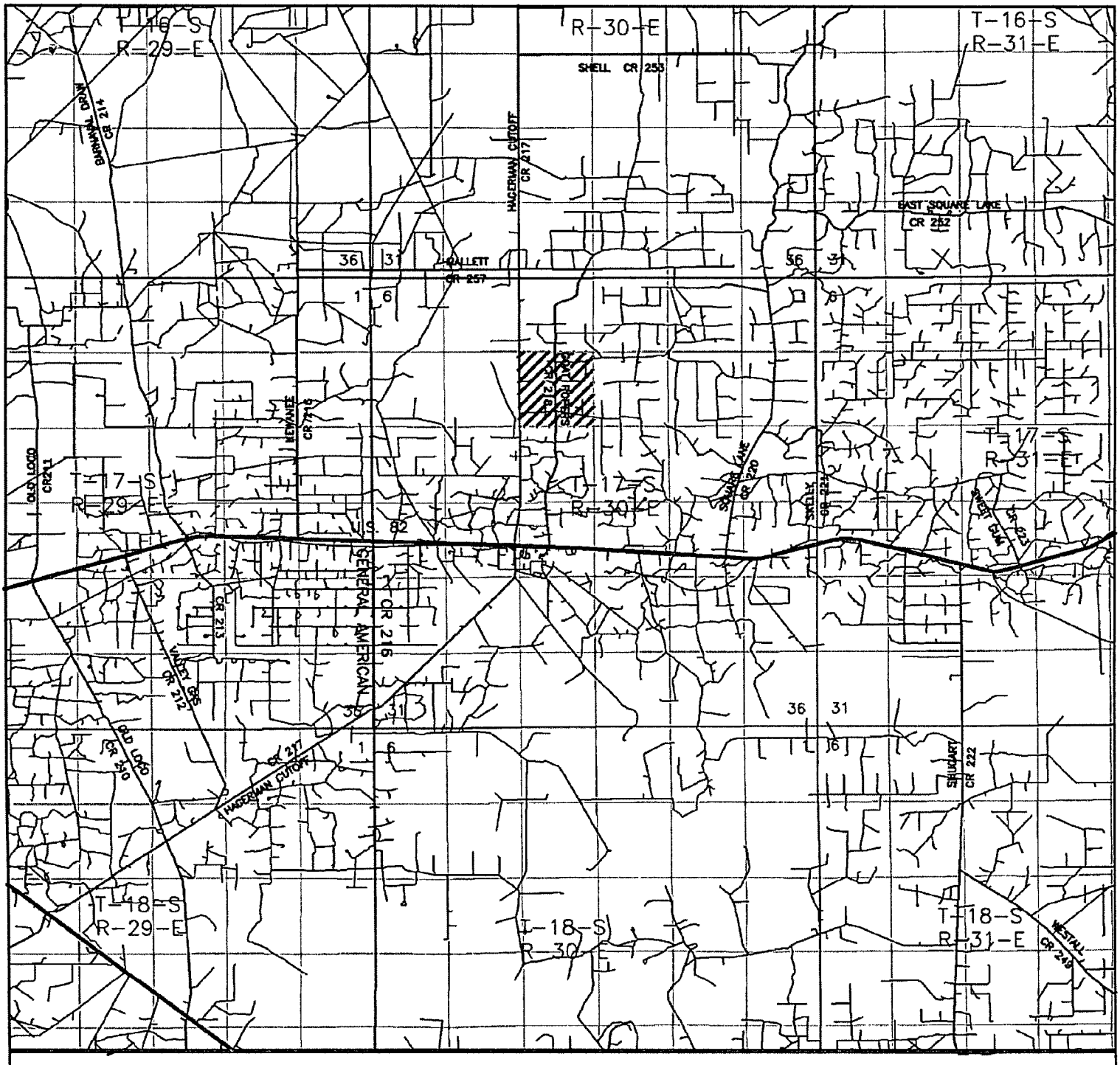

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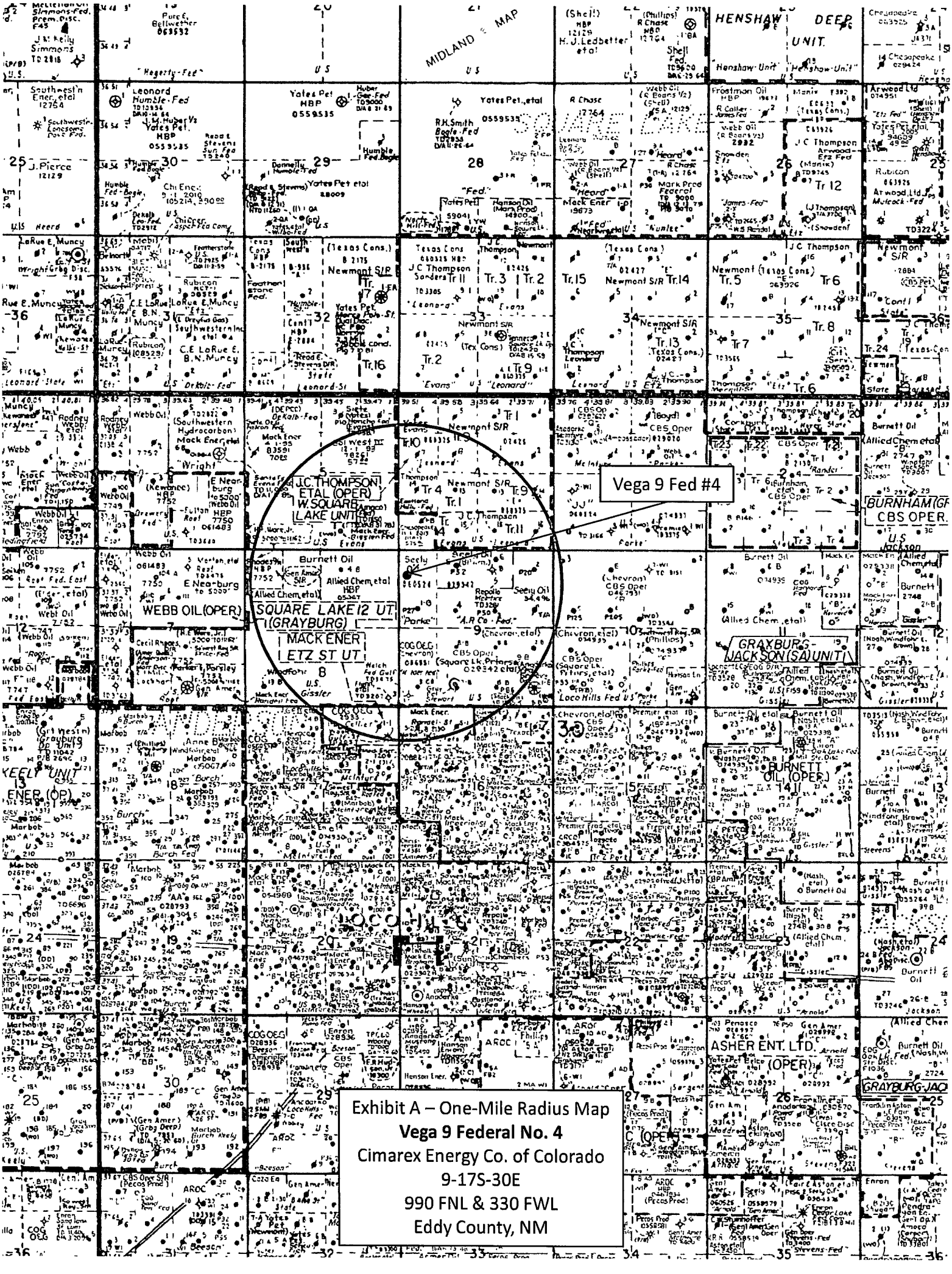
Exhibit B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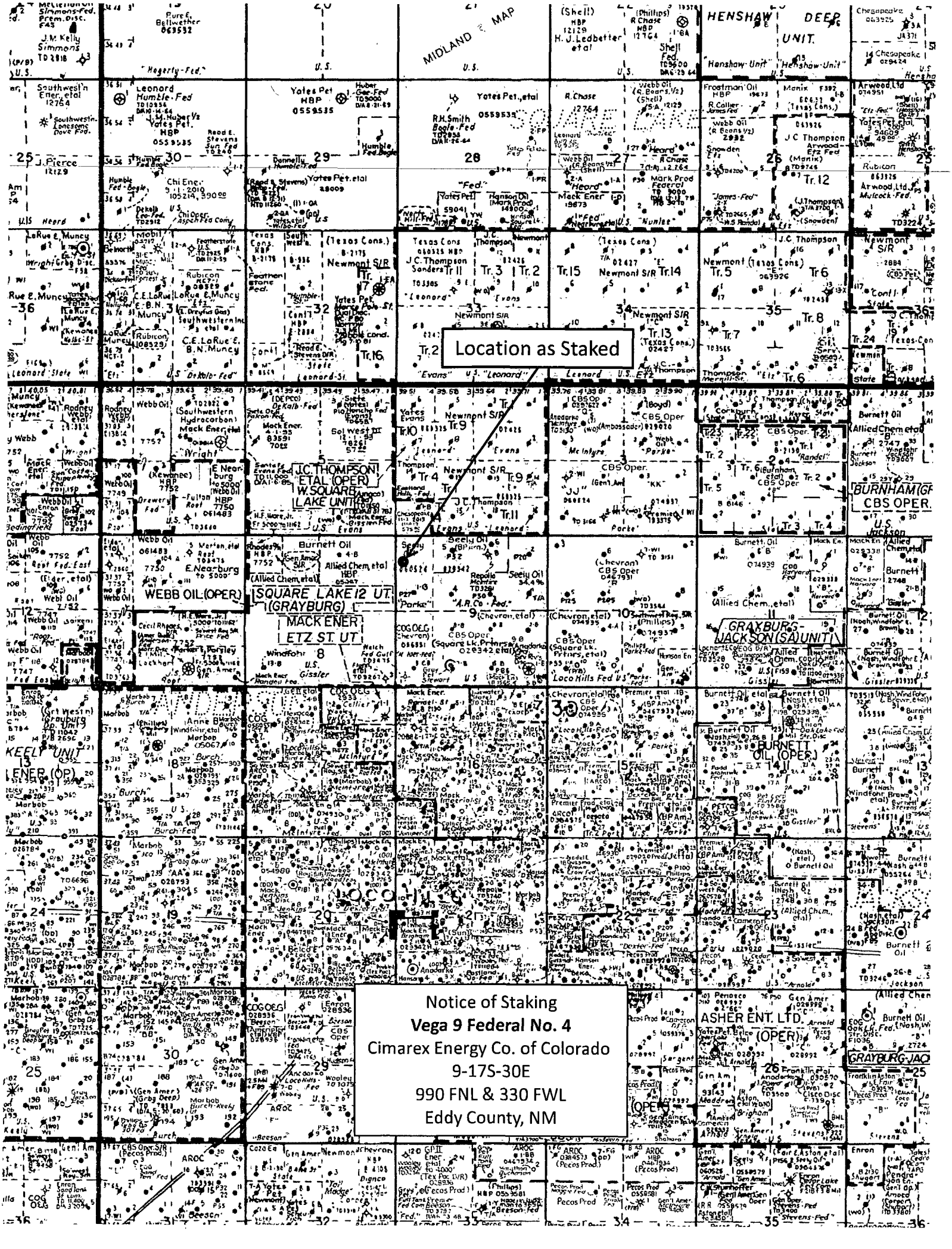
J.C. THOMPSON ETAL (OPER) W. SQUARE LAKE UNIT
SQUARE LAKE 12 UT (GRAYBURG)
MACK ENER ETZ ST UT
WEBB OIL (OPER)
BURNETT OIL (OPER.)
GRAYBURG-JACKSON (SA) UNIT
ASHER ENT. LTD. (OPER)
BURNHAM (GR) CBS OPER.
HENSHAW DEEP UNIT
MIDLAND MAP
Exhibit A – One-Mile Radius Map
Vega 9 Federal No. 4
Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
9-17S-30E
990 FNL & 330 FWL
Eddy County, NM


Location as Staked
Notice of Staking
Vega 9 Federal No. 4
Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
9-17S-30E
990 FNL & 330 FWL
Eddy County, NM

Application to Drill
Vega 9 Federal No. 4
Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Unit D, Section 9
T17S R30E, Eddy County, NM

In response to questions asked under Section II B of Bulletin NTL-6, the following information is provided for your consideration:

1 Location: 990 FNL & 330 FWL

2 Elevation above sea level: 3,681 GR

3 Geologic name of surface formation: Quaternery Alluvium Deposits

4 Drilling tools and associated equipment: Conventional rotary drilling rig using fluid as a circulating medium for solids removal.

5 Proposed drilling depth: 6,000'

6 Estimated tops of geological markers:

Yates	1,240'
Seven Rivers	1,535'
Queen	2,135'
San Andres	2,870'
Glorieta	4,285'
Paddock	4,400'
Blinebry	4,890'
Tubb	5,830'

7 Possible mineral bearing formation:

Paddock	Oil
Blinebry	Oil

8 Proposed Mud Circulating System:

Depth	Mud Wt	Visc	Fluid Loss	Type Mud
0' to 430'	8.5	28	NC	FW
430' to ~~1,350'~~ 1250	9.8 - 10.2	40-45	NC	Brine
~~1,350'~~ 1250 to 6,000'	9.0 - 9.2	30-32	NC	Cut Brine

See COA

Sufficient mud materials will be kept on location at all times in order to combat lost circulation or unexpected kicks. In order to run DSTs, open hole logs, and casing, the viscosity and water loss may have to be adjusted in order to meet these needs.

Application to Drill
Vega 9 Federal No. 4
Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Unit D, Section 9
T17S R30E, Eddy County, NM

9 Casing & Cementing Program:

String	Hole Size	Depth			Casing OD		Weight	Thread	Collar	Grade
Surface	14¾"	0	to	430'	New	11¾"	42#	8-R	STC	H-40
Intermediate	11"	0	to	~~1,350'~~ 1100'	New	8⅝"	24#	8-R	STC	J-55
Production	7⅞"	0	to	6,000'	New	5½"	15.5#	8-R	LTC	J-55

See COA

10 Cementing:

Surface 310 sx Class H + 2% $CaCl_2$ (wt 14.8, yld 1.34)
TOC Surface

replaced by Sundry 8/14/08 MR

Intermediate Lead: 100 sx 50:50 Poz C + 5% D-44 + 10% D-20 + 0.125# D-130 + 2# D-24 (wt 11.9, yld 2.46)
Tail: 200 sx Class C + 2% S-1 (wt 14.8, yld 1.34)
TOC Surface

Production
Lead: 275 sx CemCrete 40/60 (D961/D124) + 0.2% D-46 + 0.3% D-65 + 1% D-153 + 0.125# D-130 (wt 9.88, yld 2.83)
Tail: 340 sx TXI LtWt + 0.2% D-167 + 0.2% D-65 + 0.1% D-13 (wt 13.0, yld 1.39)
TOC ~~1150'~~ 900' See COA

Fresh water zones will be protected by setting 11¾" casing at 430' and cementing to surface. Hydrocarbon zones will be protected by setting 8⅝" casing at 1350' and cementing to surface and by setting 5½" casing at 6000' and cementing to 1150.'

Collapse Factor	*Burst Factor*	*Tension Factor*
1.125	1.125	1.6

11 Pressure control Equipment:

Exhibit "E-1" - Surface Casing - A minimum 11¾" 2000 PSI working pressure B.O.P. consisting of a one set of blind rams and one set of pipe rams. A choke manifold and 120 gallon accumulator with floor and remote operating stations and auxiliary power system. A kelly cock will be installed and maintained in operable condition and a drill string safety valve in the open position will be available on the rig floor. Ram-type BOP to be function-tested once per day. Ram-type preventor will be tested to 250 psi low and 1000 psi high, by an independent service company.

Exhibit "E-2" - Intermediate & Production Casing - A minimum 8⅝" 2000 PSI working pressure B.O.P. consisting of one set of blind rams and one set of pipe rams. A choke manifold and 120 gallon accumulator with floor and remote operating stations and auxiliary power system. Rotating head below 1100'. A kelly cock will be installed and maintained in operable condition and a drill string safety valve in the open position will be available on the rig floor. Ram-type BOP to be tested to 250 psi low and 2500 psi high by an independent service company.

BOP unit will be hydraulically operated. Below intermediate casing shoe, BOP will be operated at least once a day while drilling and the blind rams will be operated when out of hole during trips. No abnormal pressure or temperature is expected while drilling.

We are requesting a variance for testing the 11¾" surface casing from Onshore Order No. 2, which states that all casing strings below the conductor shall be pressure tested to 0.22 psi per foot or 1500 psi, whichever is greater, but not to exceed 70% of the manufacturer's stated maximum internal yield. We are requesting to test the 11¾" casing to 1000 psi using rig pumps. The BOP will be tested to 1000 psi by an independent service company.

12 Testing, Logging and Coring Program:

A. Mud logging No mud logging program.
B. Electric logging program: CNL / LDT / CAL / GR, DLL / CAL / GR
C. No DSTs or cores are planned at this time.

13 Potential Hazards:

No abnormal pressures or temperatures are expected. The area has a potiential H2S hazard. An H2S drilling plan is attached. Adequate flare lines will be installed off the mud / gas separator where gas may be flared safely. All personnel will be familiar with all aspects of safe operation of equipment being used.

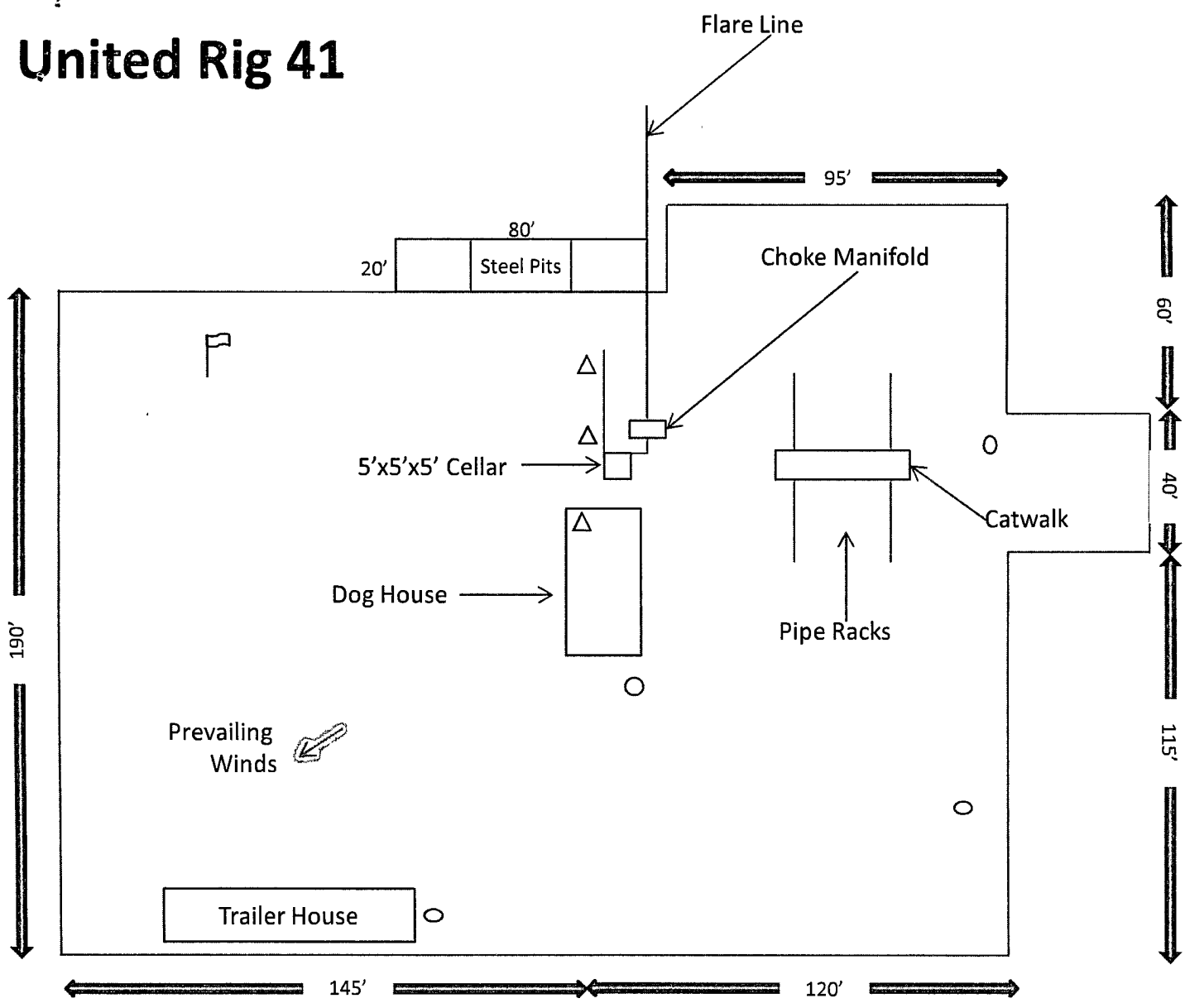
Estimated BHP **2300 psi** Estimated BHT **110°**

14 Road and location construction will begin after BLM approval of APD. Anticipated spud date as soon as approved.
Drilling expected to take 20-25 days
If production casing is run an additional 30 days will be required to complete and construct surface facilities.

15 Other Facets of Operations:

After running casing, cased hole gamma ray neutron collar logs will be run from total depth over possible pay intervals.
Blinebry pay will be perforated and stimulated.
The proposed well will be tested and potentialed as **an oil well.**

United Rig 41



Wind Direction Indicators
(wind sock or streamers)

△ H2S Monitors
(alarms at bell nipple and shale shaker)

○ Briefing Areas

○ Remote BOP Closing Unit

Exhibit D – Rig Diagram
Vega 9 Federal No. 4
Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
9-17S-30E
990 FNL & 330 FWL
Eddy County, NM

BOP Schematic

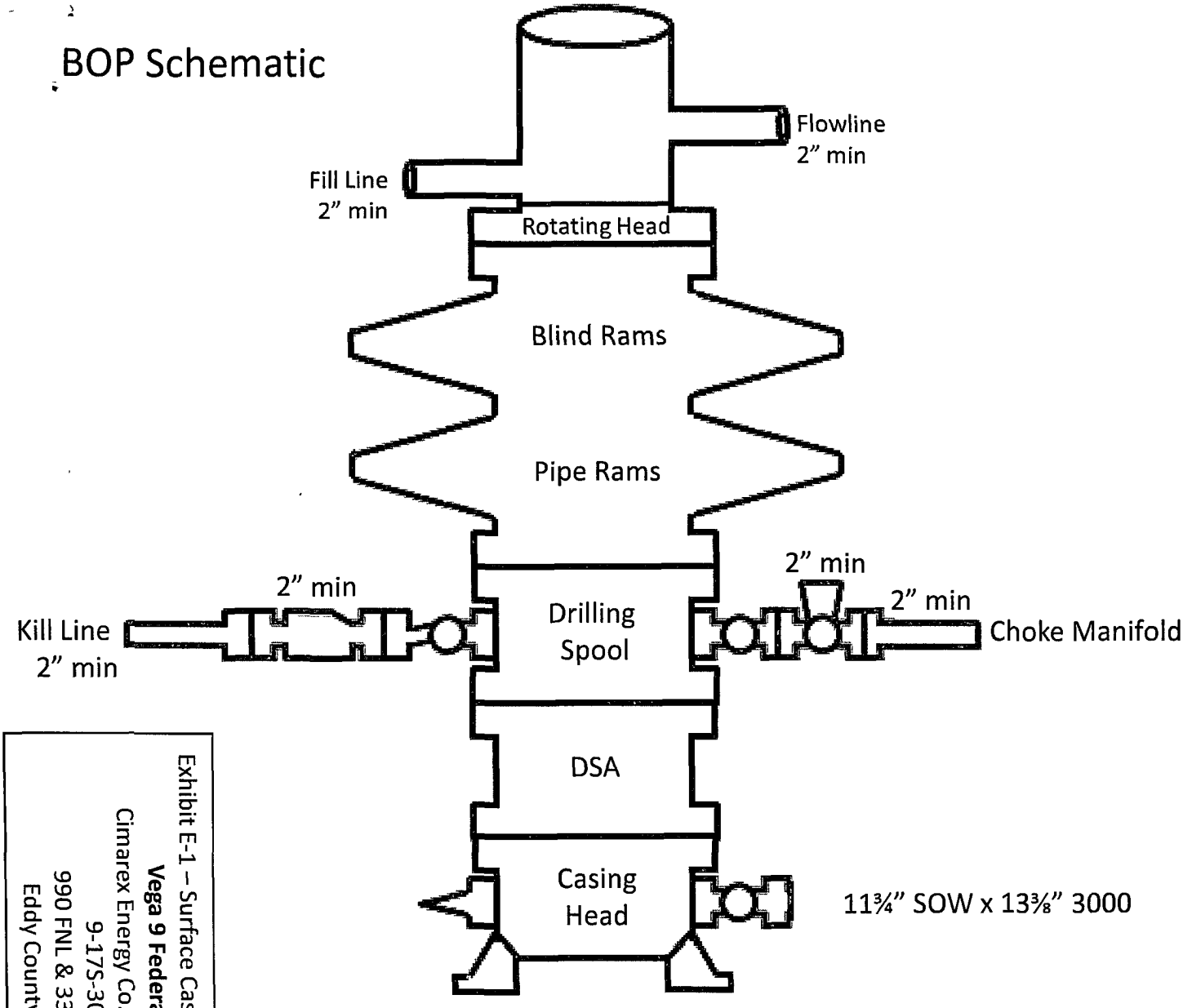
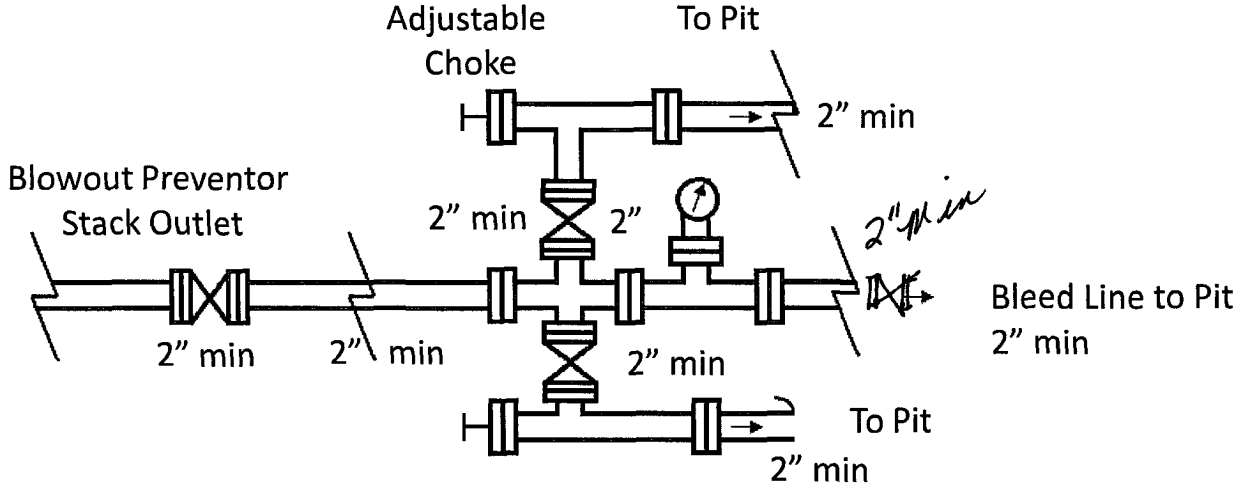


Exhibit E-1 – Surface Casing BOP & Choke
Vega 9 Federal No. 4
Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
9-17S-30E
990 FNL & 330 FWL
Eddy County, NM

Choke Manifold Requirement (2000 psi WP)
No Annular Required

Minimum 4" Nominal Choke Lines



BOP Schematic

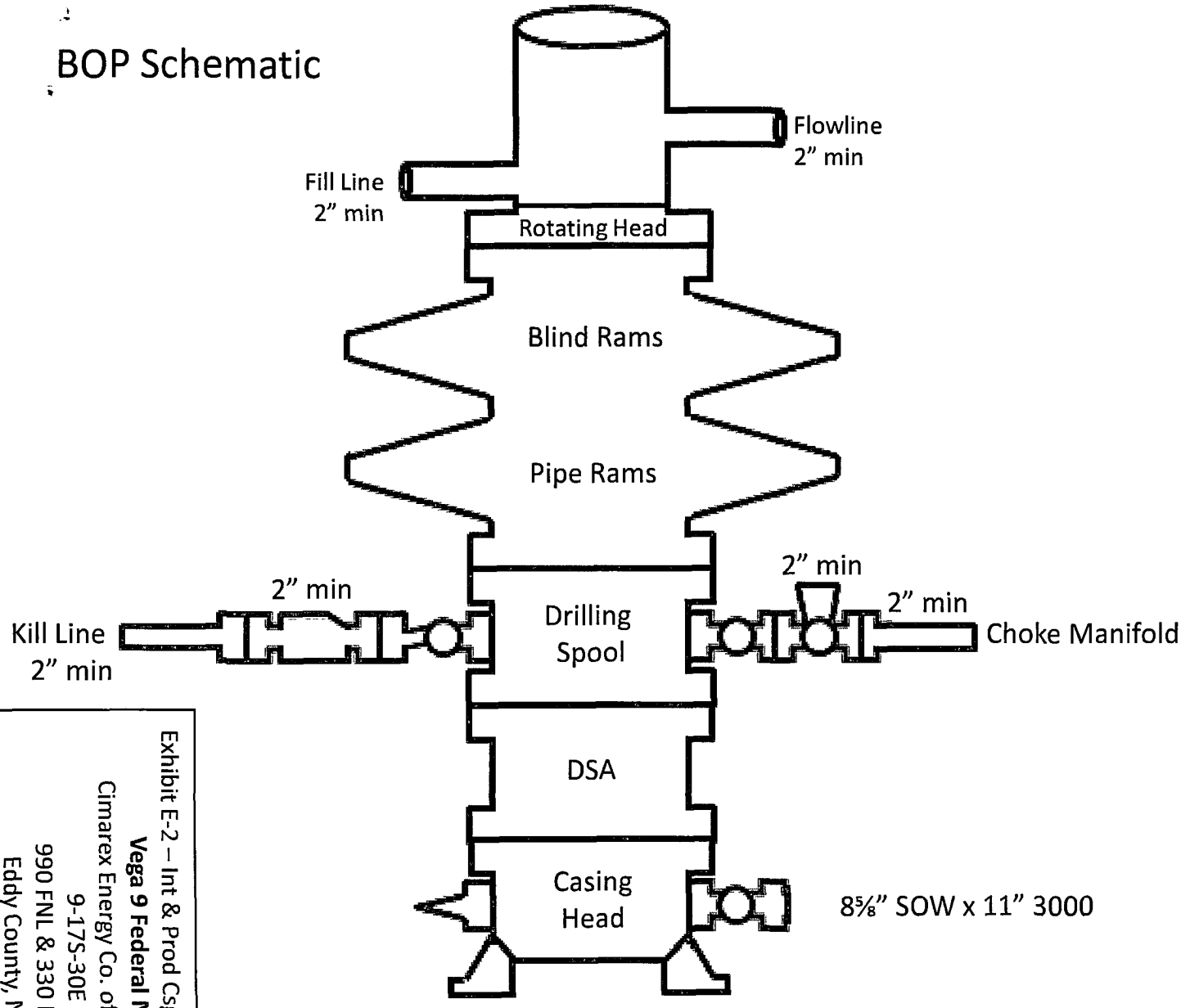
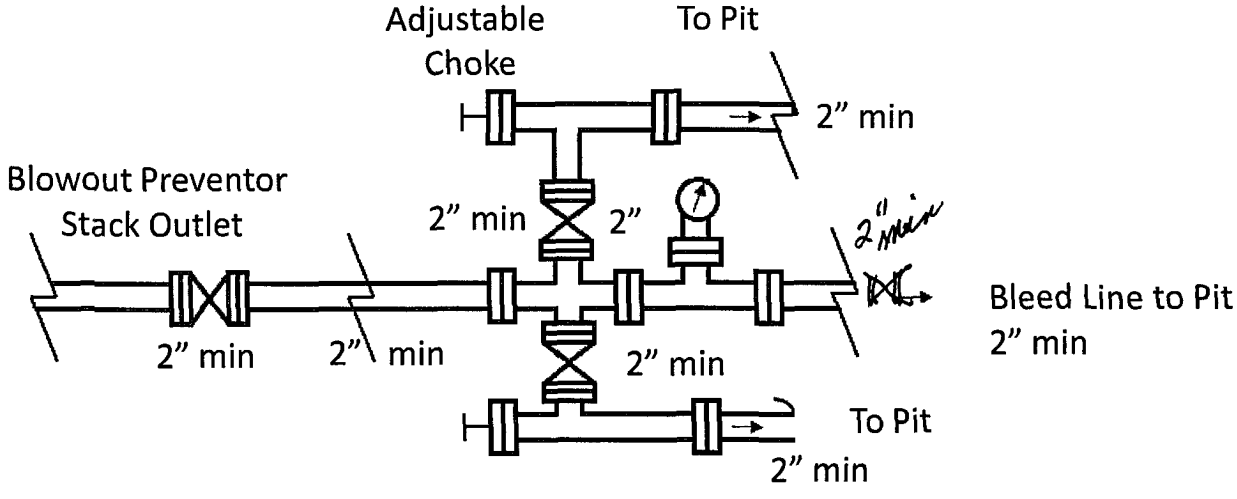


Exhibit E-2 – Int & Prod Csg BOP & Choke
Vega 9 Federal No. 4
Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
9-17S-30E
990 FNL & 330 FWL
Eddy County, NM

Choke Manifold Requirement (2000 psi WP)
No Annular Required

Minimum 4" Nominal Choke Lines



Hydrogen Sulfide Drilling Operations Plan
Vega 9 Federal No. 4
Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Unit D, Section 9
T17S R30E, Eddy County, NM

1 All Company and Contract personnel admitted on location must be trained by a qualified H_2S safety instructor to the following:
   A. Characteristics of H_2S
   B. Physical effects and hazards
   C. Proper use of safety equipment and life support systems.
   D. Principle and operation of H_2S detectors, warning system and briefing areas.
   E. Evacuation procedure, routes and first aid.
   F. Proper use of 30 minute pressure demand air pack.

2 H_2S Detection and Alarm Systems:
   A. H_2S detectors and audio alarm system to be located at bell nipple, end of flow line (mud pit) and on derrick floor or doghouse.

3 Windsock and/or wind streamers:
   A. Windsock at mudpit area should be high enough to be visible.
   B. Windsock at briefing area should be high enough to be visible.

4 Condition Flags and Signs:
   A. Warning sign on access road to location.
   B. Flags to be displayed on sign at entrance to location. Green flag indicates normal safe condition. Yellow flag indicates potential pressure and danger. Red flag indicates danger (H_2S present in dangerous concentration). Only emergency personnel admitted to location.

5 Well control equipment:
   A. See exhibit "E"

6 Communication:
   A. While working under masks chalkboards will be used for communication.
   B. Hand signals will be used where chalk board is inappropriate.
   C. Two way radio will be used to communicate off location in case of emergency help is required. In most cases cellular telephones will be available at most drilling foreman's trailer or living quarters.

7 Drillstem Testing:
No DSTs or cores are planned at this time.

8 Drilling contractor supervisor will be required to be familiar with the effects H_2S has on tubular goods and other mechanical equipment.

9 If H_2S is encountered, mud system will be altered if necessary to maintain control of formation. A mud gas seperator will be brought into service along with H_2S scavengers if necessary.

Emergency Procedures

In the event of a release of gas containing H_2S, 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 operator and/or local officials to aid in operation. See list of phone numbers attached.
- ★ Have received training in the:
  - ♦ Detection of H_2S, 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_2). 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 there is an ignition of the gas.

Characteristics of H_2S and SO_2

Common Name	Chemical Formula	Specific Gravity	Threshold Limit	Hazardous Limit	Lethal Concentration
Hydrogen Sulfide	H_2S	1.189 Air=1	10 ppm	100 ppm/hr	600 ppm
Sulfur Dioxide	SO_2	2.21 Air=1	2 ppm	N/A	1000 ppm

Contacting Authorities

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado's personnel must liaise 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. Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado's response must be in coordination with the State of New Mexico's "Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan" (HMER).

H_2S Contingency Plan Emergency Contacts
Vega 9 Federal No. 4
Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Unit D, Section 9
T17S R30E, Eddy County, NM

Company Office

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado Co. Office and After-Hours Menu	800-969-4789

Key Personnel

Name	Title	Office	Mobile
Doug Park	Drilling Manager	972-443-6463	972-333-1407
Dee Smith	Drilling Super	972-443-6491	972-882-1010
Jim Evans	Drilling Super	972-443-6451	972-465-6564
Dorsey Rogers	Field Super		505-200-6105
Roy Shirley	Field Super		432-634-2136

Artesia	
Ambulance	911
State Police	575-746-2703
City Police	575-746-2703
Sheriff's Office	575-746-9888
Fire Department	**575-746-2701**
Local Emergency Planning Committee	575-746-2122
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division	575-748-1283

Carlsbad	
Ambulance	911
State Police	575-885-3137
City Police	575-885-2111
Sheriff's Office	575-887-7551
Fire Department	**575-887-3798**
Local Emergency Planning Committee	575-887-6544
US Bureau of Land Management	575-887-6544

Santa Fe	
New Mexico Emergency Response Commission (Santa Fe)	505-476-9600
New Mexico Emergency Response Commission (Santa Fe) 24 Hrs	505-827-9126
New Mexico State Emergency Operations Center	505-476-9635

National	
National Emergency Response Center (Washington, D.C.)	800-424-8802

Medical	
Flight for Life - 4000 24th St.; Lubbock, TX	806-743-9911
Aerocare - R3, Box 49F; Lubbock, TX	806-747-8923
Med Flight Air Amb - 2301 Yale Blvd S.E., #D3; Albuquerque, NM	505-842-4433
SB Air Med Service - 2505 Clark Carr Loop S.E.; Albuquerque, NM	505-842-4949

Other			
Boots & Coots IWC	800-256-9688	or	281-931-8884
Cudd Pressure Control	432-699-0139	or	432-563-3356
Halliburton	575-746-2757		
B.J. Services	575-746-3569		

Surface Use Plan
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1 Existing Roads: Area maps, Exhibit "B" is a reproduction of Eddy Co. General Highway Map. Exhibit "C" is a reproduction of a USGS Topographic Map, showing existing roads and proposed roads. All existing roads will be maintained in a condition equal to or better than current conditions. Any new roads will be constructed to BLM specifications.

A. Exhibit "A" shows the proposed well site as staked.
B. From Loco Hills, go North on CR 217 for 2.4 miles to proposed lease road.

2 Planned Access Roads: 85.3' of on-lease access road is proposed.

3 Location of Existing Wells in a One-Mile Radius - Exhibit A

A. Water wells - None known
B. Disposal wells - None known
C. Drilling wells - None known
D. Producing wells - As shown on Exhibit "A"
E. Abandoned wells - As shown on Exhibit "A"

4 If on completion this well is a producer, Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado will furnish maps and/or plats showing on site facilities or off site facilities if needed. This will be accompanied by a Sundry Notice.

5 Location and Type of Water Supply:
Water will be purchased locally from a commercial source and trucked over the access roads or piped in flexible lines laid on top of the ground.

6 Source of Construction Material:
If possible, construction will be obtained from the excavation of drill site. If additional material is needed, it will be purchased from a local source and transported over the access route as shown on Exhibit "C".

7 Methods of Handling Waste Material:

A. Drill cuttings will be seperated by a series of solids removal equipment and stored in steel containment pits and then hauled to a state-approved disposal facility.

B. All trash, junk and other waste material will be contained in trash cages or bins to prevent scattering. When the job is completed all contents will be removed and disposed of in an approved sanitary land fill.

C. Salts remaining after completion of well will be picked up by supplier including broken sacks.

D. Sewage from living quarters will drain into holding tanks and be cleaned out periodically. A Porta-John will be provided for the rig crews. This equipment will be properly maintained during the drilling operations and removed upon completion of the well.

E. Drilling fluids will be contained in steel pits in a closed circulating system. Fluids will be cleaned and reused. Water produced during testing will be contained in the steel pits and disposed of at a state approved disposal facility. Any oil or condensate produced will be stored in test tanks until sold and hauled from the site.

8 Ancillary Facilities:

A. No camps or airstrips to be constructed.

9 Well Site Layout:

A. Exhibit "D" shows location and rig layout.

B. Mud pits in the closed circulating system will be steel pits and the cuttings will be stored in steel containment pits.

C. Cuttings will be stored in steel pits until they are hauled to a state-approved disposal facility.

D. If the well is a producer, those areas of the location not essential to production facilities will be reclaimed and seeded per BLM requirements.

10 Plans for Restoration of Surface:

Rehabilitation of the location will start in a timely manner after all drilling operations cease. The type of reclamation will depend on whether the well is a producer or a dry hole.

Drainage systems, if any, will be reshaped to the original configuration with provisions made to alleviate erosion. These may need to be modified in certain circumstances to prevent inundation of the location's pad and surface facilities. After the area has been shaped and contoured, topsoil from the spoil pile will be placed over the disturbed area to the extent possible. Revegetation procedures will comply with BLM standards.

If the well is a dry hole, the pad and road area will be recountoured to match the existing terrain. Topsoil will be spread to the extent possible. Revegetation will comply with BLM standards.

Should the well be a producer, the previously noted procedures will apply to those areas which are not required for production facilities.

11 Other Information:

A. Topography consists of a sloping plane with loose tan sands. Vegetation is mainly yucca, mesquite and shin oak.
B. The wellsite is on surface owned by Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management. The land is used mainly for farming, cattle ranching, recreational use, and oil and gas production.
C. In lieu of performing an archaeological survey, Cimarex will use the Carlsbad Area Memorandum of Agreement and will use the site location information to plan projects to avoid known eligible archaeological sites by at least 100 feet. In this regard, per the MOA, Cimarex will make the appropriate contribution to the Permian Basin Cultural Resource mitigation fund.
D. There are no know dwellings within 1½ miles of this location.

Operator Certification Statement
Vega 9 Federal No. 4
Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Unit D, Section 9
T17S R30E, Eddy County, NM

Operator's Representative
Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
P.O. Box 140907
Irving, TX 75014
Office Phone: (972) 443-6489
Zeno Farris

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the statements and plans made in this APD are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed by Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado and/or its contractors/subcontractors and is in conformity with this plan and the terms and conditions under which it is approved. This statement is subject to the provision of U.S.C. 1001 for the filing of a false statement.

NAME: Zeno Farris
Zeno Farris

DATE: July 10, 2008

TITLE: Manager Operations Administration

PECOS DISTRICT
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

OPERATOR'S NAME:	Cimarex Energy
LEASE NO.:	NMLC060524
WELL NAME & NO.:	Vega 9 Federal No 4
SURFACE HOLE FOOTAGE:	990' FNL & 330' FWL
BOTTOM HOLE FOOTAGE	
LOCATION:	Section 9, T. 17 S., R 30 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.

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)

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 1 through June 15 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.

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 (505) 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 6 inches in depth. The topsoil shall not be used to backfill the reserve pit and will be used for interim and final reclamation.

C. CLOSED LOOP SYSTEM

Although this is a closed loop system and no reserve pits will be needed, the v-door will be to the East.

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

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 (505) 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.

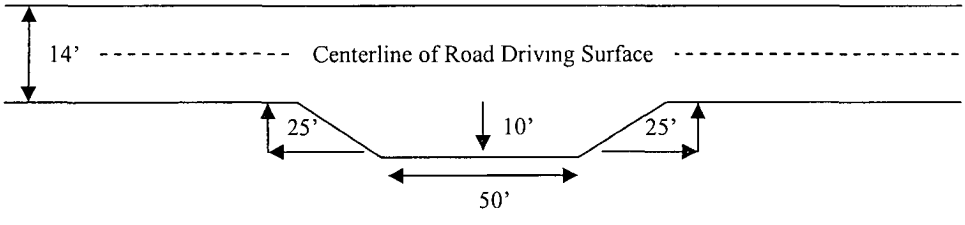
The Authorized Officer reserves the right to require surfacing of any portion of the access road at any time deemed necessary. Surfacing may be required in the event the road deteriorates, erodes, road traffic increases, or it is determined to be beneficial for future field development. The surfacing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

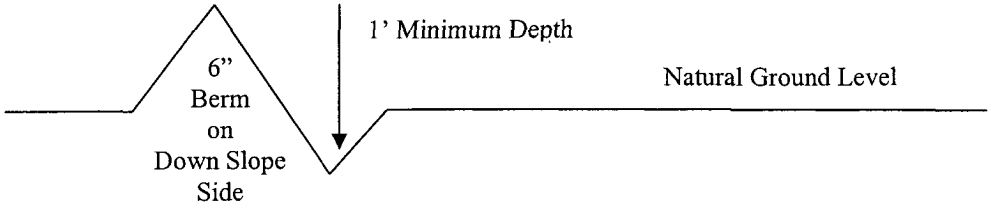


Drainage

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 foot road with 4% road slope: $\frac{400'}{4\%} + 100' = 200'$ 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

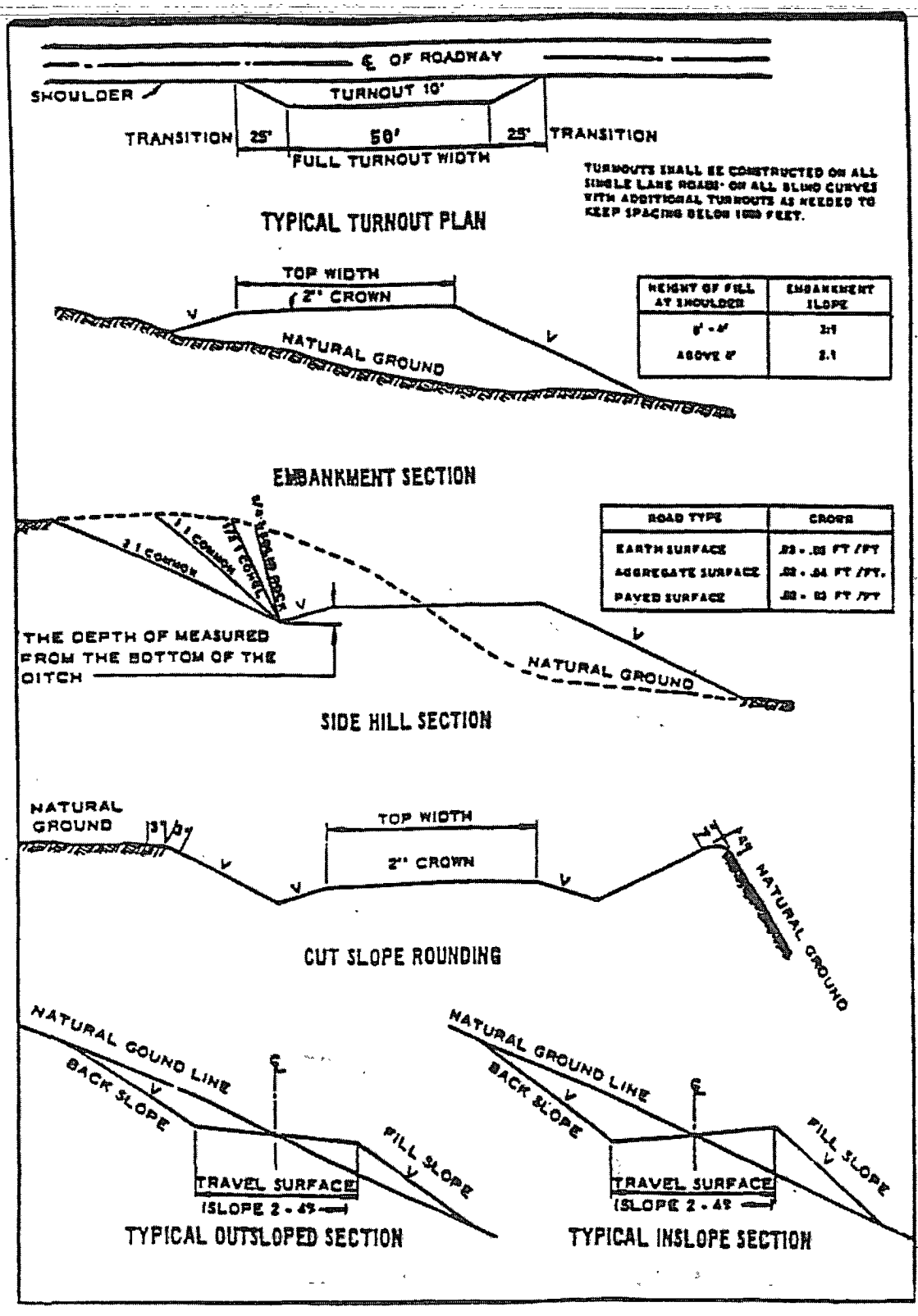
Where entry is required across a fence line, the fence shall be braced and tied off on both sides of the passageway prior to cutting.

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

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

1. A Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) Drilling Plan should be activated 500 feet prior to drilling into the **Grayburg** formation. **Measurements between 500-2000 ppm in the gas stream. 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.

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

Possible high pressure air pockets above the Rustler.
Possible lost circulation in the Grayburg and San Andres formations.
Possible water flows in the Salado and Artesia Groups.

1. The **11-3/4** inch surface casing shall be set **at approximately 430 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 remedial job will be a minimum of 4 hours after bringing cement to surface or 500 pounds compressive strength, whichever is greater.

    c. If cement falls back, remedial action will be done prior to drilling out that string.

2. The minimum required fill of cement behind the **8-5/8** inch intermediate casing is:

    ☒ Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate see B.1.a-c above. **Intermediate casing to be set below the salt in the Tansill formation at approximately 1250 feet. Brine water mud to this depth.**

3. 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.

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. 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.

   e. A variance to test only the surface casing to the reduced pressure of **1000** psi with the rig pumps is approved. **The BOPE will be tested to 1000 psi by an independent service company.**

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

IX. INTERIM RECLAMATION & RESEEDING PROCEDURE

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.

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. RESEEDING PROCEDURE

Once well is drilled and completed and all trash removed location will be recontoured and reseeded as follows:

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 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:

Species	lb/acre
Plains Bristlegrass	5 lbs/A
Sand Bluestem	5 lbs/A
Little Bluestem	3 lbs/A
Big Bluestem	6 lbs/A
Plains Coreopsis	2 lbs/A
Sand Dropseed	1 lbs/A
**Four-winged Saltbush	5 lbs/A

* This can be used around well pads and other areas where caliche cannot be removed.

*Pounds of pure live seed:

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

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.