

Well Name	Well Number	US Well Number	Lease Number	Case Number	Operator
GATO GRANDE 9-	601H	3002551815	NMNM98192	NMNM98192	DEVON
GATO GRANDE 9-	701H	3002551325	NMNM98192	NMNM98192	DEVON
GATO GRANDE 9-	801H	3002551327	NMNM98192	NMNM98192	DEVON

Notice of Intent

Sundry ID: 2766842

Type of Submission: Notice of Intent

Date Sundry Submitted: 12/20/2023

Date proposed operation will begin: 12/20/2023

Type of Action: Variance

Time Sundry Submitted: 07:00

Procedure Description: Devon Energy Production Co., L.P. (Devon) respectfully requests a variance to break test. Please see attachment.

NOI Attachments

Procedure Description

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Conditions of Approval

Specialist Review

Break\_Test\_COA\_Variance\_20231220073410.pdf

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Operator

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**Disposition Date:** 12/20/2023

**Signature:** Long Vo

## Section 2 - Blowout Preventer Testing Procedure

### Variance Request

Devon Energy requests to only test BOP connection breaks after drilling out of surface casing and while skidding between wells which conforms to API Standard 53 and industry standards. This test will include the Top Pipe Rams, HCR, Kill Line Check Valve, QDC (quick disconnect to wellhead) and Shell of the 10M BOPE to 5M for 10 minutes. If a break to the flex hose that runs to the choke manifold is required due to repositioning from a skid, the HCR will remain open during the shell test to include that additional break. The variance only pertains to intermediate hole-sections and no deeper than the Bone Springs Formation where 5M BOP tests are required. The initial BOP test will follow OOGO2.III.A.2.i, and subsequent tests following a skid will only test connections that are broken. The annular preventer will be tested to 100% working pressure. This variance will meet or exceed OOGO2.III.A.2.i per the following: Devon Energy will perform a full BOP test per OOGO2.III.A.2.i before drilling out of the intermediate casing string(s) and starting the production hole, before starting any hole section that requires a 10M test, before the expiration of the allotted 14-days for 5M intermediate batch drilling or when the drilling rig is fully mobilized to a new well pad, whichever is sooner. We will utilize a 200' TVD tolerance between intermediate shoes as the cutoff for a full BOP test. The BLM will be contacted 4hrs prior to a BOPE test. The BLM will be notified if and when a well control event is encountered. Break test will be a 14 day interval and not a 30 day full BOPE test interval. If in the event break testing is not utilized, then a full BOPE test would be conducted.

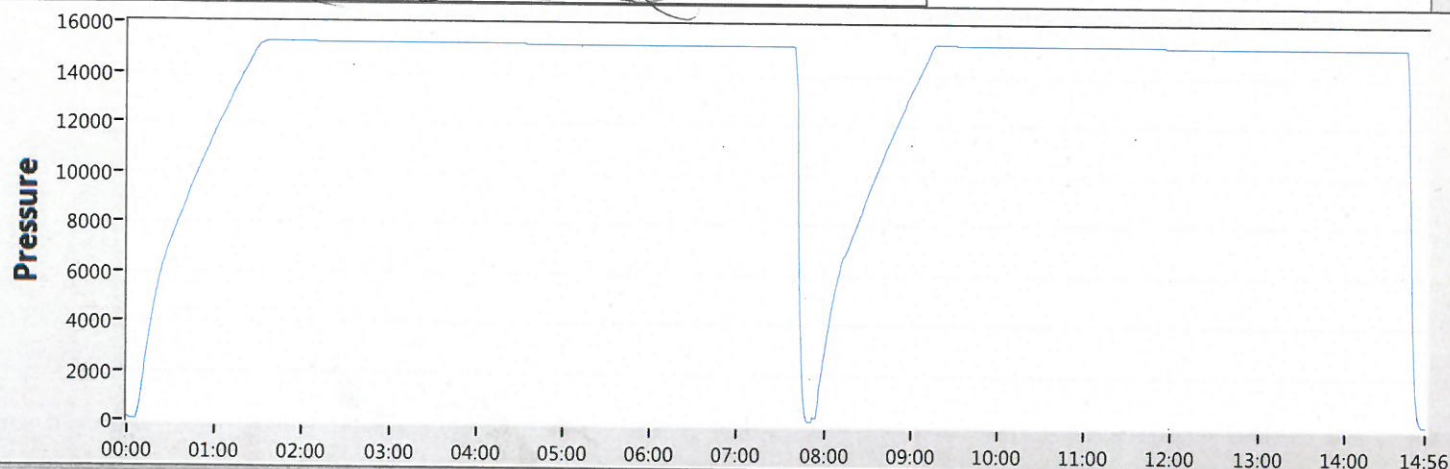
1. Well Control Response:
  1. Primary barrier remains fluid
  2. In the event of an influx due to being underbalanced and after a realized gain or flow, the order of closing BOPE is as follows:
    - a) Annular first
    - b) If annular were to not hold, Upper pipe rams second (which were tested on the skid BOP test)
    - c) If the Upper Pipe Rams were to not hold, Lower Pipe Rams would be third

**Cactus**  
Wellhead

2-9-17  
E Bell

80.7 °F

15:49



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Date 02-09-17

Tested By E.BELL

Transducer bay2

Transducer Serial 181504

Calibration Date 9/6/15

Job#	Part#	Serial#	Description	Test Pressure
1	TRJ0006341-0007	116966	TRJ6341-7-1 ADPT,DRLG,CW,MBU-3T,13-5/8 10M	15000
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5			TRANSDUCER CALIBRATION DUE 03/13/2017	
6				
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Start



Stop



Zero



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## PECOS DISTRICT DRILLING CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

**All Previous COAs Still Apply. Variance request procedure is approved as written, please see below general conditions for variance.**

### **A. PRESSURE CONTROL**

#### **BOPE Break Testing Variance**

- **BOPE Break Testing is ONLY permitted for 5M BOPE or less. (Annular preventer must be tested to a minimum of 70% of BOPE working pressure and shall be higher than the MASP)**
- **BOPE Break Testing is NOT permitted to drilling the production hole section.**
- **Variance only pertains to the intermediate hole-sections and no deeper than the Bone Springs formation.**
- **While in transfer between wells, the BOPE shall be secured by the hydraulic carrier or cradle.**
- **Any well control event while drilling require notification to the BLM Petroleum Engineer (575-706-2779) prior to the commencement of any BOPE Break Testing operations.**
- **A full BOPE test is required prior to drilling the first deep intermediate hole section. If any subsequent hole interval is deeper than the first, a full BOPE test will be required. (200' TVD tolerance between intermediate shoes is allowable).**
- **The BLM is to be contacted (575-689-5981 Lea County) 4 hours prior to BOPE tests.**
- **As a minimum, a full BOPE test shall be performed at 21-day intervals.**
- **In the event any repairs or replacement of the BOPE is required, the BOPE shall test as per 43 CFR part 3170 Subpart 3172.**
- **If in the event break testing is not utilized, then a full BOPE test would be conducted.**

## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The BLM is to be notified in advance for a representative to witness:

- a. Spudding well (minimum of 24 hours)
- b. Setting and/or Cementing of all casing strings (minimum of 4 hours)
- c. BOPE tests (minimum of 4 hours)

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(575) 361-2822

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Call the Hobbs Field Station, 414 West Taylor, Hobbs NM 88240,

(575) 689-5981

1. 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.
  - a. In the event the operator has proposed to drill multiple wells utilizing a skid/walking rig. Operator shall secure the wellbore on the current well, after installing and testing the wellhead, by installing a blind flange of like pressure rating to the wellhead and a pressure gauge that can be monitored while drilling is performed on the other well(s).
  - b. When the operator proposes to set surface casing with Spudder Rig
    - Notify the BLM when moving in and removing the Spudder Rig.
    - Notify the BLM when moving in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rig. Rig to be moved in within 90 days of notification that Spudder Rig has left the location.
    - BOP/BOPE test to be conducted per **43 CFR part 3170 Subpart 3172** as soon as 2nd Rig is rigged up on well.
2. Floor controls are required for 3M or Greater systems. These controls will be on the rig floor, unobstructed, readily accessible to the driller and will be operational at all times during drilling and/or completion activities. Rig floor is defined as the area immediately around the rotary table; the area immediately above the substructure on which the draw works are located, this does not include the dog house or stairway area.
3. The record of the drilling rate along with the GR/N well log run from TD to surface (horizontal well – vertical portion of hole) shall be submitted to the BLM office as well as all other logs run on the borehole 30 days from completion. If available, a



digital copy of the logs is to be submitted in addition to the paper copies. The Rustler top and top and bottom of Salt are to be recorded on the Completion Report.

A. CASING

1. Changes to the approved APD casing program need prior approval if the items substituted are of lesser grade or different casing size or are Non-API. The Operator can exchange the components of the proposal with that of superior strength (i.e. changing from J-55 to N-80, or from 36# to 40#). Changes to the approved cement program need prior approval if the altered cement plan has less volume or strength or if the changes are substantial (i.e. Multistage tool, ECP, etc.). The initial wellhead installed on the well will remain on the well with spools used as needed.
2. Wait on cement (WOC) for Potash Areas: After cementing but before commencing any tests, the casing string shall stand cemented under pressure until both of the following conditions have been met: 1) cement reaches a minimum compressive strength of 500 psi for all cement blends, 2) until cement has been in place at least 24 hours. WOC time will be recorded in the driller's log. The casing integrity test can be done (prior to the cement setting up) immediately after bumping the plug.
3. Wait on cement (WOC) for Water Basin: After cementing but before commencing any tests, the casing string shall stand cemented under pressure until both of the following conditions have been met: 1) cement reaches a minimum compressive strength of 500 psi at the shoe, 2) until cement has been in place at least 8 hours. WOC time will be recorded in the driller's log. See individual casing strings for details regarding lead cement slurry requirements. The casing integrity test can be done (prior to the cement setting up) immediately after bumping the plug.
4. Provide compressive strengths including hours to reach required 500 pounds compressive strength prior to cementing each casing string. Have well specific cement details onsite prior to pumping the cement for each casing string.
5. No pea gravel permitted for remedial or fall back remedial without prior authorization from the BLM engineer.
6. On that portion of any well approved for a 5M BOPE system or greater, a pressure integrity test of each casing shoe shall be performed. Formation at the shoe shall be tested to a minimum of the mud weight equivalent anticipated to control the formation pressure to the next casing depth or at total depth of the well. This test shall be performed before drilling more than 20 feet of new hole.
7. 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.

8. Whenever a casing string is cemented in the R-111-P potash area, the NMOCD requirements shall be followed.

B. PRESSURE CONTROL

1. All blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) shall comply with well control requirements as described in **43 CFR part 3170 Subpart 3172** and **API STD 53 Sec. 5.3**.
2. If a variance is approved for a flexible hose to be installed from the BOP to the choke manifold, the following requirements apply: The flex line must meet the requirements of API 16C. Check condition of flexible line from BOP to choke manifold, replace if exterior is damaged or if line fails test. Line to be as straight as possible with no hard bends and is to be anchored according to Manufacturer's requirements. The flexible hose can be exchanged with a hose of equal size and equal or greater pressure rating. Anchor requirements, specification sheet and hydrostatic pressure test certification matching the hose in service, to be onsite for review. These documents shall be posted in the company man's trailer and on the rig floor.
3. 5M or higher system requires an HCR valve, remote kill line and annular to match. The remote kill line is to be installed prior to testing the system and tested to stack pressure.
4. If the operator has proposed a multi-bowl wellhead assembly in the APD. The following requirements must be met:
  - a. Wellhead shall be installed by manufacturer's representatives, submit documentation with subsequent sundry.
  - b. If the welding is performed by a third party, the manufacturer's representative shall monitor the temperature to verify that it does not exceed the maximum temperature of the seal.
  - c. Manufacturer representative shall install the test plug for the initial BOP test.
  - d. Whenever any seal subject to test pressure is broken, all the tests in 43 CFR 3172.6(b)(9) must be followed.
  - e. If the cement does not circulate and one inch operations would have been possible with a standard wellhead, the well head shall be cut off, cementing operations performed and another wellhead installed.
5. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness the tests.
  - a. In a water basin, for all casing strings utilizing slips, these are to be set as soon as the crew and rig are ready and any fallback cement remediation has been done. The casing cut-off and BOP installation can be initiated four hours after



installing the slips, which will be approximately six hours after bumping the plug. For those casing strings not using slips, the minimum wait time before cut-off is eight hours after bumping the plug. BOP/BOPE testing can begin after cut-off or once cement reaches 500 psi compressive strength (including lead cement), whichever is greater. However, if the float does not hold, cut-off cannot be initiated until cement reaches 500 psi compressive strength (including lead when specified).

- b. In potash areas, for all casing strings utilizing slips, these are to be set as soon as the crew and rig are ready and any fallback cement remediation has been done. For all casing strings, casing cut-off and BOP installation can be initiated at twelve hours after bumping the cement plug. The BOPE test can be initiated after bumping the cement plug with the casing valve open. (only applies to single stage cement jobs, prior to the cement setting up.)
- c. The tests shall be done by an independent service company utilizing a test plug not a cup or J-packer and can be initiated immediately with the casing valve open. The operator also has the option of utilizing an independent tester to test without a plug (i.e. against the casing) pursuant to **43 CFR part 3170 Subpart 3172** with the pressure not to exceed 70% of the burst rating for the casing. Any test against the casing must meet the WOC time for water basin (8 hours) or potash (24 hours) or 500 pounds compressive strength, whichever is greater, prior to initiating the test (see casing segment as lead cement may be critical item).
- d. The test shall be run on a 5000 psi chart for a 2-3M BOP/BOP, on a 10000 psi chart for a 5M BOP/BOPE and on a 15000 psi chart for a 10M BOP/BOPE. If a linear chart is used, it shall be a one hour chart. A circular chart shall have a maximum 2 hour clock. If a twelve hour or twenty-four hour chart is used, tester shall make a notation that it is run with a two hour clock.
- e. The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.
- f. 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.
- g. The BOP/BOPE test shall include a low pressure test from 250 to 300 psi. The test will be held for a minimum of 10 minutes if test is done with a test plug and 30 minutes without a test plug. This test shall be performed prior to the test at full stack pressure.
- h. BOP/BOPE must be tested by an independent service company within 500 feet of the top of the Wolfcamp formation if the time between the setting of the intermediate casing and reaching this depth exceeds 20 days. This test does not exclude the test prior to drilling out the casing shoe as per **43 CFR**

**part 3170 Subpart 3172.**

**C. DRILLING MUD**

Mud system monitoring equipment, with derrick floor indicators and visual and audio alarms, shall be operating before drilling into the Wolfcamp formation, and shall be used until production casing is run and cemented.

**D. WASTE MATERIAL AND FLUIDS**

All waste (i.e. drilling fluids, trash, salts, chemicals, sewage, gray water, etc.) created as a result of drilling operations and completion operations shall be safely contained and disposed of properly at a waste disposal facility. No waste material or fluid shall be disposed of on the well location or surrounding area.

Porto-johns and trash containers will be on-location during fracturing operations or any other crew-intensive operations.

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