

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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FORM APPROVED  
OMB NO. 1004-0135  
Expires: July 31, 2010**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.*

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**SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE - Other instructions on reverse side.**

1. Type of Well <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oil Well <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Well <input type="checkbox"/> Other		5. Lease Serial No. NMNM052
2. Name of Operator LINN OPERATING, INC.		6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name
3a. Address 600 TRAVIS STREET SUITE 5100 HOUSTON, TX 77002		7. If Unit or CA/Agreement, Name and/or No. NMNM70989C
3b. Phone No. (include area code) Ph: 281-840-4272		8. Well Name and No. MESCALERO RIDGE UNIT 35-2
4. Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T., R., M., or Survey Description) Sec 35 T19S R34E Mer NMP NWSE 1980FSL 1980FEL 32.615036 N Lat, 103.528904 W Lon		9. API Well No. 30-025-20565
		10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory PEARL
		11. County or Parish, and State LEA COUNTY, NM

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

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

13. Describe Proposed or Completed Operation (clearly state all pertinent details, including estimated starting date of any proposed work and approximate duration thereof. If the proposal is to deepen directionally or recompleat 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.)

- MIRU PLUGGING EQUIPMENT. DIG OUT CELLAR. NU BOP. POH W/ TBG.
- RIH W/ 2-3/8" TBG OPEN ENDED & SPOT 25 SXS CMT PLUG @ 3950-3700. WOC & TAG.
- SPOT 25 SXS CMT @ 3650-3450. (YATES)
- PERF & SQZ 45 SXS CMT @ 3376-3276. WOC & TAG (BTM OF SALT)
- PERF & SQZ 45 SXS CMT @ 1945'-1835' WOC & TAG (TOP OF SALT)
- PERF & SQZ 55 SXS CMT @ 264-164. WOC & TAG (SHOE)

RECLAMATION PROCEDURE  
ATTACHEDSEE ATTACHED FOR  
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL*Ground Level Dry Hole Marker Required.*

14. I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct.	
Electronic Submission #203251 verified by the BLM Well Information System For LINN OPERATING, INC., sent to the Hobbs	
Name (Printed/Typed) TERRY B CALLAHAN	Title REGULATORY SPECIALIST III
Signature (Electronic Submission)	Date 04/04/2013

**THIS SPACE FOR FEDERAL OR STATE OFFICE USE**

Approved By <i>James A. Gomez</i>	Title <i>SEPS</i>	Date <i>4-28-13</i>
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 <i>CFO</i>

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and Title 43 U.S.C. Section 1212, make it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

**\*\* OPERATOR-SUBMITTED \*\* OPERATOR-SUBMITTED \*\* OPERATOR-SUBMITTED \*\***

**Additional data for EC transaction #203251 that would not fit on the form**

**32. Additional remarks, continued**

7. PERF & SQZ 55 SXS CMT @ 60-SURFACE.
8. CUT OFF WELLHEAD AND WELD ON GROUND LEVEL DRY HOLE MARKER.

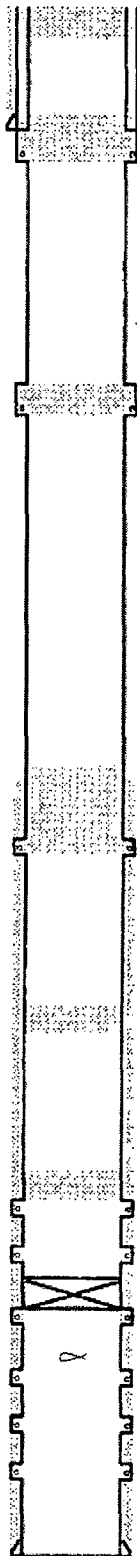
Well Name: **Mescalero Ridge Unit #352**

Location:	
Location:	1980 FSL, 1980 FEL
Section:	SEC35-T195-R34E
Block:	
Survey:	
County:	Lea
Lat/Long:	
Field:	Mescalero Ridge Unit
Elevations:	
GL:	3,705'
DF:	
KB-GL Calc:	3,714'
ch w/cst:	

**Logbook Requirements:**

Date	History
3/13/1964	Spent well. Ran 6-5/8" @ 214' w/125 ss (drilled)
1/29/1964	Ran 5-1/2" @ 516' w/150 ss cmt. TOC @ 3,100' by Coleman Eng. Co. Reached TD @ 5,268'
4/27/1973	R/NZ installed BOP & ROH w/compl asst. Perf'd rods: 4559, 4571, 4595, 4605, 4616, 4915, 4924, 4934, 5035' w/315 Set pkr @ 4515'. Added perf's 4559-5219'
4/25/1988	Added perf's 4559-5035'
4/27/1988	TDH w/tbg and pkr. Ran back in hole w/2-3/8" tubing and set seating nipple @ 5164.4
10/29/1991	Sq'd perf's 4559-4616' w/500 ss. Drilled out retainer & cmt to 4504' (19').
10/31/1991	Drilled out from 4504-4616' (112'). Tested sq'd perf's from 3996-4002' to 500 psi. at
11/1/1991	Perf'd w/1 JSPI @ 4861, 61, 64, 4903, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 22, 23, 35, 82, 84, 88, 96, & 4997' (18 holes). Added w/3000 gals. 7 1/2 Hefo. ISIP 1400#
11/7/1991	TDH w/2-1 1/2" x 20 RHBC pump, set to pump & test
3/5/1994	TDH w/rods and pump. Tagged PBTD and strapped out w/157 lbs 2-3/8" tbg. PBTD @ 5009'. 811m perf.
6/14/2004	Added new perf's: 3984-4000', 4010-4041'
6/14/2012	MIRU PU. Tested anchors. POH w/rods & pkr.
6/5/2012	LD 38 bad lbs. Stripped back 78 good lbs.
6/7/2012	RIH w/5-1/2" arrow. Set pkr @ 3923'
6/11/2012	SICP O PSI. RIH w/4 3/4" dia. 5 1/2" Crg scraper on 2 3/8" TBG TAG @ 4200' POH w/Tbg & lay down bit & SITP O PSI. SICP O PSI. PU pump truck test RBP @ 3919' TG 1000 PSI held ok. test crg 500 PSI. Lost 100 PSI. In 5 minutes. POH testings (crg leak) 706'-1210', 958'-1210'. Leak. POH w/2 3/8" tbg. lay down pkr. RIH
6/12/2012	SICP O PSI. RIH Tbg testings. Test 2 3/8" production tubing in hole. 5000 PSI. RD Tbg testings NO PAN & BOP.
6/13/2012	SICP O PSI. RIH Tbg testings. Test 2 3/8" production tubing in hole. 5000 PSI. RD Tbg testings NO PAN & BOP.
6/14/2012	SICP O PSI. RIH w/rest of 3/4 rods 4), ran 18 7/8 rods 2'-6" 7/8 & 1 7/8 poly rods. Spare out CBP @ 4491'

**Proposed Wellbore Diagram**



TD 5,268'  
PBD 5,150'

Well Name:	Mescalero Ridge Unit #352
API No:	30-025-20565
Spud Date:	1/11/1964
WBOD Update:	5/21/2013 B. Williams

Hole Size:	10 3/4"
Well Log:	0 5/8" 214' Surface cas
Cement Blend:	Cmt w/125 ss
Returns:	
TOC:	Circ to Surface

Hole Size:	
Well Log:	
Cement Blend:	
Returns:	
TOC:	

Details of Perforations	Treatment Details
Perf. 1984-3992'	3/1/1984 Acidized w/500 gals acid and frac. W/20,000 gals lease oil and 18,500 lbs sand Acidized w/500 gals acid and frac. W/24,600 gals lease oil and 20,000 lbs sand Acidized w/250 gals acid and frac. W/10,000 gals lease oil and 8,500 lbs sand Acidized w/1,000 gals acid and frac. W/10,000 gals lease oil and 7,000 lbs sand Acidized w/250 gals acid and frac. W/20,400 gals lease oil and 16,000 lbs sand 4/27/1978
Perf. 4585-4590'	
Perf. 4722-4724'	
Perf. 4859-4860'	
Perf. 4862-4865'	
Perf. 4984-4987'	
4995-97'	
Added Perf's 4559, 4571, 4595, 4605, 4616, 4915, 4924, 4934, 5035'	Added perf's 4559-5219'
	8/25/1988
	Added perf's 4559-5035'
	10/26/1991
	Sq'd perf's 4559-4616', 3996-4002'
	11/7/1991
Perf'd w/1 JSPI @ 4861, 61, 64, 4903, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 22, 23, 35, 82, 84, 88, 96, & 4997' (18 holes). Added w/3000 gals. 7 1/2 Hefo. ISIP 1400#	Acidized w/3000 gals. 7 1/2 Hefo. ISIP 1400#. Perf'd from 4859-5015' (14 holes) w/2 drums 50-301 ahead & 54,000 gals. 300 gals w/ 108,000# sand
Added Perf's 3984, 4000', 4010-4041'	6/14/2004

TOC @ 3,100'

Perf & Sqr 45 ss cmt @ 3278-3276'

Spot 23 ss cmt @ 3650-3450'

Tubing Detail 6/1/2012	
Joints	Description
114	2-3/8" 4 68 J.S. EUT
	tubing pump on bottom
Depth	1,778

Rod Detail (top to bottom) 6/14/2012	
Rods	Description
135	7/8" 8/4" tapered string
Hole Size:	7 7/8"
Prod Csg:	5 1/2" 15.5# E-55
Capacity (bbl/H):	
Cement Blend:	Cmt w/350 ss
Returns:	
TOC:	1500
Hole Size:	
Prod Csg:	
Capacity (bbl/H):	
Proflush:	
Depth	528"
Lead Cement Blend:	
Tail Cement Blend:	

Spot 23 ss cmt @ 3450-3200'

4010-4041'

Tagged bit @ 4200'

CBP @ 4491'

Sq'd 4559-4616'

4722-4724'

4859-4865'

4984-4997'

	Location:
Location:	1980 FSL 1980 FEL
Section:	SEC35-T19S-R34E
Block:	
Survey:	
County:	Lea
Lat/Long:	
Tract:	Mescalero Ridge Unit
	Elevation:
GL:	3,705'
DF:	
KB-GL Calc:	3,714'
ck w/log?	

Date	History
1/13/1964	Spud well Ran 8-5/8" @214' w/125 ss (reticulated)
1/29/1964	Ran 5-3/2" @5268' w/350 ss cmt. TDC @ 3,300' by Coleman Engr. Co. Reached TD @5268'
4/27/1979	R/U, Initiated BOP & ROH w/complex Perfo d also 14359, 4571, 4595, 4603, 4616, 4915, 4924, 4934, 5035' w/115. Set pkr @4515'. Acidized perf's 4559-5219'
8/25/1988	Acidized perf's 4339-5037'
8/27/1988	TOH w/tbg and pkr, Ran back in hole w/2-3/8" tubing and set seating nipple @5154.4
10/28/1991	Sq'd perf's 4559-4616' w/100 ss. Drilled out retainer & cmt to 4504' [19']
10/31/1991	Drilled out from 4504-4E16' (112'). Tested sq'd perf's from 3996-4002' to 500 psi, ok
11/15/1991	Perfo'd w/135PF @ 4861, 63, 64, 4903, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 22, 23, 35, 82, 84, 86, 88, 96, & 4997' (18 holes) Acidized w/3000 gal. 7 1/2 Hefe, 51P 14004
11/27/1991	TIN w/2x3 3/2" x 20 RHBC pump, set to pump & test
3/19/1994	TOH w/rods and pump. Tagged PBTD and strapped out w/157 jts 2 3/8" tbg. PBTD @5009'. Btm perf @4997'. Found hole in tbg due to rod wear. Tested 157 jts 2 3/8" tbg. Tagged btm @5009'. Found 1 bad jt 3 jts above seating nipple. Set TAC w/12,000# tension. Flanged w/dread. TH w/rods and exchange 2x1 1/2" x20' RHBC pump. RD pumpg unit. RTP 3/21/94. TAC @ 4843.22', 51N @ 4975.01'
6/14/2004	Added new perf's: 3984-4000', 4010-4041'
6/14/2012	MURU PU. Tested anchors. POH w/rods & plgr
6/5/2012	LD 38 bad jts. Stood back 76 good jts
6/7/2012	RIH w/5-1/2" arrow. Set pkr @3923'
6/11/2012	SKCP O PSI. RIH W/ 4 3/4" Bit. 5 1/2" Csg scraper on 2 3/8" TBG TAG @ 4200' POH W/ Tbg & Lay down bit & scraper. RIH W/ 5 1/2" RSP 5 1/2" arrow set pkr on 2 3/8" TBG set RBP @3939' SET P&R @ 3524'
6/12/2012	SITP O PSI. SKCP O PSI. RU pump trk test RBP @ 3939' TO 1000 PSI. held ok. test csg 500 PSI. Lost 100 PSI. in 5 minutes. POH testings f/csg leaks 706'- 1210', 958'- 1210', Leak. POH W/ 2 3/8" tbg. Lay down pkr. RIH W/F L TOOL F/ RBP. latch on to RBP unset RBP POH LD 2 3/8" TBG & RBP. RIH W/ 6 3 1/2" DC'S POH laying down DC'S SISO.
6/13/2012	SKCP O PSI. RU TBG testers. Test 2 3/8" production tubing in hole. 5000 PSI RD TBG testers ND PAN & BOP. NU VME. RIH W/ 1 3/4 pump plg. 9 1 1/4" X- bars 84 3/4" sucker rods. SISO. Well started running over. Could not get vac tub.
6/16/2012	SKCP O PSI. SITP O PSI. RIH W/ rest of 3/4 rods 41, ran 18 7/8 rods 2, 6' 7/8 & 1 2' 7/8 pony rods. Space put pump. RU pump trk clean loc. 500 PSI. Pumping good. RD pump trk. Clean loc. RDMAOPU.
6/16/2012	CBP @4493'

Well Name:	Mescalero Ridge Unit #352
API No:	30-025-20565
Spud Date:	1/12/1964
WOB Update:	3/21/2013 B. Williams

Hole Size:	10 3/4"
Surf Csg:	8 5/8", 23# Surface csg
Cement Blend:	Cmt w/125 sas
Returns:	
TOC:	Circ to Surface

Hole Size:	
Log Csg:	
Cement Blend:	
Returns:	
TOC:	

Details of Perforations	Treatment Details
Perf. 3586-3992'	2/1/1964 Acidized w/500 gals acid and frac. W/20,000 gals lease oil and 36,500 lbs sand
Perf. 4585-4590'	Acidized w/500 gals acid and frac. W/14,600 gals lease oil and 20,000 lbs sand
Perf. 4722-4714'	Acidized w/250 gals acid and frac. W/10,000 gals lease oil and 6,500 lbs sand
Perf. 4859-4860', 4862, 4865'	Acidized w/1,000 gals acid and frac. W/10,000 gals lease oil and 7,000 lbs sand
Perf. 4984-4987, 4995-97'	Acidized w/250 gals acid and frac. W/20,400 gals lease oil and 16,000 lbs sand
Add 1 Perf's 4559, 4571, 4595, 4605, 4616, 4915, 4924, 4934, 5035'	4/17/1979 Acidized perf's 4559-5219' 8/25/1988
	Acidized perf's 4559-5037' 10/29/1991 Sgt'd perf's 4559-4616', 3996-4001' 11/1/1991
Perf'd w/1 JSP's @ 4861, 63, 64, 4901, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 22, 23, 35, 42, 84, 86, 88, 96, & 4997' (18 holes)	Acidized w/3000 gals. 7 1/2 Hefe, 1SP 1400#. Frac'd from 4859-5035' (34 holes) w/2 drums SC-101 ahead & 54,000 gals, 30# g/d wtr & 109,000# sand
Add 1 Perf's 3981-4000', 4010-4041'	6/14/2004

Tubing Detail 6/4/2012	
Joints	Description
114	2-3/8", 4.6# J-5 EUE
	tubing pump on bottom
Depth	3,778

Rod Detail (top to bottom) 6/14/2012	
Rods	Description
153	7/8" 3/4" tapered string

Hole Size:	7 7/8"
Prod Csg:	5 1/2" 15.5# K-55
Capacity (bbl/H):	
Cement Blend:	Cmt w/390 sas
Returns:	
TOC:	3300
Hole Size:	
Prod Csg:	
Capacity (bbl/H):	
Preflush:	
Depth	6268'
Lead Cement Blend:	
Tail Cement Blend:	

**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
Carlsbad Field Office  
620 East Greene Street  
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220  
575-234-5972**

**Permanent Abandonment of Federal Wells  
Conditions of Approval**

Failure to comply with the following Conditions of Approval may result in a Notice of Incidents of Noncompliance (INC) in accordance with 43 CFR 3163.1.

1. Plugging operations shall commence within **ninety (90)** days from the approval date of this Notice of Intent to Abandon.

**If you are unable to plug the well by the 90<sup>th</sup> day provide this office, prior to the 90<sup>th</sup> day, with the reason for not meeting the deadline and a date when we can expect the well to be plugged. Failure to do so will result in enforcement action.**

**The rig used for the plugging procedure cannot be released and moved off without the prior approval of the authorized officer. Failure to do so may result in enforcement action.**

2. **Notification:** Contact the appropriate BLM office at least 24 hours prior to the commencing of any plugging operations. For wells in Chaves and Roosevelt County, call 575-627-0272; Eddy County, call 575-361-2822; Lea County, call 575-393-3612.

3. **Blowout Preventers:** A blowout preventer (BOP), as appropriate, shall be installed before commencing any plugging operation. The BOP must be installed and maintained as per API and manufacturer recommendations. The minimum BOP requirement is a 2M system for a well not deeper than 9,090 feet; a 3M system for a well not deeper than 13,636 feet; and a 5M system for a well not deeper than 22,727 feet.

4. **Mud Requirement:** Mud shall be placed between all plugs. Minimum consistency of plugging mud shall be obtained by mixing at the rate of 25 sacks (50 pounds each) of gel per 100 barrels of brine water. Minimum nine (9) pounds per gallon.

5. **Cement Requirement:** Sufficient cement shall be used to bring any required plug to the specified depth and length. Any given cement volumes on the proposed plugging procedure are merely estimates and are not final. Unless specific approval is received, no plug except the surface plug shall be less than 25 sacks of cement. Any plug that requires a tag will have a minimum WOC time of 4 hours.

In lieu of a cement plug across perforations in a cased hole (not for any other plugs), a bridge plug set within 50 feet to 100 feet above the perforations shall be capped with 25 sacks of cement. If a bailer is used to cap this plug, 35 feet of cement shall be sufficient. **Before pumping or bailing cement on top of CIBP, tag will be required to verify depth. Based on depth, a tag of the cement may be deemed necessary.**

Unless otherwise specified in the approved procedure, the cement plug shall consist of either Neat Class "C", for up to 7,500 feet of depth or Neat Class "H", for deeper than 7,500 feet plugs.

6. Dry Hole Marker: All casing shall be cut-off at the base of the cellar or 3 feet below final restored ground level (whichever is deeper). **The BLM is to be notified a minimum of 4 hours prior to the wellhead being cut off to verify that cement is to surface in the casing and all annuluses. Wellhead cut off shall commence within ten (10) calendar days of the well being plugged. If the cut off cannot be done by the 10<sup>th</sup> day, the BLM is to be contacted with justification to receive an extension for completing the cut off.**

The well bore shall then be capped with a 4-inch pipe, 10-feet in length, 4 feet above ground and embedded in cement, unless otherwise noted in COA (requirements will be attached). The following information shall be permanently inscribed on the dry hole marker: well name and number, name of the operator, lease serial number, surveyed location (quarter-quarter section, section, township and range or other authorized survey designation acceptable to the authorized officer such as metes and bounds).

7. Subsequent Plugging Reporting: Within 30 days after plugging work is completed, file one original and three copies of the Subsequent Report of Abandonment, Form 3160-5 to BLM. The report should give in detail the manner in which the plugging work was carried out, the extent (by depths) of cement plugs placed, and the size and location (by depths) of casing left in the well. **Show date well was plugged.**

8. Trash: All trash, junk and other waste material shall be contained in trash cages or bins to prevent scattering and will be removed and deposited in an approved sanitary landfill. Burial on site is not permitted.

Following the submission and approval of the Subsequent Report of Abandonment, surface restoration will be required. See attached reclamation procedure.

J. Amos 3/6/11

**Requirements for ground level dry hole markers**  
**Well Identification Markers**  
**Conditions of Approval (COA)**

The BLM Carlsbad Field Office (CFO) Conditions of Approval (COA) Requires that ground level dry hole markers be placed on well within the Lesser Prairie Chicken habitat area. The dry hole markers will be to the following specifications. The operator will construct the markers as follows:

1. An 8 inch X 8 inch steel plate 1/8 to 3/16 of an inch thick is to be placed on the old dry hole marker stand pipe 2 inches from ground level, in the Lesser Prairie Chicken habitat area.
2. Steel plate may be welded or bolted approximately 2 inches from ground level on the stand pipes. If plates are bolted to the stand pipe, the person installing the plate will be required to weld a pipe collar on the plate and place a minimum of two set screws/bolt on each collar. Aluminum data plates may be bolted with minimum 1/4 inch bolt and locking nuts or self tapping fine threaded screws. A minimum of one in each corner is to be installed on each plate.
3. An 8 inch x 8 inch aluminum plate, which is 12 gauge or .080 sign material (1/8 inch aluminum plate may be used in place of the .080 plate) with the required information for that well stamped or engraved in a minimum 3/8 inch tall letter or number.
4. The following information will be stamped or engraved on the 8 inch X 8 inch aluminum plate in the following order.
  - a. First row: Operators name
  - b. Second row: Well name and number
  - c. Third row: Legal location to include 1/4 1/4, Section, Township, and range. If the legal location cannot be placed on one row it can be split into two rows with the 1/4 1/4 (example: 1980 FNL 1980 FWL) being on the top row.
  - d. Fourth row: Lease Number and API number.
    - i. Example marker plate: (attached)

NMOCD Order No. R-12965 also required the operator to notify NMOCD when this type of dry hole marker is used. This can be done on the subsequent report of abandonment which is submitted to the BLM after the well is plugged. State that a ground level dry hole marker was installed as required in the COA's from the BLM.



# United States Department of the Interior

## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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In Reply Refer To: 1310

### Reclamation Objectives and Procedures

**Reclamation Objective:** Oil and gas development is one of many uses of the public lands and resources. While development may have a short- or long-term effect on the land, successful reclamation can ensure the effect is not permanent. 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 final abandonment, well locations, production facilities, and access roads must undergo "final" reclamation so that the character and productivity of the land and water are restored.

The long-term objective of final reclamation is to set the course for eventual ecosystem restoration, including the restoration of the natural vegetation community, hydrology, and wildlife habitats. In most cases this means returning the land to a condition approximating or equal to that which existed prior to the disturbance. The final goal of reclamation is to restore the character of the land and water to its pre-disturbance condition. The operator is generally not responsible for achieving full ecological restoration of the site. Instead, the operator must achieve the short-term stability, visual, hydrological, and productivity objectives of the surface management agency and take steps necessary to ensure that long-term objectives will be reached through natural processes.

To achieve these objectives, remove any and all contaminants, scrap/trash, equipment, pipelines and powerlines. Strip and remove caliche, contour the location to blend with the surrounding landscape, redistribute the native soils, provide erosion control as needed, rip and seed as specified in the original APD COA. This will apply to well pads, facilities, and access roads. Barricade access road at the starting point. If reserve pits have not reclaimed due to salts or other contaminants, submit a plan for approval, as to how you propose to provide adequate restoration of the pit area.

1. The Application for Permit to Drill or Reenter (APD, Form 3160-3), Surface Use Plan of Operations must include adequate measures for stabilization and reclamation of disturbed lands. Oil and Gas operators must plan for reclamation, both interim and final, up front in the APD process as per Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 1.
2. For wells and/or access roads not having an approved plan, or an inadequate plan for surface reclamation (either interim or final reclamation), the operator must submit a proposal describing the procedures for reclamation. For interim reclamation, the appropriate time for submittal would be when filing the Well Completion or Recompletion Report and Log (Form 3160-4). For final reclamation, the appropriate time for submittal would be when filing the Notice of Intent, or the Subsequent Report of Abandonment, Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells (Form 3160-5). Interim reclamation is to be completed within 6 months of well completion, and final reclamation is to be completed within 6 months of well abandonment.
3. The operator must file a Subsequent Report Plug and Abandonment (Form 3160-5) following the plugging of a well.
4. Previous instruction had you waiting for a BLM specialist to inspect the location and provide you with reclamation requirements. If you have an approved Surface Use Plan of Operation and/or an approved Sundry Notice, you are free to proceed with reclamation as per approved APD. If you have issues or concerns, contact a BLM specialist to assist you. It would be in your interest to have a BLM specialist look at the location and access road prior to the removal of reclamation



equipment to ensure that it meets BLM objectives. Upon conclusion submit a Form 3160-5, Subsequent Report of Reclamation. This will prompt a specialist to inspect the location to verify work was completed as per approved plans.

5. The approved Subsequent Report of Reclamation will be your notice that the native soils, contour and seedbed have been reestablished. If the BLM objectives have not been met the operator will be notified and corrective actions may be required.
6. It is the responsibility of the operator to monitor these locations and/or access roads until such time as the operator feels that the BLM objective has been met. If after two growing seasons the location and/or access roads are not showing the potential for successful revegetation, additional actions may be needed. When you feel the BLM objectives have been met submit a Final Abandonment Notice (FAN), Form 3160-5, stating that all reclamation requirements have been achieved and the location and/or access road is ready for a final abandonment inspection.
7. At this time the BLM specialist will inspect the location and/or access road. If the native soils and contour have been restored, and the revegetation is successful, the FAN will be approved, releasing the operator of any further liability of the location and/or access road. If the location and/or access road have not achieved the objective, you will be notified as to additional work needed or additional time being needed to achieve the objective.

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