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# **Hydrogen Sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) Contingency Plan**

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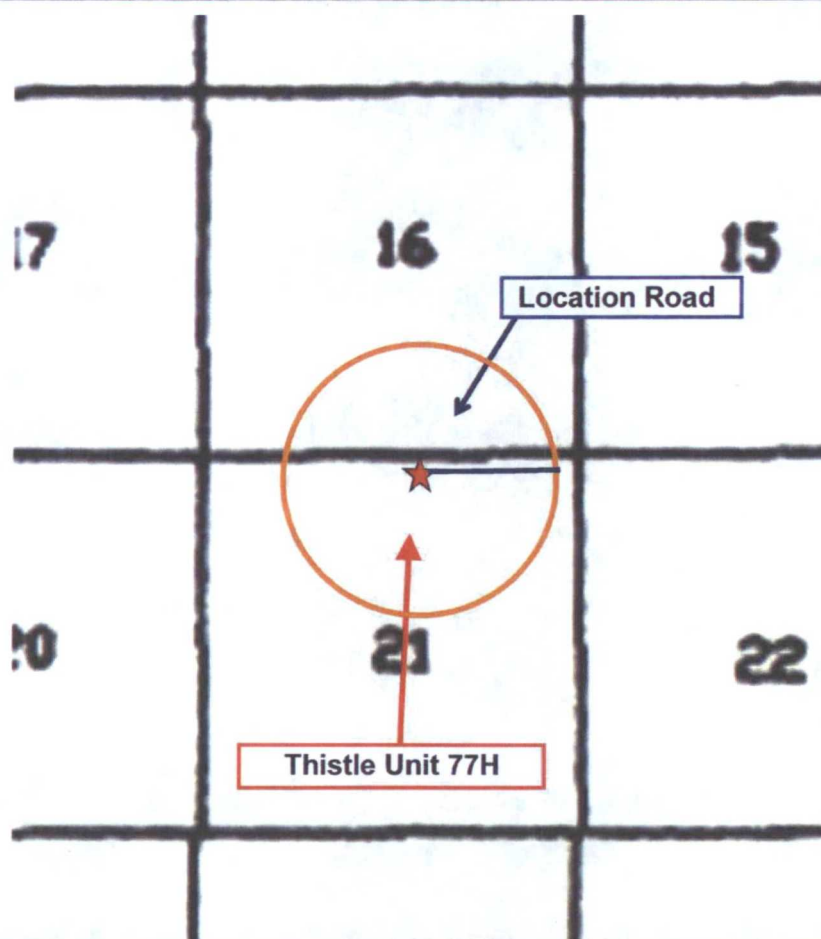
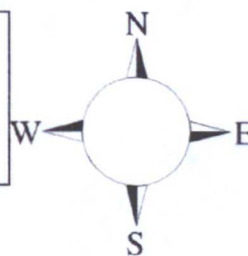
**Thistle Unit 77H**

**Sec-21 T-23S R-33E  
260' FNL & 2275' FEL  
LAT. = 32.2967656' N (NAD83)  
LONG = 103.5761201' W**

**Lea County NM**

## Thistle Unit 77H

This is an open drilling site. H<sub>2</sub>S monitoring equipment and emergency response equipment will be used within 500' of zones known to contain H<sub>2</sub>S, including warning signs, wind indicators and H<sub>2</sub>S monitor.



Assumed 100 ppm ROE = 3000' (Radius of Exposure)  
100 ppm H<sub>2</sub>S concentration shall trigger activation of this plan.

### Escape

Crews shall escape upwind of escaping gas in the event of an emergency release of gas. Escape can be facilitated from the location entrance road. Crews should then block the entrance to the location from the lease road so as not to allow anyone traversing into a hazardous area. The blockade should be at a safe distance outside of the ROE. There are no homes or buildings in or near the ROE.

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### **Emergency Procedures**

In the event of a release of gas containing H<sub>2</sub>S, 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<sub>2</sub>S 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<sub>2</sub>S, 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<sub>2</sub>). 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<sub>2</sub>S and SO<sub>2</sub>**

Common Name	Chemical Formula	Specific Gravity	Threshold Limit	Hazardous Limit	Lethal Concentration
Hydrogen Sulfide	H <sub>2</sub> S	1.189 Air = 1	10 ppm	100 ppm/hr	600 ppm
Sulfur Dioxide	SO <sub>2</sub>	2.21 Air = 1	2 ppm	N/A	1000 ppm

### **Contacting Authorities**

Devon Energy Corp. personnel must liaison 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. The following call list of essential and potential responders has been prepared for use during a release. Devon Energy Corp. Company response must be in coordination with the State of New Mexico's 'Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan' (HMER)



## **Hydrogen Sulfide Drilling Operation Plan**

### **I. HYDROGEN SULFIDE (H<sub>2</sub>S) TRAINING**

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

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

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

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

There will be an initial training session just prior to encountering a known or probable H<sub>2</sub>S zone (within 3 days or 500 feet) and weekly H<sub>2</sub>S and well control drills for all personnel in each crew. The initial training session shall include a review of the site specific H<sub>2</sub>S Drilling Operations Plan and the Public Protection Plan.

### **II. HYDROGEN SULFIDE TRAINING**

Note: All H<sub>2</sub>S safety equipment and systems will be installed, tested, and operational when drilling reaches a depth of 500 feet above, or three days prior to penetrating the first zone containing or reasonably expected to contain H<sub>2</sub>S.

## **1. Well Control Equipment**

- A. Flare line
- B. Choke manifold – Remotely Operated
- C. Blind rams and pipe rams to accommodate all pipe sizes with properly sized closing unit
- D. Auxiliary equipment may include if applicable: annular preventer and rotating head.
- E. Mud/Gas Separator

## **2. Protective equipment for essential personnel:**

30-minute SCBA units located at briefing areas, as indicated on well site diagram, with escape units available in the top doghouse. As it may be difficult to communicate audibly while wearing these units, hand signals shall be utilized.

## **3. H<sub>2</sub>S detection and monitoring equipment:**

Portable H<sub>2</sub>S monitors positioned on location for best coverage and response. These units have warning lights which activate when H<sub>2</sub>S levels reach 10 ppm and audible sirens which activate at 15 ppm. Sensor locations:

- Bell nipple
- Shale shaker
- Trip tank
- Suction pit
- Rig floor
- Cellar
- Choke manifold
- Living Quarters (usually the company man's trailer stairs.)

### **Visual warning systems:**

- A. Wind direction indicators as shown on well site diagram
- B. Caution/ Danger signs shall be posted on roads providing direct access to locations. Signs will be painted a high visibility yellow with black lettering of sufficient size to be reasonable distance from the immediate location. Bilingual signs will be used when appropriate.

**4. Mud program:**

The mud program has been designed to minimize the volume of H<sub>2</sub>S circulated to surface. Proper mud weight, safe drilling practices and the use of H<sub>2</sub>S scavengers will minimize hazards when penetrating H<sub>2</sub>S bearing zones.

**5. Metallurgy:**

- A. All drill strings, casings, tubing, wellhead, blowout preventer, drilling spool, kill lines, choke manifold lines, and valves shall be H<sub>2</sub>S trim.
- B. All elastomers used for packing and seals shall be H<sub>2</sub>S trim.

**6. Communication:**

- A. Company personnel have/use cellular telephones in the field.
- B. Land line (telephone) communications at Office

**7. Well testing:**

- A. Drill stem testing will be performed with a minimum number of personnel in the immediate vicinity, which are necessary to safety and adequately conduct the test. The drill stem testing will be conducted during daylight hours and formation fluids will not be flowed to the surface. All drill-stem-testing operations conducted in an H<sub>2</sub>S environment will use the closed chamber method of testing.
- B. There will be no drill stem testing.



## Devon Energy Corp. Company Call List

### Carlsbad (575)

### Cellular

Drilling Supervisor – Basin – Mark Kramer.....	405-823-4796
Drilling Supervisor – Slope – Norman Naill.....	405-760-7234
EHS Professional – Mark Hurst.....	575-513-9087

## Agency Call List

### Lea County (575)

### Hobbs

Lea County Communication Authority .....	393-3981
State Police .....	392-5588
City Police .....	397-9265
Sheriff's Office .....	393-2515
Ambulance .....	911
Fire Department.....	397-9308
LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee).....	393-2870
NMOCD.....	393-6161
US Bureau of Land Management.....	393-3612

### Eddy County (575)

### Carlsbad

State Police .....	885-3137
City Police .....	885-2111
Sheriff's Office .....	887-7551
Ambulance .....	911
Fire Department.....	885-2111
LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee).....	887-3798
US Bureau of Land Management.....	887-6544
NM Emergency Response Commission (Santa Fe) .....	(505) 476-9600
24 HR .....	(505) 827-9126
National Emergency Response Center (Washington, DC) .....	(800) 424-8802

## Emergency Services

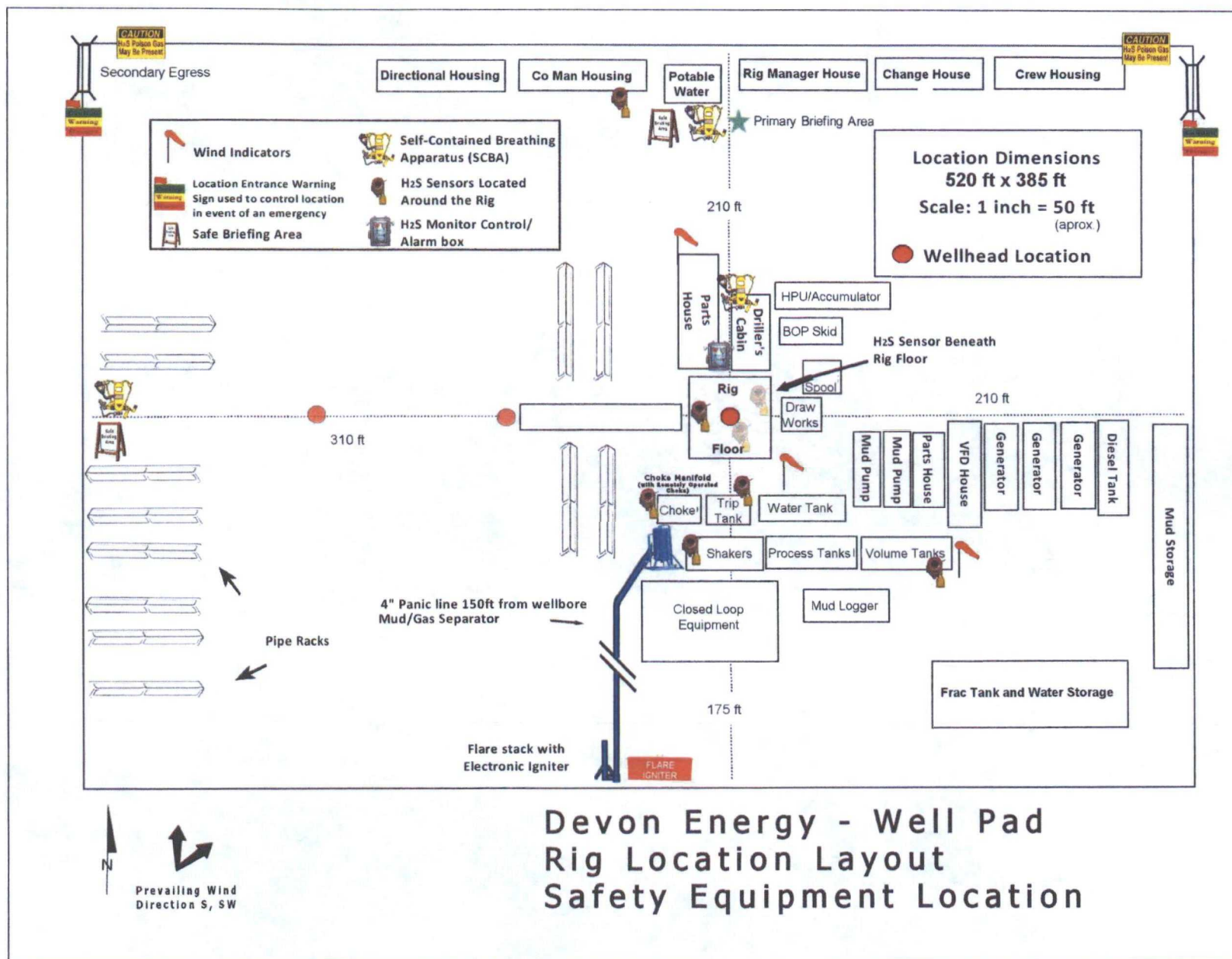
Wild Well Control .....	(281) 784-4700
Cudd Pressure Control.....	(915) 699-0139 or (915) 563-3356
Halliburton .....	(575) 746-2757
B. J. Services.....	(575) 746-3569

### Give GPS position:

Native Air – Emergency Helicopter – Hobbs.....	(575) 392-6429
Flight For Life - Lubbock, TX .....	(806) 743-9911
Aerocare - Lubbock, TX .....	(806) 747-8923
Med Flight Air Amb - Albuquerque, NM .....	(575) 842-4433
Lifeguard Air Med Svc. Albuquerque, NM .....	(575) 272-3115

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**Proposed  
Interim  
Site  
Reclamation**

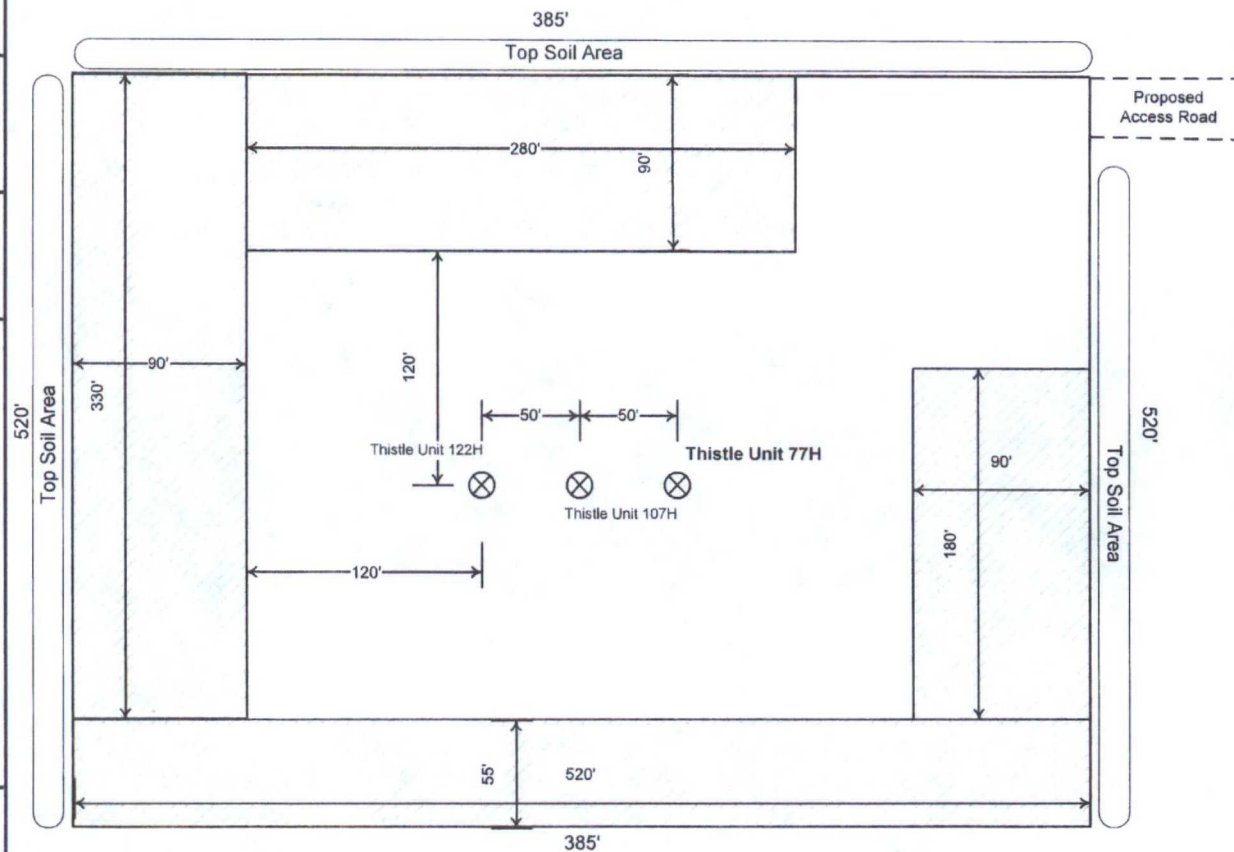
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Thistle Unit 77H, 107H & 122H  
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Proposed  
Reclamation  
Area



Scale: 1in = 60ft.



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SURFACE USE PLAN

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The on-site inspection for these projects was performed on 6/9/2015, by CEHMM**THISTLE UNIT 77H/107H/122H****1. Existing Roads:**

- a. The well site and elevation plat for the proposed well are reflected on the "Site Map". The well was staked by Madron Surveying, Inc.
- b. All roads into the location are depicted on the "Vicinity Map". The operator will repair pot holes, clear ditches, repair the crown, etc. All existing structures on the entire access route such as cattle guards, culverts, etc. will be properly repaired or replaced if they are damaged or have deteriorated beyond practical use. BLM written approval will be acquired before application of surfactants, binding agents, or other dust suppression chemicals on roadways.
- c. Directions to Location: Please see "Site Map".

**2. New or Reconstructed Access Roads:**

- a. The "Site Map" shows new constructed access road, which will be approximately 1980 LF from the existing Lease road.
- b. The maximum driving width of the access road will be 14 feet. The maximum width of surface disturbance when constructing the access road will not exceed 25 feet. The road will be crowned and ditched with 2% slope from the tip of the crown to the edge of the driving surface. The ditches will be 3 feet wide with 3:1 slopes. The driving surface will be made of 6" rolled and compacted caliche.
- c. Devon will integrate a cattle guard to help mitigate the loss of cattle from cutting the B/W Fence that separates ownership lines of the rancher. We will be liable for any damages that occur to the fence when moving the rig in and out of the area. No turnouts are planned.

**3. Location of Existing Wells:**

The attached "One Mile Radius Map" shows all existing and proposed wells within a one-mile radius of the proposed location.

**4. Location of Existing and/or Proposed Production Facilities:**

- a. In the event the well is found productive, the Thistle Unit 21 Central Tank Battery would be utilized and shared. This facility is located in Sec 21-T23S-R33E. See the "Thistle Unit 21 CTB" Plat.
- b. Three 4" production flowlines & three 4" gas lift lines buried in same ditch from the Thistle Unit 77H, 107H & 122H to the Thistle Unit 21 CTB will carry Oil, Water and Gas, and run 2974.41'. See "Flowline Plat". All three wells are on fee surface so no ROW is needed.
- c. See "Interim Reclamation Diagram"
- d. If necessary, the well will be operated by means of an electric prime mover. If electric power poles are needed, a plat and a sundry notice will be filed with your office.



- e. All flow lines will adhere to API standards.
- f. If the well is productive, rehabilitation plans are as follows:
  - i. A closed loop system will be utilized.
  - ii. The original topsoil from the well site will be returned to the location. The drill site will then be contoured as close as possible to the original state.

**5. Location and Types of Water Supply:**

This location will be drilled using a combination of water mud systems (outlined in the Drilling Program). The water will be obtained from commercial water stations in the area and hauled to location by transport truck using the existing and proposed roads described and depicted on the "Vicinity Map". On occasion, water will be obtained from a pre-existing water well, running a pump directly to the drill rig. In cases where a poly pipeline is used to transport water for drilling purposes, proper authorizations will be secured. If a poly pipeline is used, the size, distance, and map showing route will be provided to the BLM via sundry notice.

**6. Construction Materials:**

Obtaining caliche: One primary way of obtaining caliche to build locations and roads will be by "turning over" the location. This means caliche will be obtained from the actual well site. Actual amounts will vary for each pad. The procedure below has been approved by BLM personnel:

- a. The top 6 inches of topsoil is pushed off and stockpiled along the side of the location.
- b. Subsoil is removed and stockpiled within the surveyed well pad.
- c. When caliche is found, material will be stock piled within the pad site to build the location and road.
- d. Then subsoil is pushed back in the hole and caliche is spread accordingly across entire location and road.
- e. Once well is drilled, the stock piled top soil will be used for interim reclamation and spread along areas where caliche is picked up and the location size is reduced.
- f. Neither caliche, nor subsoil will be stock piled outside of the well pad. Topsoil will be stockpiled along the edge of the pad as depicted in the Well Site Layout or survey plat.

In the event that no caliche is found onsite, caliche will be hauled in from a BLM approved caliche pit or other established mineral pit. A BLM mineral material permit will be acquired prior to obtaining any mineral material from BLM pits or land.

**7. Methods of Handling Waste Material:**

- a. Drill cuttings will be safely contained in a closed loop system and disposed of properly at a NMOCD approved disposal site.
- b. All trash, junk and other waste material will be contained in trash cages or trash bins to prevent scattering. When the job is completed all contents will be removed and disposed of in an approved sanitary landfill.
- c. The supplier will pick up salts remaining after completion of well, including broken sacks.
- d. A Porto-john will be provided for the rig crews. This equipment will be properly maintained during the drilling and completion operations and will be removed when all operations are complete.



- e. Remaining drilling fluids will be sent to a closed loop system. Water produced during completion will be put into a closed loop system. Oil and condensate produced will be put into a storage tank and sold.
  - f. Disposal of fluids to be transported by the following companies:
    - i. American Production Service Inc, Odessa TX
    - ii. Gandy Corporation, Lovington NM
    - iii. I & W Inc, Loco Hill NM
    - iv. Jims Water Service of Co Inc, Denver CO
8. **Ancillary Facilities:** No campsite or other facilities will be constructed as a result of this well.
9. **Well Site Layout**
- a. The Rig Location Layout attachment shows the proposed well site layout and pad dimensions.
  - b. The Rig Location Layout attachment proposes location of sump pits and living facilities.
  - c. Mud pits in the active circulating system will be steel pits.
  - d. A closed loop system will be utilized.
  - e. If a pit or closed loop system is utilized, Devon will provide a copy of the Design Plan to the BLM.
10. **Plans for Surface Reclamation:**
- a. After concluding the drilling and/or completion operations, if the well is found non-commercial, the caliche will be removed from the pad and transported to the original caliche pit or used for other drilling locations. The road will be reclaimed as directed by the BLM. The original top soil will again be returned to the pad and contoured, as close as possible, to the original topography.
  - b. The location and road will be rehabilitated as recommended by the BLM.
  - c. If the well is deemed commercially productive, caliche from areas of the pad site not required for operations will be reclaimed. The original top soil will be returned to the area of the drill pad not necessary to operate the well. These unused areas of the drill pad will be contoured, as close as possible, to match the original topography.
  - d. All disturbed areas not needed for active support of production operations will undergo interim reclamation. The portions of the cleared well site not needed for operational and safety purposes will be recontoured to a final or intermediate contour that blends with the surrounding topography as much as possible. Topsoil will be respread over areas not needed for all-weather operations.
11. **Surface Ownership**
- a. The surface is owned by a Private Landowner and an agreement has been reached. The minerals are owned and administered by the U. S. Federal Government. The surface is multiple use with the primary uses of the region for the grazing of livestock and the production of oil and gas. Landowner information as follows:
    - Brininstool XL Ranch
    - P.O. Box 940
    - Jal, NM 88252

b. The proposed road routes and the surface location will be restored as directed by the BLM.

**12. Other Information:**

- a. The area surrounding the well site is grassland. The topsoil is very sandy in nature. The vegetation is moderately sparse with native prairie grass, sage bush, yucca and miscellaneous weeds. No wildlife was observed but it is likely that deer, rabbits, coyotes, and rodents traverse the area.
- b. There is no permanent or live water in the general proximity of the location.
- c. There are no dwellings within 2 miles of location.
- d. A Cultural Resources Examination will be completed by Lone Mountain Archaeological Services, Inc. and forwarded to the BLM office in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

**13. Bond Coverage:**

Bond Coverage is Nationwide; Bond # is CO-1104 & NMB-000801.

**Operators Representative:**

The Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. representatives responsible for ensuring compliance of the surface use plan are listed below.

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(575) 746-4945 (home)

## Certification

I hereby certify that I, or persons under my direct supervision, have inspected the proposed drill site and access road proposed herein; that I am familiar with the conditions that presently exist; that I have full knowledge of State and Federal laws applicable to this operation; that the statements made in this APD package are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed in conformity with this APD package and the terms and conditions under which it is approved. I also certify that I, or Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. am responsible for the operations conducted under this application. These statements are subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001 for the filing of false statements.

I hereby also certify that I, or Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. have made a good faith effort to provide the surface owner with a copy of the Surface Use Plan of Operations and any Conditions of Approval that are attached to the APD.

Executed this 21st day of April, 2016

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