

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENTFORM 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.*5. Lease Serial No.  
NMLC057210

6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name

7. If Unit or CA/Agreement, Name and/or No.

**SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE - Other instructions on reverse side** SEP 21 2015

1. Type of Well

☒ Oil Well ☐ Gas Well ☐ Other

RECEIVED

2. Name of Operator  
CONOCOPHILLIPS COMPANYContact: GREG BRYANT  
E-Mail: GREG.BRYANT@BASICENERGYSERVICES.COM8. Well Name and No.  
MCA UNIT 4089. API Well No.  
30-025-389773a. Address  
3300 N. 'A' ST BLDG 6  
MIDLAND, TX 797053b. Phone No. (include area code)  
Ph: 432-563-335510. Field and Pool, or Exploratory  
MALJAMAR - GB/SA

4. Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T., R., M., or Survey Description)

Sec 27 T17S R32E  
32.801860 N Lat, 103.747825 W Lon

1310 FSL &amp; 660 FEL

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"/> Subsequent Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Alter Casing	<input type="checkbox"/> Fracture Treat
<input type="checkbox"/> Final Abandonment Notice	<input type="checkbox"/> Casing Repair	<input type="checkbox"/> New Construction
	<input type="checkbox"/> Change Plans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plug and Abandon
	<input type="checkbox"/> Convert to Injection	<input type="checkbox"/> Plug Back

**E-PERMITTING <SWD INJECTION**  
**CONVERSION RBDMS**  
**RETURN TO TA**  
**CSNG ENVIRO CHG LOC**  
**INT TO PA MP&A NR P&A R**

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 recompletable 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 recompletable 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.)

\*\*Well currently has a fish in the hole that ConocoPhillips is attempting to get out of the hole prior to Plugging

- 1) MIRU. ND WH, NU BOP
- 2) RIH WL - Set 5-1/2" CIBP @ 3933'
- 3) RIH Tbg - Tag BP. Circ hole w/ MLF. Cap BP w/ 25sx cmt to 3833' 3793'
- 4) Spot 25sx cmt @ 2200' - 2050. WOC-Tag
- 5) Spot 25sx cmt @ 1450' - 950'. WOC-Tag 1200 - 950'
- 6) Spot 30sx cmt @ 250' to surface.
- 7) Top off well. RDMO. Cut off WH & anchors. Install dry hole marker.

RECLAMATION PROCEDURE  
ATTACHEDSEE ATTACHED FOR  
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

*Below ground level dry hole marker required*

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

Electronic Submission #309085 verified by the BLM Well Information System  
For CONOCOPHILLIPS COMPANY, sent to the Hobbs  
Committed to AFMSS for processing by LINDA JIMENEZ on 08/18/2015 ()

Name (Printed/Typed) GREG BRYANT

Title AGENT

Signature (Electronic Submission)

Date 07/14/2015

## THIS SPACE FOR FEDERAL OR STATE OFFICE USE

Approved By

*James G. Jones*

Title

SAET

Date

9-11-15

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

CFO

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.

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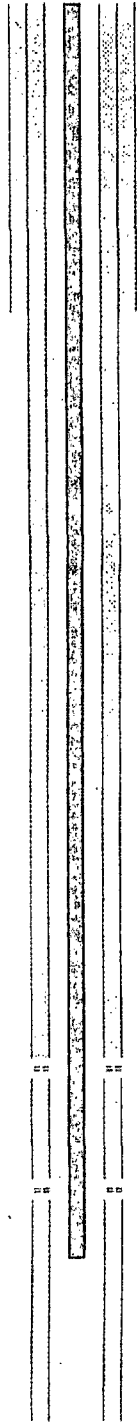
*MAB/OCD 9/21/2015*

SEP 23 2015

**WELLSBORE SKETCH**  
**ConocoPhillips Company - Permian Basin Business Unit**

Date June 17, 2015

RKB @ 3963'  
 DF @ 3960'  
 GL @ 3950'



12-1/4" Hole

Top Salt @

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4256-4280'

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PB1D @ 4423'  
 TD @ 4466'

Subarea: Maljamar  
 Lease & Well No.: MCA Unit No. 408  
 Legal Description: 1310 FSL & 660 FEL, Sec. 27, T-17S, R-32E  
 County: Lea State: New Mexico  
 Field: Maljamar (Grayburg-San Andres)  
 Date Spudded: 1/9/2009 Rig Released: 1/25/2009  
 API Number: 30-025-38977  
 Status: Producing

OGRID 217817  
 Lease # LC-057210

Stimulation History:

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4033-4280	2/4/2009	20% HCL	5100					
4033-4152	2/5/2009	16/30 sand		59,641	2461	2069		
	2/5/2015	Fished stuck rods & tbg fr 2/5/15 to 2/12/15						
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Queen  
 Grayburg  
 San Andres  
 Lovington

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**Permanent Abandonment of Federal Wells**  
**Conditions of Approval (LPC Habitat)**

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.

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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. Below Ground Level Cap (Lesser Prairie-Chicken Habitat): 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.** Upon the plugging and subsequent abandonment of wells that are located in lesser prairie-chicken habitat, the casings shall be cut-off at the base of the cellar or 3 feet below final restored ground level (whichever is deeper). The well bore shall then be covered with a metal plate at least ¼ inch thick and welded in place. A weep hole shall be left in the plate and/or casing.

NMOCD also requires 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 below ground cap was installed as required in the COA's from the BLM.

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 objectives.

**Timing Limitation Stipulation/ Condition of Approval for Lesser Prairie-Chicken:**

From March 1<sup>st</sup> through June 15<sup>th</sup> annually, abandonment activities will be allowed except between the hours from 3:00 am and 9:00 am. Normal vehicle use on existing roads will not be restricted



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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

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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.
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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.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact any of the following specialists:

Jim Amos  
Supervisory Petroleum Engineering Tech  
575-234-5909, 575-361-2648 (Cell)

Arthur Arias  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
575-234-6230

Linda Denniston  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
575-234-5974

Henryetta Price  
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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).

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J. Amos 3/6/11



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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.
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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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