

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Operator

FORM APPROVED  
OMB NO. 1004-0137  
Expires: January 31, 2018**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 page 2

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| 1. Type of Well<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oil Well <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Well <input type="checkbox"/> Other |  | 5. Lease Serial No.<br>NMNM0557256                           |
| 2. Name of Operator<br>APACHE CORPORATION  |  | 6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name                         |
| 3a. Address<br>303 VETERANS AIRPARK LANE SUITE 3000<br>MIDLAND, TX 79705   |  | 7. If Unit or CA/Agreement, Name and/or No.                  |
| 3b. Phone No. (include area code)<br>Ph: 432-818-1062  |  | 8. Well Name and No.<br>ELLIOTT EM 20 FEDERAL 4              |
| 4. Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T., R., M., or Survey Description)<br>Sec 20 T22S R37E SENW 2310FNL 2310FWL                  |  | 9. API Well No.<br>30-025-41444                              |
|  |  | 10. Field and Pool or Exploratory Area<br>WANTZ; ABO (62700) |
|  |  | 11. County or Parish, State<br>LEA COUNTY COUNTY, NM         |

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

| TYPE OF SUBMISSION                                   | TYPE OF ACTION  |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Intent | <input type="checkbox"/> Acidize                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Subsequent Report           | <input type="checkbox"/> Deepen                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Final Abandonment Notice    | <input type="checkbox"/> Alter Casing                   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydraulic Fracturing           |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Casing Repair                  |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> New Construction               |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Change Plans                   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Plug and Abandon               |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Convert to Injection           |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Plug Back                      |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Production (Start/Resume)      |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Reclamation                    |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Recomplete                     |
|  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temporarily Abandon |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Shut-Off                 |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Well Integrity                 |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                          |
|  | <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 must be filed within 30 days following completion of the involved operations. If the operation results in a multiple completion or recompleat in a new interval, a Form 3160-4 must be filed once testing has been completed. Final Abandonment Notices must be filed only after all requirements, including reclamation, have been completed and the operator has determined that the site is ready for final inspection.

Apache respectfully requests an extended TA status for this well, per the attached passing chart dated 1/31/2017.

Apache can not proceed with work on our Elliott EM 20 Federal wells until we are able to tie the wells into the battery. Our original surface commingle application was submitted 5/12/2016 and finally returned 11/1/2016 with no comment on its deficiency. We have not been successful making contact with BLM. Resubmission will occur in conjunction with this request.

TA renewal status is required to clear this well from the OCD Inactive Well List and until such time commingle approval is obtained.

SEE ATTACHED FOR  
CONDITIONS OF APPROV.

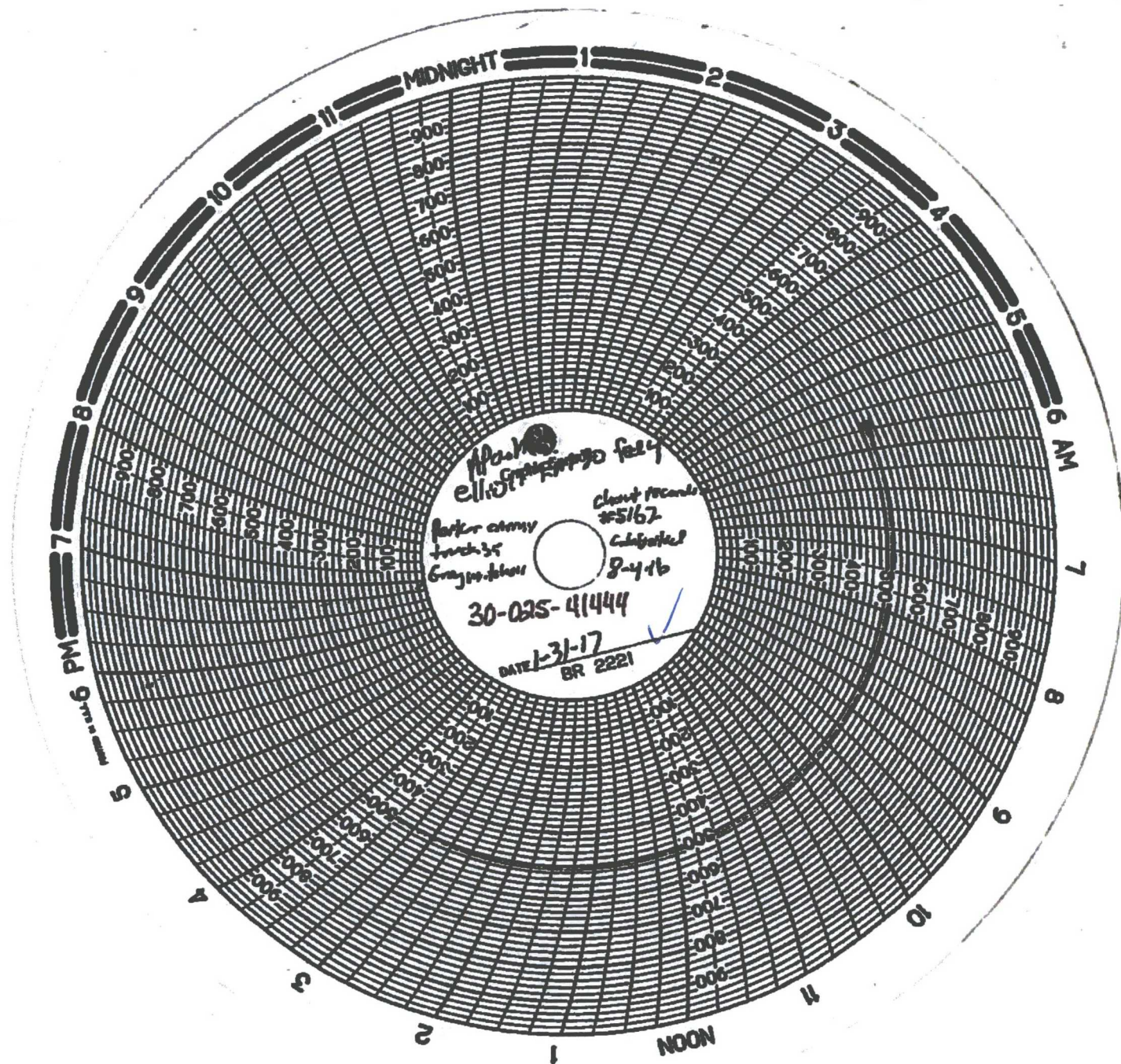
TA will expire 01/31/2018

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| 14. I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct.<br>Electronic Submission #366605 verified by the BLM Well Information System<br>For APACHE CORPORATION, sent to the Hobbs<br>Committed to AFMSS for processing by DEBORAH MCKINNEY on 02/13/2017 ( )                          |                                   |
| Name (Printed/Typed) REESA FISHER  | Title SR STAFF REGULATORY ANALYST |
| Signature (Electronic Submission)  | Date 02/09/2017                   |
| THIS SPACE FOR FEDERAL OR STATE OFFICE USE   |                                   |
| Approved By _____ Title _____  |                                   |
| 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 _____   |                                   |
| 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. |                                   |

(Instructions on page 2)

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

**Approved for a period of 12 months ending 01/31/2018 subject to conditions of approval.**

**Temporary Abandonment of Wells on Federal Lands**  
**Conditions of Approval**

A temporarily abandoned well is defined as a completion that is not capable of production in paying quantities but which may have value as a service well. Pursuant to 43 CFR 3162.3-4 (c), no well may be temporarily abandoned for more than 30 days without the prior approval of the authorized officer.

Temporary Abandonment (TA) status approval requires a successful mechanical or casing integrity test as follows:

1. A Notice of Intent (NOI) Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5) requesting approval to run a mechanical integrity test (MIT) or casing integrity test (CIT).
2. A description of the temporary abandonment procedure.
  - a. A bridge plug or packer must be installed as close to 50 feet above any open perforations or open hole as possible. If a cement plug is used, the top of the cement must be verified by tagging. CIBP must be capped with minimum 25 sacks cement, placed with tubing, or 35 feet of cement if placed with bailer.
  - b. The wellbore must be filled with corrosion inhibited fluid and pressure tested to 500 psi. The casing shall be capable of holding this pressure for at least 30 minutes. Any leak-off will be evaluated.
  - c. All downhole production/injection equipment (tubing, rods, etc.) shall be removed from the casing if they are not isolated by a packer.
  - d. A bradenhead test must be conducted. If the test indicates a problem exists, a remedial plan and time frame for remediation shall be submitted within ninety (90) days of the test.
  - e. Contact the appropriate BLM office at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled Casing Integrity Test. For wells in Eddy County, 575-361-2822; Lea County 575-393-3612.
3. Provides justification why the well should be temporarily abandoned rather than permanently plugged and abandoned and an estimated date that the well will be returned to beneficial use or plugged and abandoned. 43 CFR 3162.3-4 (a) The operator shall promptly plug and abandon...wells in which oil or gas is not encountered in paying quantities...

Wells that successfully pass the casing integrity test may be approved for Temporary Abandonment (TA) status provided that the operator:

1. Submits a subsequent Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5) requesting TA approval with well bore diagram with all perforations and CIBP's and tops of cement on CIBP's.
2. Describes the temporary abandonment procedure.
3. Attaches a clear copy or the original of the pressure test chart.
4. Give justification to allow well to be place in TA status and plan for future use of well with time frame that well will be place back on line or plans to P&A well will be submitted.

If the well does not pass the casing integrity test, then the operator shall within 30 days submit to BLM for approval one of the following:

1. A procedure to repair the casing so that a TA approval can be granted.
2. A procedure to plug and abandon the well.

**Elliott EM 20 Federal 4**

1. Well is approved to be TA/SI for a period of 12 months or until 01/31/2018
2. This will be the last TA approval for this well.
3. Must submit NOI to recomple or NOI to P&A. Must be submitted by 01/31/2018
4. COA's met at this time.