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# APD Surface Use Plan of Operations

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## Existing Roads (Road Plat Attached)

- The operator will improve or maintain existing roads in a condition the same as or better than before operations begin. The operator will repair pot holes, clear ditches, repair the crown, etc. All existing structures on the entire access route such as cattle guards, other range improvement projects, culverts, etc. will be properly repaired or replaced if they are damaged or have deteriorated beyond practical use. We will prevent and abate fugitive dust as needed, whether created by vehicular traffic, equipment operations, or wind events. BLM written approval will be acquired before application of surfactants, binding agents, or other dust suppression chemicals on roadways.
- Driving Directions – From Jal, New Mexico. The location is approximately 33 miles from the nearest town, which is Jal, New Mexico. From Jal, proceed west on Highway 128 approximately 14 miles and turn left (South) onto CR2 and go approximately 13 miles on CR2 until the road reaches the intersection with Dinwiddie Rd (stop sign with “private road” signage). Turn right (west) onto Dinwiddie Rd (Chevron has an agreement and easement for use of this road) and travel west approximately .3 miles, then bear left (south) onto Battle Axe Road (a continuation of CR2). Travel 5 miles on Battle Axe Road, following its bends, until you reach the Chevron lease road into Salado Development Area. Turn right (Northwesterly) and travel 1.8 miles on lease road to the well location.

## New or Reconstructed Access Roads (Well Plat Attached)

- There will be 6404.68' of new road construction for the well pad and facilities.
- Road Width: The access road shall have a driving surface that creates the smallest possible surface disturbance and does not exceed 20'. The maximum width of surface disturbance shall not exceed 25'.
- Maximum Grade: 3%
- Crown Design: Crowning shall be done on the access road driving surface. The road crown shall have a grade of approximately 2%. The road shall conform to cross section and plans for typical road construction found in the BLM Gold Book.
- Turnouts: 50-60'
- Ditch Design: Ditching will be constructed on both sides of road.

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- Cattle guards: None suggestion
- Major Cuts and Fills: 2:1 during drilling and completions. Cuts and fills taken back to 3:1 at interim.
- Type of Surfacing Material: Caliche. The road will also have a dust abatement polymer coating to decrease dust as well as help maintain the road, Envirotac II.

#### Location of Existing Wells (Diagram Attached)

- 1-Mile radius map is attached

#### Location of Existing and/or Proposed Production Facilities (Work Area Detail Map Attached)

- Facilities:
  - Existing production facilities are located in the NW quarter of Sec. 19, T26S-R33E where oil and gas sales will take place.
  - The facility located in Sec. 19, T26S-R33E; NM 27506 lease; off-lease measurement and sales will be required.
  - Gas purchaser pipeline is existing at the tank battery.
  - Open top tanks or open containments will be netted.
  - Open vent exhaust stacks will be modified to prevent birds or bats from entering, discourage perching, roosting, and nesting.
  - Facilities will have a secondary containment 1.5 times the holding capacity of largest storage tank.
  - All above ground structures will be painted non-reflective shale green for blending with surrounding environment.
  - The tank battery will be connected to the existing water gathering system in the field for permanent water disposal.

#### Location of Proposed ROW (Well Plat Attached)

- Pipelines: 8 - 4" buried pipelines, approximately 6,285.92', will be laid from well running to lease road then adjacent to lease road to production facility in Section 19.
  - A ROW will be applied for through the BLM.
  - All construction activity will be confined to the approved ROW.
  - Pipeline will run parallel to the road and will stay within approved ROW.
- Pipelines: 2 - 4" buried gas lift pipelines, approximately 6,269.92', will be laid from well running to lease road then adjacent to lease road to Compressor facility in Section 19.
  - A ROW will be applied for through the BLM.
  - All construction activity will be confined to the approved ROW.



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- Pipeline will run parallel to existing disturbances and will stay within approved ROW.
- Power lines: A powerline, approximately 6,019.05', will be installed from the existing powerline in Section 19 and will be routed to the proposed well.
  - A ROW will be applied for through the BLM.
  - All construction activity will be confined to the approved ROW.
  - Power line will run parallel to the road and will stay within approved ROW.

### Location and Types of Water Supply (Work Area Detail Map Attached)

- Existing ponds in Section 19, T26S-R33E will be utilized for fresh water and Section 23 T26S-R32 and Section 13 T26S-R32 for recycled water.
- Fresh water will be obtained from a private water source.
- A temporary 10" expanding pipe transfer line will run west from frac pond in Section 19 and will run north along proposed access road approx. 8,403.34'. to the well location in section 18.
  - A fresh water line will run parallel to road and will stay within 10' of access road.
  - A BLM ROW will not be required for the water transfer line.
- A temporary 10" expanding pipe transfer line will run east along lease road along lease road approx. 6,050.77' from frac ponds located in Sections 13 & 23 to the well location in Section 18.
  - Recycled water line will run parallel to road and will stay within 10' of access road.
  - A BLM ROW will not be required for the water transfer line.

### Construction Material

- Caliche will be used to construct well pad and roads. Material will be purchased from the private land owners (Oliver Kiehne) caliche pit located in Sec 27, T26, R33E, Lea County, NM.
- The proposed source of construction material will be located and purchased by Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
  - Notification shall be given to BLM at (575) 234-5909 at least 3 working days prior to commencing construction of access road and/or well pad.

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### Methods for Handling Waste

- Drilling fluids and produced oil and water from the well during drilling and completion operations will be stored safely and disposed of properly in an NMOCD approved disposal facility.
- Garbage and trash produced during drilling and completion operations will be collected in a trash container and disposed of properly at a state approved disposal facility. All trash on and around the well site will be collected for disposal.
- Human waste and grey water will be properly contained and disposed of properly at a state approved disposal facility.
- After drilling and completion operations, trash, chemicals, salts, frac sand and other waste material will be removed and disposed of properly at a state approved disposal facility.
- The well will be drilled utilizing a closed loop system. Drill cutting will be properly disposed of into steel tanks and taken to an NMOCD approved disposal facility.

### Ancillary Facilities

None

### Well Site Layout (Well Plat Attached)

- Well Plat
  - Exterior well pad dimensions are 380' x 495'.
  - Interior well pad dimensions from point of entry (well head) of the easternmost well are N-120', S-260', E-260', W-235'. The length to the west includes 25' spacing for next well on multi-well pad (four wells). Total disturbance area needed for construction of well pad will be 4.32 acres.
  - Topsoil placement is on the east where interim reclamation is planned to be completed upon completion of well and evaluation of best management practices.

### Proposed Pad Cut & Fill (Plat Attached)

- Cut and fill: will be minimal.

### Rig Layout (Attached)

### Plans for Surface Reclamation (Pad Plat Attached)

#### Reclamation Objectives

- The objective of interim reclamation is to restore vegetative cover and a portion of the landform sufficient to maintain healthy, biologically active topsoil; control erosion; and minimize habitat and forage loss, visual impact, and weed infestation, during the life of the well or facilities.



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- The long-term objective of final reclamation is to return the land to a condition similar to what existed prior to disturbance. This includes restoration of the landform and natural vegetative community, hydrologic systems, visual resources, and wildlife habitats. To ensure that the long-term objective will be reached through human and natural processes, actions will be taken to ensure standards are met for site stability, visual quality, hydrological functioning, and vegetative productivity.
- The BLM will be notified at least 3 days prior to commencement of any reclamation procedures.
- If circumstances allow, interim reclamation and/or final reclamation actions will be completed no later than 6 months from when the final well on the location has been completed or plugged. We will gain written permission from the BLM if more time is needed.
- Reclamation will be performed by using the following procedures:

#### **Interim Reclamation Procedures**

- Within 6 months, Chevron will contact BLM Surface Management Specialists to devise the best strategies to reduce the size of the location. Current plans for interim reclamation include reducing the pad size to approximately 2.5 acres from the proposed size of 4.32 acres. Within 30 days of well completion, the well location and surrounding areas will be cleared of, and maintained free of, all materials, trash, and equipment not required for production. A plan will be submitted showing where interim reclamation will be completed in order to allow for safe operations, protection of the environment outside of drilled well, and following best management practices found in the BLM "Gold Book".
- In areas planned for interim reclamation, all the surfacing material will be removed and returned to the original mineral pit or recycled to repair or build roads and well pads.
- The areas planned for interim reclamation will then be recontoured to the original contour if feasible, or if not feasible, to an interim contour that blends with the surrounding topography as much as possible. Where applicable, the fill material of the well pad will be backfilled into the cut to bring the area back to the original contour. The interim cut and fill slopes prior to re-seeding will not be steeper than a 3:1 ratio, unless the adjacent native topography is steeper. Note: Constructed slopes may be much steeper during drilling, but will be recontoured to the above ratios during interim reclamation.
- Topsoil will be evenly re-spread and aggressively revegetated over the entire disturbed area not needed for all-weather operations including cuts & fills. To seed the area, the proper BLM seed mixture (BLM #2), free of noxious weeds, will be used.
- Proper erosion control methods will be used on the area to control erosion, runoff and siltation of the surrounding area.
- The interim reclamation will be monitored periodically to ensure that vegetation

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#### **Final Reclamation (well pad, buried pipelines, and power lines, etc.)**

- Prior to final reclamation procedures, the well pad, road, and surrounding area will be cleared of material, trash, and equipment.
- All surfacing material will be removed and returned to the original mineral pit or recycled to repair or build roads and well pads.
- All disturbed areas, including roads, pipelines, pads, production facilities, and interim reclaimed areas will be recontoured to the contour existing prior to initial construction or a contour that blends in distinguishably with the surrounding landscape. Topsoil that was spread over the interim reclamation areas will be stockpiled prior to recontouring. The topsoil will be redistributed evenly over the entire disturbed site to ensure successful revegetation.
- After all the disturbed areas have been properly prepared; the areas will be seeded with the proper BLM seed mixture (BLM #2), free of noxious weeds.
- Proper erosion control methods will be used on the entire area to control erosion, runoff and siltation of the surrounding area.

#### **Surface Ownership**

- All operations for the proposed well are on surface owned by the BLM.
- **Nearest Post Office:** Jal Post Office; 33 Miles East

#### **Other Information**

- On-site performed by BLM NRS: Paul Murphy 4/13/2017
- Cultural report attached: N/A Participating Agreement attached: **Yes**
- Erosion / Drainage: Drainage control system shall be constructed on the entire length of road by use of any of the following: ditches, side hill out-sloping and in-sloping, lead-off ditches, culvert installation, or low water crossings.
- Enclosure fencing will be installed around open cellar to prevent livestock or large wildlife from being trapped after installation. Fencing will remain in place while no activity is present and until backfilling takes place.
- Terrain: Landscape is flat
- Soil: Sandy loam
- Vegetation: Vegetation present in surrounding area includes mesquite, shrubs, and grass (needle-grass, burro grass, dropseed).
- Wildlife: No wildlife observed, but it is likely that deer, rabbits, coyotes, and rodents pass through the area.
- Surface Water: No surface water concerns.
- Cave Karst: Low Karst area with no caves or visual signs of caves found.

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- Watershed Protection: The entire perimeter of the well pad will be bermed to prevent oil, salt, and other chemical contaminants from leaving the well pad.
- Water wells: No known water wells within the 1- mile radius.
- Residences and Buildings: No dwellings within the immediate vicinity of the proposed location.
- Well Signs: Well signs will be in compliance per federal and state requirements and specifications.

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