

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENTFORM 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**

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 SUITE 1400 HOUSTON, TX 77002		7. If Unit or CA/Agreement, Name and/or No.
3b. Phone No. (include area code) Ph: 281-840-4208		8. Well Name and No. MESCALERO RIDGE UNIT 16
4. Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T., R., M., or Survey Description) Sec 35 T19S R34E Mer 6PM 990FSL 1650FEL		9. API Well No. 30-025-21858
		10. Field and Pool or Exploratory Area PEARL;QUEEN
		11. County or Parish, State 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			
<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"/> Hydraulic Fracturing	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
	<input type="checkbox"/> Change Plans	<input type="checkbox"/> Plug and Abandon	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporarily Abandon	Venting and/or Flaring
	<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 recomple 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 recomple 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.

LINN OPERATING, INC. RESPECTIVELY REQUESTS APPROVAL FO FLARE FROM 9/25/17 TO 12-25-17 AT 6 MCF FROM THE MEESCALERO RIDGE UNIT BATTERY DUE TO DCP PLANT BEING DOWN.

NOTE THAT LINN FILED A NOTICE OF CORPORATE RESTRUCTURE ON APRIL 20, 2017 CHANGING LINN OPERATING, INC. TO LINN OPERATING, LLC EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 28, 2017. THE CHANGE REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED TO JULIE SERRANO IN THE BLM NEW MEXICO STATE OFFICE IN SANTA FE, NM. IN ADDITION, AN ORIGINAL NATIONWIDE OIL & GAS OR GEOTHERMAL BOND NO. K09515124 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$880,000 WAS ALSO PROVIDED THAT WILL REPLACE AND SUPERSEDE BOND NO. LPM8898781 FOR LINN PRESENTLY ON FILE WITH THE BLM.

PLEASE FORWARD TO THE CARLSBAD OFFICE AS THE SYSTEM IS NOT ACCEPTING THE LEASE NUMBER WITH THE CARLSBAD, NM OFFICE.

**SEE ATTACHED FOR
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

14. I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Electronic Submission #389802 verified by the BLM Well Information System For LINN OPERATING, INC., sent to the Hobbs Committed to AFMSS for processing by JENNIFER SANCHEZ on 10/11/2017 ()	
Name (Printed/Typed) MINDY K KOTESKY	Title REGULATORY SPECIALIST I
Signature (Electronic Submission)	Date 09/26/2017

THIS SPACE FOR FEDERAL OR STATE OFFICE USE

Approved By _____	Title _____	Date _____
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)

**** OPERATOR-SUBMITTED ** OPERATOR-SUBMITTED ** OPERATOR-SUBMITTED *****MSS/OLD
11/20/2017*

MESCALERO RIDGE UNIT 35 BATTERY

API	Well Name	Well Number	Type	Lease
30-025-21858	MESCALERO RIDGE UNIT	#016✓	Oil	Federal
30-025-29517	MESCALERO RIDGE UNIT	#018✓	Oil	Federal
30-025-33660	MESCALERO RIDGE UNIT	#023✓	Oil	Federal
30-025-33661	MESCALERO RIDGE UNIT	#024✓	Oil	Federal
30-025-34164	MESCALERO RIDGE UNIT	#025✓	Oil	Federal
30-025-34176	MESCALERO RIDGE UNIT	#026✓	Oil	Federal
30-025-20691	MESCALERO RIDGE UNIT	#353✓	Oil	Federal

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
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Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220
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Pursuant to, 43 CFR 3179

Lessees or operators are hereby authorized to vent or flare gas on a short-term basis without incurring a royalty obligation in the following circumstances:

- A. 43 CFR 3179.105 **Emergencies** (a) An operator may flare or, if flaring is not feasible given the emergency, vent gas royalty-free under §3179.4 (a) (vi) of this subpart during an emergency. For purposes of this subpart, an "emergency" is a temporary, infrequent and unavoidable situation in which the loss of gas or oil is uncontrollable or necessary to avoid risk of an immediate and substantial adverse impact on safety, public health, or the environment. For purposes of royalty assessment, an "emergency" is limited to a short-term situation of 24 hours or less (unless the BLM agrees that the emergency conditions necessitating venting or flaring extend for a longer period) caused by an unanticipated event or failure that is out of the operator's control and was not due to operator negligence.
- B. 43 CFR 3179.4 **Determining when the loss of oil or gas is avoidable or unavoidable.**
(2) *Avoidably lost oil or gas* means: Lost oil or gas that is not "unavoidably lost," as defined in paragraph (a) of this section; waste oil that became waste oil through operator negligence; and, any "excess flared gas," as defined in §3179.7.
- C. 43 CFR 3179.5 **When lost production is subject to royalty.**
(a) Royalty is due on all avoidably lost oil or gas.
(b) Royalty is not due on any unavoidably lost oil or gas.

Condition of Approval to Flare Gas

- 1. The first 24 hours of a temporary emergency flare is considered "unavoidably lost" and is therefore royalty free. Flared volumes that are considered unavoidably lost are not to be included in Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5). These Volumes are not royalty bearing and shall be reported on OGOR "B" as either disposition code "21" or "22".
- 2. Flared volumes considered to be "avoidably lost":
These flare events will require prior approval via Notice of Intent- Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5). Volumes flared beyond limits defined in 43 CFR 3179.7 are considered "avoidably lost" and will require payment of royalties, unless an exception is granted in accordance with 43 CFR 3179. Volumes for avoidably lost gas shall be reported on OGOR "B" reports as disposition code "08".

If the operator believes that the flared volumes were "unavoidably lost" and the BLM determines them to be "avoidably lost", the operator can submit a more detailed request via Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5) for an exception in accordance with 43 CFR 3179.4, 3179.103 - 3179.105. As an alternative to producing oil and flaring gas the operator may choose to shut the well in and avoid paying royalties on otherwise avoidably lost gas.

- 3. Approval not to exceed 90 days, if flaring is still required past 90 days submit new request for approval.

4. Submit Subsequent Report with actual volumes of gas flared for each month gas is flared on a Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5). Include method for volume determination and duration. Report unavoidably lost (first 24 hrs. of unexpected event) and avoidably lost (exceeding the first 24 hrs. or flared gas that has been approved as avoidably lost by the Authorized Officer) volumes and durations on the Subsequent Report.
5. In determining the volumes of gas to be reported, shall be in accordance with 43 CFR 3179.4, 43 CFR 3179.5, 43 CFR 3179.9 and 43 CFR 3179.10
6. The operator must estimate or measure all volumes of gas vented or flared gas by one of the following methods.
 - i. Measure the flare gas by a meter. The meter shall meet all requirements for a sales meter as per Federal Regulations, 43 CFR 3175 (due to volume of gas being flared). Include meter serial number on Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5).
 - ii. Calculate the volume of the flared gas based on the results of a regularly performed GOR test and measured values for the volumes of oil production and gas sales, so as to allow BLM to independently verify the volume, rate, and heating value of the gas flared.

Regulation Ref: Link to 43 CFR 3179 **Waste Prevention and Resources Conservation**;
<https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/retrieveECFR?gp=1&SID=dbd49eda8cdc488870172ed096d47be9&ty=HTML&h=L&mc=true&n=sp43.2.3170.3179&r=SUBPART>