Form 3160-5 (June 2015)

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

FORM APPROVED OMB NO. 1654-0137 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.						
					6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name	
SUBMIT IN	age 2		7. If Unit or CA/Agre	eement, Name and/or No.		
1. Type of Well  Cil Well Gas Well Other					8. Well Name and No LITTLE BEAR FE	DERAL COM 3H
Name of Operator     COG OPERATING LLC	n		9. API Well No. 30-025-45099-00-X1			
3a. Address ONE CONCHO CENTER 600 W ILLINOIS AVENUE Ph: 575-74 MIDLAND, TX 79701-4287			include area code) -1555		10. Field and Pool or Exploratory Area WILDCAT BONE SPRING	
4. Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T., R., M., or Survey Description)			<del></del>		11. County or Parish,	, State
Sec 33 T20S R34E SWSE 696FSL 2167FEL 32.524239 N Lat, 103.563675 W Lon				:	LEA COUNTY,	, NM
12. CHECK THE A	PPROPRIATE BOX(ES)	TO INDICAT	E NATURE O	F NOTICE,	REPORT, OR OT	HER DATA
TYPE OF SUBMISSION	TYPE OF SUBMISSION TYP			OF ACTION		
☑ Notice of Intent ☐ Acidize ☐ Dee		□ Deepe	epen		ion (Start/Resume)	☐ Water Shut-Off
_	☐ Alter Casing	_ ·		☐ Reclam	ation	■ Well Integrity
☐ Subsequent Report	☐ Casing Repair ☐ New Constru		Construction	☐ Recomplete		Other
☐ Final Abandonment Notice	☐ Change Plans	☐ Plug a	nd Abandon	☐ Temporarily Abandon		Right of Way
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(Instructions on page 2) \*\* BLM REVISED \*\*



#### Revisions to Operator-Submitted EC Data for Sundry Notice #456720

**Operator Submitted** 

**BLM Revised (AFMSS)** 

Sundry Type:

ROW NOI

NMNM121958

ROW NOI

**NMNM082** 

Agreement:

Lease:

Operator:

COG OPERATING LLC 2208 WEST MAIN ARTESIA, NM 88210 Ph: 575-748-6940

COG OPERATING LLC ONE CONCHO CENTER 600 W ILLINOIS AVENUE MIDLAND, TX 79701-4287 Ph: 432.685.4342

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Location:

State: County: NM LEA NM LEA

Field/Pool:

WILDCAT/BONE SPRING

WILDCAT BONE SPRING

Well/Facility:

LITTLE BEAR FEDERAL COM 3H Sec 33 T20S R34E SWSE 696FSL 2167FEL

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## **EXHIBIT A**

September 21, 2012 BLM Serial Number: NM-129191 Company Reference: 1098 White Pine

# STANDARD STIPULATIONS FOR COMMUNICATION SITES IN THE CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE, BLM

A copy of the grant and attachments, including stipulations and map, will be on location during construction. BLM personnel may request to view a copy of your permit during construction to ensure compliance with all stipulations.

The holder agrees to comply with the following stipulations to the satisfaction of the Authorized Officer, BLM.

- 1. The authorization is conditioned upon the submission of a copy of an approved license and/or renewal license granted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) or the Interdepartmental Radio Advisory Committee (IRAC) for each electronic station installation authorized or future amendments of this authorization. A copy of the FCC or I RAC authorization shall be submitted within 90 days of issuance of this authorization or within 90 days following approval of an amendment to this authorization. Failure to submit the FCC or IRAC authorization copy within the time specified shall be grounds for termination of this authorization or cancellation of an amendment to this authorization. The Authorized Officer may grant an extension of up to 90 days, if requested in writing by the holder.
- 2. The holder shall indemnify the United States against any liability for damage to life or property arising from the occupancy or use of public lands under this grant and for all response costs, penalties, damages, claims, and other costs arising from the provisions of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), 42 U.S.C. Chap. 82, Section 6901 *et. seq.*, from the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. Chap. 109, Section 9601 *et. seq.*, and from other applicable environmental statues.
- 3. The holder shall comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations existing or hereafter enacted or promulgated. In any event, the holder shall comply with the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976, as amended (15 U.S.C. 2601, et. seq.) with regard to any toxic substances that are used, generated by or stored on the right-of-way or on facilities authorized by this grant. (See 40 CFR, Part 702-799 and especially, provisions on polychlorinated biphenyls, 40 CFR 761.1-761.193.) Additionally, any release of toxic substances (leaks, spills, etc.) in excess of the reportable quantity established by 40 CFR, Part 117 shall be reported as required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, Section 102b. A copy of any report required or requested by any Federal agency or State government as a result of a reportable release or spill of any toxic substances shall be furnished to the Authorized Officer concurrent with the filing of the reports to the involved Federal agency or State government.
- 4. The holder agrees to indemnify the United States against any liability arising from the release of any hazardous substance or hazardous waste (as these terms are defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. 9601, et. seq. or the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 6901, et. seq.) on the right-of-way (unless the release or threatened release is wholly unrelated to the right-of-Page 1 of 4

way holder's activity on the right-of-way). This agreement applies without regard to whether a release is caused by the holder, its agent, or unrelated third parties.

- 5. The holder and its sublessees shall at all times operate their radio-electronic equipment in such a manner as not to cause interference with radio-electronic operations of existing users in the vicinity. If such interference results from holder's or sublessee's operations, holder shall promptly, at its own AP2-9 APPENDIX 2 expense, modify the equipment and operations, or shut down if necessary to eliminate or reduce the interference to the satisfaction of the FCC, IRAC" and/or the Authorized Officer.
- 6. The holder shall notify the Authorized Officer of any intent to locate additional users within or upon their existing facilities, not less than 45 days prior to occupancy of holder's facilities. Information that must be included is:
  - a. Name, current address, and phone number of the third party user(s).
  - b. Expected date of occupancy.
  - c. A photo or sketch of the type of antennas to be installed, as well as any other planned physical changes to the exterior facilities operated by the holder. If the proposed use is not specified in the original authorization shall be required.
- 7. No less than 45 days prior to occupancy of the holder's facility, the holder shall notify existing users within a 1-mile radius that the holder intends to accommodate a new communication user in its facility. Existing users can then file any comments pertaining to potential frequency or electromagnetic problems with the Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street NW, Washington, DC 20554, with a copy to the Authorized Officer.
- 8. The holder shall be responsible for the actions and operations of any third party users associated with this facility. All such use shall be subject to the applicable terms, conditions, and stipulations of this authorization.
- 9. All above-ground structures not subject to safety requirements shall be painted by the holder to blend with the natural color of the landscape. The paint used shall be a color which simulates "Standard Environmental Colors" designated by the Rocky Mountain Five-State Interagency Committee. The color selected for this project is **Slate Gray**, Munsell Soil Color Chart Number 5Y 6/1.
- 10. The holder shall post signs designating the BLM serial number assigned to this facility at the points of entry to and exit from the site. These signs shall be posted in a permanent, conspicuous manner, and shall be maintained in a legible condition for the term of the authorization.
- 11. The holder agrees to share road maintenance costs with all present and future users of the access road. At such future time as a Users Association for this communication site is

formed, the holder shall join the Users Association and remain a member in good standing. Within 30 days of the creation of such Users Association the holder shall provide the authorized officer with evidence of membership. Failure of the holder to join the Users Association and remain a member in good standing shall constitute sufficient grounds for termination of this authorization.

- 12. If, during any phase of the construction, operation, maintenance, or termination of the site or related pipeline(s), any pollutant should be discharged from site facilities, the pipeline(s) or from containers or vehicles impacting public lands, the control and total removal, disposal, and cleanup of such pollutant, wherever found, shall be the responsibility of the holder, regardless of fault. Upon failure of the holder to control, dispose of, or clean up such discharge on or affecting public lands, or to repair all damages to public lands resulting there from, the Authorized Officer may take such measures as deemed necessary to control and cleanup the discharge and restore the area, including, where appropriate, the aquatic environment and fish and wildlife habitats, at the full expense of the holder. Such action by the Authorized Officer shall not relieve the holder of any liability or responsibility.
- 13. Sites shall be maintained in an orderly, sanitary condition at all times. Waste materials, both liquid and solid, shall be disposed of promptly at an appropriate, authorized waste disposal facility in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws. "Waste" means all discarded matter including, but not limited to, human waste, trash, garbage, refuse, brines, chemicals, ashes, and equipment.
- 14. In those areas where erosion control structures are required to stabilize soil conditions, the holder shall install such structures as are suitable for the specific soil conditions being encountered and which are in accordance with sound management practices. Any earth work will require prior approval by the Authorized Officer.
- 15. Any cultural and/or paleontological resource (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by the holder, or any person working on the holder's behalf, on public or Federal land shall be immediately reported to the Authorized Officer. The holder shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the Authorized Officer. An evaluation of the discovery will be made by the Authorized Officer to determine appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values. The holder will be responsible for the cost of evaluation and any decision as to the proper mitigation measures will be made by the Authorized Officer after consulting with the holder.
- 16. A sales contract for removal of mineral material (caliche, sand, gravel, fill dirt) from an authorized pit, site, or on location must be obtained from the BLM <u>prior to commencing construction</u>. There are several options available for purchasing mineral material: contact the BLM office (505-234-5972).
- 17. The area will be kept free of the following plant species: Malta starthistle, African rue, Scotch thistle, and saltcedar

### **Special Stipulations:**

- 1. The holder shall label all equipment with the owner's name; transmitter frequency (ies); transmitting power outputs(s); and a current 24-hour phone contact number.
- 2. All above-ground structures, including dish antenna, and panel antennas other than the chain-link fence shall be painted by the holder to blend with the dominant natural color of the surrounding landscape within 60 days of installation. The color specified for this location is Standard Environmental Color "Slate Grey" (Munsell Soil Color Chart Number 5Y 6/1, and shall be flat, non-reflective finish. Any exception to this painting requirement for safety or other purposes must be reviewed and approved by the Authorized Officer in writing prior to implementation.
- 3. Special Stipulations for Cave/Karst: A possibility exists for slow subsidence or sudden collapse of a sinkhole, cave passage, or void during trenching operations, with associated safety hazards to the operator and potential for increased environmental impact. Slow subsidence or sudden collapse of sinkholes may also leave pipelines hanging and increase their possibility of leaking or failure. These subsidence processes can be triggered or enhanced by intense vibrations from construction or rerouting or focusing of surface drainages.

Other potential impacts resulting from leaking pipelines include the introduction of petroleum products or natural gas into caves, fissures or voids. In extreme or rare cases, a buildup of toxic fumes or combustible hydrocarbons in cave systems could potentially cause underground ignitions or asphyxiation of wildlife or humans. To eliminate these extreme possibilities, good record keeping is needed to quickly identify leaks for their immediate and proper treatment.

Contaminates, such as salt water, oil, or other petroleum products, from spills can be transported directly into cave and karst systems causing a negative effect to the cave environment and ecosystem. Because cave ecosystems are extremely fragile and easily disturbed, the negative effects to the cave's biological components may include disruption of some of its species. Because karst terrains and cave systems are directly and integrally

linked to groundwater recharge leaking or ruptured pipelines in karst areas may lead directly to groundwater contamination.

To avoid or lessen the potential of subsidence or collapse of karst features, toxic or combustible gas buildup, or other possible impacts to cave and karst resources from buried pipelines or cables, alignments may be rerouted to avoid karst features. The BLM, Carlsbad Field Office, will be informed immediately if any subsurface drainage channels, passages, or voids are intersected by trenching, and no pipe will be laid in the trench at that point until clearance has been issued by the Authorized Officer. Special restoration stipulations or realignment may be required at such intersections, if any.

4. Timing Limitation Stipulation/Condition of Approval for Lesser Prairie-Chicken:
Oil and gas activities including 3-D geophysical exploration, and drilling will not be allowed in lesser prairie-chicken habitat during the period from March 1st through June 15th annually. During that period, other activities that produce noise or involve human activity,

such as the maintenance of oil and gas facilities, geophysical exploration other than 3-D operations, and pipeline, road, and well pad construction, will be allowed except between 3:00 am and 9:00 am. The 3:00 am to 9:00 am restriction will not apply to normal, around-the-clock operations, such as venting, flaring, or pumping, which do not require a human presence during this period.

**Timing Limitation Exceptions:** 

The Carlsbad Field Office will publish an annual map of where the LPC timing and noise stipulations and conditions of approval (Limitations) will apply for the identified year (between March 1 and June 15) based on the latest survey information. The LPC Timing Area map will identify areas which are Habitat Areas (HA), Isolated Population Area (IPA), and Primary Population Area (PPA). The LPC Timing Area map will also have an area in red crosshatch. The red crosshatch area is the only area where an operator is required to submit a request for exception to the LPC Limitations. If an operator is operating outside the red crosshatch area, the LPC Limitations do not apply for that year and an exception to LPC Limitations is not required.

**BLM LEASE NUMBER**:

Lease Number NMNM128368

Lease Number NMNM082 Lease Number NMNM0000082

**COMPANY NAME:** 

COG Operating LLC

ASSOCIATED WELL NAME: Little Bear Fed Com 2,3,4H

#### **BURIED PIPELINE STIPULATIONS**

A copy of the application (Grant, APD, or Sundry Notice) and attachments, including conditions of approval, survey plat and/or map, will be on location during construction. BLM personnel may request to you a copy of your permit during construction to ensure compliance with all stipulations.

Holder agrees to comply with the following stipulations to the satisfaction of the Authorized Officer:

- 1. The Holder shall indemnify the United States against any liability for damage to life or property arising from the occupancy or use of public lands under this grant.
- 2. The Holder shall comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations existing or hereafter enacted or promulgated. In any event, the holder shall comply with the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976 as amended, 15 USC 2601 et seq. (1982) with regards to any toxic substances that are used, generated by or stored on the right-of-way or on facilities authorized under this right-of-way grant. (See 40 CFR Part 702-799 and especially, provisions on polychlorinated biphenyls, 40 CFR 761.1-761.193.) Additionally, any release of toxic substances (leaks, spills, etc.) in excess of the reportable quantity established by 40 CFR Part 117 shall be reported as required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, section 102b. A copy of any report required or requested by any Federal agency or State government as a result of a reportable release or spill of any toxic substances shall be furnished to the authorized officer concurrent with the filing of the reports to the involved Federal agency or State government.
- 3. The holder agrees to indemnify the United States against any liability arising from the release of any hazardous substance or hazardous waste (as these terms are defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. 9601, et seq. or the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C.6901, et seq.) on the Right-of-Way (unless the release or threatened release is wholly unrelated to the Right-of-Way holder's activity on the Right-of-Way), or resulting from the activity of the Right-of-Way holder on the Right-of-Way. This agreement applies without regard to whether a release is caused by the holder, its agent, or unrelated third parties.
- 4. If, during any phase of the construction, operation, maintenance, or termination of the pipeline, any oil or other pollutant should be discharged from the pipeline system, impacting Federal lands, the control and total removal, disposal, and cleaning up of such oil or other pollutant, wherever found, shall be the responsibility of holder, regardless of fault. Upon failure of holder to control, dispose of, or clean up such discharge on or affecting Federal lands, or to repair all damages resulting therefrom, on the Federal lands, the Authorized Officer may take such measures as he deems necessary to control and clean up the discharge and restore the area, including where appropriate, the aquatic environment and fish and wildlife habitats, at the full expense of the holder. Such action by the Authorized Officer shall not relieve holder of any responsibility as provided herein.

5. All construction and maintenance activity will be confined to the authorized right-of-w	vay.
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• Blading of vegetation within the right-of-way will be allowed: maximum width blading operations will not exceed 20 feet. The trench is included in this area. (is defined as the complete removal of brush and ground vegetation.)	
• Clearing of brush species within the right-of-way will be allowed: maximum wide clearing operations will not exceed 30 feet. The trench and bladed area are inclutionable this area. (Clearing is defined as the removal of brush while leaving ground vego (grasses, weeds, etc.) intact. Clearing is best accomplished by holding the blade inches above the ground surface.)	ided in getation
• The remaining area of the right-of-way (if any) shall only be disturbed by comprete the vegetation. (Compressing can be caused by vehicle tires, placement of equipmetc.)	
8. The holder shall stockpile an adequate amount of topsoil where blading is allowed. The topsoil to be stripped is approximately6 inches in depth. The topsoil will be segre from other spoil piles from trench construction. The topsoil will be evenly distributed over bladed area for the preparation of seeding.	gated
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10. Vegetation, soil, and rocks left as a result of construction or maintenance activity will randomly scattered on this right-of-way and will not be left in rows, piles, or berms, unless otherwise approved by the Authorized Officer. The entire right-of-way shall be recontour match the surrounding landscape. The backfilled soil shall be compacted and a 6 inch ber be left over the ditch line to allow for settling back to grade.	ss red to
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- 13. All above-ground structures not subject to safety requirements shall be painted by the holder to blend with the natural color of the landscape. The paint used shall be color which simulates "Standard Environmental Colors" Shale Green, Munsell Soil Color No. 5Y 4/2.
- 14. The pipeline will be identified by signs at the point of origin and completion of the right-of-way and at all road crossings. At a minimum, signs will state the holder's name, BLM serial number, and the product being transported. All signs and information thereon will be posted in a permanent, conspicuous manner, and will be maintained in a legible condition for the life of the pipeline.
- 15. The holder shall not use the pipeline route as a road for purposes other than routine maintenance as determined necessary by the Authorized Officer in consultation with the holder before maintenance begins. The holder will take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the pipeline route is not used as a roadway. As determined necessary during the life of the pipeline, the Authorized Officer may ask the holder to construct temporary deterrence structures.
- 16. Any cultural and/or paleontological resources (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by the holder, or any person working on his behalf, on public or Federal land shall be immediately reported to the Authorized Officer. Holder shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the Authorized Officer. An evaluation of the discovery will be made by the Authorized Officer to determine appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values. The holder will be responsible for the cost of evaluation and any decision as to proper mitigation measures will be made by the Authorized Officer after consulting with the holder.
- 17. The operator shall be held responsible if noxious weeds become established within the areas of operations. Weed control shall be required on the disturbed land where noxious weeds exist, which includes associated roads, pipeline corridor and adjacent land affected by the establishment of weeds due to this action. The operator shall consult with the Authorized Officer for acceptable weed control methods, which include following EPA and BLM requirements and policies.
- 18. Escape Ramps The operator will construct and maintain pipeline/utility trenches that are not otherwise fenced, screened, or netted to prevent livestock, wildlife, and humans from becoming entrapped. At a minimum, the operator will construct and maintain escape ramps, ladders, or other methods of avian and terrestrial wildlife escape in the trenches according to the following criteria:
  - a. Any trench left open for eight (8) hours or less is not required to have escape ramps; however, before the trench is backfilled, the contractor/operator shall inspect the trench for wildlife, remove all trapped wildlife, and release them at least 100 yards from the trench.
  - b. For trenches left open for eight (8) hours or more, earthen escape ramps (built at no more than a 30 degree slope and spaced no more than 500 feet apart) shall be placed in the trench.

#### 19. Special Stipulations:

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other than 3-D operations, and pipeline, road, and well pad construction, will be allowed except between 3:00 am and 9:00 am. The 3:00 am to 9:00 am restriction will not apply to normal, around-the-clock operations, such as venting, flaring, or pumping, which do not require a human presence during this period. Normal vehicle use on existing roads will not be restricted. Exhaust noise from pump jack engines must be muffled or otherwise controlled so as not to exceed 75 db measured at 30 ft. from the source of the noise.

# **Timing Limitation Exceptions:**

The Carlsbad Field Office will publish an annual map of where the LPC timing and noise stipulations and conditions of approval (Limitations) will apply for the identified year (between March 1 and June 15) based on the latest survey information. The LPC Timing Area map will identify areas which are Habitat Areas (HA), Isolated Population Area (IPA), and Primary Population Area (PPA). The LPC Timing Area map will also have an area in red crosshatch. The red crosshatch area is the only area where an operator is required to submit a request for exception to the LPC Limitations. If an operator is operating outside the red crosshatch area, the LPC Limitations do not apply for that year and an exception to LPC Limitations is not required.

**BLM LEASE NUMBER:** 

Lease Number NMNM128368

Lease Number NMNM082 Lease Number NMNM0000082

**COMPANY NAME**:

COG Operating LLC

ASSOCIATED WELL NAME: Little Bear Fed Com 2,3,4H

#### STANDARD STIPULATIONS FOR OIL AND GAS RELATED SITES

A copy of the application (Grant/Sundry Notice) and attachments, including stipulations and map, will be on location during construction. BLM personnel may request to view a copy of your permit during construction to ensure compliance with all stipulations.

The holder agrees to comply with the following stipulations to the satisfaction of the Authorized Officer, BLM.

- 1. The holder shall indemnify the United States against any liability for damage to life or property arising from the occupancy or use of public lands under this grant and for all response costs, penalties, damages, claims, and other costs arising from the provisions of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), 42 U.S.C. Chap. 82, Section 6901 et. seq., from the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. Chap. 109, Section 9601 et. seq., and from other applicable environmental statues.
- 2. The holder shall comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations existing or hereafter enacted or promulgated. In any event, the holder shall comply with the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976, as amended (15 U.S.C. 2601, et. seq.) with regard to any toxic substances that are used, generated by or stored on the right-of-way or on facilities authorized by this grant. (See 40 CFR, Part 702-799 and especially, provisions on polychlorinated biphenyls, 40 CFR 761.1-761.193.) Additionally, any release of toxic substances (leaks, spills, etc.) in excess of the reportable quantity established by 40 CFR, Part 117 shall be reported as required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, Section 102b. A copy of any report required or requested by any Federal agency or State government as a result of a reportable release or spill of any toxic substances shall be furnished to the Authorized Officer concurrent with the filing of the reports to the involved Federal agency or State government.
- 3. The holder agrees to indemnify the United States against any liability arising from the release of any hazardous substance or hazardous waste (as these terms are defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. 9601, et. seq. or the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 6901, et. seq.) on the right-of-way (unless the release or threatened release is wholly unrelated to the right-of-way holder's activity on the right-of-way). This agreement applies without regard to whether a release is caused by the holder, its agent, or unrelated third parties.
- 4. If, during any phase of the construction, operation, maintenance, or termination of the site or related pipeline(s), any oil or other pollutant should be discharged from site facilities, the pipeline(s) or from containers or vehicles impacting Federal lands, the control and total removal, disposal, and cleanup of such oil of other pollutant, wherever found, shall be the responsibility of

the holder, regardless of fault. Upon failure of the holder to control, dispose of, or clean up such discharge on or affecting Federal lands, or to repair all damages to Federal lands resulting therefrom, the Authorized Officer may take such measures as deemed necessary to control and cleanup the discharge and restore the area, including, where appropriate, the aquatic environment and fish and wildlife habitats, at the full expense of the holder. Such action by the Authorized Officer shall not relieve the holder of any liability or responsibility.

- 5. Sites shall be maintained in an orderly, sanitary condition at all times. Waste materials, both liquid and solid, shall be disposed of promptly at an appropriate, authorized waste disposal facility in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws. "Waste" means all discarded matter including, but not limited to, human waste, trash, garbage, refuse, petroleum products, brines, chemicals, oil drums, ashes, and equipment.
- 6. The operator will notify the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) authorized officer and nearest Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Law Enforcement office within 24 hours, if the operator discovers a dead or injured federally protected species (i.e., migratory bird species, bald or golden eagle, or species listed by the FWS as threatened or endangered) in or adjacent to a pit, trench, tank, exhaust stack, or fence. (If the operator is unable to contact the FWS Law Enforcement office, the operator must contact the nearest FWS Ecological Services office.)
- 7. All above-ground structures not subject to safety requirements shall be painted by the holder to blend with the natural color of the landscape. The paint used shall be a color which simulates "Standard Environmental Colors" designated by the Rocky Mountain Five-State Interagency Committee. The color selected for this project is **Shale Green**, Munsell Soil Color Chart Number 5Y 4/2.
- 8. Any cultural and/or paleontological resource (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by the holder, or any person working on the holder's behalf, on public or Federal land shall be immediately reported to the Authorized Officer. The holder shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the Authorized Officer. An evaluation of the discovery will be made by the Authorized Officer to determine appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values. The holder will be responsible for the cost of evaluation and any decision as to the proper mitigation measures will be made by the Authorized Officer after consulting with the holder.
- 9. A sales contract for removal of mineral material (caliche, sand, gravel, fill dirt) from an authorized pit, site, or on location must be obtained from the BLM prior to commencing construction. There are several options available for purchasing mineral material: contact the BLM office (575-234-5972).
- 10. The operator shall be held responsible if noxious weeds become established within the areas of operations. Weed control shall be required on the disturbed land where noxious weeds exist, which includes the roads, pads, associated pipeline corridor, and adjacent land affected by the establishment of weeds due to this action. The operator shall consult with the Authorized Officer for acceptable weed control methods, which include following EPA and BLM requirements and policies.

11. Once the site is no longer in service or use, the site must undergo final abandonment. At final abandonment, the site and access roads must undergo "final" reclamation so that the character and productivity of the land are restored. Earthwork for final reclamation must be completed within six (6) months of the abandonment of the site. All pads and facility locations and roads must be reclaimed to a satisfactory revegetated, safe, and stable condition, unless an agreement is made with the landowner or BLM to keep the road and/or pad intact. After all disturbed areas have been satisfactorily prepared, these areas need to be revegetated with the seed mixture provided. Seeding should be accomplished by drilling on the contour whenever practical or by other approved methods. Seeding may need to be repeated until revegetation is successful, as determined by the BLM.

Operators shall contact a BLM surface protection specialist prior to surface abandonment operations for site specific objectives (Jim Amos: 575-234-5909).

- 12. The holder shall stockpile an adequate amount of topsoil where blading occurs. The topsoil to be stripped is approximately \_\_\_6\_\_ inches in depth. The topsoil will be segregated from other spoil piles. The topsoil will be used for final reclamation.
- 13. The holder will reseed all disturbed areas. Seeding will be done according to the attached seeding requirements, using the following seed mix.

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- 14. In those areas where erosion control structures are required to stabilize soil conditions, the holder shall install such structures as are suitable for the specific soil conditions being encountered and which are in accordance with sound management practices. Any earth work will require prior approval by the Authorized Officer.
- 15. Open-topped Tanks The operator will take actions necessary to prevent wildlife and livestock access, including avian wildlife, to all open-topped tanks that contain or have the potential to contain salinity sufficient to cause harm to wildlife or livestock, hydrocarbons, or Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976-exempt hazardous substances. At a minimum, the operator will net, screen, or cover open-topped tanks to exclude wildlife and livestock and prevent mortality. If the operator uses netting, the operator will cover and secure the open portion of the tank to prevent wildlife entry. The operator will net, screen, or cover the tanks until the operator removes the tanks from the location or the tanks no longer contain substances that could be harmful to wildlife or livestock. Use a maximum netting mesh size of 1½ inches. The netting must not be in contact with fluids and must not have holes or gaps
- 16. The operator will prevent all hazardous, poisonous, flammable, and toxic substances from coming into contact with soil and water. At a minimum, the operator will install and maintain an impervious secondary containment system for any tank or barrel containing hazardous, poisonous, flammable, or toxic substances sufficient to contain the contents of the tank or barrel and any drips, leaks, and anticipated precipitation. The operator will dispose of fluids within the

containment system that do not meet applicable state or U. S. Environmental Protection Agency livestock water standards in accordance with state law; the operator must not drain the fluids to the soil or ground. The operator will design, construct, and maintain all secondary containment systems to prevent wildlife and livestock exposure to harmful substances. At a minimum, the operator will install effective wildlife and livestock exclosure systems such as fencing, netting, expanded metal mesh, lids, and grate covers. Use a maximum netting mesh size of 1 ½ inches.

- 17. Open-Vent Exhaust Stack Exclosures The operator will construct, modify, equip, and maintain all open-vent exhaust stacks on production equipment to prevent birds and bats from entering, and to discourage perching, roosting, and nesting. (Recommended exclosure structures on open-vent exhaust stacks are in the shape of a cone.) Production equipment includes, but may not be limited to, tanks, heater-treaters, separators, dehydrators, flare stacks, in-line units, and compressor mufflers.
- 18. Containment Structures Proposed production facilities such as storage tanks and other vessels will have a secondary containment structure that is constructed to hold the capacity of 1.5 times the largest tank, plus freeboard to account for precipitation, unless more stringent protective requirements are deemed necessary.

# 19. Special Stipulations:

- The entire well pad will be bermed to prevent oil, salt, and other chemical contaminants from leaving the well pad. Topsoil shall not be used to construct the berm. No water flow from the uphill side(s) of the pad shall be allowed to enter the well pad. The berm shall be maintained through the life of the well and after interim reclamation has been completed.
- Any water erosion that may occur due to the construction of the well pad during the life of the well will be corrected within two weeks and proper measures will be taken to prevent future erosion.

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This authorization is subject to your Certificate of Participation and/or Certificate of Inclusion under the New Mexico Candidate Conservation Agreement. Because it involves surface disturbing activities covered under your Certificate, your Habitat Conservation Fund Account with the Center of Excellence for Hazardous Materials Management (CEHMM) will be debited according to Exhibit B Part 2 of the Certificate of Participation.