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Form C-129 Revised August 1, 2011

Submit one copy to appropriate District Office

District IV

1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

NFO Permit No. (For Division Use Only)

### APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO NO-FLARE RULE 19.15.18.12

(See Rule 19.15.18.12 NMAC and Rule 19.15.7.37 NMAC)

A. Applicant Chevron USA Inc., whose address is 15 Smith Rd., Midland, TX,		
hereby requests an exception to Rule 19.15.18.12 for		
June 11th , Yr 2013, for the following described tank battery (or LACT):		
Name of Lease Skelly Fren 907 Battery Name of Pool Glorieta-Yeso		
Location of Battery: Unit Letter J Section 22 Township 17S Range 31E		
Number of wells producing into battery		
B. Based upon oil production of 900 barrels per day, the estimated * volume		
of gas to be flared is 19,600 MCF; Value 1400 per day.		
C. Name and location of nearest gas gathering facility:		
Frontier Maljamar Gas Plant		
D. Distance NA Estimated cost of connection NA		
E. This exception is requested for the following reasons: Frontier down for pipeline issues		
OPERATOR OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION		
I hereby certify that the rules and regulations of the Oil Conservation Division have been complied with and that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.  Approved Until 4 2013		
Signature David Pagama By Robbe		
Printed Name & Title: David Pagano, Health & Environmental Specialist  Title District House		
E-mail Address <u>david.pagano@chevron.com</u> Date May 29 <sup>TM</sup> 2013	_	
Date 05/29/13 . Telephone No. 505-787-9816		

\* SEE Attached COA'S

<sup>\*</sup> Gas-Oil ratio test may be required to verify estimated gas volume.

### Dade, Randy, EMNRD

From:

Pagano, David (David.Pagano) < David.Pagano@chevron.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 29, 2013 10:18 PM

To:

Dade, Randy, EMNRD

Cc:

Moschetti, Nick (NMOS); DeLeon, Josepha; Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD

Subject:

RE: Initial C141 & C-129 report for flaring at SKU 907 that started on 5/28/13 at 11AM

Randy,

As requested in your voicemail, here are the 23 wells that produce into the Skelly 907 Battery and their associated API#s:

Well Name	API#
Skelly Unit 689	30-015-38013
Skelly Unit 699	30-015-40104
Skelly Unit 700	30-015-37981
Skelly Unit 703	30-015-38344
Skelly Unit 707	30-015-38352
Skelly Unit 711	30-015-38014
Skelly Unit 713	30-015-40094
Skelly Unit 714	30-015-38449
Skelly Unit 718	30-015-37882
Skelly Unit 719	30-015-37883
Skelly Unit 722	, 30-015-38377
Skelly Unit 724	30-015-38253
Skelly Unit 725	30-015-38378
Skelly Unit 828	30-015-38443
Skelly Unit 907	30-015-31385
Skelly Unit 908	30-015-31375
Skelly Unit 912	30-015-31664
Skelly Unit 914	30-015-31665
Skelly Unit 930	30-015-31666
Skelly Unit 931	30-015-31667
Skelly Unit 933	30-015-31975
Skelly Unit 936	յ 30-015-32595

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Regards,

#### David A. Pagano

MCA Health & Environmental Specialist (Central Permian – Vacuum/Buckeye, Dollarhide & Sundown) 56 Texas Camp Rd., Lovington, NM 88260

@ Phone: 575-396-4414:x275

# NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION DISTRICT 2 OFFICE 811 SOUTH FIRST STREET ARTESIA, NM 88210 (575)748-1283

### CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL for FLARING or VENTING GAS

- 1. Venting gas is absolutely not allowed.
- 2. Prior to flaring gas, C-129 must be filed & approved. Blanket approval cannot be given for this operation.
- 3. Flared volumes of gas are to be metered & reported.
- **4.** Flares WILL be manned at all times. Brush should be cut down to 1 or 2 inches around flare stack at least a radial distance of 2 times the height of the flare stack.
- 5. Flares WILL NOT be left unattended.
- **6.** No flaring operations to be conducted during red-flag days. <a href="http://www.gacc.nifc.gov/swcc">http://www.gacc.nifc.gov/swcc</a> (go to "Predictive Services" on SWCC website) to check for red flag warnings.
- 7. Follow safe practices for flaring guidelines.
- **8.** Permit may be rescinded at any time by NMOCD.
- **9.** If well is able to be connected to a gas gathering system, it will be done so as soon as possible.
- 10. Flaring of gas is prohibited. The State Forester grants an exception to the prohibition on open fires for the flaring of natural gas when the following conditions are met. Unless flaring is needed for safety purposes, flaring pursuant to this exception shall not be done on days that are "red flag days" as determined by the National Weather Service or on days when the sustained wind is in excess of 25 miles per hour in the area.
- 11.1. The day is not a "red flag day" as determined by the National Weather Service and the sustained wind is not in excess of 25 miles per hour in the area.

- 12.2. The local fire department and county dispatch are notified at least 24 hours in advance of anticipated releases that will result in flaring. If flaring is done by an automated system then the schedule of flaring shall be provided to the local fire department and county dispatch. The area is mowed and maintained at a length not to exceed 4 inches and all other flammable products or debris shall be cleared in the area for a distance of one and one half times the height of the stack.
- 13.3. At least one adult is on site with communications equipment adequate to reach county dispatch and the local fire department in the event of a fire. The individual should also be equipped with a shovel and a water backpack pump or other equipment to deliver water to suppress a fire.
- 14.4. If flaring is to take place at an unmanned facility, then the area around the flare stack is mowed and maintained at a length not to exceed 4 inches and all other flammable products or debris shall be cleared in the area for a distance of three times the height of the stack.

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## State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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March 19, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Jim Winchester (505)231-8800 E-Mail: jim.winchester@state.nm.us

### Notice to Oil and Gas Facilities and Operators Flaring Gas in New Mexico

SANTA FE, NM – The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) encourages all oil and gas facilities with flare stacks and well operators that are flaring gas to upgrade their *Fire Awareness Programs* this year. New Mexico State Forestry reports that 460 fires have burned 25,475 acres on state and private land in calendar year 2012.

Forecasts remain dismal this spring with fewer chances for normal precipitation, particularly in southwestern New Mexico and southeastern Arizona. Temperatures could also be higher than normal.

Open flames and gas flares should be monitored carefully and oil and gas operators should create a defensible space to help prevent wildfires. Defensible Space is the area around a structure where combustible vegetation that can spread fire has been cleared, reduced or replaced. This space acts as a barrier between a structure and an advancing wildfire.

During the course of the upcoming fire season, it may become necessary for New Mexico State Forestry to issue fire restriction on State and private land. Log on to <a href="https://www.nmforestry.com">www.nmforestry.com</a> for updates or call your local district office.

New Mexico State Forestry offers the following guidelines for establishing effective defensible space:

- Create a "Lean, Clean and Green" firebreak area by removing flammable vegetation and growth
  within 30 feet of each structure. Single trees and shrubs may be retained if they are well
  spaced, pruned and placed so they avoid the spread of fire. Maintain an irrigation system for
  any vegetation near structures.
- Keep grass and weeds mowed.
- Prune lower tree limbs to at least 6 feet up to 15 feet (or lower 1/3 of branches on smaller trees).
- Remove vegetation and debris around propane tanks.

For the latest fire weather information please visit USDA Forest Service website: <a href="http://activefiremaps.fs.fed.us/current.php">http://activefiremaps.fs.fed.us/current.php</a>

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