

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

NMOCD  
Artesia

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.*

5. Lease Serial No.  
NMLC029426B

6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name

7. If Unit or CA/Agreement, Name and/or No.

8. Well Name and No.  
H E WEST B 25

9. API Well No.  
30-015-05059-00-S1

10. Field and Pool or Exploratory Area  
GRAYBURG JACKSON-SR-Q-GRBG-S

11. County or Parish, State  
EDDY COUNTY, NM

**SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE - Other instructions on page 2**

1. Type of Well  
 Oil Well  Gas Well  Other

2. Name of Operator  
LINN OPERATING INCORPORATED  
Contact: MINDY K KOTESKY  
E-Mail: MKOTESKY@LINNENERGY.COM

3a. Address  
600 TRAVIS STREET SUITE 5100  
HOUSTON, TX 77002

3b. Phone No. (include area code)  
Ph: 281-840-4208  
Fx: 832-426-5972

4. Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T., R., M., or Survey Description)  
Sec 3 T17S R31E SESE 660FSL 660FEL

**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 Venting and/or Flaring
	<input type="checkbox"/> Change Plans	<input type="checkbox"/> Plug and Abandon	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporarily Abandon	
	<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 recomplete 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 recompletion 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 RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS TO FLARE FROM 2/1/2017 TO 4/1/2017 AT 55 MCF/D FROM THE H.E. WEST B BATTERY DUE TO REQUEST FROM FRONTIER GAS PLANT TO SHUT-IN BATTERY DUE TO HIGH NITROGEN CONTENT IN GAS. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LIST FOR THE WELLS INCLUDED IN THIS BATTERY.

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ARTESIA DISTRICT  
MAR 27 2017  
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14. I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct.  
Electronic Submission #366899 verified by the BLM Well Information System  
For LINN OPERATING INCORPORATED, sent to the Carlsbad  
Committed to AFMSS for processing by DEBORAH MCKINNEY on 02/14/2017 (17DLM0825SE)

Name (Printed/Typed) MINDY K KOTESKY Title REGULATORY SPECIALIST

Signature (Electronic Submission) Date 02/13/2017

**THIS SPACE FOR FEDERAL OR STATE OFFICE USE**

Approved By **(ORIG SCD.) DAVID R. OLSON** Title **PETROLEUM ENGINEER** **MAR 13 2017**

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.

H E WEST B BATTERY

API	Well Name	Well Number	Type	Lease
30-015-05059	H E WEST B	#025	Oil	Federal
30-015-25921	H E WEST B	#031	Oil	Federal
30-015-25989	H E WEST B	#034	Oil	Federal
30-015-26033	H E WEST B	#041	Oil	Federal
30-015-26044	H E WEST B	#042	Oil	Federal
30-015-26049	H E WEST B	#043	Oil	Federal
30-015-26099	H E WEST B	#045	Oil	Federal
30-015-26791	H E WEST B	#049	Oil	Federal
30-015-27109	H E WEST B	#050	Oil	Federal
30-015-27110	H E WEST B	#051	Oil	Federal
30-015-27149	H E WEST B	#052	Oil	Federal
30-015-27148	H E WEST B	#053	Oil	Federal
30-015-27150	H E WEST B	#054	Oil	Federal
30-015-27353	H E WEST B	#056	Oil	Federal
30-015-27317	H E WEST B	#057	Oil	Federal
30-015-27311	H E WEST B	#058	Oil	Federal
30-015-27318	H E WEST B	#059	Oil	Federal
30-015-27561	H E WEST B	#060	Oil	Federal
30-015-27401	H E WEST B	#061	Oil	Federal
30-015-27564	H E WEST B	#062	Oil	Federal
30-015-27480	H E WEST B	#063	Oil	Federal
30-015-27402	H E WEST B	#064	Oil	Federal
30-015-28634	H E WEST B	#065	Oil	Federal
30-015-27785	H E WEST B	#066	Oil	Federal
30-015-27354	H E WEST B	#067	Oil	Federal
30-015-28575	H E WEST B	#068	Oil	Federal
30-015-28535	H E WEST B	#069	Oil	Federal
30-015-28574	H E WEST B	#070	Oil	Federal
30-015-28573	H E WEST B	#071	Oil	Federal
30-015-28131	H E WEST B	#072	Oil	Federal
30-015-28132	H E WEST B	#073	Oil	Federal
30-015-28264	H E WEST B	#074	Oil	Federal
30-015-28466	H E WEST B	#076	Oil	Federal
30-015-28314	H E WEST B	#077	Oil	Federal
30-015-28315	H E WEST B	#079	Oil	Federal
30-015-28299	H E WEST B	#080	Oil	Federal
30-015-28316	H E WEST B	#081	Oil	Federal
30-015-28483	H E WEST B	#083	Oil	Federal
30-015-28300	H E WEST B	#084	Oil	Federal
30-015-28387	H E WEST B	#085	Oil	Federal
30-015-28388	H E WEST B	#086	Oil	Federal
30-015-28468	H E WEST B	#087	Oil	Federal
30-015-28537	H E WEST B	#088	Oil	Federal

**H E WEST B BATTERY**

30-015-28565	H E WEST B	#089	Oil	Federal
30-015-28470	H E WEST B	#091	Oil	Federal
30-015-28538	H E WEST B	#092	Oil	Federal

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

Pursuant to **NTL-4A III**, 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. Emergencies. During temporary emergency situations, such as compressor or other equipment failures, relief of abnormal system pressures, or other conditions which result in the unavoidable short-term venting or flaring of gas. However, this authorization to vent or flare gas in such circumstances without incurring a royalty obligation is limited to 24 hours per incident and to 144 hours cumulative for the lease during any calendar month, except with the prior authorization, approval, ratification, or acceptance of the Supervisor.
- B. Well Purging and Evaluation Tests. During the unloading or cleaning up of a well during drillstem, producing, routine purging, or evaluation tests, not exceeding a period of 24 hours.
- C. Initial Production Tests. During initial well evaluation tests, not exceeding a period of 30 days or the production of 50 MMcf of gas, whichever occurs first, unless a longer test period has been authorized by the appropriate State regulatory agency and ratified or accepted by the Supervisor.
- D. Routine or Special Well Tests. During routine or special well tests, other than those cited in NTL-4A III.B and C above, only after approval by the Supervisor.

If a flaring event conforms with the requirements listed above as per NTL-4A III., the flared volumes are not royalty bearing and the operator does not need to submit a Sundry Notice. Report flared volumes as unavoidably lost on OGOR B.

**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). NTL-4A specifies no more than six-24 hour temporary emergency flare events and not to exceed 144 hours cumulative for the lease during a calendar month. These Volumes are not royalty bearing and shall be reported on OGOR "B" as disposition code "23".
2. Flared volumes considered to be "avoidably lost":
  - Exceeding the first 24 hours for each temporary emergency flare event (144 hours cumulative for the lease per month), well purging and evaluation test.
  - During initial well evaluation tests, exceeding a period of 30 days or the production of 50 MMcf of gas, whichever occurs first
  - Scheduled flaring operations

These flare events will require prior approval via Notice of Intent- Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5). Volumes flared beyond limits defined in NTL-4A are considered "avoidably lost" and will require payment of royalties, unless an exception is granted in accordance with NTL-4A.IV.B.. 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 NTL-4A.IV.B. 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.
  5. In determining the volumes of gas to be reported in accordance with NTL-4A the BLM CFO requires Vent/flare gas metering to meet all requirements for a sales meter as per Federal Regulations, Onshore Order #5 and NTL 2008-01. Include meter serial number on Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5).
    - If installation of an approved gas meter is not economically feasible for continued operations. Submit Notice of Intent - Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5) to request an alternate method of determining gas volumes with a valid justification. Alternate methods are listed in NTL-4A. The Authorized Officer may require the installation of additional measurement equipment whenever it is determined that the present methods are inadequate to meet the purposes of this Notice.
  6. An updated facility diagram is required within 60 days of modifications to existing facilities per Onshore Order #3.
  7. This approval does not authorize any additional surface disturbance.
  8. Subject to like approval from NMOCD

### Regulations and Definitions

**Definition:** As per **NTL-4A II. A.** "Avoidably lost" production shall mean the venting or flaring of produced gas without the prior authorization, approval, ratification, or acceptance of the Supervisor and the loss of produced oil or gas when the Supervisor determines that such loss occurred as a result of (1) negligence on the part of the lessee or operator, or (2) the failure of the lessee or operator to take all reasonable measures to prevent and/or to control the loss, or (3) the failure of the lessee or operator to comply fully with the applicable lease terms and regulations, appropriate provisions of the approved operating plan, or the prior written orders of the Supervisor, or (4) and combination of the foregoing.

**NTL-4A.IV.B.** Oil Well Gas. Except as provided in II.C and III above, oil well gas may not be vented or flared unless approved in writing by the Supervisor. The Supervisor may approve an application for the venting or flaring of oil well gas if justified either by the submittal of **(1)** an evaluation report supported by engineering, geologic, and economic data which demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Supervisor that the expenditures necessary to market or beneficially use such gas are not economically justified and that conservation of the gas, if required, would lead to the premature abandonment of recoverable oil reserves and ultimately to a greater loss of equivalent energy than would be recovered if the venting or flaring were permitted to continue or **(2)** an action plan that will eliminate venting or flaring of the gas within 1 year from the date of application.

\*Temporary Emergency Flaring is defined as an unexpected situation requiring immediate action. A flaring event is considered an emergency if the occurrence is out of the operators control and the operator had less than 24 hrs notification of the event. Scheduled or routine flare events will not be considered an emergency.