

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

OCD 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.  
NMNM81586

6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name

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

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

8. Well Name and No.  
CEDAR CANYON 23-24 FEDERAL 34H

9. API Well No.  
30-015-44178

10. Field and Pool or Exploratory Area  
PIERCE CROSSING BN SPRG E

11. County or Parish, State  
EDDY COUNTY, NM

1. Type of Well  
 Oil Well  Gas Well  Other

2. Name of Operator  
OXY USA INC. Contact: DAVID STEWART  
E-Mail: david\_stewart@oxy.com

3a. Address  
P.O. BOX 50250  
MIDLAND, TX 79710

3b. Phone No. (include area code)  
Ph: 432-685-5717

4. Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T., R., M., or Survey Description)  
Sec 23 T24S R29E SWSW 319FSL 88FWL  
32.196520 N Lat, 103.963476 W Lon

**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	Change to Original A PD
	<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.

OXY USA Inc. respectfully requests approval for the following changes from the approved permit:

1. Change in Mud Program
  - a. Replace MMH with water based Spud Mud in Surface Hole
  - b. Replace Brine & MMH system with Direct Emulsion Water Based Mud in Intermediate Hole from 400' to ICP.
  - c. Raise expected Mud Weight range from 8.6-9.2 ppg to 9.5-11.5 ppg due to weights seen in recent offsets.
  - d. OXY will make the change contingent upon the vendor being ready to support the rig. If the

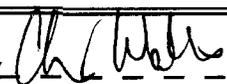
**NM OIL CONSERVATION**  
ARTESIA DISTRICT  
JUN 19 2017  
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14. I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct.  
Electronic Submission #378448 verified by the BLM Well Information System  
For OXY USA INC., sent to the Carlsbad  
Committed to AFMSS for processing by DEBORAH MCKINNEY on 06/13/2017 ()

Name (Printed/Typed) DAVID STEWART Title SR. REGULATORY ADVISOR

Signature (Electronic Submission) Date 06/08/2017

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

Approved By  Title Eng 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 \*\***

*RWP 6/19/17*

**Additional data for EC transaction #378448 that would not fit on the form**

**32. Additional remarks, continued**

vendor is not ready to support the rig, OXY will continue with the current MMH system that was permitted.

e. As discussed on 04/12/17, Oxy proposes to drill out the surface casing shoe with a Direct Emulsion Water Based Mud which will consist of an external saturated brine phase with pH above 10 at all times, from 400' ICP. This will eliminate the need for two mud systems, to manage both the salt and losses circulation interval in the intermediate hole section.

Depth	Fluid Type	Mud Weight	Funnel Vis	Fluid Loss
0-400'	Spud Mud	8.4-8.6	40-50	N/C
400-ICP	DEWBM	9.0-10.0	28-38	N/C
ICP-TD	OBM	9.5-11.5	28-34	<15

2. OXY requests the option to contract a Surface Rig to drill, set surface casing, and cement for this well. If the timing between rigs is such that OXY would not be able to preset surface, the Primary Rig will MIRU and drill the well in its entirety per the APD. Please see the attached document for information on the spudder rig.

**OXY USA Inc**  
**APD ATTACHMENT: SPUDDER RIG DATA**

**OPERATOR NAME / NUMBER:** OXY USA Inc

**1. SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Oxy USA respectfully requests approval for the following operations for the surface hole in the drill plan:

1. Utilize a spudder rig to pre-set surface casing for time and cost savings.

**2. Description of Operations**

1. Spudder rig will move in to drill the surface hole and pre-set surface casing on the well.
  - a. After drilling the surface hole section, the spudder rig will run casing and cement following all of the applicable rules and regulations (OnShore Order 2, all COAs and NMOCD regulations).
  - b. The spudder rig will utilize fresh water-based mud to drill the surface hole to TD. Solids control will be handled entirely on a closed loop basis. No earth pits will be used.
2. The wellhead will be installed and tested as soon as the surface casing is cut off and the WOC time has been reached.
3. A blind flange at the same pressure rating as the wellhead will be installed to seal the wellbore. Pressure will be monitored with needle valves installed on two wingvalves.
  - a. A means for intervention will be maintained while the drilling rig is not over the well.
4. Spudder rig operations are expected to take 2-3 days per well on the pad.
5. The BLM will be contacted and notified 24 hours prior to commencing spudder rig operations.
6. Drilling operations will begin with a larger rig and a BOP stack equal to or greater than the pressure rating that was permitted will be nipped up and tested on the wellhead before drilling operations resume on each well.
  - a. The larger rig will move back onto the location within 90 days from the point at which the wells are secured and the spudder rig is moved off location.
  - b. The BLM will be contacted / notified 24 hours before the larger rig moves back on the pre-set locations.
7. Oxy will have supervision on the rig to ensure compliance with all BLM and NMOCD regulations and to oversee operations.
8. Once the rig is removed, Oxy will secure the wellhead area by placing a guard rail around the cellar area.

# Spudder Rig Layout

