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Form 3160-3  
(April 2004)

FORM APPROVED  
OMB No 1004-0137  
Expires March 31, 2007

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL OR REENTER

1a. Type of Work: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DRILL <input type="checkbox"/> REENTER		5. Lease Serial No. NM-96208
1b. Type of Well: <input type="checkbox"/> Oil Well <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gas Well <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single Zone <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Zone		6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name
2. Name of Operator Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado 162683		7. If Unit or CA Agreement, Name and No.
3a. Address PO Box 140907 Irving, TX 75014		8. Lease Name and Well No. 35352 Taos Federal No. 2
3b. Phone No. (include area code) 972-401-3111		9. API Well No. 30-015- 36436
4. Location of Well (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements. *) At Surface 990' FSL & 1980' FEL At proposed prod Zone 1980		10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory Black River; Morrow, SW ✓
14. Distance in miles and direction from nearest town or post office*		11. Sec., T. R. M or Blk and Survey or Area 31-24S-27E
		12. County or Parish Eddy
		13. State NM

15. Distance from proposed* location to nearest property or lease line, ft (Also to nearest drig. unit line if any) 990'	16. No of acres in lease 624	17. Spacing Unit dedicated to this well E2 320
18. Distance from proposed location* to nearest well, drilling, completed, applied for, on this lease, ft. NA	19. Proposed Depth 12,300'	20. BLM/BIA Bond No. on File NM-2575
21. Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB, RT, GL, etc ) 3,414' GR	22. Approximate date work will start* 6/1/2008	23. Estimated duration 35-45 days

24. Attachments

The following, completed in accordance with the requirements of Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 1, shall be attached to this form:

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| 1. Well plat certified by a registered surveyor   | 4. Bond to cover the operations unless covered by an existing bond on file (see Item 20 above).   |
| 2. A Drilling Plan  | 5. Operator Certification   |
| 3. A Surface Use Plan (if the location is on National Forest System Lands, the SUPO shall be filed with the appropriate Forest Service Office). | 6. Such other site specific information and/or plans as may be required by the authorized officer |

25. Signature Zeno Farris	Name (Printed/Typed) Zeno Farris	Date 04.14.08
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Title  
Manager Operations Administration

Approved By (Signature) /s/ Don Peterson	Name (Printed/Typed)	Date
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Title FIELD MANAGER	Office CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE	Date JUL 18 2008
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Application approval 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.

Conditions of approval, if any, are attached. **APPROVAL FOR TWO YEARS**

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\* (Instructions on page 2)

Roswell Controlled Water Basin

SEE ATTACHED FOR  
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Approval Subject to General Requirements  
& Special Stipulations Attached

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

OCD-ARTESIA

FORM APPROVED  
OMB No. 1004-0135  
Expires July 31, 1996

**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.*

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**SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE - Other instructions on reverse side**

1. Type of Well  
 Oil Well  Gas Well  Other

2. Name of Operator  
 Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado

3a. Address  
 PO Box 140907; Irving, TX 75014-0907

3b. Phone No. (include area code)  
 972-401-3111

4. Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T., R., M., or Survey Description)  
 990' FSL & 1980' FEL  
 31-24S-27E

5. Lease Serial No.  
 NM-96208

6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name

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

8. Well Name and No.  
 Taos Federal No. 2

9. API Well No.  
 30-015-

10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory Area  
 Black River; Morrow, SW

11. County or Parish, State  
 Eddy County, NM

**12. CHECK 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"/> Fracture Treat	<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 <u>Change location</u>
	<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, included estimated starting date of any proposed work and approximate duration thereof. If the proposal is to deepen directionally or recompleat 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 shall be filed within 30 days following completion of the involved operations. If the operation results in a multiple completion or recompleat in a new interval, a Form 3160-4 shall be filed once testing has been completed. Final Abandonment Notices shall be filed only after all requirements, including reclamation, have been completed, and the operator has determined that the site is ready for final inspection.)

*BWH 5/13/08*

Per BLM request, Cimarex is moving its proposed Taos Federal No. 2 well to a new location:

Old Location:  
 990' FSL & 1880' FEL  
 31-24S-27E  
 Eddy County, NM

New Location:  
 990' FSL & 1980' FEL  
 31-24S-27E  
 Eddy County, NM

Please see attached plats.

14. I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct  
 Name (Printed/Typed)

Natalie Krueger

Signature

*Natalie Krueger*

Title

Regulatory Analyst

Date

May 9, 2008

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

Approved by

*/s/ Don Peterson*

Title

FIELD MANAGER

Date

JUL 18 2008

Office

CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE

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(Instructions on reverse)

DISTRICT I  
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240

DISTRICT II  
1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210

DISTRICT III  
1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

DISTRICT IV  
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87506

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-102  
Revised October 12, 2005

Submit to Appropriate District Office  
State Lease - 4 Copies  
Fee Lease - 3 Copies

**OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

API Number	Pool Code 97255	Pool Name Black River; Morrow, SW (Gas) ✓
Property Code 35352	Property Name TAOS FEDERAL	Well Number 2
OGRID No. 162683	Operator Name CIMAREX ENERGY CO. OF COLORADO	Elevation 3412'

Surface Location

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
0	31	24 S	27 E		990	SOUTH	1980	EAST	EDDY

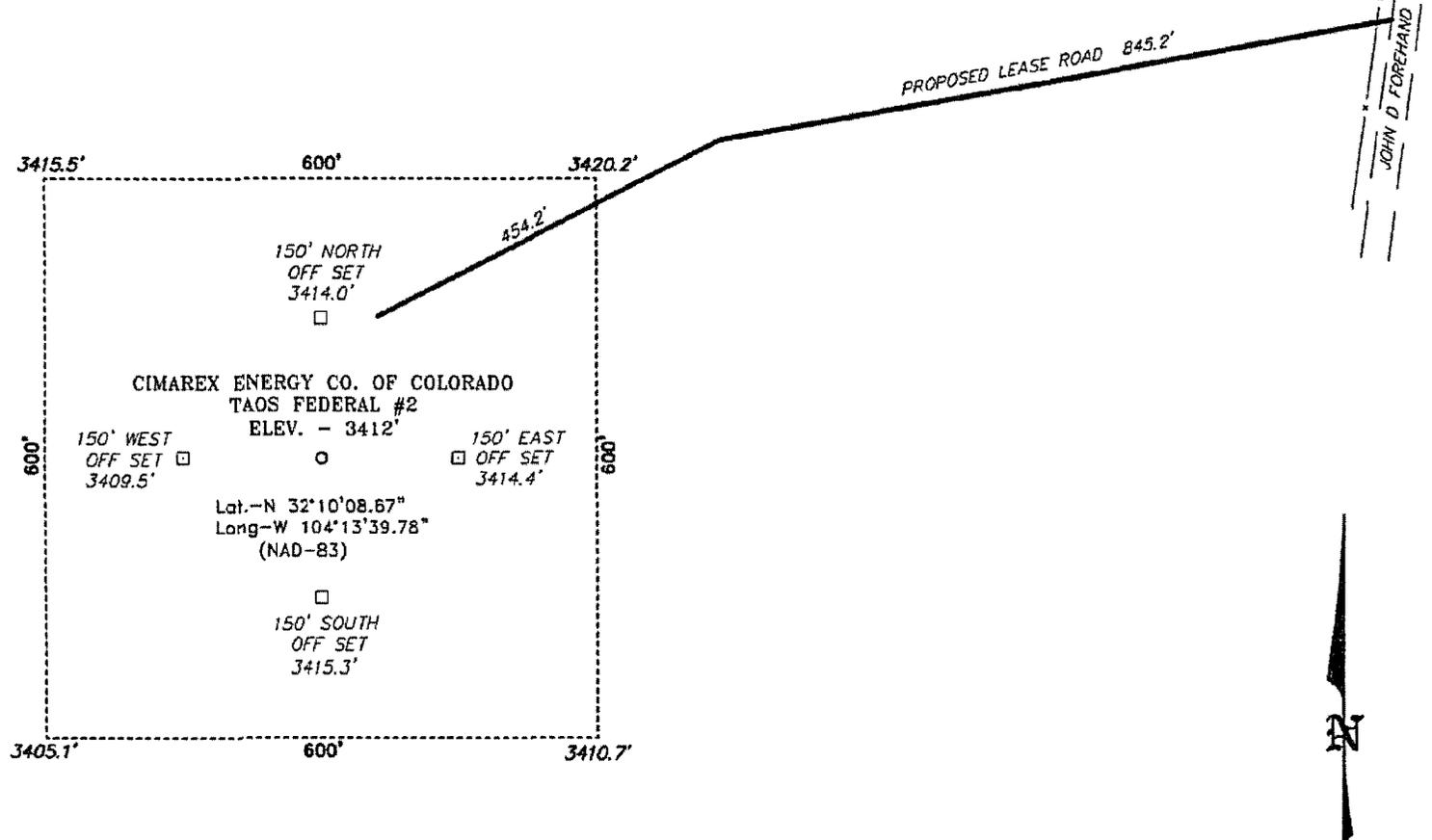
Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
Dedicated Acres 320	Joint or Infill	Consolidation Code	Order No.						

NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION

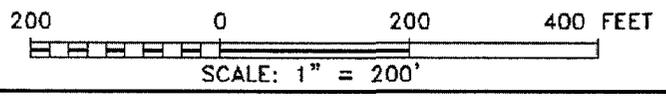
<p><b>SURFACE LOCATION</b> Lot - N32°10'08.67" Long - W104°13'39.78" NMSPC- N 425260.1 E 574017.4 (NAD-83)</p>		<p><b>OPERATOR CERTIFICATION</b></p> <p>I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this organization either owns a working interest or unleased mineral interest in the land including the proposed bottom hole location pursuant to a contract with an owner of such a mineral or working interest, or to a voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order heretofore entered by the division.</p> <p>Zeno Farris 05-09-08 Signature Date</p> <p>Zeno Farris Printed Name</p>
		<p><b>SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION</b></p> <p>I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.</p> <p>APRIL 17 2008 Date Surveyed</p> <p>GARY L. JONES Signature &amp; Seal Professional Surveyor</p> <p>Certificate No. Gary L. Jones 7977</p> <p>BASIN SURVEYS</p>

SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, N.M.P.M.,  
 EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.



CIMAREX ENERGY CO. OF COLORADO  
 TAOS FEDERAL #2  
 ELEV. - 3412'

Lat.-N 32°10'08.67"  
 Long.-W 104°13'39.78"  
 (NAD-83)



Directions to Location:

FROM JUNCTION OF BLACK RIVER VILLAGE AND JOHN D FOREHAND, GO SOUTH ON FOREHAND FOR 4.3 MILES TO PROPOSED LEASE ROAD.

**BASIN SURVEYS** P.O. BOX 1786 -HOBBS, NEW MEXICO

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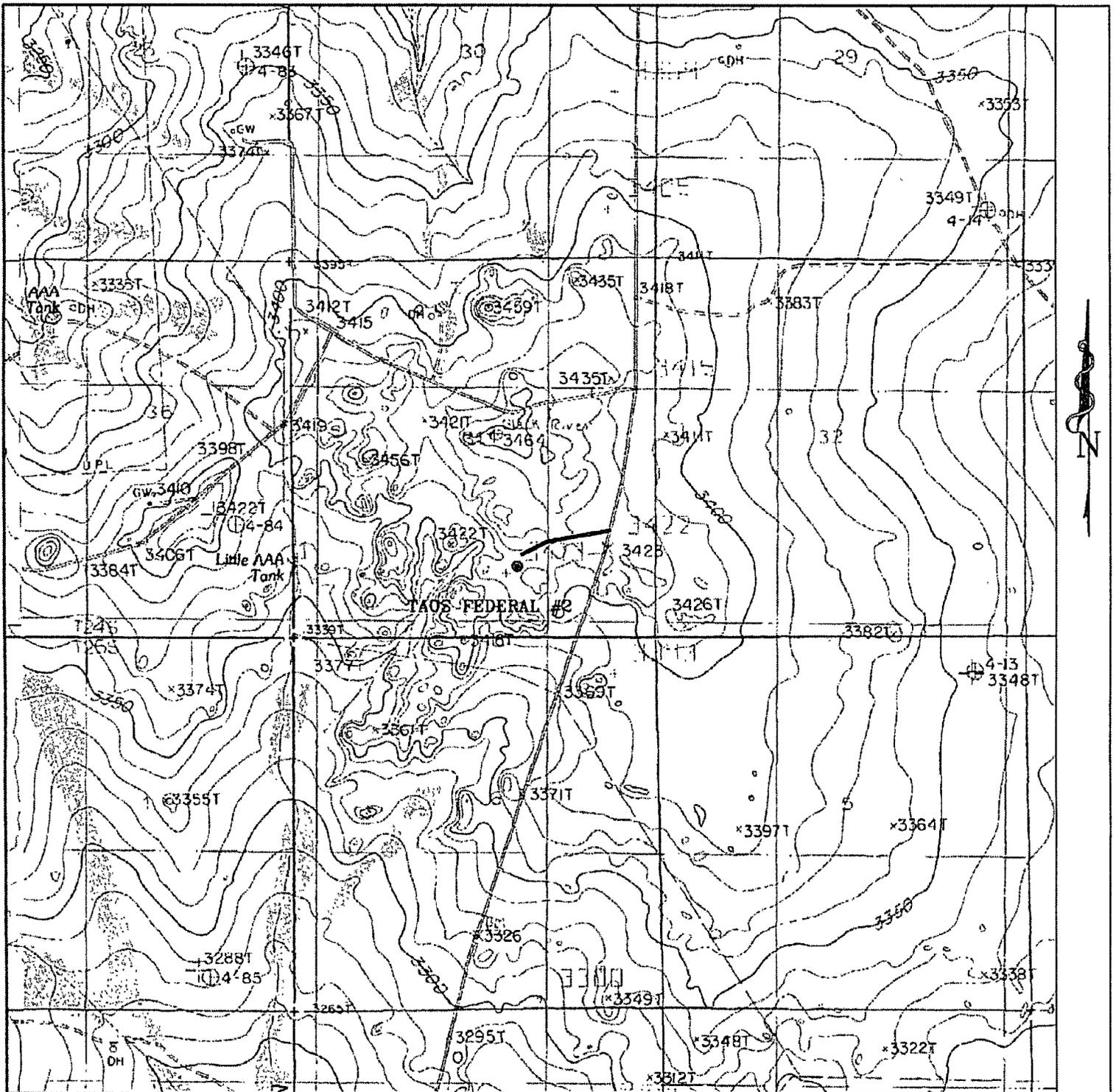
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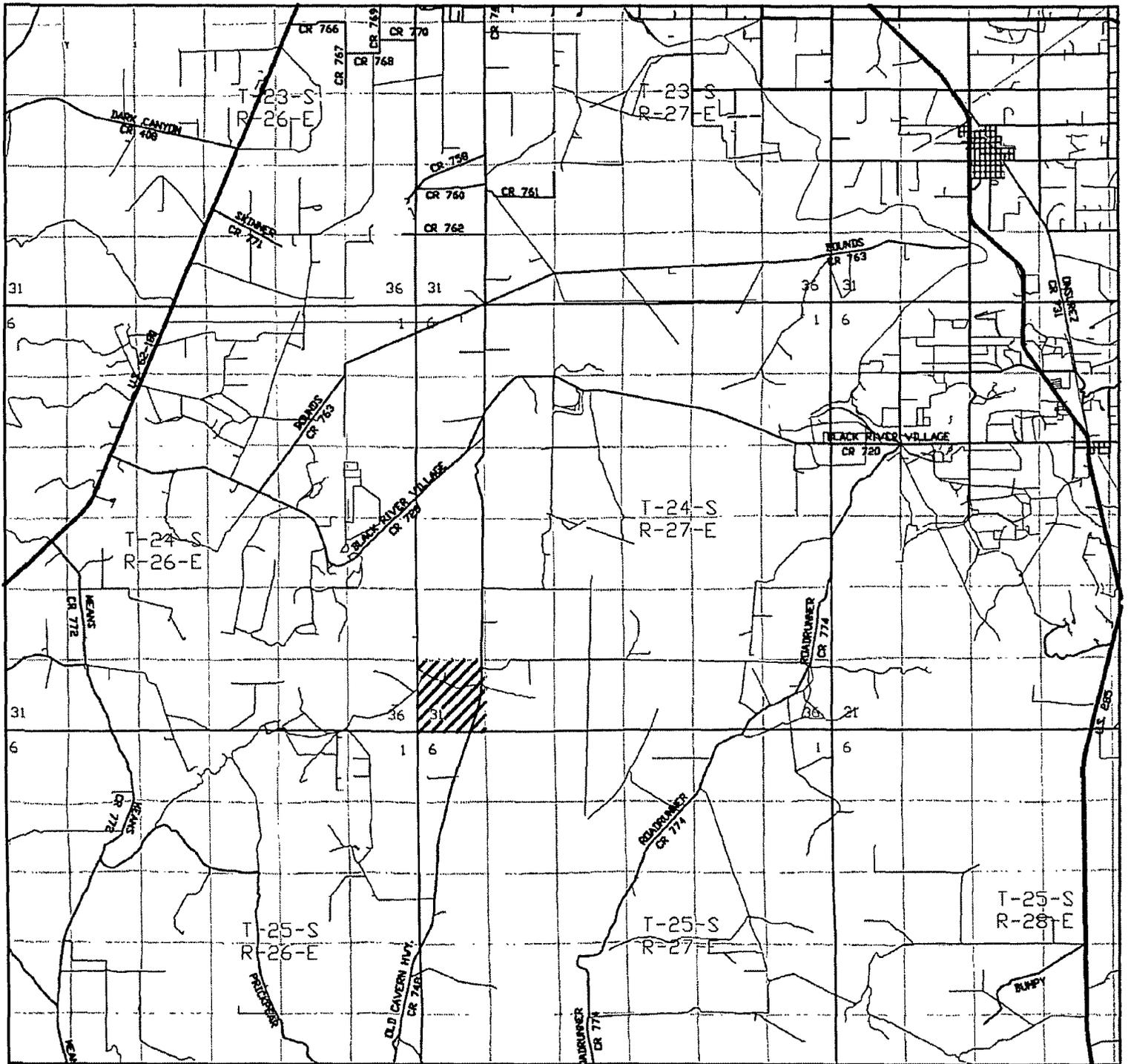
**CIMAREX ENERGY CO. OF COLORADO**

REF: TAOS FEDERAL #2 / WELL PAD TOPO

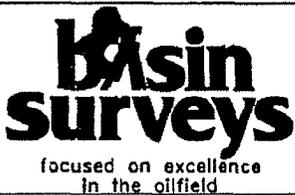
THE TAOS FEDERAL #2 LOCATED 990'  
 FROM THE SOUTH LINE AND 1980' FROM THE EAST LINE OF  
 SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST,  
 N.M.P.M., EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Survey Date: 04-17-2008      Sheet 1 of 1 Sheets





TAOS FEDERAL #2  
 Located 990' FSL and 1980' FEL  
 Section 31, Township 24 South, Range 27 East,  
 N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico.



P.O. Box 1786  
 1120 N. West County Rd.  
 Hobbs, New Mexico 88241  
 (505) 393-7316 - Office  
 (505) 392-3074 - Fax  
 basinsurveys.com

W.O. Number: JMS 19592TR

Survey Date: 04-17-2008

Scale: 1" = 2 MILES

Date: 04-21-2008

CIMAREX  
 ENERGY CO.  
 OF COLORADO

Application to Drill  
**Taos Federal No. 2**  
 Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado  
 Unit O, Section 31  
 T24S-R27E, Eddy County, NM

In response to questions asked under Section II B of Bulletin NTL-6, the following information is provided for your consideration:

- 1 Location: 990' FSL & 1880' FEL
- 2 Elevation above sea level: 3,414' GR
- 3 Geologic name of surface formation: Quaternary Alluvium Deposits
- 4 Drilling tools and associated equipment: Conventional rotary drilling rig using fluid as a circulating medium for solids removal.
- 5 Proposed drilling depth: 12,300'
- 6 Estimated tops of geological markers:

Delaware	2,099'
Bone Spring	5,613'
Wolfcamp	8,709'
Cisco-Canyon	10,219'
Strawn	10,474'
Atoka	10,665'
Morrow	11,276'
Lower Morrow	11,953'
- 7 Possible mineral bearing formation:

Morrow	Gas
Cisco-Canyon	Gas
Wolfcamp	Gas
Delaware	Oil

8 Proposed Mud Circulating System:

Depth	Mud Wt	Visc	Fluid Loss	Type Mud
0' to 215'	8.4 - 8.6	30-32	May lose circ	Fresh water gel spud mud
215' to 2,760'	8.4 - 8.6	28-29	May lose circ	Fresh water mud
2,760' to 12,300'	8.4 - 9.7	28-29	NC	Fresh water and brine, use hi-vis sweeps to keep hole clean

Sufficient mud materials will be kept on location at all times in order to combat lost circulation, or unexpected kicks. In order to run DSTs, open hole logs, and casing, the viscosity and water loss may have to be adjusted in order to meet these needs. Mud system monitoring equipment with derrick floor indicators and visual/audio alarms shall be installed and operative prior to drilling into the Wolfcamp formation. This equipment will remain in use until production casing is run and cemented.

Application to Drill  
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 Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado  
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9 Casing & Cementing Program:

Hole Size	Depth		Casing OD		Weight	Thread	Collar	Grade
17½"	0'	to 215'	New	13¾"	48#	8-R	STC	H-40
12¼"	0'	to 2,760'	New	9½"	40#	8-R	LTC	J-55
8¾"	0'	to 12,300'	New	4½"	11.6#	8-R	LTC	P-110

10 Cementing & Setting Depth:

**Surface**            340 sx Premium Plus C Type III + 0.125# Poly-e-flake + 2% CaCl<sub>2</sub> (wt 14.8, yld 1.34)  
 TOC            Surface

**Intermediate**    Lead: 396 sx Interfill C + 1/4# Flocele (wt 11.9, yld 2.45)  
Tail: 250 sx Premium Plus + 1% CaCl<sub>2</sub> (wt 14.8, yld 1.33)  
 TOC            Surface

**Production**        Lead: 1810 sx Interfill H + 0.25% HR-7 + 5# Gilsonite + 0.25# Flocele (wt 11.9, yld 2.47)  
Tail: 671 sx Super H + 0.5% Halad-344 + 0.4% CFR-3 + 1# Salt + 5# Gilsonite + 0.125# Poly-e-flake  
 + 0.35% HR-7 (wt 13.2, yld 1.67)  
**TOC            2,560'**

Fresh water will be protected by setting surface casing @ 215' and cementing to surface. Hydrocarbon zones will be protected by setting intermediate casing @ 2,760' and cementing to surface and by setting production casing @ 12,300' and cementing to surface 2560' per operator 6-10-08 WWJ

Cimarex uses the following minimum safety factors:

Burst	Collapse	Tension
1.125	1.125	1.80

Application to Drill  
**Taos Federal No. 2**  
Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado  
Unit O, Section 31  
T24S-R27E, Eddy County, NM

11 Pressure control Equipment:

Exhibit "E". A 13 $\frac{3}{8}$ " 5000 PSI working pressure B.O.P. consisting of one set of blind rams and one set of pipe rams and a 5000# annular-type preventer. A choke manifold and 120 gallon accumulator with floor and remote operating stations and auxiliary power system. Rotating head below 6000'. A kelly cock will be installed and maintained in operable condition and a drill string safety valve in the open position will be available on the rig floor.

BOP unit will be hydraulically operated. BOP will be nipped up on the 9 $\frac{5}{8}$ " casing and will be operated at least once a day while drilling and the blind rams will be operated when out of hole during trips. No abnormal pressure or temperature is expected while drilling. From the base of the surface pipe through the running of production casing, the well will be equipped with a 5000 psi BOP system.

We are requesting a variance for testing the 13 $\frac{3}{8}$ " surface casing from Onshore Order No. 2, which states that all casing strings below the conductor shall be pressure tested to 0.22 psi per foot or 1500 psi, whichever is greater, but not to exceed 70% of the manufacturer's stated maximum internal yield. We are requesting to test the 13 $\frac{3}{8}$ " casing to 1000 psi using rig pumps. The BOP will be tested to 5000 PSI by an independent service company.

12 Testing, Logging and Coring Program:

- A. Mud logging program: 2 man unit from 2,760' to TD
- B. Electric logging program: CNL / LDT / CAL / GR, DLL / CAL / GR
- C. No DSTs are planned at this time.

13 Potential Hazards:

No abnormal pressures or temperatures are expected. In accordance with Onshore Order 6, Cimarex has encountered H<sub>2</sub>S in a one-time encounter in an Intra-salt Pocket and while drilling and completing wells in the Delaware Mountain Group. In this regard, attached is an H<sub>2</sub>S Drilling Operations Plan. The ROEs encountered do not meet the BLM's minimum requirements for the submission of a "Public Protection Plan" for the drilling and completion of this well.

Adequate flare lines will be installed off the mud / gas separator where gas may be flared safely. All personnel will be familiar with all aspects of safe operation of equipment being used. BHP and BHT based on past RFT tests which indicate low of 4000 psi and high of 5000 psi for wells drilled in area. Pressures in Wolfcamp/Cisco zone depend on porosity of zone. Low porosity is the norm. Highest observed pressure gradient while drilling through higher porosity Wolfcamp/Cisco zones is 0.57 psi per foot. Normal observed pressure gradient in more common lower porosity Wolfcamp/Cisco zones are 0.5 psi per foot.

Estimated BHP      **4500 psi**                      Estimated BHT      **185**

14 Road and location construction will begin after BLM approval of APD. Anticipated spud date as soon as approved.

Drilling expected to take 35-45 days

If production casing is run an additional 30 days will be required to complete and construct surface facilities.

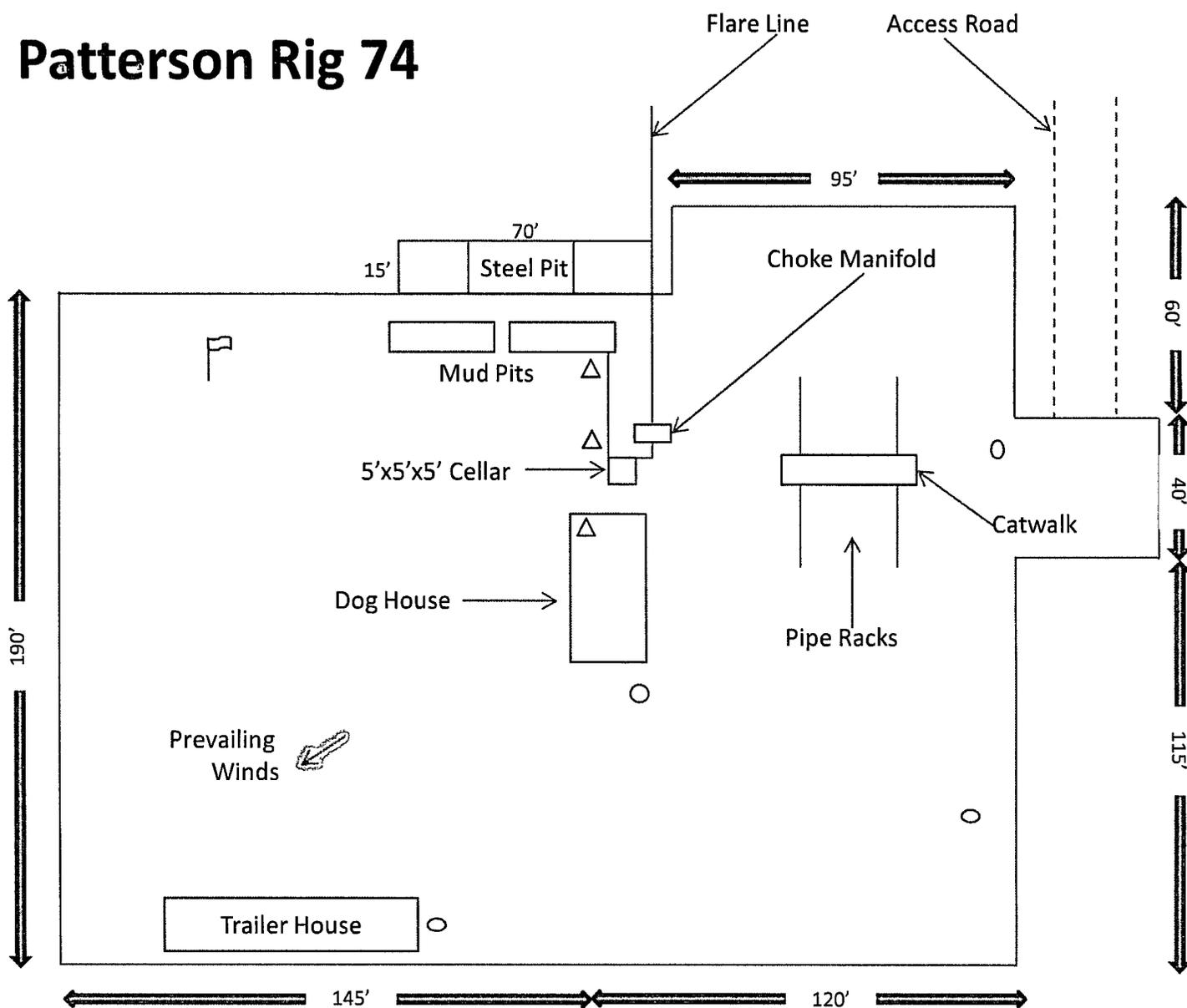
15 Other Facets of Operations:

After running casing, cased hole gamma ray neutron collar logs will be run from total depth over possible pay intervals.

Morrow pay will be perforated and stimulated.

The proposed well will be tested and potential as **a gas well.**

# Patterson Rig 74



-  Wind Direction Indicators  
 (wind sock or streamers)
-  H2S Monitors  
 (alarms at bell nipple and shale shaker)
-  Briefing Areas
-  Remote BOP Closing Unit

Exhibit D – Rig Diagram  
**Taos Federal No. 2**  
 Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado  
 31-24S-27E  
 990' FSL & 1880' FEL  
 Eddy County, NM

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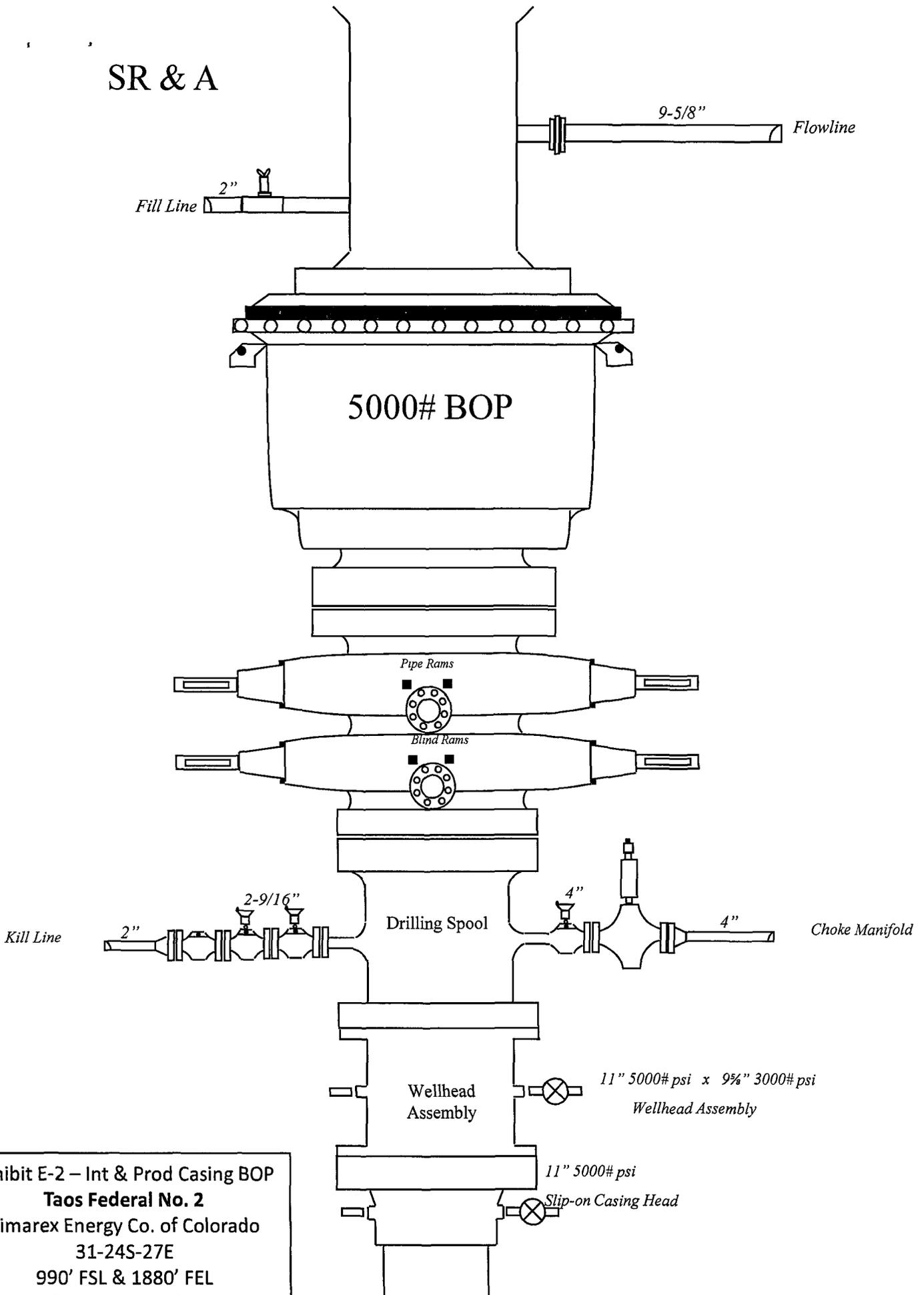


Exhibit E-2 – Int & Prod Casing BOP  
Taos Federal No. 2  
Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado  
31-24S-27E  
990' FSL & 1880' FEL  
Eddy County, NM

**DRILLING OPERATIONS  
CHOKE MANIFOLD  
SM SERVICE**

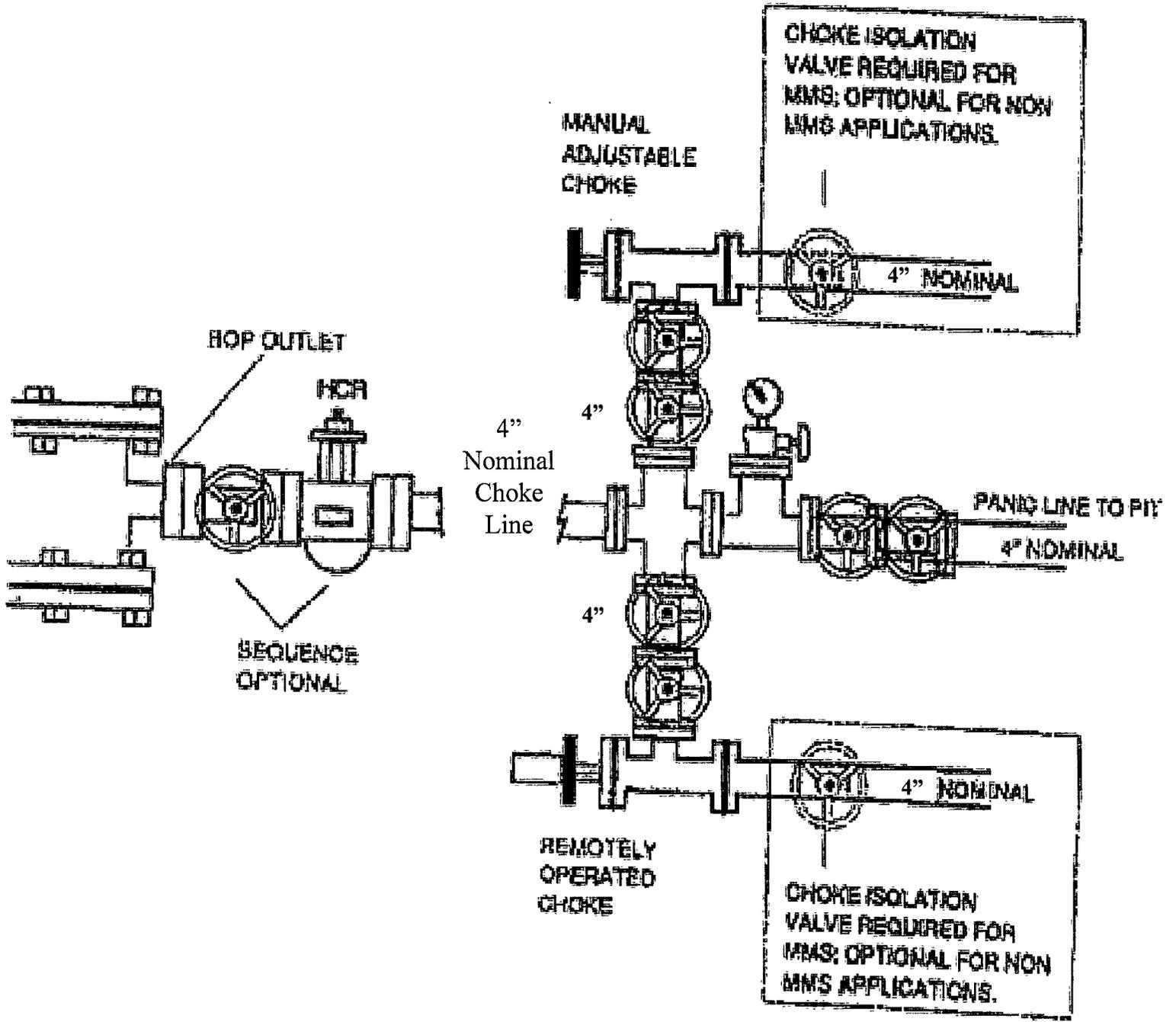


Exhibit E-1 – Choke Manifold Diagram  
 Taos Federal No. 2  
 Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado  
 31-24S-27E  
 990' FSL & 1880' FEL  
 Eddy County, NM

H<sub>2</sub>S Drilling Operations Plan  
**Taos Federal No. 2**  
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 T24S-R27E, Eddy County, NM

H<sub>2</sub>S equipment will be rigged up at Surface. The plan should be implemented before drilling out from the surface.

1. Due to a one-time encounter on a previous well, an Intra-salt Pocket was charged with H<sub>2</sub>S and a burnable amount of hydrocarbons.

First Potential Problem Zone:

Initial suspected problem zone	Salt Zone @ 1,333'
Potential Open Flow Capacity	1 mcf
Expected H <sub>2</sub> S Concentration	11,000 ppm
100' ROE	6'
500' ROE	3'

Cimarex will have 24-hour H<sub>2</sub>S Safety Supervisors on location while drilling the first 2,000' on this well.

2. Second Potential Problem Zone:

Initial suspected problem zone	Delaware Mountain Group @ 1,800'
Potential Open Flow Capacity	100 mcf
Expected H <sub>2</sub> S Concentration	1,000 ppm
100' ROE	24'
500' ROE	11'

3. All Company and Contract personnel admitted on location must be trained by a qualified H<sub>2</sub>S safety instructor to the following:

- A. Characteristics of H<sub>2</sub>S
- B. Physical effects and hazards
- C. Proper use of safety equipment and life support systems.
- D. Principle and operation of H<sub>2</sub>S detectors, warning system and briefing areas.
- E. Evacuation procedure, routes and first aid.
- F. Proper use of 30 minute pressure demand air pack.

4. H<sub>2</sub>S Detection and Alarm Systems:

- A. H<sub>2</sub>S detectors and audio alarm system to be located at bell nipple, end of flow line (mud pit) and on derrick floor or doghouse.

5. Windsock and/or wind streamers:

- A. Windsock at mudpit area should be high enough to be visible.
- B. Windsock at briefing area should be high enough to be visible.

6. Condition Flags and Signs:

- A. Warning sign on access road to location.
- B. Flags to be displayed on sign at entrance to location. Green flag indicates normal safe condition. Yellow flag indicates potential pressure and danger. Red flag indicates danger (H<sub>2</sub>S present in dangerous concentration). Only emergency personnel admitted to location.

H<sub>2</sub>S Drilling Operations Plan  
Taos Federal No. 2  
Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado  
Unit O, Section 31  
T24S-R27E, Eddy County, NM

7 Well control equipment:

- A. See exhibit "E"

8 Communication:

- A. While working under masks chalkboards will be used for communication.
- B. Hand signals will be used where chalk board is inappropriate.
- C. Two way radio will be used to communicate off location in case of emergency help is required. In most cases cellular telephones will be available at most drilling foreman's trailer or living quarters.

9 Drillstem Testing:

No DSTs or cores are planned at this time.

10 Drilling contractor supervisor will be required to be familiar with the effects H<sub>2</sub>S has on tubular goods and other mechanical equipment.

11 If H<sub>2</sub>S is encountered, mud system will be altered if necessary to maintain control of formation. A mud gas separator will be brought into service along with H<sub>2</sub>S scavengers if necessary.

H<sub>2</sub>S Contingency Plan  
**Taos Federal No. 2**  
Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado  
Unit O, Section 31  
T24S-R27E, Eddy County, NM

**Emergency Procedures**

In the event of a release of gas containing H<sub>2</sub>S, the first responder(s) must:

- ★ Isolate the area and prevent entry by other persons into the 100 ppm ROE.
- ★ Evacuate any public places encompassed by the 100 ppm ROE.
- ★ Be equipped with H<sub>2</sub>S monitors and air packs in order to control the release.
- ★ Use the "buddy system" to ensure no injuries occur during the response.
- ★ Take precautions to avoid personal injury during this operation.
- ★ Contact operator and/or local officials to aid in operation. See list of phone numbers attached.
- ★ Have received training in the:
  - ◆ Detection of H<sub>2</sub>S, and
  - ◆ Measures for protection against the gas,
  - ◆ Equipment used for protection and emergency response.

**Ignition of Gas Source**

Should control of the well be considered lost and ignition considered, take care to protect against exposure to Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>). Intentional ignition must be coordinated with the NMOCD and local officials. Additionally, the NM State Police may become involved. NM State Police shall be the Incident Command on scene of any major release. Take care to protect downwind whenever there is an ignition of the gas.

**Characteristics of H<sub>2</sub>S and SO<sub>2</sub>**

Common Name	Chemical Formula	Specific Gravity	Threshold Limit	Hazardous Limit	Lethal Concentration
Hydrogen Sulfide	H <sub>2</sub> S	1.189 Air=1	10 ppm	100 ppm/hr	600 ppm
Sulfur Dioxide	SO <sub>2</sub>	2.21 Air=1	2 ppm	N/A	1000 ppm

**Contacting Authorities**

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado's personnel must liaise with local and state agencies to ensure a proper response to a major release. Additionally, the OCD must be notified of the release as soon as possible but no later than 4 hours. Agencies will ask for information such as type and volume of release, wind direction, location of release, etc. Be prepared with all information available including directions to site. The following call list of essential and potential responders has been prepared for use during a release. Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado's response must be in coordination with the State of New Mexico's "Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan" (HMER).

H<sub>2</sub>S Contingency Plan Emergency Contacts  
**Taos Federal No. 2**  
 Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado  
 Unit O, Section 31  
 T24S-R27E, Eddy County, NM

<b>Company Office</b>			
Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado		800-969-4789	
Co. Office and After-Hours Menu			
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Jim Evans	Drilling Super	972-443-6451	972-465-6564
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State Police		575-746-2703	
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Sheriff's Office		575-746-9888	
<b>Fire Department</b>		<b>575-746-2701</b>	
Local Emergency Planning Committee		575-746-2122	
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division		575-748-1283	
<b>Carlsbad</b>			
Ambulance		911	
State Police		575-885-3137	
City Police		575-885-2111	
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<b>Fire Department</b>		<b>575-887-3798</b>	
Local Emergency Planning Committee		575-887-6544	
US Bureau of Land Management		575-887-6544	
<b>Santa Fe</b>			
New Mexico Emergency Response Commission (Santa Fe)		505-476-9600	
New Mexico Emergency Response Commission (Santa Fe) 24 Hrs		505-827-9126	
New Mexico State Emergency Operations Center		505-476-9635	
<b>National</b>			
National Emergency Response Center (Washington, D.C.)		800-424-8802	
<b>Medical</b>			
Flight for Life - 4000 24th St.; Lubbock, TX		806-743-9911	
Aerocare - R3, Box 49F; Lubbock, TX		806-747-8923	
Med Flight Air Amb - 2301 Yale Blvd S.E., #D3; Albuquerque, NM		505-842-4433	
SB Air Med Service - 2505 Clark Carr Loop S.E.; Albuquerque, NM		505-842-4949	
<b>Other</b>			
Boots & Coots IWC		800-256-9688	or 281-931-8884
Cudd Pressure Control		432-699-0139	or 432-563-3356
Halliburton		575-746-2757	
B.J. Services		575-746-3569	

Surface Use Plan  
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1. Existing Roads:

Area maps, Exhibit "B" is a reproduction of Eddy Co. General Highway Map. Exhibit "C" is a reproduction of a USGS Topographic Map, showing existing roads and proposed roads. All existing roads will be maintained in a condition equal to or better than current conditions. Any new roads will be constructed to BLM specifications.

- A. Exhibit "A" shows the proposed well site as staked.
- B. From junction of Black River Village and John D. Forehand, go South on Forehand for 4.3 miles to proposed lease road.

2. Planned Access Roads: 1,299.4' of proposed lease road will be constructed on lease.

3. Location of Existing Wells in a One-Mile Radius (Exhibit A):

- A. Water wells - None known
- B. Disposal wells - None known
- C. Drilling wells - None known
- D. Producing wells - As shown on Exhibit "A"
- E. Abandoned wells - As shown on Exhibit "A"

4. If on completion this well is a producer, Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado will furnish maps and/or plats showing on site facilities or off site facilities if needed. This will be accompanied by a Sundry Notice.

5. Location and Type of Water:

Water will be purchased locally from a commercial source and trucked over the access roads or piped in flexible lines laid on top of the ground.

6. Source of Construction:

If possible, construction will be obtained from the excavation of drill site. If additional material is needed, it will be purchased from a local source and transported over the access route as shown on Exhibit "C".

7. Methods of Handling Waste:

- A. Drill cuttings will be separated by a series of solids removal equipment and stored in steel containment pits and then hauled to a state-approved disposal facility.
- B. All trash, junk and other waste material will be contained in trash cages or bins to prevent scattering. When the job is completed all contents will be removed and disposed of in an approved sanitary land fill.
- C. Salts remaining after completion of well will be picked up by supplier including broken sacks.
- D. Sewage from living quarters will drain into holding tanks and be cleaned out periodically. A Porta-John will be provided for the rig crews. This equipment will be properly maintained during the drilling operations and removed upon completion of the well.
- E. Drilling fluids will be contained in steel pits in a closed circulating system. Fluids will be cleaned and reused. Water produced during testing will be contained in the steel pits and disposed of at a state approved disposal facility. Any oil or condensate produced will be stored in test tanks until sold and hauled from the site.

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9. Well Site Layout:

- A. Exhibit "D" shows location and rig layout.
- B. Mud pits in the closed circulating system will be steel pits and the cuttings will be stored in steel containment pits.
- C. Cuttings will be stored in steel pits until they are hauled to a state-approved disposal facility.
- D. If the well is a producer, those areas of the location not essential to production facilities will be reclaimed and seeded per BLM requirements.

10. Plans for Restoration of Surface:

Rehabilitation of the location and cuttings burial cell will start in a timely manner after all drilling operations cease. The type of reclamation will depend on whether the well is a producer or a dry hole.

Drainage systems, if any, will be reshaped to the original configuration with provisions made to alleviate erosion. These may need to be modified in certain circumstances to prevent inundation of the location's pad and surface facilities. After the area has been shaped and contoured, topsoil from the spoil pile will be placed over the disturbed area to the extent possible. Revegetation procedures will comply with BLM standards.

If the well is a dry hole, the pad and road area will be recountoured to match the existing terrain. Topsoil will be spread to the extent possible. Revegetation will comply with BLM standards.

Should the well be a producer, the previously noted procedures will apply to those areas which are not required for production facilities.

11. OTHER INFORMATION:

- A. Topography consists of a sloping plane with loose tan sands. Vegetation is mainly yucca, mesquite and shin oak.
- B. The wellsite is on surface owned by Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management. The land is used mainly for farming, cattle ranching, recreational use, and oil and gas production.
- C. An Archaeological survey will be conducted on the location and proposed roads, and this report will be filed with the Bureau of Land Management in the Carlsbad BLM office.
- D. There are no know dwellings within 1½ miles of this location.

Operator Certification Statement  
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OPERATOR'S REPRESENTATIVE:

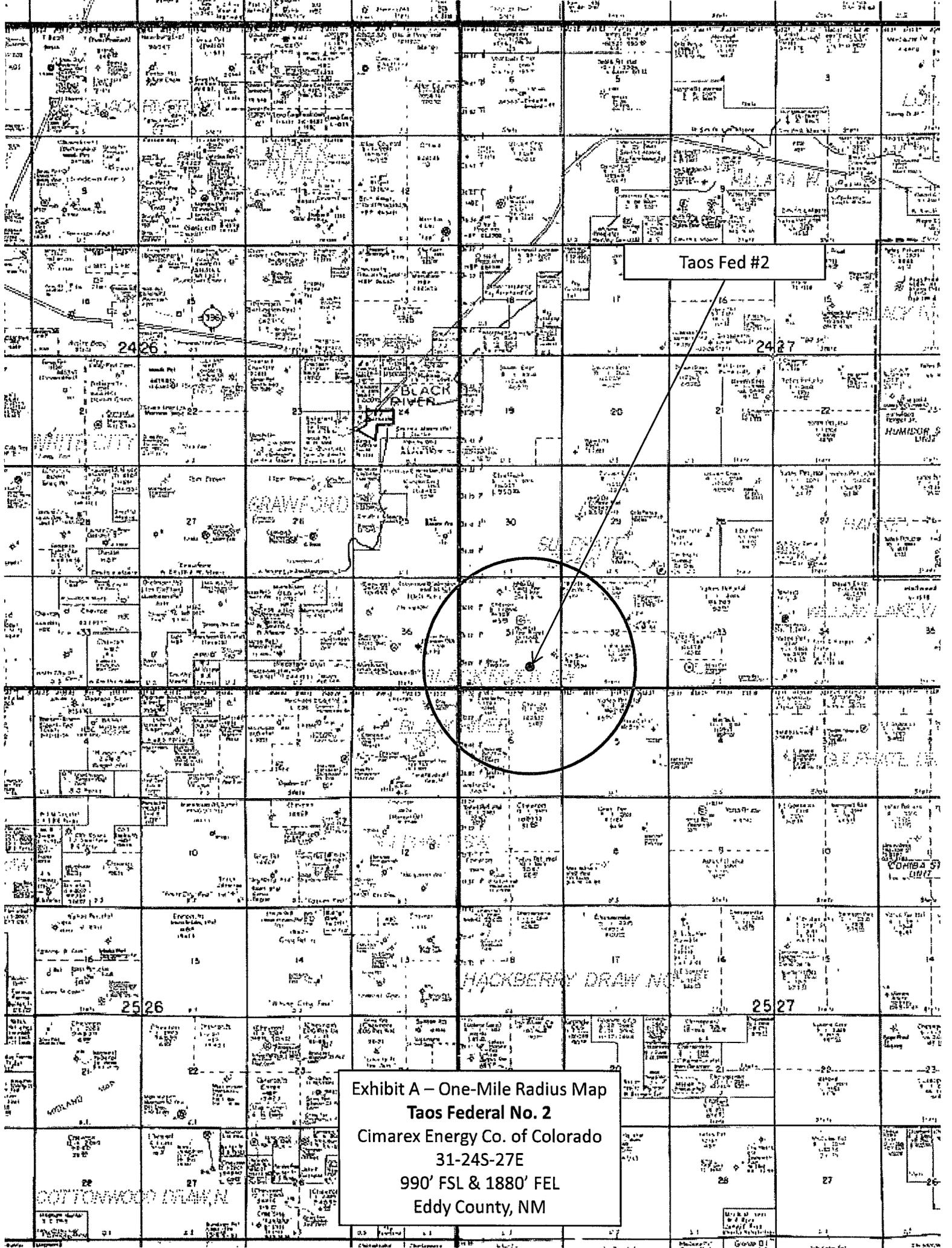
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Zeno Farris

**CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify that the statements and plans made in this APD are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed by Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado and/or its contractors/subcontractors and is in conformity with this plan and the terms and conditions under which it is approved. This statement is subject to the provision of U.S.C. 1001 for the filing of a false statement.

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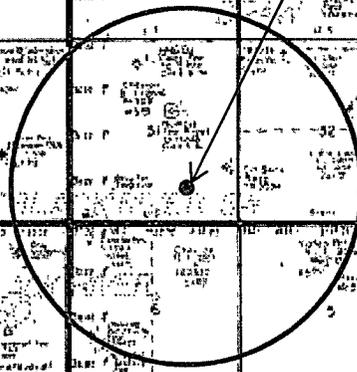
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Exhibit A – One-Mile Radius Map  
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990' FSL & 1880' FEL  
Eddy County, NM



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BLACK RIVER

CRAWFORD

HACKBERRY DRAW N...

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COTTONWOOD DRAW N...

# PECOS DISTRICT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

OPERATOR'S NAME:	Cimarex Energy
LEASE NO.:	NMNM96208
WELL NAME & NO.:	Taos Federal No 2
SURFACE HOLE FOOTAGE:	990' FSL & 1980' FEL
BOTTOM HOLE FOOTAGE:	
LOCATION:	Section 31, T. 24 S., R 27 E., NMPM
COUNTY:	Eddy County, New Mexico

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## **I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

The approval of the Application For Permit To Drill (APD) is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations: 43 Code of Federal Regulations 3160, the lease terms, Onshore Oil and Gas Orders, Notices To Lessees, New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) Rules, National Historical Preservation Act As Amended, and instructions and orders of the Authorized Officer. Any request for a variance shall be submitted to the Authorized Officer on Form 3160-5, Sundry Notices and Report on Wells.

## **II. PERMIT EXPIRATION**

If the permit terminates prior to drilling and drilling cannot be commenced within 60 days after expiration, an operator is required to submit Form 3160-5, Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells, requesting surface reclamation requirements for any surface disturbance. However, if the operator will be able to initiate drilling within 60 days after the expiration of the permit, the operator must have set the conductor pipe in order to allow for an extension of 60 days beyond the expiration date of the APD. (Filing of a Sundry Notice is required for this 60 day extension.)

## **III. ARCHAEOLOGICAL, PALEONTOLOGY & HISTORICAL SITES**

Any cultural and/or paleontological resource discovered by the operator or by any person working on the operator's behalf shall immediately report such findings to the Authorized Officer. The operator is fully accountable for the actions of their contractors and subcontractors. The operator 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 shall be made by the Authorized Officer to determine the appropriate actions that shall be required to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values of the discovery. The operator shall be held responsible for the cost of the proper mitigation measures that the Authorized Officer assesses after consultation with the operator on the evaluation and decisions of the discovery. Any unauthorized collection or disturbance of cultural or paleontological resources may result in a shutdown order by the Authorized Officer.

## **IV. NOXIOUS WEEDS**

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.

## V. SPECIAL REQUIREMENT(S)

### V-DOOR WEST

#### Conditions of Approval Cave and Karst

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Lease #: NM-96208

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#### Cave/Karst Surface Mitigation

The following stipulations will be applied to minimize impacts during construction, drilling and production.

#### **Berming:**

Tank batteries will be bermed to contain 1 ½ times the content of the largest tank.

Bermed areas will be lined with a 4 oz. felt liner to prevent tears or punctures and a permanent 20 mil plastic liner.

#### **Leak Detection System:**

A method of detecting leaks is required. The method could incorporate gauges to measure loss, situating valves and lines so they can be visually inspected, or installing electronic sensors to alarm when a leak is present. Leak detection plan will be submitted to BLM for approval.

#### **Closed Mud System Using Steel Tanks with All Fluids and Cuttings Hauled Off.**

A closed mud system using steel tanks for all cuttings and fluids is required. All fluids and cuttings will be hauled off site for disposal. No pits are allowed.

#### Cave/Karst Subsurface Mitigation

The following stipulations will be applied to protect cave/karst and ground water concerns:

#### **Lost Circulation:**

ALL lost circulation zones from the surface to the base of the cave occurrence zone will be logged and reported in the drilling report.

Regardless of the type of drilling machinery used, if a void of four feet or more and circulation losses greater than 70 percent occur simultaneously while drilling in any cave-bearing zone, the BLM will be notified immediately by the operator. The BLM will assess the situation and work with the operator on corrective actions to resolve the problem.

**Delayed Blasting:**

Any blasting will be phased and time delayed.

**Abandonment Cementing:**

Upon well abandonment the well bore will be cemented completely from 100 feet below the bottom of the cave bearing zone to the surface.

## **VI. CONSTRUCTION**

### **A. NOTIFICATION**

The BLM shall administer compliance and monitor construction of the access road and well pad. Notify the Carlsbad Field Office at (505) 234-5972 at least 3 working days prior to commencing construction of the access road and/or well pad.

When construction operations are being conducted on this well, the operator shall have the approved APD and Conditions of Approval (COA) on the well site and they shall be made available upon request by the Authorized Officer.

### **B. TOPSOIL**

There is no measurable soil on this well pad to stockpile. No topsoil stockpile is required.

### **C. RESERVE PITS**

Tanks are required for drilling operations: No Pits.

The operator shall properly dispose of drilling contents at an authorized disposal site.

### **D. FEDERAL MINERAL MATERIALS PIT**

If the operator elects to surface the access road and/or well pad, mineral materials extracted during construction of the reserve pit may be used for surfacing the well pad and access road and other facilities on the lease.

Payment shall be made to the BLM prior to removal of any additional federal mineral materials from any site other than the reserve pit. Call the Carlsbad Field Office at (505) 234-5972.

### **E. WELL PAD SURFACING**

Surfacing of the well pad is not required.

If the operator elects to surface the well pad, the surfacing material may be required to be removed at the time of reclamation.

The well pad shall be constructed in a manner which creates the smallest possible surface disturbance, consistent with safety and operational needs.

### **F. ON LEASE ACCESS ROADS**

#### **Road Width**

The access road shall have a driving surface that creates the smallest possible surface disturbance and does not exceed fourteen (14) feet in width. The maximum width of surface disturbance, when constructing the access road, shall not exceed thirty (30) feet.

### Surfacing

Surfacing material is not required on the new access road driving surface. If the operator elects to surface the new access road or pad, the surfacing material may be required to be removed at the time of reclamation.

Where possible, no improvements should be made on the unsurfaced access road other than to remove vegetation as necessary, road irregularities, safety issues, or to fill low areas that may sustain standing water.

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to require surfacing of any portion of the access road at any time deemed necessary. Surfacing may be required in the event the road deteriorates, erodes, road traffic increases, or it is determined to be beneficial for future field development. The surfacing depth and type of material will be determined at the time of notification.

### Crowning

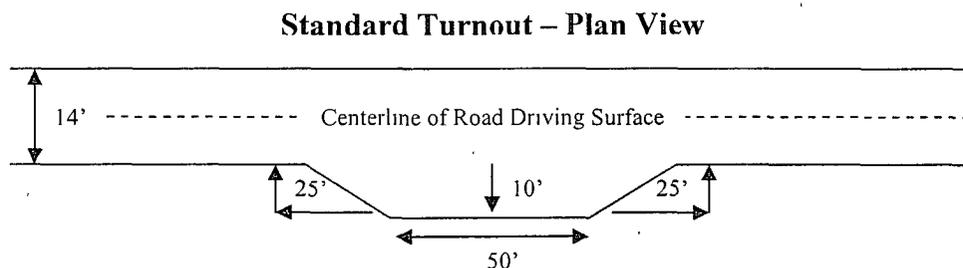
Crowning shall be done on the access road driving surface. The road crown shall have a grade of approximately 2% (i.e., a 1" crown on a 14' wide road). The road shall conform to Figure 1; cross section and plans for typical road construction.

### Ditching

Ditching shall be required on both sides of the road.

### Turnouts

Vehicle turnouts shall be constructed on the road. Turnouts shall be intervisible with interval spacing distance less than 1000 feet. Turnouts shall be constructed on all blind curves. Turnouts shall conform to the following diagram:

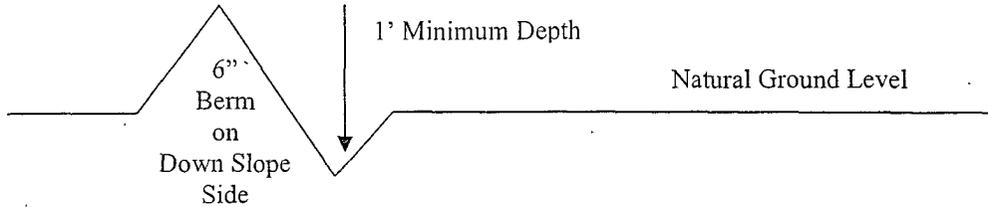


### Drainage

Drainage control systems shall be constructed on the entire length of road (e.g. ditches, sidehill outsloping and insloping, lead-off ditches, culvert installation, and low water crossings).

A typical lead-off ditch has a minimum depth of 1 foot below and a berm of 6 inches above natural ground level. The berm shall be on the down-slope side of the lead-off ditch.

### Cross Section of a Typical Lead-off Ditch



All lead-off ditches shall be graded to drain water with a 1 percent minimum to 3 percent maximum ditch slope. The spacing interval are variable for lead-off ditches and shall be determined according to the formula for spacing intervals of lead-off ditches, but may be amended depending upon existing soil types and centerline road slope (in %);

### Formula for Spacing Interval of Lead-off Ditches

Example - On a 4% road slope that is 400 feet long, the water flow shall drain water into a lead-off ditch. Spacing interval shall be determined by the following formula:

$$400 \text{ foot road with } 4\% \text{ road slope: } \frac{400'}{4\%} + 100' = 200' \text{ lead-off ditch interval}$$

### Culvert Installations

Appropriately sized culvert(s) shall be installed at the deep waterway channel flow crossing.

### Cattleguards

An appropriately sized cattleguard(s) sufficient to carry out the project shall be installed and maintained at fence crossing(s).

Any existing cattleguard(s) on the access road shall be repaired or replaced if they are damaged or have deteriorated beyond practical use. The operator shall be responsible for the condition of the existing cattleguard(s) that are in place and are utilized during lease operations.

A gate shall be constructed and fastened securely to H-braces.

### Fence Requirement

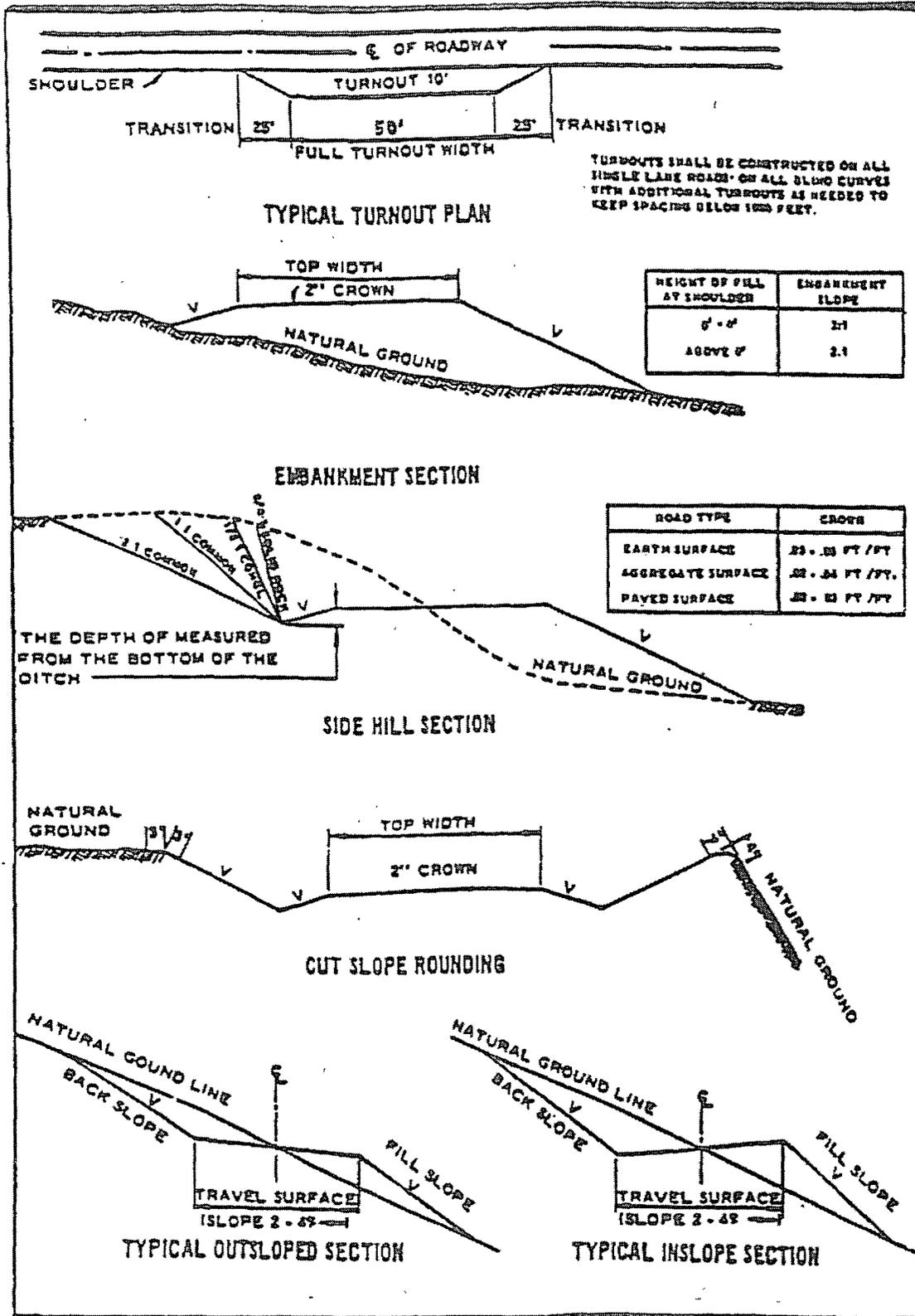
Where entry is required across a fence line, the fence shall be braced and tied off on both sides of the passageway prior to cutting.

The operator shall notify the private surface landowner or the grazing allotment holder prior to crossing any fence(s).

**Public Access**

Public access on this road shall not be restricted by the operator without specific written approval granted by the Authorized Officer.

Figure 1 – Cross Sections and Plans For Typical Road Sections



## VII. DRILLING

### A. DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS

The BLM is to be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness:

- a. Spudding well
- b. Setting and/or Cementing of all casing strings
- c. BOPE tests

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Call the Carlsbad Field Office, 620 East Greene St., Carlsbad, NM 88220,  
(575) 361-2822

1. **Although Hydrogen Sulfide has not been reported in this section, it is always a possible hazard. It has been reported in the Township to the south and west. If Hydrogen Sulfide is encountered, please report measured amounts and formations to the BLM.**
2. Unless the production casing has been run and cemented or the well has been properly plugged, the drilling rig shall not be removed from over the hole without prior approval.
3. Floor controls are required for 3M or Greater systems. These controls will be on the rig floor, unobstructed, readily accessible to the driller and will be operational at all times during drilling and/or completion activities. Rig floor is defined as the area immediately around the rotary table; the area immediately above the substructure on which the draw works are located, this does not include the dog house or stairway area.

### B. CASING

**Changes to the approved APD casing and cement program require submitting a sundry and receiving approval prior to work. Failure to obtain approval prior to work will result in an Incident of Non-Compliance being issued.**

**Centralizers required on surface casing per Onshore Order 2.III.B.1.f.**

**Provide compressive strengths including hours to reach required 500 pounds compressive strength prior to cementing each casing string.**

**No pea gravel permitted for remedial or fall back remedial without prior authorization from the BLM engineer.**

**Medium cave/karst.**

**Possible lost circulation in the Chinle and Delaware formations.**

**Possible abnormal pressure in the Wolfcamp and high pressure in the Pennsylvanian section.**

1. The 13-3/8 inch surface casing shall be set **at approximately 215 feet (a minimum of 25 feet into the Rustler Anhydrite and above the salt)** and cemented to the surface.
  - a. If cement does not circulate to the surface, the appropriate BLM office shall be notified and a temperature survey utilizing an electronic type temperature survey with a surface log readout will be used or a cement bond log shall be run to verify the top of the cement.
  - b. Wait on cement (WOC) time for a primary cement job will be a minimum 18 hours for a water basin, 24 hours in the potash area, or 500 pounds compressive strength, whichever is greater. (This is to include the lead cement).
  - c. Wait on cement (WOC) time for a remedial job will be a minimum of 4 hours after bringing cement to surface or 500 pounds compressive strength, whichever is greater.
  - d. If cement falls back, remedial cementing will be done prior to drilling out that string.
2. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 9-5/8 inch intermediate casing is:

Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate see B.1.a-d above.

**If 75% or greater lost circulation occurs while drilling the intermediate casing hole, the cement on the production casing must come to surface.**

**Formation below the 9-5/8" shoe to be tested according to Onshore Order 2.III.B.1.i.**

3. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 5-1/2 inch production casing is:
  - Cement should tie-back at least 200 feet into previous casing string. Operator shall provide method of verification.
4. If hardband drill pipe is rotated inside casing, returns will be monitored for metal. If metal is found in samples, drill pipe will be pulled and rubber protectors which have a larger diameter than the tool joints of the drill pipe will be installed prior to continuing drilling operations.

### C. PRESSURE CONTROL

1. All blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) shall comply with well control requirements as described in Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 2 and API RP 53 Sec. 17.
2. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness the tests.
  - a. The tests shall be done by an independent service company.
  - b. The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.
  - c. All tests are required to be recorded on a calibrated test chart. A copy of the BOP/BOPE test chart and a copy of independent service company test will be submitted to the appropriate BLM office.
  - d. The BOP/BOPE test shall include a low pressure test from 250 to 300 psi. The test will be held for a minimum of 10 minutes if test is done with a test plug and 30 minutes without a test plug.
  - e. BOP/BOPE must be tested by an independent service company within 500 feet of the top of the **Wolfcamp** formation if the time between the setting of the intermediate casing and reaching this depth exceeds 20 days. This test does not exclude the test prior to drilling out the casing shoe as per Onshore Order No. 2.
  - f. A variance to test only the surface casing to the reduced pressure of **1000 psi** with the rig pumps is approved. **The BOP will be tested to 5000 psi by an independent service company.**
  - g. **If pressure data is gathered from the Wolfcamp, Atoka, Strawn and Morrow; please provide that data to the BLM.**

### D. DRILLING MUD

Mud system monitoring equipment, with derrick floor indicators and visual and audio alarms, shall be operating before drilling into the **Wolfcamp** formation, and shall be used until production casing is run and cemented.

### E. DRILL STEM TEST

If drill stem tests are performed, Onshore Order 2.III.D shall be followed.

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## **VIII. PRODUCTION (POST DRILLING)**

### **A. WELL STRUCTURES & FACILITIES**

#### **Placement of Production Facilities**

Production facilities should be placed on the well pad to allow for maximum interim recontouring and revegetation of the well location.

#### **Containment Structures**

The containment structure shall be constructed to hold the capacity of the entire contents of the largest tank, plus 24 hour production, unless more stringent protective requirements are deemed necessary by the Authorized Officer.

#### **Painting Requirement**

All above-ground structures including meter housing that are not subject to safety requirements shall be painted a flat non-reflective paint color Shale Green, Munsell Soil Color Chart # 5Y 4/2

## **IX. INTERIM RECLAMATION & RESERVE PIT CLOSURE**

### **A. INTERIM RECLAMATION**

If the well is a producer, interim reclamation shall be conducted on the well site in accordance with the orders of the Authorized Officer. The operator shall submit a Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells (Notice of Intent), Form 3160-5, prior to conducting interim reclamation.

During the life of the development, all disturbed areas not needed for active support of production operations should undergo interim reclamation in order to minimize the environmental impacts of development on other resources and uses.

The operators should work with BLM surface management specialists to devise the best strategies to reduce the size of the location. Any reductions should allow for remedial well operations, as well as safe and efficient removal of oil and gas.

During reclamation, the removal of caliche is important to increasing the success of revegetating the site. Removed caliche may be used for road repairs, fire walls or for building other roads and locations. In order to operate the well or complete workover operations, it may be necessary to drive, park and operate on restored interim vegetation within the previously disturbed area. Disturbing revegetated areas for production or workover operations will be allowed. If there is significant disturbance and loss of vegetation, the area will need to be revegetated. Communicate with the appropriate BLM office for any exceptions/exemptions if needed.

### Seed Mixture 3, for Shallow Sites

The holder shall seed all disturbed areas with the seed mixture listed below. The seed mixture shall be planted in the amounts specified in pounds of pure live seed (PLS)\* per acre. There shall be no primary or secondary noxious weeds in the seed mixture. Seed will be tested and the viability testing of seed will be done in accordance with State law(s) and within nine (9) months prior to purchase. Commercial seed will be either certified or registered seed. The seed container will be tagged in accordance with State law(s) and available for inspection by the authorized officer.

Seed will be planted using a drill equipped with a depth regulator to ensure proper depth of planting where drilling is possible. The seed mixture will be evenly and uniformly planted over the disturbed area (smaller/heavier seeds have a tendency to drop the bottom of the drill and are planted first). The holder shall take appropriate measures to ensure this does not occur. Where drilling is not possible, seed will be broadcast and the area shall be raked or chained to cover the seed. When broadcasting the seed, the pounds per acre are to be doubled. The seeding will be repeated until a satisfactory stand is established as determined by the authorized officer. Evaluation of growth will not be made before completion of at least one full growing season after seeding.

Species to be planted in pounds of pure live seed\* per acre:

<u>Species</u>	<u>lb/acre</u>
Plains Bristlegrass ( <i>Setaria magrostachya</i> )	1.0
Green Spangletop ( <i>Leptochloa dubia</i> )	2.0
Side oats Grama ( <i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i> )	5.0

\*Pounds of pure live seed:

Pounds of seed x percent purity x percent germination = pounds pure live seed  
(Insert Seed Mixture Here)

## **X. FINAL ABANDONMENT & REHABILITATION REQUIREMENTS**

Upon abandonment of the well and/or when the access road is no longer in service the Authorized Officer shall issue instructions and/or orders for surface reclamation and restoration of all disturbed areas.

On private surface/federal mineral estate land the reclamation procedures on the road and well pad shall be accomplished in accordance with the private surface land owner agreement.