# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

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

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5 Lease Serial No.

RESUBMITTAL

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**UNITED STATES** 

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lb.	Type of Well: X Oil Well Gas Well Other	X Single Zone Mult	iple Zone	8. Lease Name and W COLUMBUS "4"	ell No. 1 3829
	Name of Operator			9 API Well No.	25
	OMPSON, J. CLEO (1//8/)		·	30-015-381	
3a.	Address P. O. BOX 12577 ODESSA, TX 79768	3b Phone No(include area co	de)	10 Field and Pool, or Ex	(ploratory 96718
	ODESSA, 1X /9/08	(432)550-8887		LOCO HILLS 6/	orieta veso
4. Location of Well (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements.*)			.•)	11. Sec., T. R. M. or Bli SEC. 4, T17S, R30E	and Survey or Area
	At surface 453.5' FSL & 453.5' FEL (UL: P) At proposed prod zone				
	istance in miles and direction from nearest town of MILES NM OF LOCO HILLS, NM	or post office*		12 County or Parish EDDY	13 State NM
le p	Distance from proposed*  Ocation to nearest roperty or lease line, ft. Also to nearest drig, unit line, if any)	16 No. of acres in lease 80	17. Spac 40	cing Unit dedicated to this	s well
18 D	vistance from proposed location* 288.9'	19 Proposed Depth	20 BLM	/BIA Bond No on file	
to a	o nearest well, drilling, completed, pplied for, on this lease, ft.	6,000'	NM034	18	
21	Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB, RT, GL, etc.	) 2 2 Approximate date work	will start*	2 3 Estimated duration	
3	702'GL	02/15/2010		30 DAYS	
		24. Attachments			
The f	following, completed in accordance with the require	rements of Onshore Oil and Gas O	Order No. 1	, shall be attached to this	form:

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

25 Signature /	Name (Printed/Typed)	Date
Dotum	JIM STEVENS	02/10/2010
Title		
OPERATIONS MANAGER		
Approved by(Signature) /s/ Don Peterson	Name(Printed/Typed) /s/ Don Peterson	Date AUS 0 6 2010
Title FIELD MANAGER	Office CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE	

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

Title 18U 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)

Roswell Controlled Water Basin

KZ 8/26/10

SEE ATTACHED FOR CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

**Approval Subject to General Requirements** & Special Stipulations Attached

DISTRICT 1 1625 N French Dr. Hobbs, NN 88240 DESTRICT' II 1301 W Grand Ave , Artesia, NM 88210 DISTRICT III 1000 Rio Brazos Rd , Aztec. NM 87410 DISTRICT IV 1220 St Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-102 State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department RECEIVED ised October 12, 2005 Appropriate District Office OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION AUG 1 0 2010 State Lease-4 copies Fee Lease-3 copies 1220 South St Francis Driv Santa Fe, NM 87505

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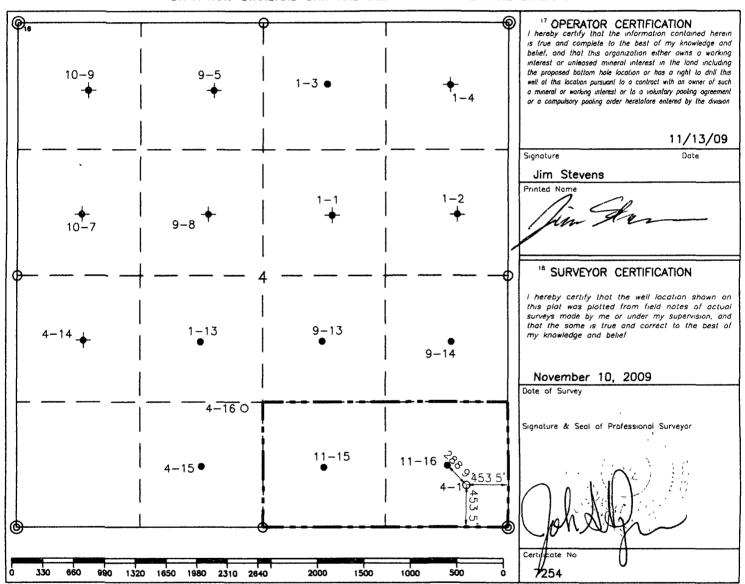
AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

<sup>2</sup>Pool Cade LOCO HILLS; GLORIETA-YEGO *30-015-38108* 96718 Property Code 38296 Well Number COLUMBUS "4" 1 OGRID No J. CLEO THOMPSON & JAMES CLEO THOMPSON, JR., L.P. 3704 11181

<sup>10</sup> Surface Location
Feet from the North/South line UL or lot no Range Feet from the East/West line County 30-E 453.5 17-S Eddy South 453.5 East 11 Location If Different From Bottom Hole Surface UL or lat no Section Township Range Lot Ido Feet from the North/South line Feet from the East/West line 7County 2Dedicated Acre 40

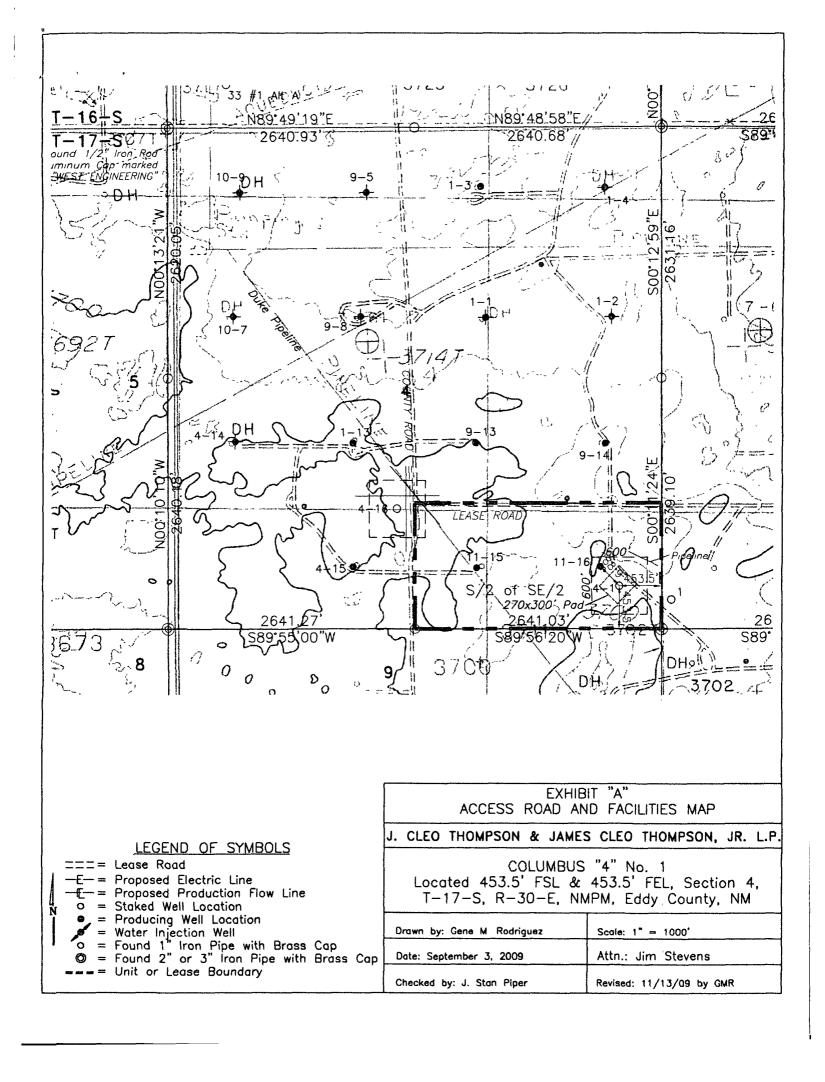
#### NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION.



O = Staked Location • = Producing Well = Injection Well • = Water Supply Well • = Plugged & Abandon Well O = Found /4 Section Corner, 1" Iron Pipe & GLO B.C. (i) = Found Section Corner, 2 or 3" Iron Pipe & GLO B.C.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE LOCATION

State Plane Coord	inates	<u></u>	
Northing 675895.98	3 (1927 NAD= 675832.22)	Easting 652956.14 (19	27 NAD= 611777.26)
Latitude 32°51'.	27.119"	Longitude 103*58'11.4'	12"
Zone	North American Datum	Combined Grid Factor	Coordinate File
East	1983	0.999749796	W_Square_Lake83.crd
Drawing File		Field Book	
WestSquareLak	e.Dwg	Eddy #9, Pg. 35	



#### DRILLING PROGRAM

## J. Cleo Thompson & James Cleo Thompson, Jr., L. P.

Columbus '4', Well No. 1 453.5' FSL & 453.5' FEL, Section 4 T17S, R30E Eddy County, New Mexico

In accordance with Form 3160 and out application to drill, please find the following items as included in the proposed drilling program.

#### 1. Estimated Tops of Geological Markers:

Rustler	439'
Tansıll	1194'
Yates	1327'
7 Rivers	1599'
Queen	2205'
Yeso/Glorietta	4502'
Tubb	5903

#### 2. Possible Mineral Bearing Formations:

San Andres	Oil
Yeso/Glorietta	Oil

#### 3. Proposed Casing Program:

	Hole Size	Setting Depth	Csg Size & Wgt	Class	Grade/Jt
See	-17-1/2"	0'-450'	13-3/8", 48#/ft	New	H-40/ST&C
See COA	11"	0'-2000'	8-5/8", 24#/ft	New	J-55/ST&C
	7"	0' - 6000'	5-1/2", 15.5#/ft	New	J-55/LTC
	Design Factors:	Collapse: 1.2	2 Burst: 1.2	Tensio	n 1.8

#### 4. Pressure Control Equipment:

Exhibit 'C'- Intermediate and Production Casing – A minimum 8-5/8", 3000 PSI working pressure BOP consisting of one set of blind rams and one set of pipe rams, a choke manifold and a 120 gallon accumulator with floor and remote operating stations as well as an auxiliary power system will be utilized. 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. Ram-type BOP will be tested to 250 psi low and 2500 psi high by an independent service company.

The BOP unit will be hydraulically operated. Below intermediate casing shoe, BOP will be operated at least once a day while drilling and the blind rams will be operated on out-of-hole trips. No abnormal pressures or temperatures are expected while drilling this well.

We are requesting a variance for testing the 13-3/8" surface easing from Onshore

Order No. 2, which states that all easing 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

#### DRILLING PROGRAM

### J. Cleo Thompson & James Cleo Thompson, Jr., L. P.

## Columbus '4', Well No. 1

### 453.5' FSL & 453.5' FEL, Section 4

## T17S, R30E

**Eddy County, New Mexico** 

the manufacturer's stated maximum internal yield. We are requesting to test the 13-3/8" easing to 1000 psi using rig pumps. The BOP will be tested to 1000 psi by an independent service company.

#### 5. Proposed Mud Program:

<u>Interval</u>	Type	Weight(ppg)	<u>Viscosity</u>	Fluid Loss
0' - 450'	Fresh Water	8.3 - 9.0	34 - 38	NC
450' – 2000'	Brine	10.0 - 10.2	29 - 30	NC
2000' – 5950'	Cut Brine	8.8 - 9.2	28 - 29	NC
5950' – 6000'	Cut Brine	9.0 - 9.2	32 - 33	12-15

#### 6. Proposed Cementing Program:

13-3/8" Surface: 470 sacks Class 'C' cement + 0.25 lbs/sx Celloflake

+ 2% Calcium Chloride

TOC: Surface Yield: 1.34 cu.ft./sx Wgt: 14.8 ppg

8-5/8" Intermediate: Lead Cement: 305 sacks 50:50 POZ C + 10% gel +

5% salt + 0.25 # Celloflake

Yield: 2.45 cu.ft./sx Wgt: 11.8 ppg

Tail Cement: 200 sxs Class 'C' Cement + 2%

Calcium

TOC: Surface Yield: 1.34 cu.ft/sx Wgt: 14.8 ppg

**5-1/2"** Production: Lead Cement: 625 sxs 50/50 POZ C + 10% gel +

5% salt + 0.25 # Celloflake + 3# Kol-Seal **Yield:** 2.45 cu.ft/sx **Wgt:** 11.8 ppg

**Tail Cement:** 200 sxs 50/50 POZ C + 2% gel +

5% salt + 8-10% C-16a

**TOC:** surface Yield: 1.30 cu.ft/sx Wgt: 14.3 ppg

#### 7. Auxiliary Equipment:

Blowout preventer, gas detector, Kelly Cock and stabbing valve

## 8. Testing, Logging and Coring Program – See COA

Drill Stem Tests:

None Anticipated

Logging:

Platform Express, TD – 3000'

GR – N to surface

Coring:

None Anticipated

#### **DRILLING PROGRAM**

J. Cleo Thompson & James Cleo Thompson, Jr. L. P.
Columbus 4, Well #1
453.5' FSL & 453.5' FEL, Section 4
T17S, R30E

#### **Eddy County, New Mexico**

#### 9. Potential Hazards:

No abnormal pressures or temperatures are expected. The area has a potential H2S hazard. An H<sub>2</sub>S drilling plan is attached. 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.

Estimated BHP 2300 psi

Estimated BHT

110°

10. H<sub>2</sub>S:

None Anticipated

11. Anticipated Start Date:

As soon as approved

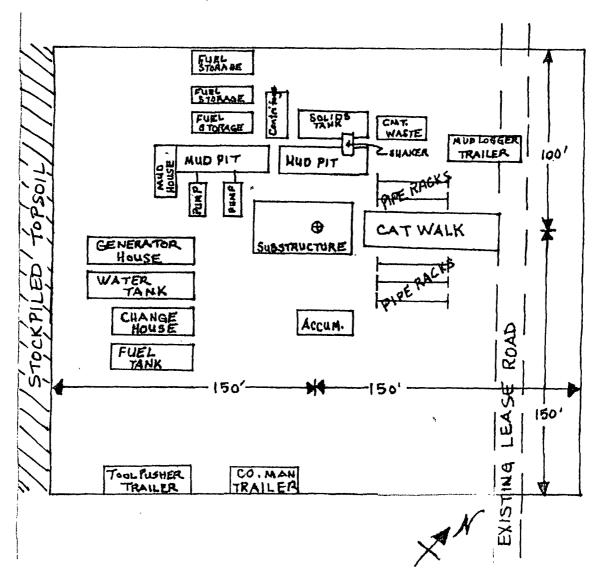
Anticipated Drilling Time:

15 days

## ATTACHMENT 'C' WELLSITE LAYOUT

#### SURFACE USE PLAN

i. Well Site Layout: Diagram of well site with arrow indicating the north direction and the location of the stockpiled topsoil.



### J. CLEO THOMPSON

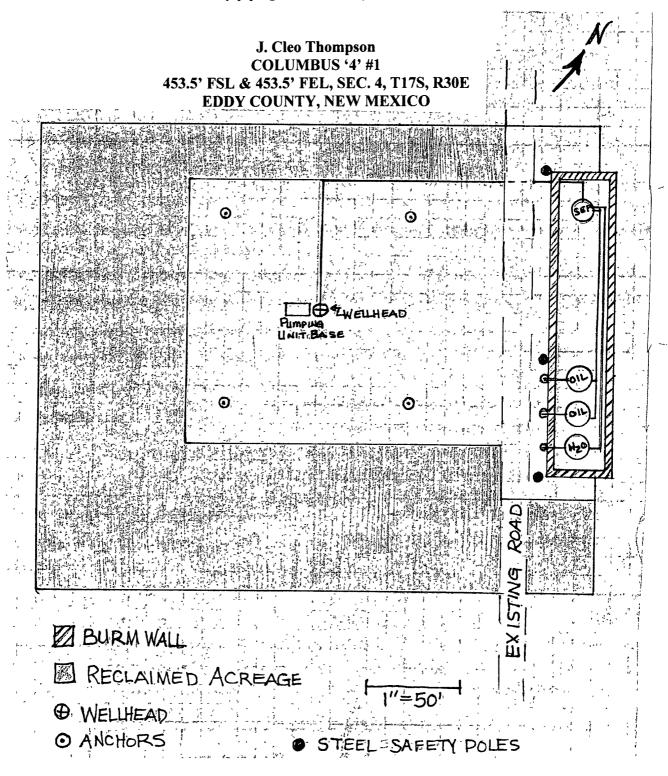
COLUMBUS '4' WELL NO. 1

WELL SITE LAYOUT (WITH NORTH DIRECTION AND STOCKPILED SOIL)

## ATTACHMENT 'E' DIAGRAM OF PRODUCTION FACILITIES

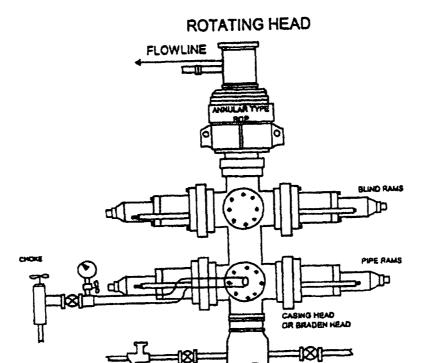
#### SURFACE USE PLAN

d. Location of Existing and /or Proposed Production Facilities: The necessary facilities, gas separation/process equipment and tank battery are to be located on the well site if a well is made. J. Cleo Thompson, at this time, foresees 2-300 bbl oil tanks, 1-300 bbl water tank, a 4' x 20' heater treater and the necessary piping for this configuration.

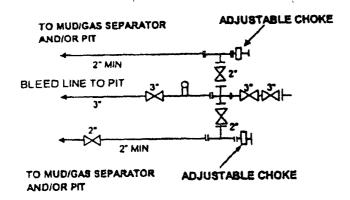


#### ATTACHMENT 'A'

# 3-M WP BOP WITH 3-M WP ANNULAR AND CHOKE MANIFOLD SCHEMATIC



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Revised

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COLUMBUS "4" Well No. 1

BOP/Choke Manifold Schematic

ONE CHECK VALVE

#### J. Cleo Thompson & James Cleo Thompson, Jr., L.P.

Closed-Loop System Design Plan

#### **Equipment List**

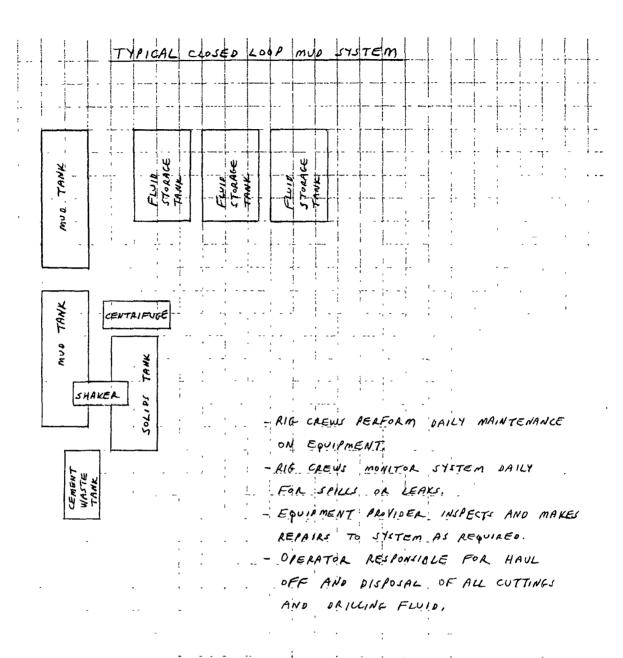
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- Primary Shakers
- Mud Cleaner Hydro-cyclones
- 1 Centrifuge
- De-watering system with pH adjustment, coagulant mixing and dosing, and polymer mixing and dosing
- Drying Augur
- Sump Drying Augur
- Sump
- Cutting Boxes
- Reserve Fluids Tank Farm
- Wire mesh trash enclosure (spent motor oils will be kept in separate containers and latter sent to approved landfill)

#### **Operations and Maintenance**

#### **Closure Plan**

During drilling operations, all liquids, drilling fluids, and cuttings will be hauled off location via CRI (Controlled Recovery Incorporated, Permit R-9166).



#### J. CLEO THOMPSON & JAMES CLEO THOMPSON, JR.

# OIL PRODUCERS 325 NORTH ST. PAUL\*SUITE 4300 DALLAS, TEXAS 75201

OFFICE. 214-953-1117 FAX: 214-969-7433

January 4, 2009

Oil Conservation Division District II Office 1301 W. Grand Avenue Artesia, New Mexico 88210 Attn: Ms. Kimberly Wilson

RE: STATEWIDE RULE 118

HYDROGEN SULFIDE CONTIGENCY PLAN PROPOSED WELL: COLUMBUS 4 WELL NO. 1

EDDY COUNTY, NM

#### Dear Ms. Wilson:

In accordance with NMAC 19.15.3.118C.(1) governing the determination of the hydrogen sulfide concentration in gaseous mixtures in each of its operations, J. Cleo Thompson & James Cleo Thompson, Jr., L.P. do not anticipate that there will be enough H<sub>2</sub>S from the surface to the Paddock formations to meet the OCD's minimum requirements for the submission of a contingency plan for the drilling and completions of the following well:

COLUMBUS 4 WELL NO. 1 Sec. 4, T17S, R30E 453.5' FSL & 453.5' FEL Eddy County, New Mexico

If anything further is needed regarding this issue, or if you have any questions, please feel freel to contact the undersigned at 432-550-8887.

Sincerely

E. Stevens

Operations Manager

# Hydrogen Sulfide Drilling Operations Plan J. Cleo Thompson & James Cleo Thompson, Jr., L.P. Columbus '4' Well No. 1

- 1. 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

#### 2. H<sub>2</sub>S Detection and Alarm System

H<sub>2</sub>S detectors and an audible alarm system will be located at the bell nipple, end of the flow line (mud pit) and on the derrick floor or doghouse.

#### 3. Windsock and/or Wind Streamers:

- A. Windsock/streamers to be placed at mudpit area high enough to be visible.
- B. Windsock/streamers to be placed in briefing area high enough to be visible.

#### 4. Condition Flags and Signs:

- A. Warning sign to be placed on access to location
- B. Flags will be displayed on sign at entrance to location.
  - Green Flag: normal, safe conditions
  - Yellow Flag: potential pressure/H<sub>2</sub>S danger
  - Red Flag: Danger, H<sub>2</sub>S is present in dangerous concentrations, only emergency personnel admitted to location

#### 5. Well Control Equipment

A. See Exhibit E

#### 6. Communication:

- A. While working under masks, chalkboards will be used for communication.
- B. Hand signals will be used where chalkboards are inappropriate.
- C. Two-way radios will be used to communicate off location in case of emergency help is required. In most cases cellular phones will be available in the drilling foreman's trailer/living quarters.

#### 7. Drillstem Testing:

No DSTs or cores are planned at this time

- 8. 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.
- 9. If H<sub>2</sub>S is encountered, mud system will be altered as necessary to maintain control of the formation. A mud gas separator will be brought into service along with H<sub>2</sub>S scavengers if necessary.

#### Hydrogen Sulfide Drilling Operations Plan J. Cleo Thompson & James Cleo Thompson, Jr., L.P. Columbus '4' Well No. 1

#### **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 following:
  - ✓ Detection of H<sub>2</sub>S,
  - ✓ 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 gas.

#### Characteristics of H2S and SO2

Common Name	Chemical Formula	Specific Gravity	Threshold Limit	Hazardous Limit	Lethal Concentration
Hydrogen Sulfide	$H_2S$	1.189 (Air=1)	10 ppm	100 ppm/hr	600 ppm
Sulfur Dioxide	$SO_2$	2.21(Air=1)	2 ppm	N/A	1,000 ppm

#### **Contacting Authorities**

J. Cleo Thompson & James Cleo Thompson, Jr., L.P. 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. J. Cleo Thompson & James Cleo Thompson, Jr., L.P. 's response will be in coordination with the State of New Mexico's Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan" (HMER).

#### Hydrogen Sulfide Drilling Operations Plan J. Cleo Thompson & James Cleo Thompson, Jr., L.P. Columbus '4' Well No. 1

J. Cleo Thompson, Odessa Office			432-550-8887
Key Personnel Name Jim Stevens Doug Dietrich Jeff Bryden Johnnie Holder Gary Moreau	Title Operations Manager Engineer Geologist Drilling Superintendent Pumper	Office 432-550-888 432-550-888 432-550-888	7 432-664-2549 7 432-661-0171
Artesia Ambulance State Police City Police Sheriff's Office Fire Department Local Emergency Planning O New Mexico Oil Conservation			911 575-746-2703 575-746-2703 575-746-9888 575-746-2701 575-746-2122 575-748-1283
Carlsbad Ambulance State Police City Police Sheriff's Office Fire Department Local Emergency Planning C US Bureau of Land Manager  Santa Fe New Mexico Emergency Res	ment	Fe)	911 575-885-3137 575-885-2111 575-887-7551 575-887-3798 575-887-6544 575-887-6544
New Mexico Emergency Res New Mexico State Emergence	sponse Commission (Santa		505-827-9126 505-476-9635
National National Emergency Respons	800-424-8802		
Medical Flight for Life – 4000 24 <sup>th</sup> St., Lubbock, TX Aerocare – R3, Box 49F, Lubbock, TX Med Flight Air Amb. – 2301 Yale Blvd S.E., #D3, Albuquerque, NM SB Air Med Service – 2505 Clark Carr Loop S.E., Albuquerque, NM			806-743-9911 806-747-8923 505-842-4433 505-842-4949
Other Boots & Coots IWC Cudd Pressure Control Halliburton B.J. Services		800-256-9688 or 432-699-0139 or	

This plan is submitted with the Application for Permit to Drill the above described well. The purpose of the plan is to describe the location of the proposed well; the proposed construction activities and operations plan to be followed in rehabilitating the surface and environmental effects associated with the operations.

#### 1. EXISTING ROADS:

- A. Exhibit "A" is a portion of a topographic map showing the location of the proposed well as staked. The well is approximately 3 miles north of Loco Hills, NM. Two thousand one-hundred twelve (2112') feet of an existing lease access road will be utilized from the County Road into location. The road will be crowned and ditched to a 14' width in accordance with road guidelines contained in the joint BLM/USFS publication: Surface Operating Standards for Oil and gas Exploration and Development, The Gold Book, Fourth Edition and/or BLM Manual Section 9113 concerning road construction standards on projects subject to federal jurisdiction.
- B. **Directions**: From the junction of Hwy 82 and Goat Ropers Road, go north on Goat Ropers Road for 2.8 miles to lease road; turn east on lease road 0.3 mile; turn south on lease road for 0.1 mile.

#### 2. PLANNED ACCESS ROAD

- A. Length and Width: 2112'and 14' wide existing lease access road will be utilized.
- B. Construction: The existing road will be constructed and repaired by grading and topping with compacted caliche. The surface will be crowned and ditched in accordance with road guidelines contained in the joint BLM/USFS publication:

  Surface Operating Standards for Oil and gas Exploration and Development, The Gold Book, Fourth Edition and/or BLM Manual Section 9113 concerning road construction standards on projects subject to federal jurisdiction to ensure proper drainage.
- C. Turnouts: No new
- D. Culverts: No new
- E. Cuts and Fills: No new
- F. Gates and Cattle Guards: None
- G. Off Lease Right-of-Way: None
- 3. LOCATION OF EXISTING WELLS: There are 15 existing wells in the section, one of which is in the same UL or lot number, 288.5' NW of this proposed well. Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B", Well Location and Acreage Dedication Plat, show existing wells in the section.

- **4.** LOCATION OF EXISTING AND/OR PROPOSED FACILITIES: The necessary facilities, gas separation/process equipment and tank battery are to be located on the well site if a well is made. J. Cleo Thompson, at this time, foresees 2-300 bbl oil tanks, 1-300 bbl water tank, a 4' x 20' heater treater and the necessary piping for this configuration. See attached diagram. If, in fact this lay-out changes, J. Cleo Thompson will send in the necessary Sundry Notice.
- **5.** LOCATION AND TYPE OF WATER SUPPLY: It is planned to drill the proposed well with fresh water that will be transported over the existing roads.
- 6. SOURCE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS: The location will be scraped and the top soil stored on the SW side of the location, behind the closed-loop system. If adequate caliche exists, no further construction will take place. If in fact, additional construction is necessary, it is the intent of J. Cleo Thompson to obtain additional caliche from the state caliche pit off of Mallet Rd. Layers B and C will not be overturned as a source of construction material.
- 7. METHODS OF HANDLING WASTE:
  - A. Drill cuttings will be disposed of in the closed-loop system.
  - B. Water produced during the operations will be hauled to a disposal plant.
  - C. Oil produced during the operation will be collected in production tanks.
  - D. Trash, waste paper, garbage, and junk will be contained in trash bins to prevent scattering by the wind and will be removed for deposit in an approved sanitary landfill within 30 days after finishing drilling and/or completion operations.
  - E. Current laws and regulations pertaining to the disposal of human waste will be observed.
- 8. ANCILLARY FACILITIES: None Required
- 9. WELL SITE LAYOUT:
  - A. Exhibit "D" shows the relative dimensions of the well pad and major rig components. The pad and closed-loop system area to be staked will measure 300' x 250'.
  - B. Cut and Fill: None required
  - 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 as per BLM requirements. See attached map for interim remediation.

#### 10. PLANS FOR RESTORATION OF THE SURFACE:

Rehabilitation of the location 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 soil pile will be placed over the disturbed area to the extent possible. Vegetation procedures will comply with BLM standards. If the well is a dry hole, the pad and road will be contoured to match the existing terrain. Topsoil will be placed to the extent possible. Vegetation procedures will comply with BLM standards. Should the well be a producer, the previous noted procedures will apply to those areas which are not required for production facilities.

#### 11. OTHER INFORMATION

- A. Topography: The proposed well site and access road are located on open, rolling coppice dune field formations, with varied dune height/blowout depth ranging from 0.2 to 2 meters.
- B. Soil: Soils are tan/red loamy silty sands, mixed with an occasional surface exposure of substrata caliche.
- C. Flora and Fauna: Area vegetation is dominated by shinoak, grasses, snakeweed, mesquite, hackberry, and yucca.
- D. Ponds and Streams: None
- E. Residences and Other Structures: None in the immediate vicinity
- F. Land Use: Cattle grazing, but not at the present time
- G. Surface Ownership: The proposed well site and the access road is on federal surface with federal minerals.
- H. There is no evidence of archaeological, historical or cultural sites in the staked area.

#### 12. OPERATOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

The field representative for assuring compliance with the approved use and operations plan is as follows:

J.E. (Jim) Stevens
Operations Manager
J. Cleo Thompson & James Cleo Thompson, Jr., L.P.
P. O. Box 12577
Odessa, TX 79768
Office Phone: (432) 550-8887
Cell Phone: (432) 664-2917

#### **13. CERTIFICATION:**

I, J. E. Stevens, hereby certify that I, or someone under my direct supervision, have inspected the drill site and access route as proposed herein; that I am familiar with the conditions which currently exist; that I have full knowledge of state and Federal laws applicable to this operation; that the statements made in this APD package are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed in conformity with this APD package and the terms and conditions under which it is approved. I also certify that I, or the company I represent, am responsible for the operations conducted under this application. These statements are subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001 for the filing of false statements.

Executed this

day of

. 2010

Signed:

Name:

J.E. Stevens

Position Title:

Operations Manager

Address:

J. Cleo Thompson & James Cleo Thompson, Jr., L.P.

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### PECOS DISTRICT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

OPERATOR'S NAME: J. CLEO THOMPSON

LEASE NO.: NMLC060325

WELL NAME & NO.: COLUMBUS 4 # 1

SURFACE HOLE FOOTAGE: 453.5' FSL & 453.5' FEL

BOTTOM HOLE FOOTAGE SAME

LOCATION: Section 4, T. 17 S., R 30 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)

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, 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. Additionally, no new drilling will be allowed within up to 200 meters of leks known at the time of permitting. 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 feet from the source of the noise.

Ground-level Abandoned Well Marker to avoid raptor perching: Upon the plugging and subsequent abandonment of the well, the well marker will be installed at ground level on a plate containing the pertinent information for the plugged well. For more installation details, contact the Carlsbad Field Office at 575-234-5972.

#### 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 (575) 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

The operator shall stockpile the topsoil in a low profile manner in order to prevent wind/water erosion of the topsoil. The topsoil to be stripped is approximately 6 inches in depth. The topsoil will be used for interim and final reclamation.

#### C. CLOSED LOOP SYSTEM

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

Payment shall be made to the BLM prior to removal of any federal mineral materials. Call the Carlsbad Field Office at (575) 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

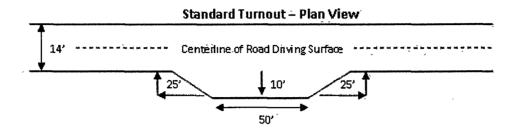
Crowning shall be done on the access road driving surface. The road crown shall have a grade of approximately 2% (i.e., a 1" crown on a 14' wide road). The road shall conform to Figure 1; cross section and plans for typical road construction.

#### 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:

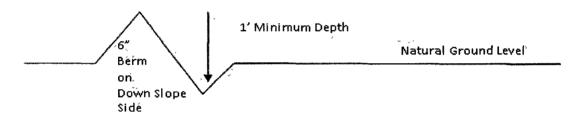


#### **Drainage**

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 foot road with 4% road slope: 
$$\frac{400'}{4\%} + 100' = 200'$$
 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**

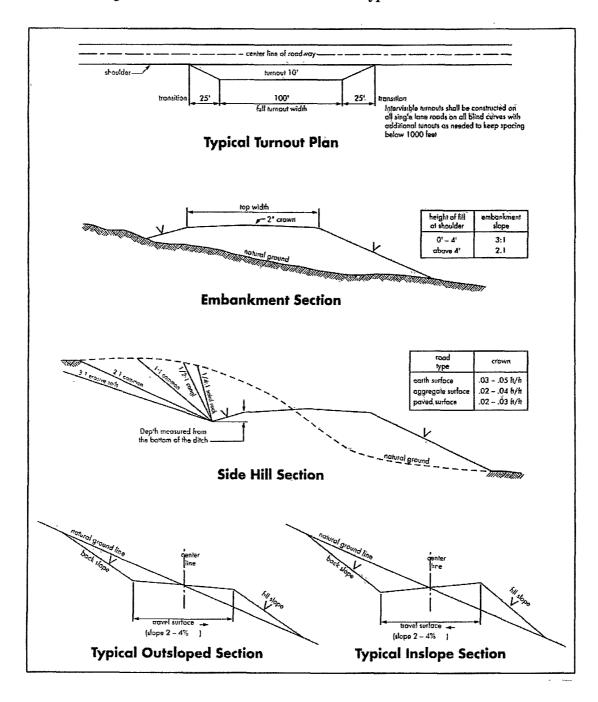
Where entry is required across a fence line, the fence shall be braced and tied off on both sides of the passageway prior to cutting.

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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- 1. A Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) Drilling Plan should be activated 500 feet prior to drilling into the Grayburg formation. As a result, the Hydrogen Sulfide area must meet Onshore Order 6 requirements, which includes equipment and personnel/public protection items. If Hydrogen Sulfide is encountered, please provide measured values 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. The record of the drilling rate along with the CAL/GR/N well log run from TD to surface will be submitted to the BLM office as well as all other logs run on the borehole 30 days from completion. If available, a digital copy of the logs is to be submitted in addition to the paper copies. The Rustler top and top and bottom of Salt are to be recorded on the Completion Report.
- 4. 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 is 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.

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 for all casing strings. Provide compressive strengths including hours to reach required 500 pounds compressive strength prior to cementing each casing string. See individual casing strings for details regarding lead cement slurry requirements.

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

Possible lost circulation in the Grayburg and San Andres Formations. Possible water and brine flows in the Salado and Artesia Groups.

- 1. The 13-3/8 inch surface casing shall be set at approximately 450 feet (a minimum of 25 feet into the Rustler Anhydrite and above the salt) and cemented to the surface. If salt is encountered set the casing 25 feet above the top of salt.
  - 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 surface log readout will be used or a cement bond log shall be run to verify the top of the cement. Temperature survey will be run a minimum of six hours after pumping cement and ideally between 8-10 hours after completing the cement job.
  - b. Wait on cement (WOC) time for a primary cement job is to include the lead cement slurry.
  - 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 8-5/8 inch intermediate casing is:
  - ☐ Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate see B.1.a, c-d above.
- 3. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 5-1/2 inch production casing is:
  - Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate, contact the appropriate BLM office.
- 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. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) required for drilling below the surface casing shoe shall be **3000 (3M)** psi.
  - a. For surface casing only: If the BOP/BOPE is to be tested against casing, the wait on cement (WOC) time for that casing is to be met (see WOC statement at start of casing section). Independent service company required.
- 3. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness the tests.
  - a. Casing cut-off and BOP installation will not be initiated until the cement has had a minimum of 8 hours setup time for a water basin. The casing shall remain stationary and under pressure for at least eight hours after the operator places the cement. In the potash area, the minimum time is 12 hours and the casing shall remain stationary and under pressure during this time period. Casing shall be under pressure if the operator uses some acceptable means of holding pressure or if the operator employs one or more float valves to hold the cement in place. Testing the BOP/BOPE against a plug can commence after meeting the above conditions plus the BOP installation time.
  - b. The tests shall be done by an independent service company using a test plug.
  - c. The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.
  - d. 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.
  - e. 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.
  - f. Effective November 1, 2008, no variances will be granted on reduced pressure tests on the surface casing and BOP/BOPE. Onshore Order 2 requirements will be in effect.

#### D. DRILL STEM TEST

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

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#### E. WASTE MATERIAL AND FLUIDS

All waste (i.e. drilling fluids, trash, salts, chemicals, sewage, gray water, etc.) created as a result of drilling operations and completion operations shall be safely contained and disposed of properly at a waste disposal facility. No waste material or fluid shall be disposed of on the well location or surrounding area.

#### 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.

If the layout of the production facilities needs to be modified, the operator is required to submit a Form 3160-5, Sundry Notices requesting the production facility layout to be changed.

#### **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

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.

Within six (6) months of well completion, operators should work with BLM surface management specialists (Jim Amos: 575-234-5909) to devise the best strategies to reduce the size of the location. Interim reclamation 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 that is free of contaminants 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.

All disturbed areas after they have been satisfactorily prepared need to be reseeded with the seed mixture provided below.

Upon completion of interim reclamation, the operator shall submit a Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells, Subsequent Report of Reclamation (Form 3160-5).

#### X. FINAL ABANDONMENT & RECLAMATION

At final abandonment, well locations, production facilities, 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 well plugging. All pads, pits, 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 below. 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).

Ground-level Abandoned Well Marker to avoid raptor perching: Upon the plugging and subsequent abandonment of the well, the well marker will be installed at ground level on a plate containing the pertinent information for the plugged well.

#### Seed Mixture for LPC Sand/Shinnery 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 <u>no</u> 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:

Species	<u>lb/acre</u>
Plains Bristlegrass	5lbs/A
Sand Bluestem	5lbs/A
Little Bluestem	3lbs/A
Big Bluestem	6lbs/A
Plains Coreopsis	2lbs/A
Sand Dropseed	1lbs/A

<sup>\*\*</sup>Four-winged Saltbush

Pounds of seed x percent purity x percent germination = pounds pure live seed

<sup>5</sup>lbs/A

<sup>\*</sup> This can be used around well pads and other areas where caliche cannot be removed.

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