

Form 3160-5  
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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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**SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS**

**Do not use this form for proposals to drill or to re-enter an abandoned well. Use Form 3160-3 (APD) for such proposals.**

5. Lease/Serial No.  
NMSF078359

6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name

**SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE** - Other instructions on page 2 of Form 3160-5

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

1. Type of Well

Oil Well  Gas Well  Other

8. Well Name and No.  
NE CHACO COM #171H

2. Name of Operator  
WPX Energy Production, LLC

9. API Well No.  
30-039-31217

3a. Address  
PO Box 640 Aztec, NM 87410

3b. Phone No. (include area code)  
505-333-1806

10. Field and Pool or Exploratory Area  
Chaco Unit NE HZ (Oil) (330')

4. Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T., R., M., or Survey Description)  
SHL: 1987' FSL & 331' FWL SEC 12' 23N 7W  
BHL: 2398' FSL & 1728' FWL SEC 11 23N 7W

11. Country or Parish, State  
Rio Arriba County, NM

12. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES) TO INDICATE NATURE OF NOTICE, REPORT OR OTHER DATA

TYPE OF SUBMISSION	TYPE OF ACTION			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Intent	<input type="checkbox"/> Acidize	<input type="checkbox"/> Deepen	<input type="checkbox"/> Production (Start/Resume)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Shut-Off
<input type="checkbox"/> Subsequent Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Alter Casing	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 <b>EMERGENCY FLARE EXTENSION</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Change Plans	<input type="checkbox"/> Plug and Abandon	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporarily Abandon	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Convert to Injection	<input type="checkbox"/> Plug Back	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Disposal	

13. Describe Proposed or Completed Operation: Clearly state all pertinent details, including estimated starting date of any proposed work and approximate duration thereof. If the proposal is to deepen directionally or recomplete horizontally, give subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths of all pertinent markers and zones. Attach the Bond under which the work will be performed or provide the Bond No. on file with BLM/BIA. Required subsequent reports must be filed within 30 days following completion of the involved operations. If the operation results in a multiple completion or recompletion in a new interval, a Form 3160-4 must be filed once testing has been completed. Final Abandonment Notices must be filed only after all requirements, including reclamation, have been completed and the operator has determined that the site is ready for final inspection.)

WPX Energy requests authorization to flare this well due to an expected spike in nitrogen content above acceptable Beeline Gas Systems standards due to nearby frac activity on the NE CHACO COM #184H, and the NE CHACO COM #185H that will occur on or around 11/22/14. As a result, WPX Energy is anticipating that the NE CHACO COM #171H may experience crossflow. If a crossflow event on the well results in nitrogen content above Beeline Gas Systems standards, flaring may begin as soon as 11/22/14. The current NE CHACO COM #171H flare extension is approved until 11/30/14 and WPX is requesting an additional 30 days to flare in order to obtain pipeline quality gas. A gas sample will be collected upon the confirmation of crossflow and sent to a third party for a gas analysis. The results of the gas analysis will be submitted upon receipt.

The well flows to Beeline Gas Systems at an estimated rate of 650 MCF/D.

14. I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct.

Name (Printed/Typed)

Mark Heil

Title Regulatory Specialist

Signature

Date 11/18/14

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

Approved by

Title

AEM

Date

11/20/14

Conditions of approval, if any, are attached. Approval of this notice does not warrant or certify that the applicant holds legal or equitable title to those rights in the subject lease which would entitle the applicant to conduct operations thereon.

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Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and Title 43 U.S.C. Section 1212, make it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

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## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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In Reply Refer To:

## Conditions of Approval:

**NE CHACO COM #171H**  
**Section 12-23N-7W**  
**Lease No. NMSF078359**

- Flaring is authorized pursuant to NTL 4A Part III A and IV B. As such, no royalty obligation will be incurred during the clean-up period. The vented volumes must be reported on your Oil and Gas Operations Reports (OGORs) during the venting period.
- Flaring will be authorized until January 1, 2015. If additional time is required, please contact this office accordingly.
- Please take appropriate and necessary safety precautions at this well site during the venting period.