

1. SUMMARY OF CHANGES

OXY respectfully requests approval for the following changes:

- Casing design modification, to drill the well with smaller bit sizes: 14-3/4" surface hole, 10-5/8" intermediate hole and 7-7/8" production hole.
- Cement volumes adjustment to the new bit/casing sizes. Cement program for the production string to be changed to a two stage cement job with TOC at surface (DV tool at 4550').
- Wellhead type to be changed to a conventional 13 5/8" 5M x 13 5/8" 5M x 7 1/16" 10M wellhead. It will be welded to the surface casing, and slips will be set on the intermediate and production casing. BOP will be tested to 5000psi (3500 for the annular) after running surface casing, and then after running the intermediate casing (since the conventional wellhead requires us to nipple down/nipple up BOP.)

2. CASING PROGRAM

Surface Casing 11-3/4" casing set at ± 895' MD/ 895' TVD in a 14-3/4" hole filled with 8.60 ppg mud

Interval	Length	Wt	Gr	Cplg	Coll Rating (psi)	Burst Rating (psi)	Jt Str (M-lbs)	ID (in)	Drift (in)	SF Coll	SF Burst	SF Ten
0'-895'	895'	42	H-40	ST&C	1070	1980	222	11.084	10.928	2.74	1.29	6.56

Intermediate Casing: 8-5/8" casing set at ± 4500' MD / 4500' TVD in a 10-5/8" hole filled with 10.2 ppg mud

Interval	Length	Wt	Gr	Cplg	Coll Rating (psi)	Burst Rating (psi)	Jt Str (M-lbs)	ID (in)	Drift (in)	SF Coll	SF Burst	SF Ten
0'- 4500'	4500'	32	J-55	LT&C	2530	3930	417	7.921	7.875	1.54	1.42	3.22

Production Casing: 5-1/2" casing set at ± 14681' MD / 10345' TVD in a 7-7/8" hole filled with 9.40 ppg mud

Interval	Length	Wt	Gr	Cplg	Coll Rating (psi)	Burst Rating (psi)	Jt Str (M-lbs)	ID (in)	Drift (in)	SF Coll	SF Burst	SF Ten
0'- 14681'	14681'	17	L-80	BT&C	6280	7740	397	4.89	4.767	1.33	2.09	1.60

Collapse and burst loads calculated using Stress Check with actual anticipated loads.

3. CEMENT PROGRAM

Surface Interval

Interval	Amount sx	Ft of Fill	Type	Gal/Sk	PPG	Ft ³ /sk	24 Hr Comp
Surface (TOC: 0' -895')							
Lead: 0' -695' (165% Excess)	460	695	Premium Plus cement with 2% Calcium Chloride, 4% Bentonite, 0.25 lbm/sk Poly-E-Flake	9.16	13.50	1.75	589 psi
Tail: 695' - 895' (165% Excess)	200	200	Premium Plus cement with 2% Calcium Chloride	6.37	14.80	1.35	1608 psi

Intermediate Interval

Interval	Amount sx	Ft of Fill	Type	Gal/Sk	PPG	Ft ³ /sk	24 Hr Comp
Intermediate (TOC: 0' -4500')							
Lead: 0' -4200' (10% Excess)	900	4200	Light Premium Plus Cement, with 5% Salt, 3lb-sk Kol Seal & 0.125 lb/sk Poly-E-Flake	9.68	12.9	1.87	625 psi
Tail: 4200' - 4500' (105 % Excess)	100	300	Premium Plus cement with 1% Calcium Chloride	6.36	14.80	1.34	2125 psi

Production Interval

Interval	Amount sx	Ft of Fill	Type	Gal/Sk	PPG	Ft ³ /sk	24 Hr Comp
Production (TOC: 3900' - 14681') 1st Stage							
Lead 2: 4500' - 7500' (100 % Excess)	420	3000	75.2 lb/sk Premium Cement, 14.8 lb/sk Silicalite (Additive material), 15lb/sk Scotchlite HGS-6000(Lightweight additive), 0.5lb/sk CFR3(Dispersant), 0.15lb/sk WG17 (Gelling agent), 1lb/sk Cal-Seal60(Accelerator), 1.5lb/sk Salt (Salt), 2% Calcium Chloride (Accelerator)	12.45	10.6	2.69	646 psi
Lead: 7500' - 9709' (65% Excess)	310	2209	Light Premium Plus Cement, with 3 lbm/sk Salt, 3lb-sk Kol Seal & 0.4% HR-601	11.48	12.4	2.09	500 psi
Tail: 9709' - 14681' (65% Excess)	900	4972	Super H Cement, 3 lbm/sk Kol-Seal, 0.125 lbm/sk Poly-E-Flake, 0.4 % CFR-3, 0.15 % and HR-601 & 0.5% Halad-344	8.09	13.2	1.61	1477 psi
DV Tool at 4550' TOC - O							
Lead: 0' - 4300' (10 % Excess)	320	4300'	Interfill H with 0.5% Halad 322 (Lightweight additive) and 0.3% HR 601 (Retarder)	13.87	11.9	2.49	390 psi
Lead: 4300' - 4550' (100 % Excess)	60	250'	Premium Plus cement with 2% Calcium Chloride	6.39	14.80	1.35	2100 psi

Pilot Hole Plug Back Cement Information:

Interval	Amount sx	Ft of Fill	Type	Gal/Sk	PPG	Ft ³ /sk	24 Hr Comp
1st Plug: 11650' - 10850' 35% Excess	280	800	Class H Premium Cement 50/50 Poz with 0.3% CFR-3, 0.15% HR-601	5.8	14.4	1.25	1275
2nd Plug: 10850' - 10000' 35% Excess	300	850	Class H Premium Cement 50/50 Poz with 0.3% CFR-3, 0.1% HR-601	5.80	14.4	1.25	1275
3rd Plug: 10000' - 9500' 35% Excess	240	500	Premium Cement with 3% Potassium Chloride, 0.75% CFR-3, and 0.3% HR-601	3.52	17.5	0.96	4550

Description of Cement Additives: Calcium Chloride, Cal-Seal 60, Salt (Accelerator), Silicalite (Additive Material) CFR-3 (Dispersant), WG-17 (Gelling Agent), Bentonite, Scotchlite HGS-6000 (Light Weight Additive), Kol-Seal, Poly-E-Flake (Lost Circulation Additive), Halad-344 (Low Fluid Loss Control), HR-601 (Retarder)

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UNITED STATES
 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
 BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL OR REENTER

1a. Type of work: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DRILL <input type="checkbox"/> REENTER		7. If Unit or CA Agreement, Name and No.	
1b. Type of Well: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oil Well <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Well <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single Zone <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Zone		8. Lease Name and Well No. Federal 12 #14H <i>304814</i>	
2. Name of Operator OXY USA Inc. 16696		9. API Well No. 30-015- <i>40821</i>	
3a. Address P.O. Box 50250 Midland, TX 79710		3b. Phone No. (include area code) 432-685-5717	
4. Location of Well (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements.)* At surface 330 FSL 405 FEL SESE(P) At proposed prod. zone 660 FSL 330 FWL SWSW(M)		10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory <i>296403?</i> <i>WILCOX</i> and Livingston Ridge Bone Spring	
14. Distance in miles and direction from nearest town or post office* 25 miles east from Carlsbad, NM		11. Sec., T. R. M. or Blk. and Survey or Area Sec 12 T22S R31E	
15. Distance from proposed* location to nearest property or lease line, ft. (Also to nearest drig. unit line, if any) 330'		16. No. of acres in lease 480 <i>1120 AC</i>	
18. Distance from proposed location* to nearest well, drilling, completed, applied for, on this lease, ft. 1905'		17. Spacing Unit dedicated to this well 160ac	
21. Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB, RT, GL, etc.) 3620.3' GL		19. Proposed Depth <i>PH - 11650</i> HL - 14681' - M 10345' - V	
22. Approximate date work will start* 09/01/2012		20. BLM/BIA Bond No. on file ESB000226	
23. Estimated duration 45 days		12. County or Parish Eddy	
		13. State NM	

24. Attachments

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

- Well plat certified by a registered surveyor.
- 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).
- Bond to cover the operations unless covered by an existing bond on file (see Item 20 above).
- Operator certification
- Such other site specific information and/or plans as may be required by the authorized officer.

25. Signature <i>David Stewart</i>		Name (Printed/Typed) David Stewart		Date <i>6/2/12</i>	
Title Regulatory Advisor		david_stewart@oxy.com			
Approved by (Signature) <i>/s/ Jesse J. Juen</i>		Name (Printed/Typed) <i>/s/ Jesse J. Juen</i>		Date OCT 19 2012	
Title STATE DIRECTOR		Office NM STATE 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.
 Conditions of approval, if any, are attached.

APPROVAL FOR TWO YEARS

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

*(Instructions on page 2)

Carlsbad Controlled Water Basin

**SEE ATTACHED FOR
 CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

Approval Subject to General Requirements
 & Special Stipulations Attached

PECOS DISTRICT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

OPERATOR'S NAME:	OXY USA INC
LEASE NO.:	NM29233
WELL NAME & NO.:	14H-FEDERAL 12
SURFACE HOLE FOOTAGE:	0330'/S. & 0405'/E.
BOTTOM HOLE FOOTAGE:	0660'/S. & 0330'/W.
LOCATION:	Section 12, T. 22 S., R. 31 E., NMPM
COUNTY:	Eddy County, New Mexico

I. 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

Eddy County

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

1. **Due to recent H2S encounters in the salt formation, it is recommended that monitoring equipment be onsite for potential Hydrogen Sulfide prior to drilling out the surface shoe. If Hydrogen Sulfide is encountered, please report measurements 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. **If the drilling rig is removed without approval – an Incident of Non-Compliance will be written and will be a “Major” violation.**
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 is located, this does not include the dog house or stairway area.

4. **The record of the drilling rate along with the GR/N well log run from TD to surface (horizontal well – vertical portion of hole) shall 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.**

B. CASING

Changes to the approved APD casing program need prior approval if the items substituted are of lesser grade or different casing size. The Operator can exchange the components of the proposal with that of superior strength (i.e. changing from J-55 to N-80, or from 36# to 40#).

Changes to the approved cement program need prior approval if the altered cement plan has less volume or strength or if the changes are substantial (i.e. Multistage tool, ECP, etc.).

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

Wait on cement (WOC) time prior to drilling out 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. DURING THIS WOC TIME, NO DRILL PIPE, ETC. SHALL BE RUN IN THE HOLE. 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.

R-111-P Potash

Possible high pressure gas burst when penetrating the Wolfcamp. (Pilot hole)

Possible lost circulation in the Delaware and Bone Spring formations.

Possible water and brine flows in the Salado and Castile Groups.

1. The 11-3/4 inch surface casing shall be set at approximately 895 feet (in a competent bed below the Magenta Dolomite, a Member of the Rustler, and if salt is encountered, set casing at least 25 feet 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 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.

Formation below the 11-3/4" shoe to be tested according to Onshore Order

2.III.B.1.i. Test to be done as a mud equivalency test using the mud weight necessary for the pore pressure of the formation below the shoe and the mud weight for the bottom of the hole. Report results to BLM office.

2. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 8-5/8 inch intermediate casing, **which is to be set in the base of the Castile or within the Lamar Limestone at approximately 4500', is:**

- Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate see B.1.a, c-d above.
Wait on cement (WOC) time for a primary cement job is to include the lead cement slurry due to potash concerns.

Formation below the 8-5/8" shoe to be tested according to Onshore Order 2.III.B.1.i. Test to be done as a mud equivalency test using the mud weight necessary for the pore pressure of the formation below the shoe (not the mud weight required to prevent dissolving the salt formation) and the mud weight for the bottom of the hole. Report results to BLM office.

The pilot hole plugging procedure is approved as written.

3. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 5-1/2 inch production casing, is:
 - a. First stage to DV tool:
 - Cement to circulate. If cement does not circulate, contact the appropriate BLM office before proceeding with second stage cement job. Operator should have plans as to how they will achieve circulation on the next stage. **May need additional cement as excess calculates to 19%.**
 - b. Second stage above DV tool:
 - Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate, contact the appropriate BLM office. **Additional cement will be required as excess calculates to 9%.**
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.
5. Whenever a casing string is cemented in the R-111-P potash area, the NMOCD requirements shall be followed.

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. Variance approved to use flex line from BOP to choke manifold. Check condition of flexible line from BOP to choke manifold, replace if exterior is damaged or if line fails test. Line to be as straight as possible with no hard bends and is to be anchored according to Manufacturer's requirements. The flexible hose can be exchanged with a hose of equal size and equal or greater pressure rating. **Anchor requirements, specification sheet and hydrostatic pressure test certification matching the hose in service, to be onsite for review.** If the BLM inspector questions the straightness of the hose, a BLM engineer will be contacted and will review in the field or via picture supplied by inspector to determine if changes are required (operator shall expect delays if this occurs).
3. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) required for drilling below the surface casing shoe shall be **5000 (5M) psi. 5M system requires an HCR valve, remote kill line and annular to match. The remote kill line is to be installed prior to testing the system and tested to stack pressure.**

4. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness the tests.
 - a. In potash areas, for all casing strings utilizing slips, these are to be set as soon as the crew and rig are ready and any fallback cement remediation has been done. For all casing strings, casing cut-off and BOP installation can be initiated at twelve hours after bumping the plug. However, **no tests** shall commence until the cement has had a minimum of 24 hours setup time.
 - b. The tests shall be done by an independent service company utilizing a test plug **not a cup or J-packer**.
 - 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. 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. **(Pilot Hole)**

D. DRILLING MUD (Pilot Hole)

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.

F. 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.

Porto-johns and trash containers will be on-location during fracturing operations or any other crew-intensive operations.

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