



**NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

**DISTRICT 2 OFFICE**

**811 SOUTH FIRST STREET**

**ARTESIA, NM 88210**

**(575)748-1283**

**CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL for FLARING or VENTING GAS**

1. Venting gas is absolutely not allowed.
2. Prior to flaring gas, C-129 must be filed & approved. Blanket approval cannot be given for this operation.
3. Flared volumes of gas are to be metered & reported.
4. Flares WILL be manned at all times. Brush should be cut down to 1 or 2 inches around flare stack at least a radial distance of 2 times the height of the flare stack.
5. Flares WILL NOT be left unattended.
6. No flaring operations to be conducted during red-flag days.  
<http://www.gacc.nifc.gov/swcc> (go to "Predictive Services" on SWCC website) to check for red flag warnings.
7. Follow safe practices for flaring guidelines.
8. Permit may be rescinded at any time by NMOCD.
9. If well is able to be connected to a gas gathering system, it will be done so as soon as possible.
10. Flaring of gas is prohibited. The State Forester grants an exception to the prohibition on open fires for the flaring of natural gas when the following conditions are met. Unless flaring is needed for safety purposes, flaring pursuant to this exception shall not be done on days that are "red flag days" as determined by the National Weather Service or on days when the sustained wind is in excess of 25 miles per hour in the area.
- 11.1. The day is not a "red flag day" as determined by the National Weather Service and the sustained wind is not in excess of 25 miles per hour in the area.
- 12.2. The local fire department and county dispatch are notified at least 24 hours in advance of anticipated releases that will result in flaring. If flaring is done by an automated system then the schedule of flaring shall be provided to the local fire department and county dispatch. The area is mowed and maintained at a length not to exceed 4 inches and all other flammable products or debris shall be cleared in the area for a distance of one and one half times the height of the stack.
- 13.3. At least one adult is on site with communications equipment adequate to reach county dispatch and the local fire department in the event of a fire. The individual should also be equipped with a shovel and a water backpack pump or other equipment to deliver water to suppress a fire
- 14.4. If flaring is to take place at an unmanned facility, then the area around the flare stack is mowed and maintained at a length not to exceed 4 inches and all other flammable products or debris shall be cleared in the area for a distance of three times the height of the stack.

Your initials here:

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DATE: 9/26/16

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## **Notice to Oil and Gas Facilities and Operators Flaring Gas in New Mexico**

SANTA FE, NM – The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) encourages all oil and gas facilities with flare stacks and well operators that are flaring gas to upgrade their *Fire Awareness Programs* this year. New Mexico State Forestry reports that 460 fires have burned 25,475 acres on state and private land in calendar year 2012.

Forecasts remain dismal this spring with fewer chances for normal precipitation, particularly in southwestern New Mexico and southeastern Arizona. Temperatures could also be higher than normal.

Open flames and gas flares should be monitored carefully and oil and gas operators should create a defensible space to help prevent wildfires. Defensible Space is the area around a structure where combustible vegetation that can spread fire has been cleared, reduced or replaced. This space acts as a barrier between a structure and an advancing wildfire.

During the course of the upcoming fire season, it may become necessary for New Mexico State Forestry to issue fire restriction on State and private land. Log on to [www.nmforestry.com](http://www.nmforestry.com) for updates or call your local district office.

New Mexico State Forestry offers the following guidelines for establishing effective defensible space:

- Create a "Lean, Clean and Green" firebreak area by removing flammable vegetation and growth within 30 feet of each structure. Single trees and shrubs may be retained if they are well spaced, pruned and placed so they avoid the spread of fire. Maintain an irrigation system for any vegetation near structures.
- Keep grass and weeds mowed.
- Prune lower tree limbs to at least 6 feet up to 15 feet (or lower 1/3 of branches on smaller trees).
- Remove vegetation and debris around propane tanks.

For the latest fire weather information please visit USDA Forest Service website:

<http://activefiremaps.fs.fed.us/current.php>

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### **NOTICE TO OPERATORS**

The Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") has been tasked to study flaring and develop a gas capture plan by the end of the year with the ultimate goal to reduce natural gas emissions.

Current OCD reporting has no specific method to differentiate flared and vented volumes reported on C-115 reports. This prevents the OCD from having quantifiable flaring data per Rule 19.15.18.12.F NMAC.

Therefore, to collect flaring volumes and differentiate actual vented volumes going forward, NMOCD will implement a new "Non-Transported Disposition" Code (for gas) to be reported on the C-115 reports. The new code will be "F" for Flared. The new code "F" is to be used to report the volume of gas that is flared on a well basis, or total volume if flared at a common battery or gathering system and reported under one point of disposition. Operators must report vented and flared volumes separately to their respective "Non Transported Disposition" code ("V" for vented and "F" for flared).

The change will become effective for the November 2015 production month with reporting due by January 15, 2016.

The NMOCD will be conducting operator outreach training sessions in the Southeast and Northwest to provide information and answer questions regarding the process.

Meeting notices will be posted on NMOCD website at:  
<http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/OCD/announcements.html>

The C-115 instructions are available on NMOCD website at:  
[http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/OCD/documents/eC115\\_FullInstructions.pdf](http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/OCD/documents/eC115_FullInstructions.pdf)

**RULES**

**19.15.7.24 OPERATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT (Form C-115):**

*A. An operator shall file a form C-115 for each non-plugged well completion for which the division has approved a form C-104 and for each secondary or other enhanced recovery project or pressure maintenance project injection well or other injection well within the state, setting forth complete information and data indicated on the forms in the order, format and style the director prescribes. The operator shall estimate oil production from wells producing into common storage as accurately as possible on the basis of periodic tests.*

**19.15.18.12 CASINGHEAD GAS:**

*F. Pending connection of a well to a gas-gathering facility, or when a well has been excepted from the provisions of Subsection A of 19.15.18.12 NMAC, the operator shall burn all gas produced and not used, and report the estimated volume on form C-115.*

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions please contact the appropriate OCD District Office.

Sincerely,



David R. Catanach  
Director, Oil Conservation Division

Submit 1 Copy To Appropriate District Office  
 District I - (575) 393-6161  
 1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240  
 District II - (575) 748-1283  
 811 S. First St., Artesia, NM 88210  
 District III - (505) 334-6178  
 1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410  
 District IV - (505) 476-3460  
 1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

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Form C-103  
 Revised August 1, 2011

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
 1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
 Santa Fe, NM 87505

WELL API NO.
5. Indicate Type of Lease STATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FEE <input type="checkbox"/>
6. State Oil & Gas Lease No.
7. Lease Name or Unit Agreement Name AB State 647 Battery
8. Well Number
9. OGRID Number 873
10. Pool name or Wildcat Yeso

**SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS**  
 (DO NOT USE THIS FORM FOR PROPOSALS TO DRILL OR TO DEEPEN OR PLUG BACK TO A DIFFERENT RESERVOIR. USE "APPLICATION FOR PERMIT" (FORM C-101) FOR SUCH PROPOSALS.)

1. Type of Well: Oil Well  Gas Well  Other

2. Name of Operator  
Apache Corporation

3. Address of Operator  
303 Veterans Airpark Lane, Suite 3000 Midland, TX 79705

4. Well Location  
 Unit Letter N : \_\_\_\_\_ feet from the \_\_\_\_\_ line and \_\_\_\_\_ feet from the \_\_\_\_\_ line  
 Section 32 Township 17S Range 28E NMPM County Eddy

11. Elevation (Show whether DR, RKB, RT, GR, etc.)

12. Check Appropriate Box to Indicate Nature of Notice, Report or Other Data

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO:		SUBSEQUENT REPORT OF:	
PERFORM REMEDIAL WORK <input type="checkbox"/>	PLUG AND ABANDON <input type="checkbox"/>	REMEDIAL WORK <input type="checkbox"/>	ALTERING CASING <input type="checkbox"/>
TEMPORARILY ABANDON <input type="checkbox"/>	CHANGE PLANS <input type="checkbox"/>	COMMENCE DRILLING OPNS <input type="checkbox"/>	P AND A <input type="checkbox"/>
PULL OR ALTER CASING <input type="checkbox"/>	MULTIPLE COMPL. <input type="checkbox"/>	CASING/CEMENT JOB <input type="checkbox"/>	
DOWNHOLE COMMINGLE <input type="checkbox"/>			
OTHER: Flare Permit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		OTHER: <input type="checkbox"/>	

13. Describe proposed or completed operations. (Clearly state all pertinent details, and give pertinent dates, including estimated date of starting any proposed work). SEE RULE 19.15.7.14 NMAC. For Multiple Completions: Attach wellbore diagram of proposed completion or recompletion.

Apache is requesting permission to flare gas from the AB State #647 Battery. Intermittent flaring will occur due to Frontier's inability to take our gas at this battery. Gas will be measured prior to flaring. Wells included in the above battery are as follows:

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| 30-015-39927 AB STATE 647 #1 | 30-015-41493 AB STATE 647 #9  |
| 30-015-41500 AB STATE 647 #2 | 30-015-41494 AB STATE 647 #10 |
| 30-015-41501 AB STATE 647 #3 | 30-015-41495 AB STATE 647 #11 |
| 30-015-41505 AB STATE 647 #4 | 30-015-41496 AB STATE 647 #12 |
| 30-015-41502 AB STATE 647 #5 | 30-015-41497 AB STATE 647 #13 |
| 30-015-41503 AB STATE 647 #6 | 30-015-41498 AB STATE 647 #14 |
| 30-015-41491 AB STATE 647 #7 | 30-015-41504 AB STATE 647 #15 |
| 30-015-41492 AB STATE 647 #8 | 30-015-41511 AB STATE 647 #16 |

Spud Date:

Rig Release Date:

I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE Isabel Hudson TITLE Regulatory Analyst DATE 09/26/2016

Type or print name Isabel Hudson E-mail address: Isabel.Hudson@apachecorp.com PHONE: (432) 818-1142

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 APPROVED BY: [Signature] TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 11/2/16

Conditions of Approval (if any):