

**NMOCD**  
**Artesia**  
 UNITED STATES  
 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
 BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

FORM APPROVED  
 OMB NO 1004-0137  
 Expires January 31, 2018

**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  
 NMNM114348

6 If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name

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

**SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE - Other instructions on page 2**

8 Well Name and No  
 POPULUS FEDERAL 3H

1 Type of Well  
 Oil Well  Gas Well  Other

9 API Well No  
 30-015-43256

2 Name of Operator  
 COG OPERATING LLC  
 Contact CATHY SEELY  
 E-Mail cseely@concho.com

3a Address  
 2208 W MAIN STREET  
 ARTESIA, NM 88210

3b Phone No (include area code)  
 Ph 575-748-1549

10 Field and Pool or Exploratory Area  
 COTTONWOOD DRAW BS

4 Location of Well (Footage Sec T R M or Survey Description)  
 Sec 20 T25S R27E SESW 100FSL 1980FWL  
 32 108417 N Lat, 104 214176 W Lon

11 County or Parish, State  
 EDDY 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"/> Hydraulic Fracturing	<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 Venting and/or Flaring
	<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.

COG OPERATING LLC RESPECTFULLY REQUEST TO FLARE AT THE POPULUS FED 3H BTY

4/16/18 TO 7/15/18

- # OF WELLS TO FLARE 3
- POPULUS FED 4H 30-015-44103 ✓
- POPULUS FED 3H 30-015-43256 ✓
- POPULUS FED 2H 30-015-44102 ✓

BBLS OIL/DAY 650  
 MCF/DAY 4500

**RECEIVED**  
**FOR RECORDS ONLY**  
**APR 19 2018**  
 4/23/18 TB  
 DISTRICT II-ARTESIA O/C D  
**SEE ATTACHED FOR**  
**CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

14 I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct.  
 Electronic Submission #412014 verified by the BLM Well Information System  
 For COG OPERATING LLC, sent to the Carlsbad  
 Committed to AFMSS for processing by JENNIFER SANCHEZ on 04/18/2018 ( )

Name (Printed/Typed) CATHY SEELY Title ENGINEERING TECH

Signature (Electronic Submission) Date 04/17/2018

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

Approved By \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 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

**APPROVED**  
 APR 18 2018  
 BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
 CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE

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) **\*\* OPERATOR-SUBMITTED \*\* OPERATOR-SUBMITTED \*\* OPERATOR-SUBMITTED \*\***

**Additional data for EC transaction #412014 that would not fit on the form**

**32 Additional remarks, continued**

REASON UNPLANNED MIDSTREAM CURTAILMENT

**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**  
**Carlsbad Field Office**  
**620 East Greene Street**  
**Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220**  
**575-234-5972**

Pursuant to, 43 CFR 3179

Lessees or operators are hereby authorized to vent or flare gas on a short-term basis without incurring a royalty obligation in the following circumstances

- A 43 CFR 3179 105 **Emergencies** (a) An operator may flare or, if flaring is not feasible given the emergency, vent gas royalty-free under §3179 4 (a) (vi) of this subpart during an emergency For purposes of this subpart, an "emergency" is a temporary, infrequent and unavoidable situation in which the loss of gas or oil is uncontrollable or necessary to avoid risk of an immediate and substantial adverse impact on safety, public health, or the environment For purposes of royalty assessment, an "emergency" is limited to a short-term situation of 24 hours or less (unless the BLM agrees that the emergency conditions necessitating venting or flaring extend for a longer period) caused by an unanticipated event or failure that is out of the operator's control and was not due to operator negligence
  
- B 43 CFR 3179 4 **Determining when the loss of oil or gas is avoidable or unavoidable**  
(2) *Avoidably lost oil or gas* means Lost oil or gas that is not "unavoidably lost," as defined in paragraph (a) of this section, waste oil that became waste oil through operator negligence, and, any "excess flared gas," as defined in §3179 7
  
- C 43 CFR 3179 5 **When lost production is subject to royalty**  
(a) Royalty is due on all avoidably lost oil or gas  
(b) Royalty is not due on any unavoidably lost oil or gas

**Condition of Approval to Flare Gas**

- 1 The first 24 hours of a temporary emergency flare is considered "unavoidably lost" and is therefore royalty free Flared volumes that are considered unavoidably lost are not to be included in Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5) These Volumes are not royalty bearing and shall be reported on OGOR "B" as either disposition code "21" or "22"
  
- 2 Flared volumes considered to be "avoidably lost"  
These flare events will require prior approval via Notice of Intent- Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5) Volumes flared beyond limits defined in 43 CFR 3179 7 are considered "avoidably lost" and will require payment of royalties, unless an exception is granted in accordance with 43 CFR 3179 Volumes for avoidably lost gas shall be reported on OGOR "B" reports as disposition code "08"

If the operator believes that the flared volumes were "unavoidably lost" and the BLM determines them to be "avoidably lost", the operator can submit a more detailed request via Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5) for an exception in accordance with 43 CFR 3179 4, 3179 103 - 3179 105 As an alternative to producing oil and flaring gas the operator may choose to shut the well in and avoid paying royalties on otherwise avoidably lost gas

- 3 Approval not to exceed 90 days, if flaring is still required past 90 days submit new request for approval

- 4 Submit Subsequent Report with actual volumes of gas flared for each month gas is flared on a Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5) Include method for volume determination and duration Report unavoidably lost (first 24 hrs of unexpected event) and avoidably lost (exceeding the first 24 hrs or flared gas that has been approved as avoidably lost by the Authorized Officer) volumes and durations on the Subsequent Report
- 5 In determining the volumes of gas to be reported, shall be in accordance with 43 CFR 3179 4, 43 CFR 3179 5, 43 CFR 3179 9 and 43 CFR 3179 10
- 6 The operator must estimate or measure all volumes of gas vented or flared gas by one of the following methods
  - i Measure the flare gas by a meter The meter shall meet all requirements for a sales meter as per Federal Regulations, 43 CFR 3175 (due to volume of gas being flared) Include meter serial number on Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5)
  - ii Calculate the volume of the flared gas based on the results of a regularly performed GOR test and measured values for the volumes of oil production and gas sales, so as to allow BLM to independently verify the volume, rate, and heating value of the gas flared

Regulation Ref Link to 43 CFR 3179 Waste Prevention and Resources Conservation,  
[https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/retrieveECFR?gp=1&SID=dbd49eda8cdc488870172ed096d47be9&ty=HTML&h=L&mc=true&n=sp43 2 3170 3179&r=SUBPART](https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/retrieveECFR?gp=1&SID=dbd49eda8cdc488870172ed096d47be9&ty=HTML&h=L&mc=true&n=sp43%203170%203179&r=SUBPART)

**If H<sub>2</sub>S is detected in concentrations greater than 100 ppm, the Hydrogen Sulfide area shall meet Onshore Order 6 requirements.**