

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
N.M. Oil Cons. Div. Dist. 2  
1801 W. Grand Avenue  
Artesia, NM 88210

## APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL OR DEEPEN

## 1a. TYPE OF WORK

DRILL ☒DEEPEN ☐

## b. TYPE OF WELL

OIL  
WELL ☒GAS  
WELL ☐OTHER ☐SINGLE  
ZONE ☒MULTIPLE  
ZONE ☐

## 2. NAME OF OPERATOR

RICKS EXPLORATION, INC. (ERICK NELSON 432-683-7443)

## 3. ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NO.

110 WEST LOUISIANA SUITE 410 MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

## 4. LOCATION OF WELL (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements)

At surface

990' FNL &amp; 660' FWL SECTION 27 T18S-R31E EDDY CO.

At proposed prod. zone SAME

## 14. DISTANCE IN MILES AND DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN OR POST OFFICE\*

Approximately 10 miles Southeast of Loco Hills New Mexico

## 15. DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED\*

LOCATION TO NEAREST

PROPERTY OR LEASE LINE, FT.

(Also to nearest drlg. unit line, if any)

660'

## 16. NO. OF ACRES IN LEASE

520

## 17. NO. OF ACRES ASSIGNED TO THIS WELL

40

## 18. DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED LOCATION\*

TO NEAREST WELL, DRILLING, COMPLETED, OR APPLIED FOR, ON THIS LEASE, FT.

330'

## 19. PROPOSED DEPTH

6500'

## 20. ROTARY OR CABLE TOOLS

ROTARY

## 21. ELEVATIONS (Show whether DF, RT, GR, etc.)

3639' GR.

22. APPROX. DATE WORK WILL START\*  
WHEN APPROVED

## 23.

## PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENTING PROGRAM

| SIZE OF HOLE | GRADE, SIZE OF CASING | WEIGHT PER FOOT | SETTING DEPTH | QUANTITY OF CEMENT               |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| 25"          | Conductor             | NA              | 40'           | Cement to surface with Redi-mix. |
| 12 1/2"      | J-55 9 5/8"           | 40              | 650'          | 600 Sx. circulate cement         |
| 8 3/4"       | N-80 5 1/2"           | 17              | 6500'         | 1000 6x. Est. TOC 3500' FS       |

1. Drill 25" hole to 40'. Set 40' of 20" conductor pipe cement to surface with Redi-mix.
2. Drill 12 1/2" hole to 650'. Run and set 650' of 9 5/8" 40# J-55 ST&C casing. Cement with 600 Sx. of Class "C" cement + 2% CaCl<sub>2</sub> + 1/4# Flocele/Sx. circulate cement to surface.
3. Drill 8 3/4" hole to 6500'. Run and set 6500' of 5 1/2" 17# N-80 LT&C casing. Cement with 300 Sx. of 50/50 Class "C" POZ cement + 5% Salt, +2% CD-2, + 5#/Sx LCM-1, tail in with 700 Sx. of Class "C" 50/50 POZ + 5% Salt, + .4% FL-52, + 3% SMS. Top of cement to be at least 500' above the uppermost productive interval. Estimate top of cement 3500' from surface.

## CAPITAN CONTROLLED WATER BASIN

APPROVAL SUBJECT TO  
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS  
AND SPECIAL STIPULATIONS  
ATTACHED

IN ABOVE SPACE DESCRIBE PROPOSED PROGRAM: If proposal is to deepen, give data on present productive zone and proposed new productive zone. If proposal is to drill or deepen directionally, give pertinent data on subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths. Give blowout preventer program, if any.

## 24.

SIGNED

TITLE

Agent

DATE 05/23/03

(This space for Federal or State office use)

PERMIT NO.

APPROVAL DATE

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:

/s/ Joe G. Lara

ACTING

FIELD MANAGER

18 JUL 2003

APPROVED BY

TITLE

DATE

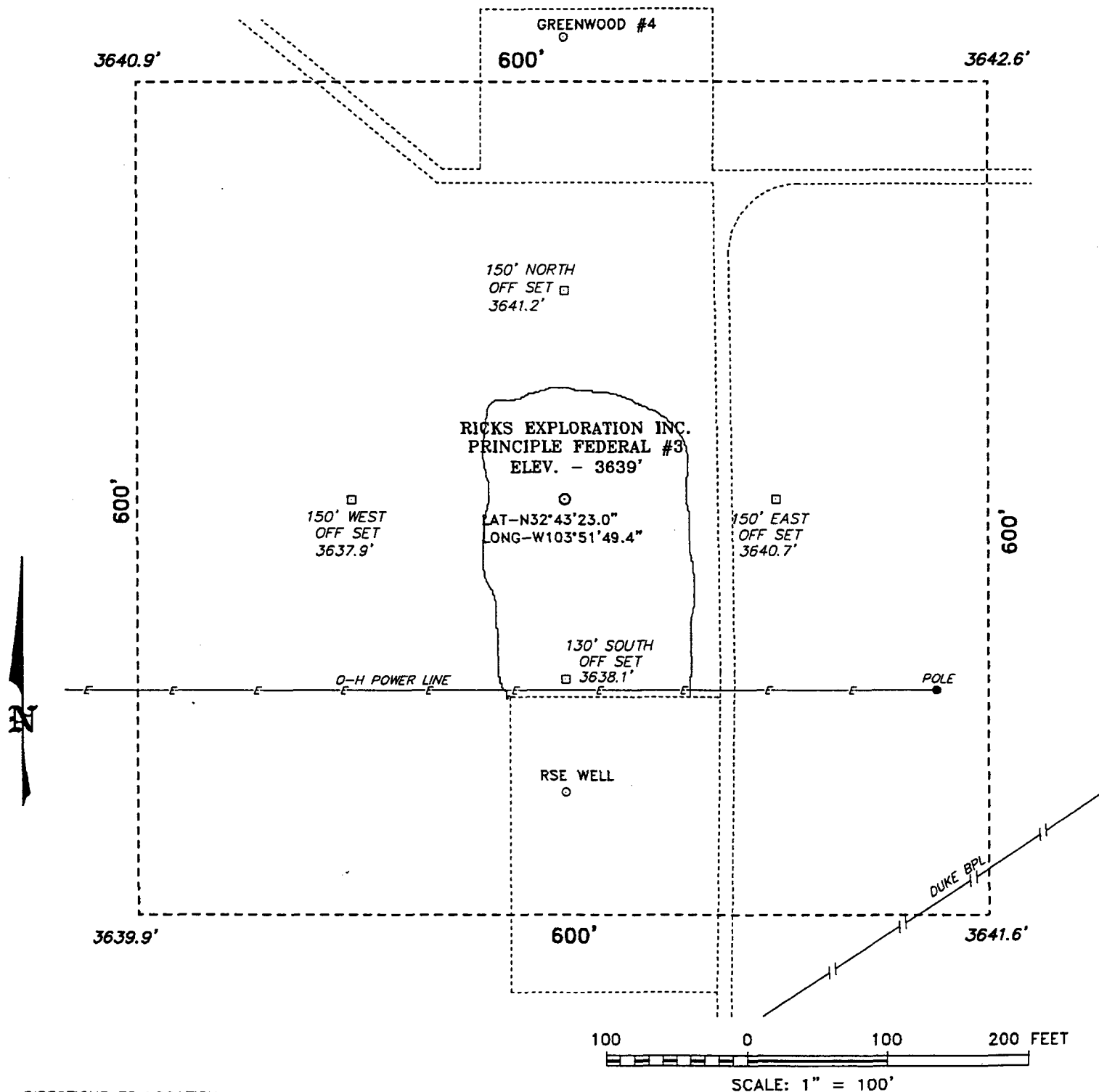
\*See Instructions On Reverse Side

APPROVAL FOR 1 YEAR

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, makes 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.



SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, N.M.P.M.,  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.



**DIRECTIONS TO LOCATION:**

FROM THE JUNCTION OF US HWY 82 AND CO. RD. 222, GO SOUTH ON CO. RD. 222 FOR 6.5 MILES TO A LEAE ROAD; THENCE EAST ON LEASE ROAD FOR 1.3 MILES TO AN INTERSECTION; THENCE GO NORTH FOR 0.2 MILE TO A POINT ON THE PROPOSED WELL PAD.

**BASIN SURVEYS** P.O. BOX 1786 - HOBBS, NEW MEXICO

W.O. Number: 3301 Drawn By: K. GOAD

Date: 05-22-2003 Disk: KJG CD#4 - 3301A.DWG

**RICKS EXPLORATION INC.**

REF: PRINCIPLE FEDERAL No. 3 / Well Pad Topo

THE PRINCIPLE FEDERAL No. 3 LOCATED 990' FROM THE NORTH LINE AND 660' FROM THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, N.M.P.M., EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Survey Date: 05-21-2003 Sheet 1 of 1 Sheets

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RICKS EXPLORATION, INC.  
 PRINCIPLE FEDERAL # 3  
 UNIT "D" SECTION 27  
 T18S-R31E EDDY CO. NM

In response to questions asked under Section II of Bulletin NTL-6 the following information on the above well is provided for your consideration.

1. Location of well: 990' FNL & 660' FWL SECTION 27 T18S-R31E EDDY CO. NM

2. Ground Elevation above Sea Level: 3639' GR.

3. Geological age of surface formation: Quaternary

4. Drilling tools and associated equipment: Conventional rotary drilling rig using drilling mud as a circulating medium to remove solids from hole.

5. Proposed drilling depth: 6500'

6. Estimated tops of geological markers:

|                   |       |               |       |
|-------------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| Rustler Anhydrite | 600'  | Bell Canyon   | 4390' |
| Castile           | 2310' | Cherry Canyon | 4880' |
| Delaware          | 4320' | Brushy Canyon | 5900' |

7. Possible mineral bearing formations:

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Delaware      | Oil |
| Brushy Canyon | Oil |

8. Casing Program:

| Hole Size | Interval | OD of Casing | Weight | Thread | Collar | Grade     |
|-----------|----------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|
| 25"       | 0-40     | 20"          | NA     | NA     | NA     | Conductor |
| 12½"      | 0-650'   | 9 5/8"       | 40     | 8-R    | ST&C   | J-55      |
| 8 3/4"    | 0-6500'  | 5½"          | 17     | 8-R    | LT&C   | N-80      |

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## 9. CASING CEMENTING & SETTING DEPTHS:

|        |            |  |
|--------|------------|--|
| 25"    | Conductor  | Set 40' of 20" conductor pipe and cement to surface with Redi-mix.   |
| 12½"   | Surface    | Set 650' of 9 5/8" 40# J-55 ST&C casing. Cement with 600 Sx. of Class "C" cement + 2% CaCl, + ¼# Flocele/Sx. Circulate cement to surface.  |
| 8 3/4" | Production | Run and set 6500' of 5½" 17# N-80 LT&C casing. Cement with 300 Sx. of Class "C" 50/50 POZ cement + 5% Salt, + 2% CD-2, + 5# LCM-1, tail in with 700 Sx. of 50/50 POZ cement + 5% Salt, + .4% FL-52, + 3% SMS. Top of cement to be at least 500' above uppermost pay interval, estimate top of cement 3500' from surface. |

10. PRESSURE CONTROL EQUIPMENT: Exhibit "E" shows a 900 Series 3000 PSI working pressure B.O.P. consisting of an annular bag type preventor, middle blind rams and bottom pipe rams. The B.O.P. will be nipped up on the 9 5/8" casing and tested to API specifications. The B.O.P. will be operated at least once in each 24 hour period and the blind rams will be operated when drill pipe is out of hole on trips. Full opening stabbing valve and upper kelly cock will be utilized. Exhibit "E-1" shows a hydraulically operated closing unit and a 2" 3000 PSI choke manifold with dual adjustable chokes. No abnormal pressures or temperatures are expected.

## 11. PROPOSED MUD CIRCULATING SYSTEM:

| DEPTH     | MUD WT.  | VISC. | FLUID LOSS | TYPE MUD SYSTEM                                      |
|-----------|----------|-------|------------|--|
| 40-650'   | 8.4-8.7  | 29-34 | NC         | Fresh water spud mud add paper to control seepage.   |
| 650-6500' | 9.9-10.2 | 29-38 | *          | Brine water use high viscosity sweeps to clean Hole. |

\* If water loss control is needed to log well, run casing or run DST's use a Polymer system. Water loss control may be desired while drilling through the pay interval.

Sufficient mud materials will be kept on location at all times in order to combat lost circulation, or unexpected kicks. In order to run DST's, open hole logs, and casing viscosity and/or water loss may have to be adjusted to meet these needs.

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12. LOGGING, CORING, AND TESTING PROGRAM:

- A. Open hole logs: Dual Laterolog, SNP, LDT, Gamma Ray, Caliper from TD back to 9 5/8" casing shoe.
- B. Cased hole logs: Run Gamma Ray, Neutron logs from 9 5/8" casing shoe to surface.
- C. Mud logger may be placed on hole at the request of the Geologist.
- D. No cores or DST's are planned at this time.

13. POTENTIAL HAZARDS:

No abnormal pressures or temperatures are expected. There is no known presence of H<sup>2</sup>S in this area. If H<sup>2</sup>S is encountered the operator will comply with the provisions of Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 6. No lost circulation is expected to occur. All personnel will be familiar with all aspects of safe operation of equipment being used to drill this well. Estimated BHP 3500 PSI, and Estimated BHT 160°.

14. ANTICIPATED STARTING DATE AND DURATION OF OPERATION:

Road and location construction will begin after the BLM has approved the APD. Anticipated spud date will be as soon after BLM approval and as soon as a rig will be available. Move in operation and drilling is expected to take 18 days. If production casing is run then an additional 30 days will be needed to complete well and construct surface facilities and/or lay flowlines in order to place well on production.

15. OTHER FACETS OF OPERATIONS:

After running casing, cased hole Gamma Ray, Neutron Collar logs will be run from TD back to all possible productive zones. The Delaware formation will be perforated and stimulated in order to establish production. The well will be swab tested and potentialized as an oil well.

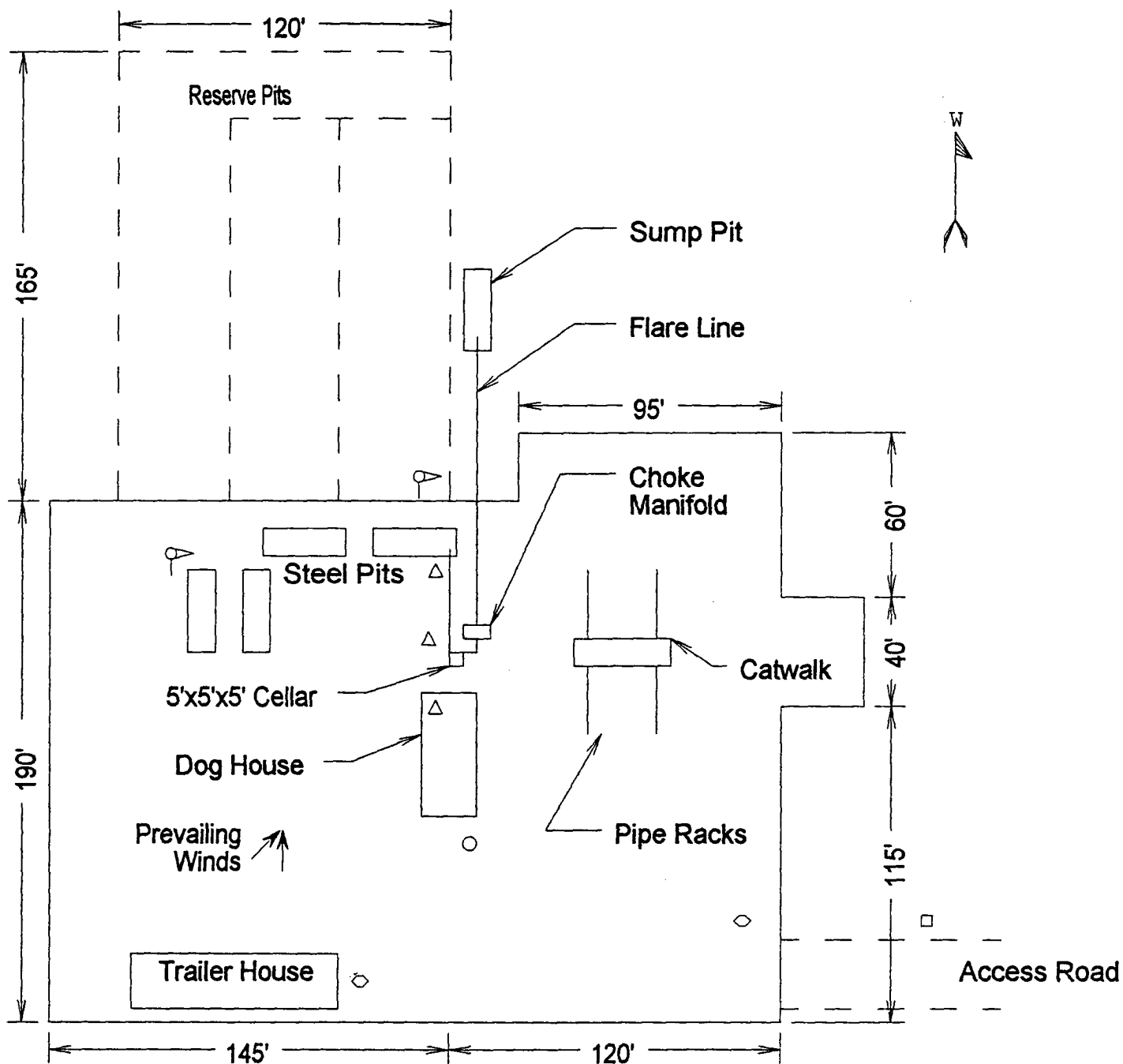
## HYDROGEN SULFIDE DRILLING OPERATIONS PLAN

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 Systems
  - A. H<sub>2</sub>S detectors and audio alarm system to be located at bell nipple, end of blooie line (mud pit) and on derrick floor or doghouse.
3. Windsock and/or wind streamers
  - A. Windsock at mudpit area should be high enough to be visible.
  - B. Windsock at briefing area should be high enough to be visible.
  - C. There should be a windsock at entrance to location.
4. Condition Flags and Signs
  - A. Warning sign on access road to location.
  - B. Flags to be displayed on sign at entrance to location. Green flag, normal safe condition. Yellow flag indicates potential pressure and danger. Red flag, danger, H<sub>2</sub>S present in dangerous concentration. 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 chalk board is inappropriate.
  - C. Two way radio will be used to communicate off location in case of emergency help is required. In most cases cellular telephoned will be available at most drilling foreman's trailer or living quarters.
7. Drillstem Testing
  - A. Exhausts will be watered.
  - B. Flare line will be equipped with an electric ignitor or a propane pilot light in case gas reaches the surface.
  - C. If location is near any dwelling a closed D.S.T. will be performed.

## HYDROGEN SULFIDE DRILLING OPERATIONS PLAN

8. Drilling contractor supervisor will be required to be familiar with the effects  $H_2S$  has on tubular goods and other mechanical equipment.
9. If  $H_2S$  is encountered, mud system will be altered if necessary to maintain control of formation. A mud gas separator will be brought into service along with  $H_2S$  scavengers if necessary.

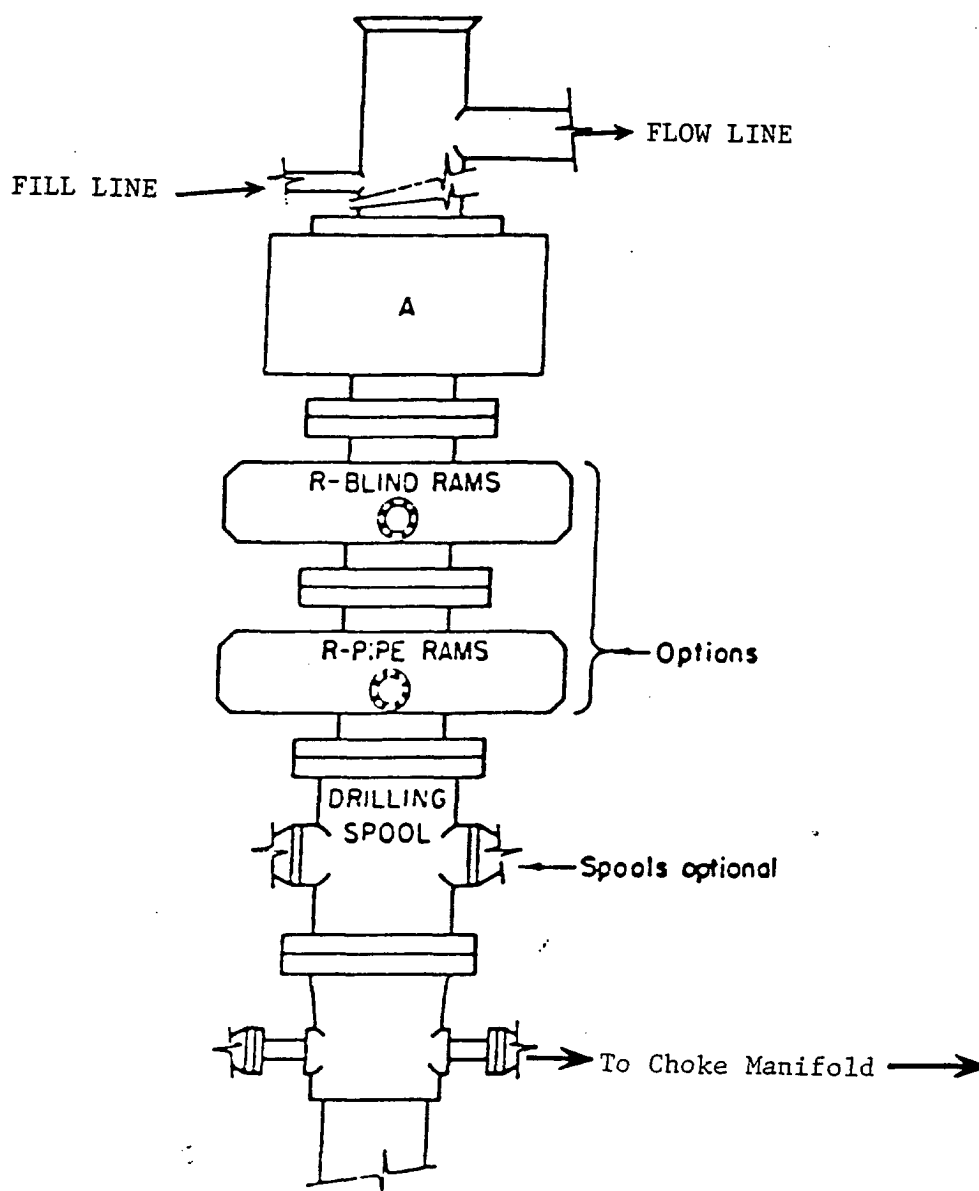




- ⚓ Wind Direction Indicators  
(wind sock or streamers)
- △ H2S Monitors  
(alarms at bell nipple and shale shaker)
- ◇ Briefing Areas
- Remote BOP Closing Unit
- Sign and Condition Flags

EXHIBIT "D"  
RIG LAY OUT PLAT

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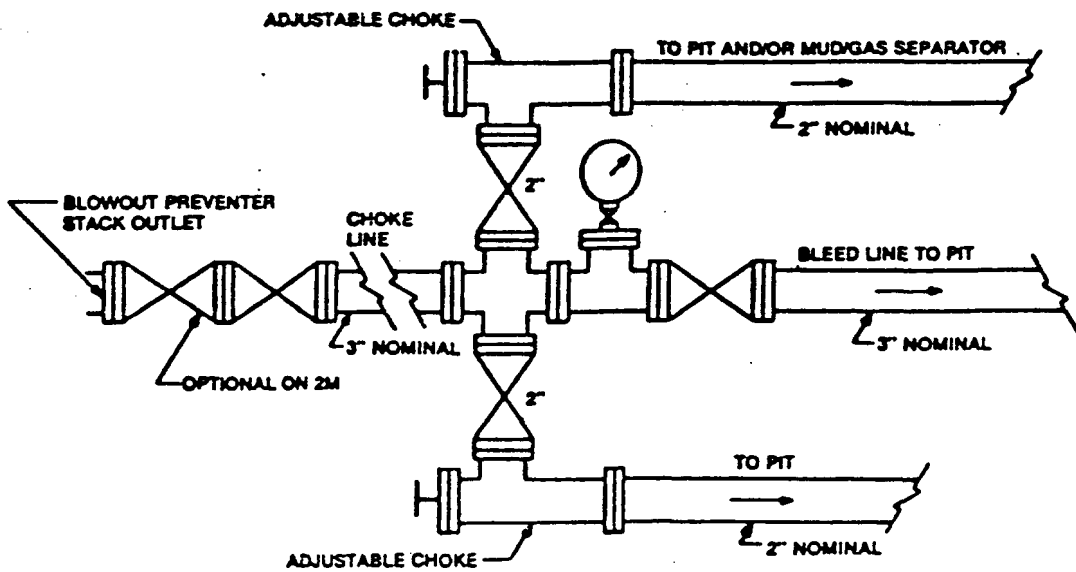


# **ARRANGEMENT SRRA**

900 Series  
3000 PSI WP

EXHIBIT "E"  
SKETCH OF B.O.P. TO BE USED ON

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Typical choke manifold assembly for 3M WP system

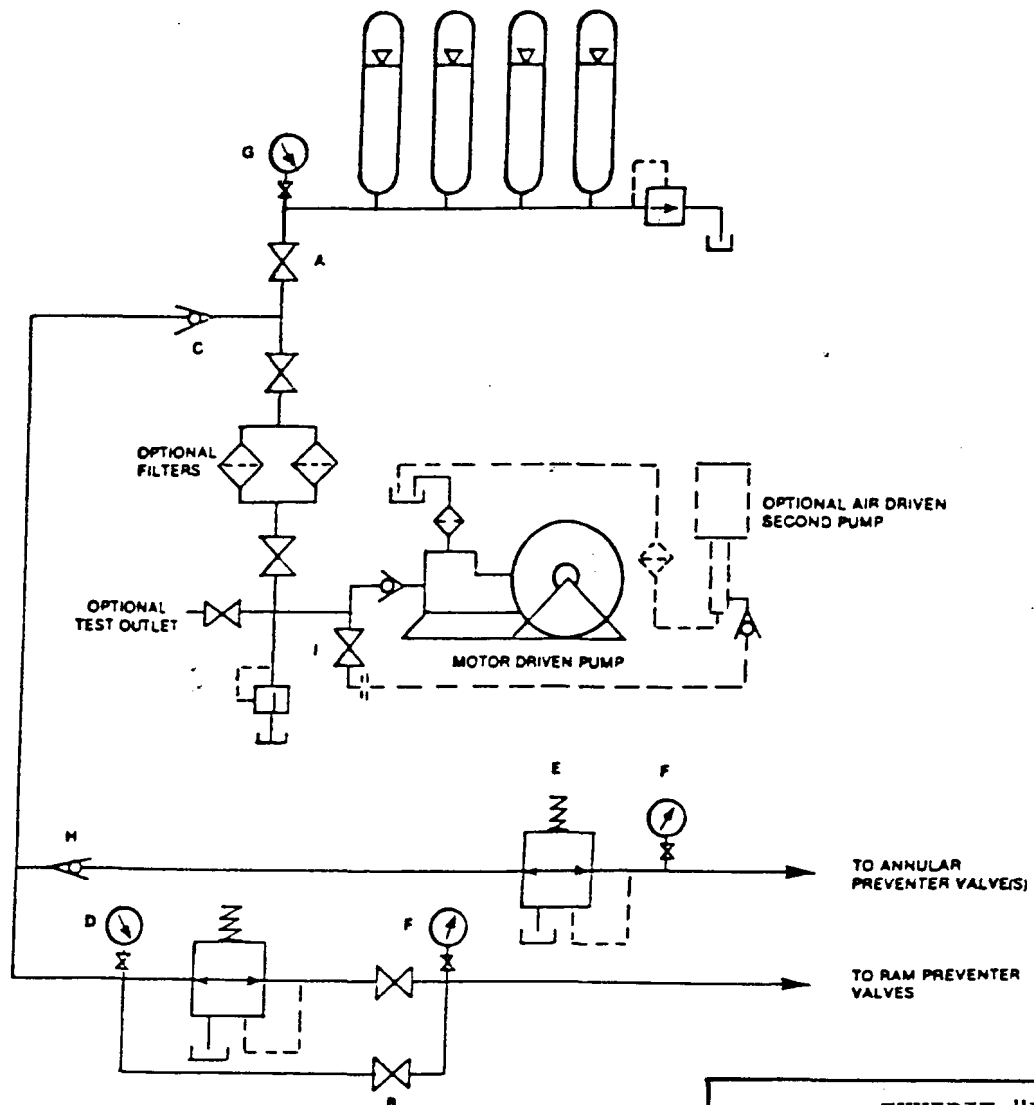


EXHIBIT "E-1"  
CHOKE MANIFOLD & CLOSING UNIT

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