

**Avalon "1" Federal No. 3
API No. 30-015-31199
Fasken Oil and Ranch, Ltd.
Conditions of Approval
November 15, 2006**



Reference: Telecon with Jimmy Carlile of Fasken Oil and Ranch, Ltd. (11/15/06)

Jimmy Carlile stated that the existing wellbore will be plugged prior to kicking off the new wellbore.

**Approval given for an MIT of the 9-5/8 inch casing within 30 days of approval date.
A subsequent sundry with chart is required (see attached COA).**

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**Temporary Abandonment of Wells on Federal Lands
Conditions of Approval**

A temporarily abandoned well is defined as a completion that is not capable of production in paying quantities but which may have value as a service well. Pursuant to 43 CFR 3162.3-4 (c), no well may be temporarily abandoned for more than 30 days without the prior approval of the authorized officer.

Temporary Abandonment (TA) status approval requires a successful mechanical or casing integrity test as follows:

1. A Notice of Intent (NOI) Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5) requesting approval to run a mechanical integrity test (MIT) or casing integrity test (CIT).
2. A description of the temporary abandonment procedure.
 - a. A bridge plug or packer must be installed as close to 50 feet above any open perforations or open hole as possible. If a cement plug is used, the top of the cement must be verified by tagging.
 - b. The wellbore must be filled with corrosion inhibited fluid and pressure tested to 500 psi. The casing shall be capable of holding this pressure for at least 30 minutes with a 10% allowable leakoff.
 - c. All downhole production/injection equipment (tubing, rods, etc.) shall be removed from the casing if they are not isolated by a packer.
 - d. A bradenhead test must be conducted. If the test indicates a problem exists, a remedial plan and time frame for remediation shall be submitted within ninety (90) days of the test.
 - e. Contact the appropriate BLM office at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled Casing Integrity Test. For wells in Eddy County, 505-234-5972; Lea County 505-393-3612.
3. Provides justification why the well should be temporarily abandoned rather than permanently plugged and abandoned and an estimated date that the well will be returned to beneficial use or plugged and abandoned.

Wells that successfully pass the casing integrity test will be approved for Temporary Abandonment (TA) status for a 12 month period provided that the operator:

1. Submits a subsequent Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5) requesting TA approval.
2. Describes the temporary abandonment procedure.
3. Attaches a clear copy or the original of the pressure test chart.

The TA status could be extended for an additional 12 month period without another casing integrity test provided there was no leak-off during the test and the test was witnessed by a BLM representative. The operator must submit a sundry notice requesting an extension of TA status 30 days prior to expiration of the previous approval and appropriate justification for extending the TA status is included.

If the well does not pass the casing integrity test, then the operator shall within 30 days submit to BLM for approval one of the following:

1. A procedure to repair the casing so that a TA approval can be granted.
2. A procedure to plug and abandon the well.