

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL, DEEPEN, OR PLUG BACK

1a. TYPE OF WORK

DRILL ☒

DEEPEN ☐

PLUG BACK ☐

b. TYPE OF WELL

OIL  
WELL ☒

GAS  
WELL ☐

OTHER ☐

SINGLE  
ZONE ☒

MULTIPLE  
ZONE ☐

2. NAME OF OPERATOR

POGO PRODUCING COMPANY

3. ADDRESS OF OPERATOR

P.O. BOX 10340, MIDLAND, TEXAS 79702

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

At surface

1980' FNL AND 1650' FEL OF SECTION 9

At proposed prod. zone

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

TWO MILES NORTH OF LOVING, NEW MEXICO

10. DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED\*

LOCATION TO NEAREST  
PROPERTY OR LEASE LINE, FT.  
(Also to nearest drlg. unit line, if any)

330'

16. NO. OF ACRES IN LEASE

1199.09

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.

19. PROPOSED DEPTH

6450'

20. ROTARY OR CABLE TOOLS

ROTARY

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

3044.6' GR

22. APPROX. DATE WORK WILL START\*

UPON APPROVAL

23.

PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENTING PROGRAM

SIZE OF HOLE	SIZE OF CASING	WEIGHT PER FOOT	SETTING DEPTH	QUANTITY OF CEMENT
12-1/4"	8-5/8"	24#	550'	SUFFICIENT TO CIRCULATE
7-7/8"	5-1/2"	15.5#	6450'	SUFFICIENT TO CIRCULATE

AFTER SETTING PRODUCTION CASING, PAY ZONE WILL BE PERFORATED  
AND STIMULATED AS NECESSARY.

SEE ATTACHED FOR: SUPPLEMENTAL DRILLING DATA  
BOP SKETCH  
HYDROGEN SULFIDE DRILLING OPERATIONS PLAN  
SURFACE USE AND OPERATIONS PLAN

IN ABOVE SPACE DESCRIBE PROPOSED PROGRAM: If proposal is to deepen or plug back, 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

*Richard I. Wright*  
Richard I. Wright

TITLE

Division Operations Supr.

DATE

January 22, 1993

(This space for Federal or State office use)

PERMIT NO.

APPROVAL DATE

APPROVED BY

Orig. Signed by Richard L. Moore

TITLE

DATE

2.25.93

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY:

APPROVAL SUBJECT TO

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND

SPECIAL STIPULATIONS

ATTACHED

\*See Instructions On Reverse Side

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Submit to Appropriate  
District Office  
State Lease - 4 copies  
Fee Lease - 3 copies

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-102  
Revised 1-1-89

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

P.O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

DISTRICT I

P.O. Box 1980, Hobbs, NM 88240

DISTRICT II

P.O. Drawer DD, Artesia, NM 88210

DISTRICT III

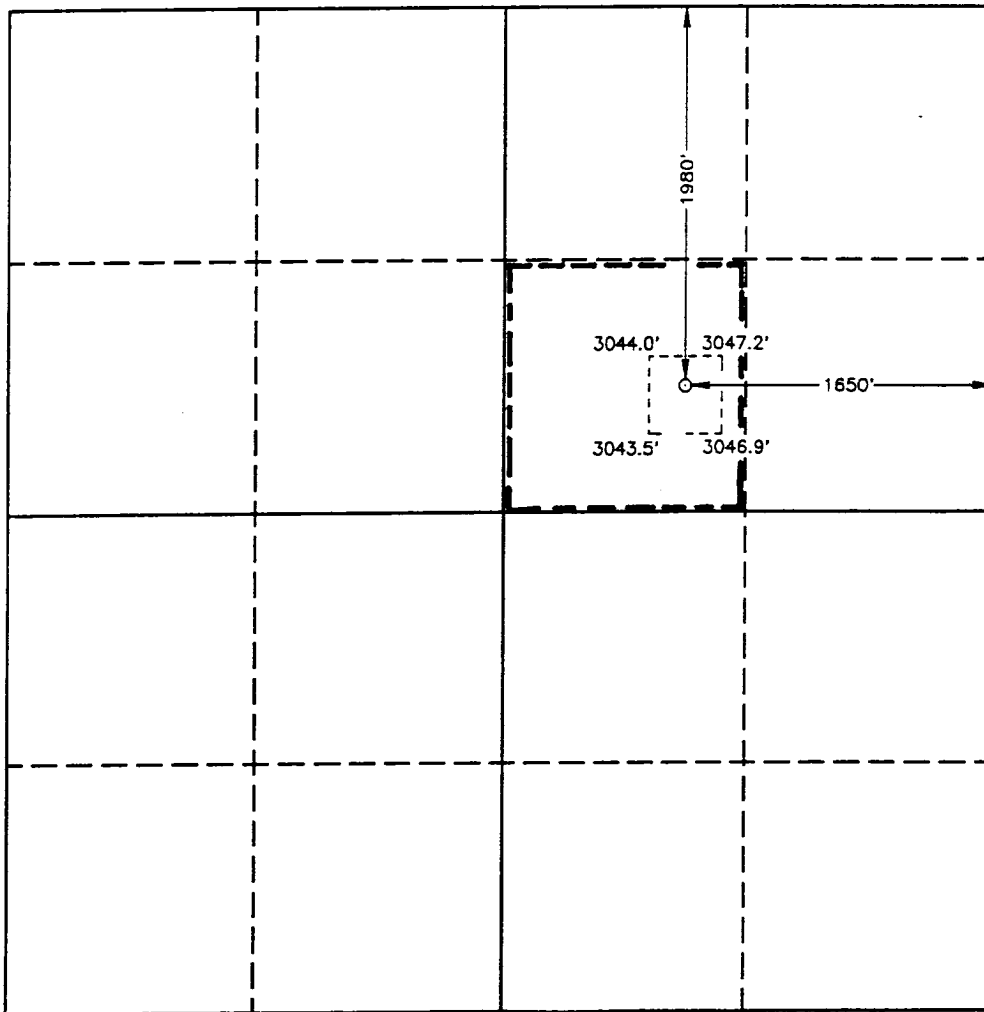
1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

All Distances must be from the outer boundaries of the section

Operator <b>POGO PRODUCING CO.</b>			Lease <b>NEL</b>		Well No. <b>9</b>
Unit Letter <b>G</b>	Section <b>9</b>	Township <b>23 SOUTH</b>	Range <b>28 EAST</b>	County <b>EDDY</b>	
Actual Footage Location of Well: <b>1980</b> feet from the <b>NORTH</b> line and <b>1650</b> feet from the <b>EAST</b> line					
Ground Level Elev. <b>3044.6'</b>	Producing Formation <b>DELAWARE</b>		Pool <b>UNDES. EAST LOVING DELAWARE</b>	Dedicated Acreage: <b>40</b> Acres	

- Outline the acreage dedicated to the subject well by colored pencil or hachure marks on the plat below.
- If more than one lease is dedicated to the well, outline each and identify the ownership thereof (both as to working interest and royalty).
- If more than one lease of different ownership is dedicated to the well, have the interest of all owners been consolidated by communitization, unitization, force-pooling, etc.?  
☐ Yes ☐ No If answer is "yes" type of consolidation \_\_\_\_\_  
If answer is "no" list of owners and tract descriptions which have actually been consolidated. (Use reverse side of this form necessary.)  
No allowable will be assigned to the well unit all interests have been consolidated (by communitization, unitization, forced-pooling, otherwise) or until a non-standard unit, eliminating such interest, has been approved by the Division.



**OPERATOR CERTIFICATION**  
I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature *Richard L. Wright*

Printed Name  
**Richard L. Wright**

Position  
**Division Operations Supr.**

Company  
**POGO PRODUCING COMPANY**

Date  
**January 22, 1993**

**SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION**  
I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date Surveyed  
**SEPTEMBER 29, 1992**

Signature & Seal of Professional Surveyor

*Cary L. Jones*  
CARY L. JONES  
NEW MEXICO  
7977  
Professional Land Surveyor  
Certificate No. **JOHN W. WEST, 678**  
**RONALD J. EDSON, 3239**  
**GARY L. JONES, 7977**

92-11-1468

## SUPPLEMENTAL DRILLING DATA

### POGO PRODUCING COMPANY

#### NEL WELL NO. 9

1. SURFACE FORMATION: Quaternary.
2. ESTIMATED TOPS OF GEOLOGIC MARKERS:

Rustler	1025'
Base Salt	2420'
Delaware Lime	2570'
Bell Canyon	2610'
Cherry Canyon	3550'
Brushy Canyon	4700'

3. ANTICIPATED POSSIBLE HYDROCARBON BEARING ZONES:

BRUSHY CANYON	Oil
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4. PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENTING PROGRAMS:

CASING SIZE	SETTING DEPTH		WEIGHT	GRADE	JOINT
	FROM	TO			
8-5/8"	0	550'	24#	J-55	STC
5-1/2	0	6450'	15.5#	J-55	STC

#### MINIMUM

DESIGN FACTORS: COLLAPSE 1.125 BURST 1.1 TENSION 1.7

8-5/8" casing is to be cemented with approximately 200 sacks of Light cement tailed in with 200 sacks of Premium cement. Cement to circulate.

5-1/2" casing is to be cemented in two stages with stage tool set at about 3200 feet. First stage to be 350 sacks of 50-50 Poz A with 5# of salt per sack. Second stage is to be 600 sacks of Light cement with 5# salt per sack tailed in with 100 sacks of Premium. Cement to circulate.

5. PRESSURE CONTROL EQUIPMENT:

BOP stack will be 3000 psi working pressure.

A BOP sketch is attached.

6. CIRCULATING MEDIUM:

Surface to 550 feet: Fresh water gel and lime. Paper for seepage.  
Weight: 8.4-8.6  
Viscosity: 34-36  
pH: 10-11

550 feet to total depth: Brine. Paper to control seepage. Lime to control pH.  
Weight: 10.0-10.2  
Viscosity: 28-32  
Filtrate: 20-15 cc  
pH: 9.5-10

7. AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT:

Geolograph from surface to total depth.

A mud logging trailer will be in use while drilling lower part of hole.

8. TESTING, LOGGING, AND CORING PROGRAMS:

No drill stem tests are planned.

Electric logs will include GR-CNL, Litho Density log, and Induction logs.

No coring is planned.

9. ABNORMAL PRESSURES, TEMPERATURES, OR HYDROGEN SULFIDE GAS:

No abnormal pressures or temperatures are anticipated.

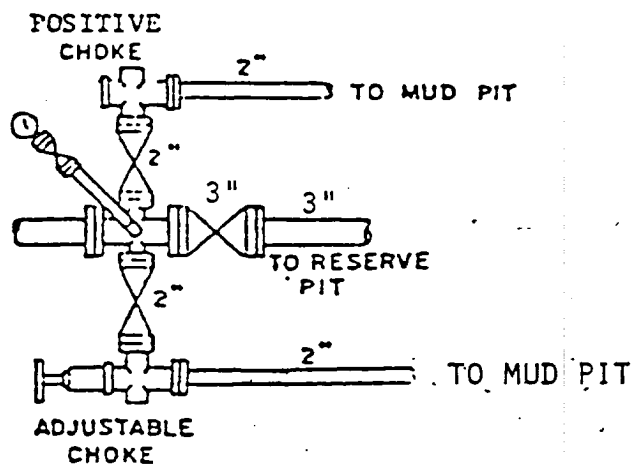
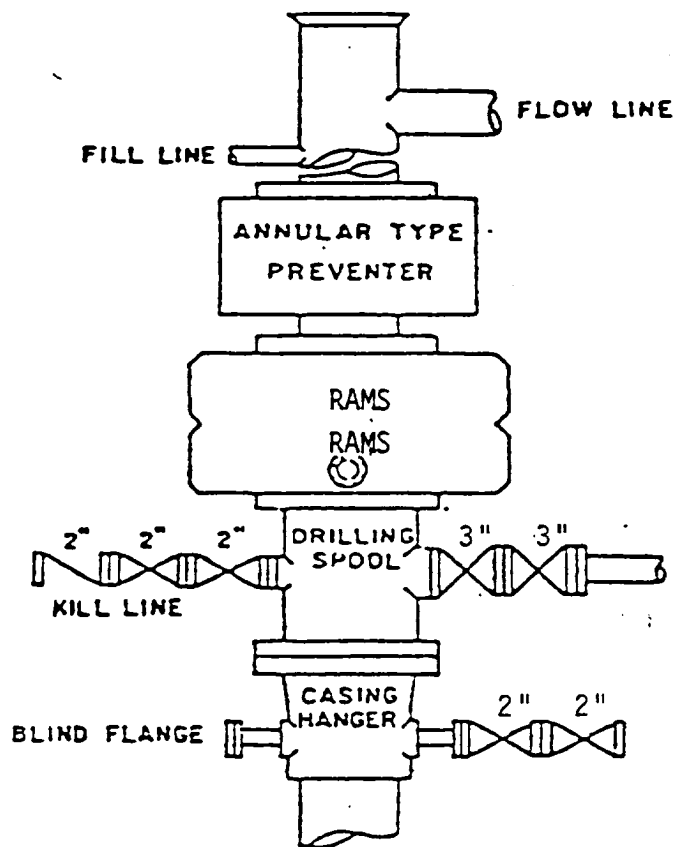
Inasmuch as hydrogen sulfide has been found present in this area, drilling operations are to be in accordance with the attached "HYDROGEN SULFIDE DRILLING OPERATIONS PLAN". Additional information concerning Emergency Reaction Steps, Ignition Procedures, Training Requirements, and Emergency Equipment Requirements will be available on location at the well site.

Expected bottom hole pressure is about 2700 psi.

Expected bottom hole temperature is about 110 degrees Fahr.

10. ANTICIPATED STARTING DATE:

Plans are that operations will commence upon approval of this application, with drilling and completion operations lasting about 30 days.



BOP STACK

3000 PSI WORKING PRESSURE

BOP ARRANGEMENT



POGO PRODUCING COMPANY

HYDROGEN SULFIDE DRILLING OPERATIONS PLAN

I. Hydrogen Sulfide Training

All personnel, whether regularly assigned, contracted, or employed on an unscheduled basis, will receive training from a qualified instructor in the following areas prior to commencing drilling operations on this well:

1. The hazards and characteristics of hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S).
2. The proper use and maintenance of personal protective equipment and life support systems.
3. The proper use of H<sub>2</sub>S detectors, alarms, warning systems, briefing areas, evacuation procedures, and prevailing winds.
4. The proper techniques for first aid and rescue procedures.

In addition, supervisory personnel will be trained in the following areas:

1. The effects of H<sub>2</sub>S on metal components. If high tensile tubulars are to be used, personnel will be trained in their special maintenance requirements.
2. Corrective action and shut-in procedures when drilling or reworking a well and blowout prevention and well control procedures.
3. The contents and requirements of the H<sub>2</sub>S Drilling Operations Plan and the Public Protection Plan.

There will be an initial training session just prior to encountering a known or probable H<sub>2</sub>S zone (within 3 days or 500 feet) and weeeekly H<sub>2</sub>S and well control drills for all personnel in each crew. The initial training session shall include a review of the site specific H<sub>2</sub>S Drilling Operations Plan and the Public Protection Plan. This plan shall be available at the well site. All personnel will be required to carry documentation that they have received the proper training.

II. H<sub>2</sub>S SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS

Note: All H<sub>2</sub>S safety equipment and systems will be installed, tested, and operational when drilling reaches a depth of 500 feet above, or three days prior to penetrating the first zone containing or reasonably expected to contain H<sub>2</sub>S.

1. Well Control Equipment:
  - A. Flare line with electronic igniter or continuous pilot.
  - B. Choke manifold with a minimum of one remote choke.
  - C. Blind rams and pipe rams to accomodate all pipe sizes with properly sized closing unit.
  - D. Auxillary equipment to include: annular preventer, mud-gas separator, rotating head, and flare gun with flares.
2. Protective equipment for essential personnel:
  - A. Mark II Surviveair 30-minute units located in the dog house and at briefing areas, as indicated on well site diagram.
3. H2S detection and monitoring equipment:
  - A. 2 - portable H2S monitors positioned on location for best coverage and response. These units have warning lights and audible sirens when H2S levels of 20 ppm are reached.
  - B. 1 - portable SO2 monitor positioned near flare line.
4. Visual warning systems:
  - A. Wind direction indicators as shown on well site diagram.
  - B. Caution/Danger signs shall be posted on roads providing direct access to location. Signs will be painted a high visibility yellow with black lettering of sufficient size to be readable at a reasonable distance from the immediate location. Bilingual signs will be used, when appropriate. See example attached.
5. Mud program:
  - A. The mud program has been designed to minimize the volume of H2S circulated to the surface. Proper mud weight, safe drilling practices, and the use of H2S scavengers will minimize hazards when penetrating H2S bearing zones.
  - B. A mud-gas separator and an H2S gas buster will be utilized.
6. Metallurgy:



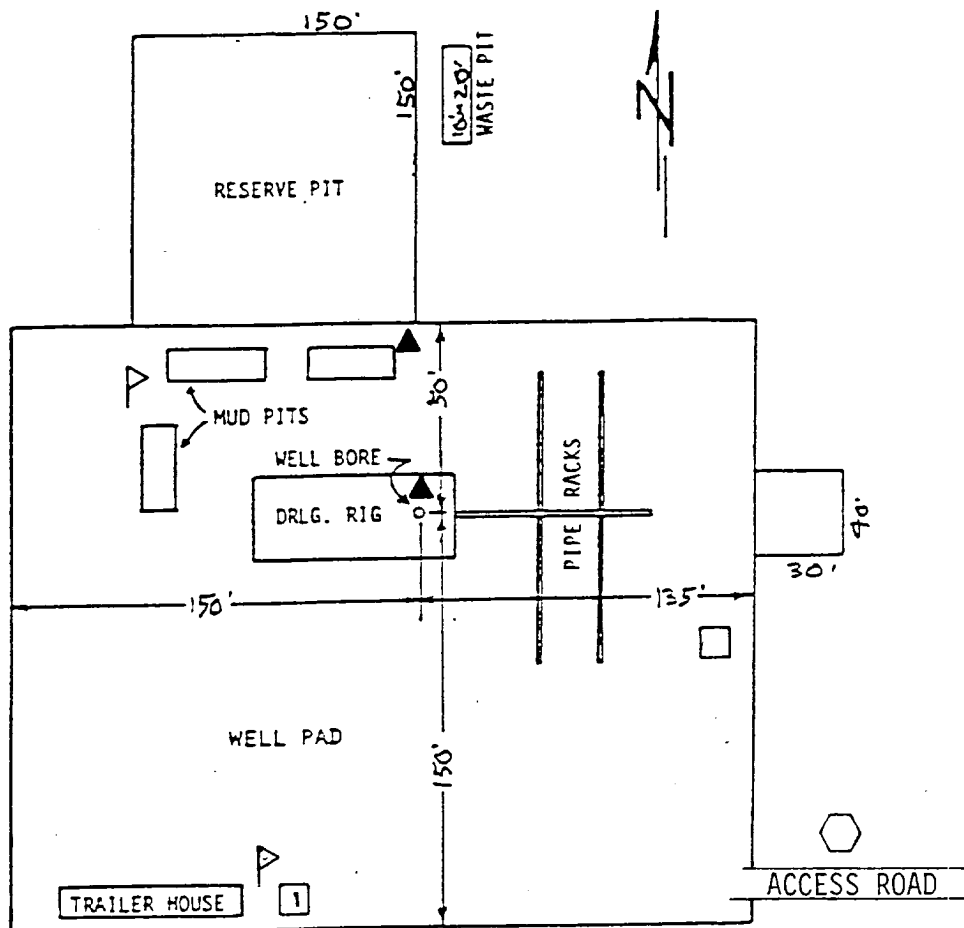
- A. All drill strings, casings, tubing, wellhead, blowout preventers, drilling spool, kill lines, choke manifold and lines, and valves shall be suitable for H<sub>2</sub>S service.
- B. All elastomers used for packing and seals shall be H<sub>2</sub>S trim.

7. Communication:

- A. Radio communications in company vehicles including cellular telephone and 2-way radio.
- B. Land line (telephone) communications at field office.

8. Well testing:

- A. Drill stem testing will be performed with a minimum number of personnel in the immediate vicinity which are necessary to safely and adequately conduct the test. The drill stem testing will be conducted during daylight hours and formation fluids will not be flowed to the surface. All drill stem testing operations conducted in an H<sub>2</sub>S environment will use the closed chamber method of testing.



LEGEND:

- ⬡ Caution/Danger Sign
- Briefing Area
- Briefing Area - Primary
- ▲ H2S Monitor
- ⚙ Wind Sock

Prevailing Wind  
Direction - Southwest

POGO PRODUCING COMPANY  
NEL WELL NO. 9

DRILLING RIG LAYOUT  
SCALE: None

SURFACE USE AND OPERATIONS PLAN

FOR

POGO PRODUCING COMPANY  
NEL WELL NO. 9  
1980' FNL & 1650' FEL SEC. 9, T. 23 S., R. 28 E.  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

LOCATED: Two miles north of Loving, New Mexico.

FEDERAL LEASE NUMBER: NM-18038.

LEASE DATE: April 1, 1973. Lease is in producing status  
by communitization.

ACRES IN LEASE: 1199.09.

RECORD LESSEE: Pogo Producing Company.

SURFACE OWNERSHIP: Federal.

GRAZING PERMITTEE: Curtis K. Skeen  
1508 Riverside Drive  
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

POOL: Undesignated East Loving Delaware.

POOL RULES: Statewide. 40 acre spacing for oil.

EXHIBITS: A. Road Map  
B. Plat Showing Existing Wells and Existing Roads  
C. Drilling Rig Layout  
D. Topo Plat

## 1. EXISTING ROADS:

A. Exhibit "A" is a portion of a road map showing the location of the proposed well as staked. Point "A" on the plat is on US-285 at Milepost 23.4, approximately 10 miles southeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico, where State highway 31 goes east. To go to the proposed well site from this point, go east on State 31 two miles to Milepost 2 where a caliche road goes north. Exit State 31 to the north through the cattle guard (also see Exhibits "B" and "D") and go 0.4 mile to arrive at Pogo's NEL COM No. 1 on the west side of the road at about 120 feet. Continue north about 0.25 mile and the proposed well site will be on the west side of the road at about 1000 feet.

B. Exhibit "B" shows existing pertinent roads in the vicinity of the proposed well site. Existing roads are color coded.

## 2. PLANNED ACCESS ROAD:

A. Length and Width: The access route, north off State highway 31, is shown on Exhibits "A", "B", and "D". The new road will be 12 feet wide and about 900 feet long, and is shown labeled and color coded red on Exhibit "B". The center line of the proposed new road is staked and flagged.

B. Surfacing Material: Caliche will be used if the on-site material is not suitable.

C. Maximum Grade: Less than one percent.

D. Turnouts: Not needed.

E. Drainage Design: The new road will be crowned with drainage to the side.

F. Culverts: None needed.

G. Cuts and Fills: Not required.

H. Gates and Cattle Guards: None needed. No fences involved.

3. LOCATION OF EXISTING WELLS:

A. Existing wells in the immediate area are shown on Exhibit "B".

4. LOCATION OF EXISTING AND/OR PROPOSED FACILITIES:

A. Necessary production facilities for this well will be located on the well pad.

5. LOCATION AND TYPE OF WATER SUPPLY:

A. It is not planned that a water well will be drilled. Water necessary for drilling operations will be purchased and trucked to the well site, or will be moved to the well site by temporary pipeline laid on the ground alongside existing and proposed roads.

6. SOURCE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

A. Caliche needed for construction work will be taken, if present, from a pit opened on-site within the archaeologically cleared work area. Otherwise, caliche will be taken from an existing pit on privately owned land in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 10, T.23 S., R.28 E., Eddy County, New Mexico, and will be trucked to the well site over existing and proposed roads.

7. METHODS OF HANDLING WASTE MATERIAL:

A. Drill cuttings will be disposed of in the drilling pits.

B. Drilling fluids will be allowed to evaporate in the drilling pits until the pits are dry.

C. Water produced during tests will be disposed of in the drilling pits or will be stored in tanks for disposal in an approved disposal system.

D. Oil produced during tests will be stored in test tanks until sold.

E. All trash, junk, and other waste material will be contained in trash cages or bins to prevent scattering and will be removed and deposited in an approved sanitary land fill.

8. ANCILLARY FACILITIES:

A. None necessary.

#### 9. WELL SITE LAYOUT:

A. Exhibit "C" shows the relative location and dimensions of the well pad, mud pits, reserve pit, and waste pit, and the location of major drilling rig components.

B. Clearing and levelling of the pad and pit area will be necessary.

C. The pad and pit area is staked and flagged.

#### 10. PLANS FOR RESTORATION OF THE SURFACE:

A. After completion of drilling and/or completion operations, all equipment and other material not needed for operations will be removed. Pits will be filled and the location will be cleaned of all trash and junk to leave the well site in an as aesthetically pleasing condition as possible.

B. Any unguarded pits containing fluids will be fenced until the pits are dry.

C. After abandonment, all equipment, trash and junk will be removed and the well site will be cleaned. Any special rehabilitation and/or special revegetation requirements of the surface management agency will be complied with and will be accomplished as rapidly as possible.

#### 11. OTHER INFORMATION:

A. Topography: The general area of the proposed well site is a gently undulating landscape. In the immediate area of the well site land slope is to the west and north.

B. Soil: Top soil in the immediate area of the well site is a gravelly loam.

C. Flora and Fauna: The vegetative cover is moderate and includes mesquite, snake weed, other desert plants, and range grasses. Wildlife in the area is that typical of semi-arid desert land and includes coyotes, rabbits, rodents, reptiles, dove and quail.

D. Ponds and Streams: The Pecos River at its nearest point is about 0.4 mile west-northwest. There are no other ponds or streams in the area.

E. Residences or Other Structures: The nearest occupied dwelling is about 0.5 mile southwest.

F. Archaeological, Historical, and Cultural Sites: None observed. However, an archaeological reconnaissance is to be accomplished and a report furnished.

G. Land Use: Grazing and wildlife habitat.

H. Surface Ownership: Federal.


12. OPERATOR's REPRESENTATIVE:

Richard L. Wright  
Division Operations Supervisor  
Pogo Producing Company  
P. O. Box 10340  
Midland, Texas 79702  
Office Phone: 915-682-6822

13. CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that I, or persons under my direct supervision, have inspected the proposed drill site and access route; that I am familiar with the conditions which currently exist; that the statements made in this plan are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and, that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed by Pogo Producing Company and its contractors and sub-contractors in conformity with this plan and the terms and conditions under which it is approved. This statement is subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001 for the filing of a false statement.

January 25, 1993  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Richard L. Wright  
Division Operations Supervisor

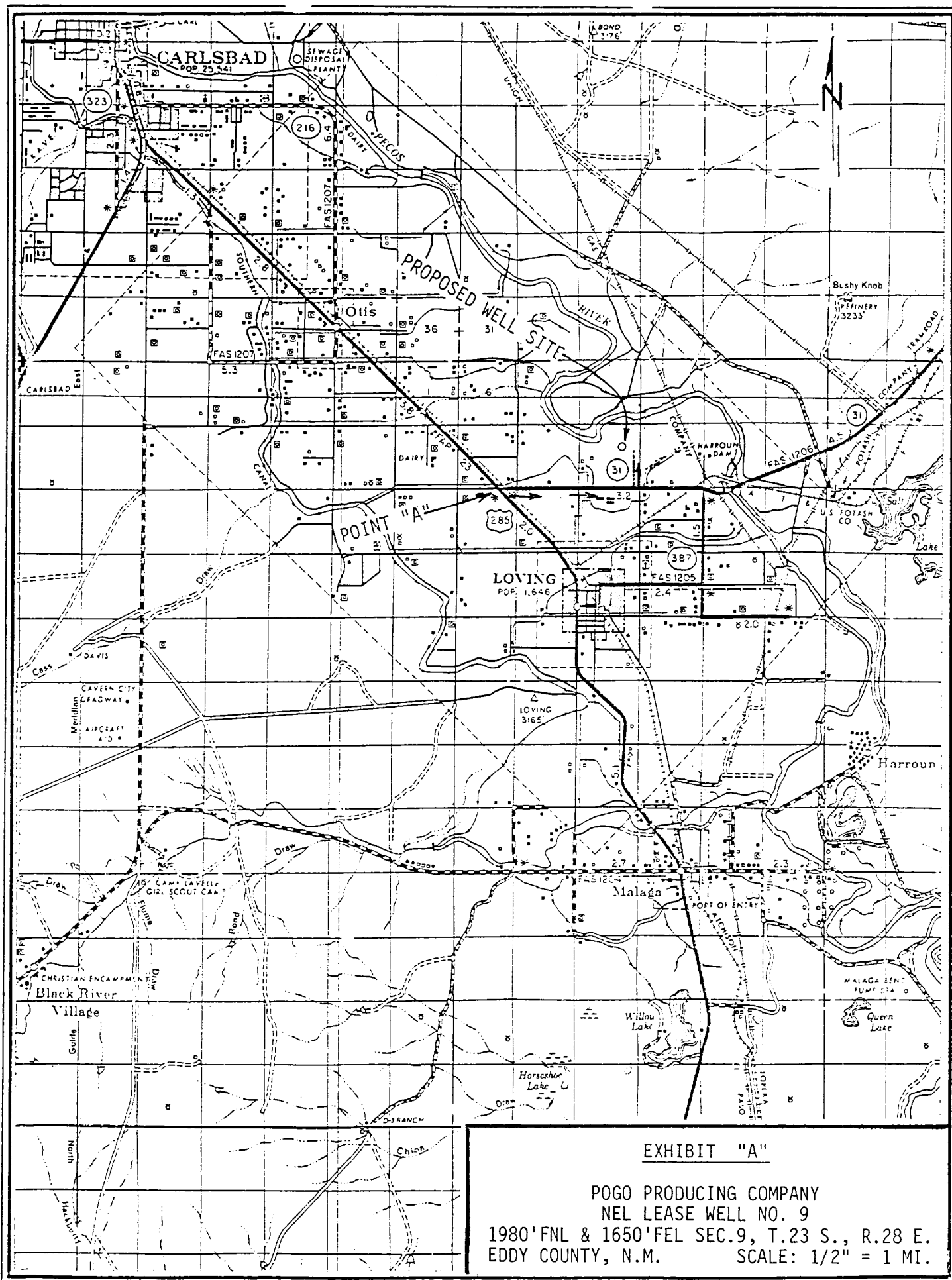
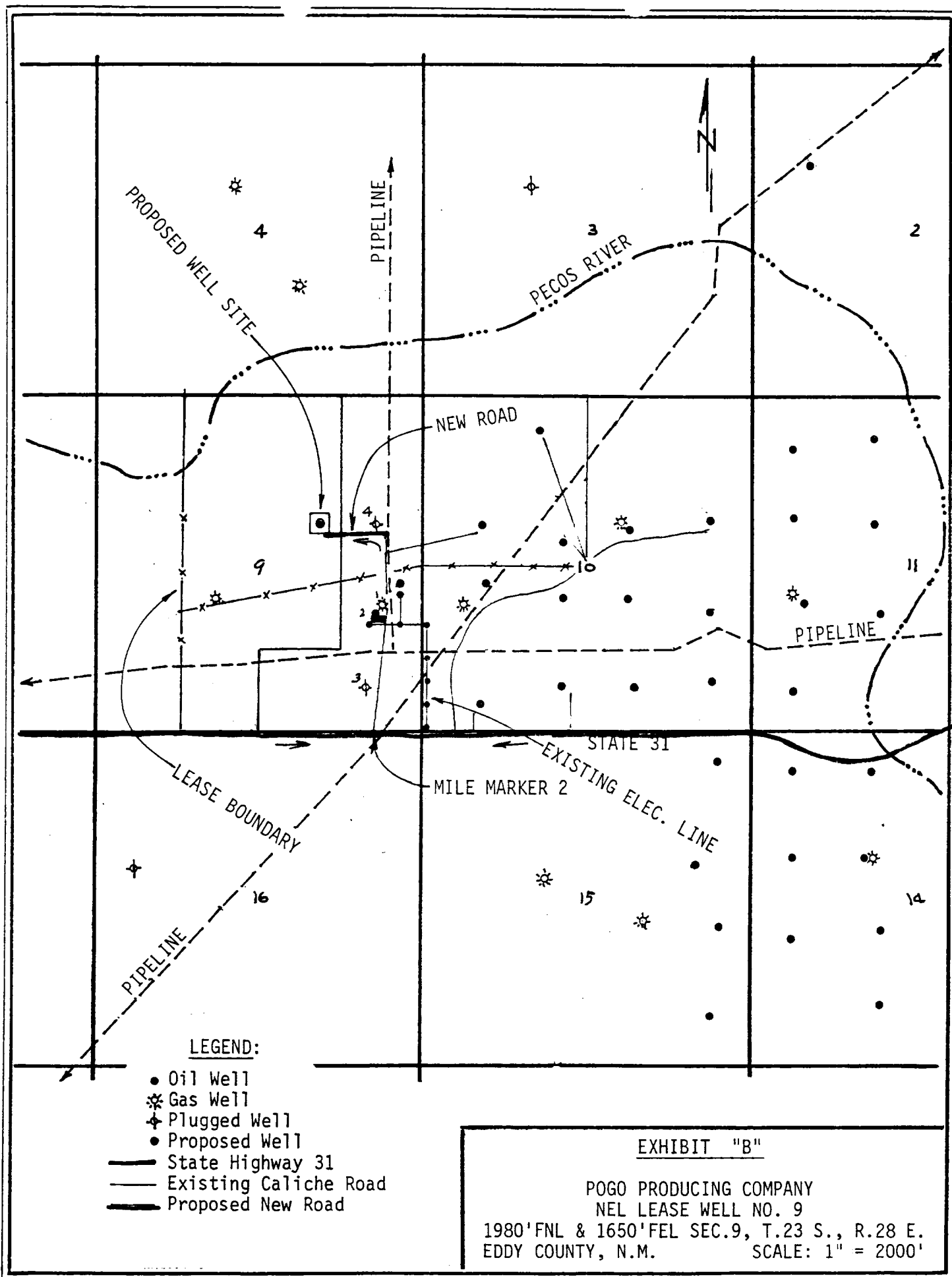
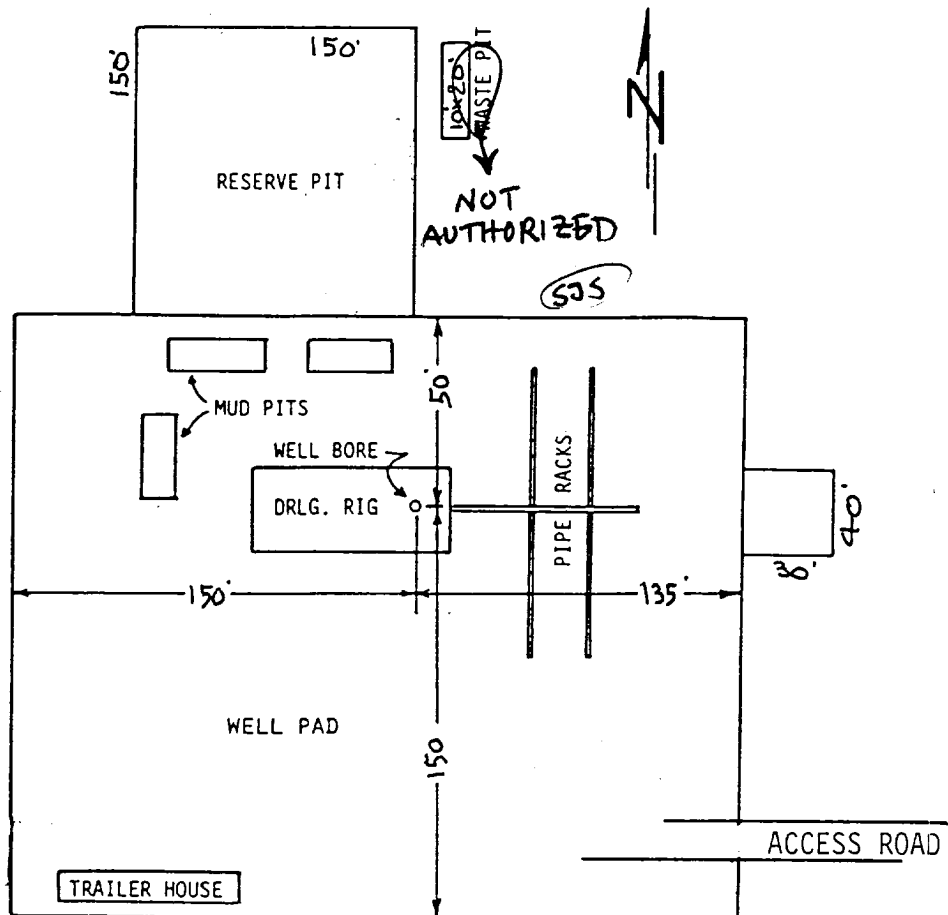


EXHIBIT "A"

POGO PRODUCING COMPANY  
NEL LEASE WELL NO. 9  
1980'FNL & 1650'FEL SEC.9, T.23 S., R.28 E.  
EDDY COUNTY, N.M. SCALE: 1/2" = 1 MI.







# EXHIBIT "C"

POGO PRODUCING COMPANY  
NEL WELL NO. 9

DRILLING RIG LAYOUT  
SCALE: None

