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Operator & OGRID No.: Armstrong Energy Corporation 1092

This Gas Capture Plan outlines actions to be taken by the Operator to reduce well/production facility flaring/venting for new completion (new drill, recomple to new zone, re-frac) activity.

Note: Form C-129 must be submitted and approved prior to exceeding 60 days allowed by Rule (Subsection A of 19.15.18.12 NMAC).

**Well(s)/Production Facility – Name of facility**

The well(s) that will be located at the production facility are shown in the table below.

Well Name	API	Well Location (ULSTR)	Footages	Expected MCF/D	Flared or Vented	Comments
Chocolate Foam Wing #1	30-025-35789	L	760 FWL & 1800' FSL	100	Sold	

**Gathering System and Pipeline Notification**

Well(s) will be connected to a production facility after flowback operations are complete if gas transporter system is in place. The gas produced from production facility is dedicated to Targa and will be connected to Targa low/high pressure gathering system located in Lea County, New Mexico. It will require 0' of pipeline to connect the facility to low/high pressure gathering system. Armstrong Energy Corporation provides (periodically) to Targa a drilling, completion and estimated first production date for wells that are scheduled to be drilled in the foreseeable future. In addition, Armstrong Energy Corporation and Targa have periodic conference calls to discuss changes to drilling and completion schedules. Gas from these wells will be processed at Targa Processing Plant located in Sec 34, Twn 14S, Rng 33E, Lea County, New Mexico. The actual flow of the gas will be based on compression operating parameters and gathering system pressures.

**Flowback Strategy**

After the fracture treatment/completion operations, well(s) will be produced to temporary production tanks and gas will be flared or vented. During flowback, the fluids and sand content will be monitored. When the produced fluids contain minimal sand, the wells will be turned to production facilities. Gas sales should start as soon as the wells start flowing through the production facilities, unless there are operational issues on Targa system at that time. Based on current information, it is Armstrong Energy Corporation's belief the system can take this gas upon completion of the well(s).

Safety requirements during cleanout operations from the use of underbalanced air cleanout systems may necessitate that sand and non-pipeline quality gas be vented and/or flared rather than sold on a temporary basis.

**Alternatives to Reduce Flaring**

Below are alternatives considered from a conceptual standpoint to reduce the amount of gas flared.

- Power Generation – On lease
  - Only a portion of gas is consumed operating the generator, remainder of gas will be flared
- Compressed Natural Gas – On lease
  - Gas flared would be minimal, but might be uneconomical to operate when gas volume declines
- NGL Removal – On lease
  - Plants are expensive, residue gas is still flared, and uneconomical to operate when gas volume declines



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May 24, 2019

Mr. Paul Kautz  
Oil Conservation Division  
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Re: Chocolate Foam Wing #1  
Township 14 South, Range 35 East, NMPM  
Section 34L  
Lea County, New Mexico


Dear Mr. Kautz:

Enclosed is a corrected copy of the Gas Capture Plan for the Chocolate Foam Wing #1. I have corrected the Range location of the Targa Processing Plant from Range 35 East to Range 33 East, Lea County, NM.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 575-625-2222, x307.

Sincerely,

ARMSTRONG ENERGY CORPORATION

By:   
Irma Cunningham, Geo Tech

Enclosure