Form 3160-5 (August 1999)

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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SUNDRY	NOTICES AND REP	ORTS ON WEL	LISIORRS	CO	LC-0	69515	
SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS OBBSOCD Do not use this form for proposals to drill or to re-enter an abandoned well. Use Form 3160-3 (APD) for such proposals					6 If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name		
SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE - Other Instructions on reverse side						A/Agreement, N	ame and/or
					No. <b>North</b>	El Mar Unit	
1 Type of Well					NM 709	994X	
☐ Oil Well ☐ Gas Well ☐ Other				8 Well Name and No			/
Name of Operator					North El Mar Unit #6  9. API Well No		
Sahara Operating Company  3a Address  3b Phone No (include area code)						025 08280	/
P O. Box 4130, Midland	432/697-0967			10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory Area			
4. Location of Well (Footage,					El Mar (Delaware)		
660' FNL & 2005' FEL, Sec 25, T26S, R32E, NMPM					11 County or		
Unit Letter "B"			<b>V</b>		Lea Cou	unty, N.M.	
12. CHECK APPR	OPRIATE BOX(ES) TO	INDICATE NA	TURE OF NO	OTICE, RE	EPORT, OR	OTHER DAT	ГА
TYPE OF SUBMISSION TYPE OF ACTION							-
	Acidize	Deepen	[	Production (	Start/Resume)	☐ Water Shu	ıt-Off
Notice of Intent	Alter Casing	Fracture Treatn	nent [	Reclamation	ı	Well Integ	rity
Subsequent Report	Casing Repair	☐ New Construct	on [	Recomplete		Other	
	Change Plans	Plug and Aband	on [	Temporarily	Abandon	<del>4</del>	
Final Abandonment Notice  13 Describe Proposed or Completed C	Convert to Injection	Plug Back		Water Dispo			
* Typically 25  A Typically 25  Alay, This .  Wellbore is as follows:  Csg squeezed:	Circ hole w/mud Spot 15 sx 890' 20 Perf 705', squeeze 35 Perf 60', fill in/out Install dry hole marke  Casing: 4-1/2' 50 sx 835-900' Perfs: 4651'	4578'  OC Eag  5 sx, tag 600'  er.  -7. 6 -4  ' @ 4696' cmt	رمو سرا۲۶ sx, 7 8′, 50 sx 74	5 ec p + A 10 A	Attac. 1 sprov. 1 acc ma 0'; 7-5/8"	hed Con	Les Fron
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Robert McA	/ T	itle P1	resident				
Signature	Date 5/2	29/2009					
	THIS SPACE F	OR FEDERAL OF	R STATE OF	FICE USE			<del></del>
Approved by  Conditions of approval, if any, are attactive applicant holds legal or equitable tit applicant to conduct operations thereon  Title 18 USC Section 1001 and Title false, fictitious or fraudulent statements	se which would entitle the	office	SAS FO		Date 6-2		
	or representations as to any matter	within its jurisdiction					

N. El MAR Unit #6 IALT SECTIONS TOP 840 BASE 4380 HOLE SIZE .... 60-54.01 R1118 -MAVE/KARST\_\_\_\_ 300 SY SPEC WATER \_\_\_\_ Ant 0 70 (shor) was Taj CASING SIZE 77/8" 20 (TOS 840) SX min DOC TOS 890 OF FORMATIONS DIL 4605 HOLESIZE SQueeze due to placement of vext plug. 835.900 838-898 740-870 175 SX TOC 3450 Covers Del Top & 25 SK Plug @ 4578 IBP 0 "

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CASING SIZE 41/2" 9,5 1/2

PERFORATIONS 465/-4690

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

### Permanent Abandonment of Federal Wells Conditions of Approval

Failure to comply with the following Conditions of Approval may result in a Notice of Incidents of Noncompliance (INC) in accordance with 43 CFR 3163.1.

1. Plugging operations shall commence within <u>ninety (90)</u> days from the approval date of this Notice of Intent to Abandon.

If you are unable to plug the well by the 90<sup>th</sup> day provide this office, prior to the 90<sup>th</sup> day, with the reason for not meeting the deadline and a date when we can expect the well to be plugged. Failure to do so will result in enforcement action.

- 2. <u>Notification:</u> Contact the appropriate BLM office at least 24 hours prior to the commencing of any plugging operations. For wells in Chaves and Roosevelt County, call 575-627-0272; Eddy County, call 575-361-2822; Lea County, call 575-393-3612.
- 3. <u>Blowout Preventers</u>: A blowout preventer (BOP), as appropriate, shall be installed prior to commencing any plugging operation. The minimum BOP requirement is a 2M system for a well not deeper than 9,090 feet; a 3M system for a well not deeper than 13,636 feet; and a 5M system for a well not deeper than 22,727 feet.
- 4. <u>Mud Requirement:</u> Mud shall be placed between all plugs. Minimum consistency of plugging mud shall be obtained by mixing at the rate of 25 sacks (50 pounds each) of gel per 100 barrels of water. Minimum nine (9) pounds per gallon.
- 5. <u>Cement Requirement</u>: Sufficient cement shall be used to bring any required plug to the specified depth and length. Any given cement volumes on the proposed plugging procedure are merely estimates and are not final. Unless specific approval is received, no plug except the surface plug shall be less than 25 sacks of cement. In lieu of a cement plug in a cased hole, a bridge plug set within 50 feet to 100 feet above the perforations shall be capped with 25 sacks of cement. If a bailer is used to cap this plug, 35 feet of cement shall be sufficient.

Unless otherwise specified in the approved procedure, the cement plug shall consist of either Neat Class "C", for up to 7,500 feet of depth or Neat Class "H", for deeper than 7,500 feet plugs.

- 6. <u>Dry Hole Marker</u>: All casing shall be cut-off at the base of the cellar or 3 feet below final restored ground level (whichever is deeper). The well bore shall then be capped with a 4-inch pipe, 10-feet in length, 4 feet above ground and embedded in cement. The following information shall be permanently inscribed on the dry hole marker: well name and number, name of the operator, lease serial number, surveyed location (quarter-quarter section, section, township and range or other authorized survey designation acceptable to the authorized officer such as metes and bounds).
- 7. <u>Subsequent Plugging Reporting:</u> Within 30 days after plugging work is completed, file one original and five copies of the Subsequent Report of Abandonment, Form 3160-5 to BLM. The report should give in detail the manner in which the plugging work was carried out, the extent (by depths) of cement plugs placed, and the size and location (by depths) of casing left in the well. **Show date well was plugged.**
- 8. <u>Trash:</u> All trash, junk and other waste material shall be contained in trash cages or bins to prevent scattering and will be removed and deposited in an approved sanitary landfill. Burial on site is not permitted.

Following the submission and approval of the Subsequent Report of Abandonment, surface restoration conditions of approval will be developed and furnished to you.



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### Reclamation (Interim/Final) Procedures

Reclamation Objective: Oil and gas development is one of many uses of the public lands and resources. While development may have a short- or long-term effect on the land, successful reclamation can ensure the effect is not permanent. During the life of the development, all disturbed areas not needed for active support of production operations should undergo "interim" reclamation in order to minimize the environmental impacts of development on other resources and uses. At final abandonment, well locations, production facilities, and access roads must undergo "final" reclamation so that the character and productivity of the land and water are restored.

The long-term objective of final reclamation is to set the course for eventual ecosystem restoration, including the restoration of the natural vegetation community, hydrology, and wildlife habitats. In most cases this means returning the land to a condition approximating or equal to that which existed prior to the disturbance. The final goal of reclamation is to restore the character of the land and water to its predisturbance condition. The operator is generally not responsible for achieving full ecological restoration of the site. Instead, the operator must achieve the short-term stability, visual, hydrological, and productivity objectives of the surface management agency and take steps necessary to ensure that long-term objectives will be reached through natural processes.

To achieve these objectives, remove any and all contaminants, scrap/trash, equipment, pipelines and powerlines. Strip and remove caliche, contour the location to blend with the surrounding landscape, redistribute the native soils, provide erosion control as needed, rip and seed as specified in the original APD COA. This will apply to well pads, facilities, and access roads. Barricade access road at the starting point. If reserve pits have not reclaimed due to salts or other contaminants, submit a plan for approval, as to how you propose to provide adequate restoration of the pit area.

- The Application for Permit to Drill or Reenter (APD, Form 3160-3), Surface Use Plan of
  Operations must include adequate measures for stabilization and reclamation of disturbed lands.
  Oil and Gas operators must plan for reclamation, both interim and final, up front in the APD
  process as per Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 1.
- 2. For wells and/or access roads not having an approved plan, or an inadequate plan for surface reclamation (either interim or final reclamation), the operator must submit a proposal describing the procedures for reclamation. For interim reclamation, the appropriate time for submittal would be when filing the Well Completion or Recompletion Report and Log (Form 3160-4). For final reclamation, the appropriate time for submittal would be when filing the Notice of Intent, or the Subsequent Report of Abandonment, Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells (Form 3160-5). Interim reclamation is to be completed within 6 months of well completion, and final reclamation is to be completed within 6 months of well abandonment.
- 3. The operator must file a Subsequent Report Plug and Abandonment (Form 3160-5) following the plugging of a well.
- 4. Previous instruction had you waiting for a BLM specialist to inspect the location and provide you with reclamation requirements. If you have an approved Surface Use Plan of Operation and/or an approved Sundry Notice, you are free to proceed with reclamation as per approved APD. If you have issues or concerns, contact a BLM specialist to assist you. It would be in your interest to have a BLM specialist look at the location and access road prior to the removal of reclamation

equipment to ensure that it meets BLM objectives. Upon conclusion submit a Form 3160-5, Subsequent Report of Reclamation. This will prompt a specialist to inspect the location to verify work was completed as per approved plans.

- 5. The approved Subsequent Report of Reclamation will be your notice that the native soils, contour and seedbed have been reestablished. If the BLM objectives have not been met the operator will be notified and corrective actions may be required.
- 6. It is the responsibility of the operator to monitor these locations and/or access roads until such time as the operator feels that the BLM objective has been met. If after two growing seasons the location and/or access roads are not showing the potential for successful revegetation, additional actions may be needed. When you feel the BLM objectives have been met submit a Final Abandonment Notice (FAN), Form 3160-5, stating that all reclamation requirements have been achieved and the location and/or access road is ready for a final abandonment inspection.
- 7. At this time the BLM specialist will inspect the location and/or access road. If the native soils and contour have been restored, and the revegetation is successful, the FAN will be approved, releasing the operator of any further liability of the location and/or access road. If the location and/or access road have not achieved the objective, you will be notified as to additional work needed or additional time being needed to achieve the objective.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact any of the following specialists:

Jim Amos

Supervisory Environmental Protection Specialist 575-234-5909, 575-361-2648 (Cell)

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