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Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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## NATURAL GAS MANAGEMENT PLAN

This Natural Gas Management Plan must be submitted with each Application for Permit to Drill (APD) for a new or recompleted well.

### Section 1 – Plan Description

Effective May 25, 2021

**I. Operator:** ADMIRAL PERMIAN OPERATING, LLC **OGRID:** 332762 **Date:** 12 / 21 / 24

**II. Type:** ☒ Original ☐ Amendment due to ☐ 19.15.27.9.D(6)(a) NMAC ☐ 19.15.27.9.D(6)(b) NMAC ☐ Other.

If Other, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Well(s):** Provide the following information for each new or recompleted well or set of wells proposed to be drilled or proposed to be recompleted from a single well pad or connected to a central delivery point.

Well Name	API	ULSTR	Footages	Anticipated Oil BBL/D	Anticipated Gas MCF/D	Anticipated Produced Water BBL/D
WAR PIGEON FED	30-015-	E-6-24S-27E	1534 FNL	200	2,000	625
COM 401H			200 FWL			

**IV. Central Delivery Point Name:** TARGA MIDSTREAM SERVICES (24650) [See 19.15.27.9(D)(1) NMAC]  
@ COG's BLACK RIVER STATE 4H M-5-24S-27E

**V. Anticipated Schedule:** Provide the following information for each new or recompleted well or set of wells proposed to be drilled or proposed to be recompleted from a single well pad or connected to a central delivery point.

Well Name	API	Spud Date	TD Reached Date	Completion Commencement Date	Initial Flow Back Date	First Production Date
WAR PIGEON FED	30-015-	9-1-25	11-1-25	12-1-25	1-1-26	2-1-26
COM 401H						

**VI. Separation Equipment:** ☒ Attach a complete description of how Operator will size separation equipment to optimize gas capture.

**VII. Operational Practices:** ☒ Attach a complete description of the actions Operator will take to comply with the requirements of Subsection A through F of 19.15.27.8 NMAC.

**VIII. Best Management Practices:** ☒ Attach a complete description of Operator's best management practices to minimize venting during active and planned maintenance.

**Section 2 – Enhanced Plan****EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2022**

Beginning April 1, 2022, an operator that is not in compliance with its statewide natural gas capture requirement for the applicable reporting area must complete this section.

☒ Operator certifies that it is not required to complete this section because Operator is in compliance with its statewide natural gas capture requirement for the applicable reporting area.

**IX. Anticipated Natural Gas Production:**

Well	API	Anticipated Average Natural Gas Rate MCF/D	Anticipated Volume of Natural Gas for the First Year MCF

**X. Natural Gas Gathering System (NGGS):**

Operator	System	ULSTR of Tie-in	Anticipated Gathering Start Date	Available Maximum Daily Capacity of System Segment Tie-in

**XI. Map.** ☐ Attach an accurate and legible map depicting the location of the well(s), the anticipated pipeline route(s) connecting the production operations to the existing or planned interconnect of the natural gas gathering system(s), and the maximum daily capacity of the segment or portion of the natural gas gathering system(s) to which the well(s) will be connected.

**XII. Line Capacity.** The natural gas gathering system ☐ will ☐ will not have capacity to gather 100% of the anticipated natural gas production volume from the well prior to the date of first production.

**XIII. Line Pressure.** Operator ☐ does ☐ does not anticipate that its existing well(s) connected to the same segment, or portion, of the natural gas gathering system(s) described above will continue to meet anticipated increases in line pressure caused by the new well(s).

☐ Attach Operator's plan to manage production in response to the increased line pressure.

**XIV. Confidentiality:** ☐ Operator asserts confidentiality pursuant to Section 71-2-8 NMSA 1978 for the information provided in Section 2 as provided in Paragraph (2) of Subsection D of 19.15.27.9 NMAC, and attaches a full description of the specific information for which confidentiality is asserted and the basis for such assertion.

### **Section 3 - Certifications**

**Effective May 25, 2021**

Operator certifies that, after reasonable inquiry and based on the available information at the time of submittal:

☒ Operator will be able to connect the well(s) to a natural gas gathering system in the general area with sufficient capacity to transport one hundred percent of the anticipated volume of natural gas produced from the well(s) commencing on the date of first production, taking into account the current and anticipated volumes of produced natural gas from other wells connected to the pipeline gathering system; or

☐ Operator will not be able to connect to a natural gas gathering system in the general area with sufficient capacity to transport one hundred percent of the anticipated volume of natural gas produced from the well(s) commencing on the date of first production, taking into account the current and anticipated volumes of produced natural gas from other wells connected to the pipeline gathering system.

***If Operator checks this box, Operator will select one of the following:***

**Well Shut-In.** ☐ Operator will shut-in and not produce the well until it submits the certification required by Paragraph (4) of Subsection D of 19.15.27.9 NMAC; or

**Venting and Flaring Plan.** ☐ Operator has attached a venting and flaring plan that evaluates and selects one or more of the potential alternative beneficial uses for the natural gas until a natural gas gathering system is available, including:

- (a) power generation on lease;
- (b) power generation for grid;
- (c) compression on lease;
- (d) liquids removal on lease;
- (e) reinjection for underground storage;
- (f) reinjection for temporary storage;
- (g) reinjection for enhanced oil recovery;
- (h) fuel cell production; and
- (i) other alternative beneficial uses approved by the division.

### **Section 4 - Notices**

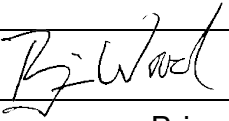
1. If, at any time after Operator submits this Natural Gas Management Plan and before the well is spud:

(a) Operator becomes aware that the natural gas gathering system it planned to connect the well(s) to has become unavailable or will not have capacity to transport one hundred percent of the production from the well(s), no later than 20 days after becoming aware of such information, Operator shall submit for OCD's approval a new or revised venting and flaring plan containing the information specified in Paragraph (5) of Subsection D of 19.15.27.9 NMAC; or

(b) Operator becomes aware that it has, cumulatively for the year, become out of compliance with its baseline natural gas capture rate or natural gas capture requirement, no later than 20 days after becoming aware of such information, Operator shall submit for OCD's approval a new or revised Natural Gas Management Plan for each well it plans to spud during the next 90 days containing the information specified in Paragraph (2) of Subsection D of 19.15.27.9 NMAC, and shall file an update for each Natural Gas Management Plan until Operator is back in compliance with its baseline natural gas capture rate or natural gas capture requirement.

2. OCD may deny or conditionally approve an APD if Operator does not make a certification, fails to submit an adequate venting and flaring plan which includes alternative beneficial uses for the anticipated volume of natural gas produced, or if OCD determines that Operator will not have adequate natural gas takeaway capacity at the time a well will be spud.

I certify that, after reasonable inquiry, the statements in and attached to this Natural Gas Management Plan are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and acknowledge that a false statement may be subject to civil and criminal penalties under the Oil and Gas Act.

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<b>OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION</b> (Only applicable when submitted as a standalone form)	
Approved By:	
Title:	
Approval Date:	
Conditions of Approval:	

## VI. SEPARATION EQUIPMENT

Admiral Permian Operating, LLC (Admiral) tentatively plans to install a heater-treater, gas scrubber, separator, flare, vapor recovery unit, vapor recovery pipes for all tanks, and oil and water tanks.

## VII. OPERATIONAL PRACTICES

### NMAC 19.15.27.8 (A) Venting & Flaring of Natural Gas

1. Admiral will comply NMAC 19.15.27.8 – venting and flaring of gas during drilling, completion, or production that constitutes waste as defined in 19.15.2 is banned.

### NMAC 19.15.27.8 (B) Venting & Flaring During Drilling

1. Admiral will capture or combust gas if technically feasible during drilling operations using best industry practices.
2. A flare stack with a 100% capacity for expected volume will be set on the pad  $\geq 100$  feet from the nearest well head and storage tank.
3. In an emergency, Admiral will vent gas in order to avoid substantial impact. Admiral will report vented or flared gas to the NMOCD.

### NMAC 19.15.27.8 (C) Venting & Flaring During Completion or Recompletion

1. Facilities will be built and ready from the first day of flowback
2. Test separator will be properly separate gas and liquids. Temporary test separator will be used initially to process volumes. In addition, separator will be tied into flowback tanks which will be tied into the gas processing equipment for sale down a pipeline.
3. Should the facility not be ready to process gas, or the gas does not meet quality standards, then storage tanks will be set that are tied into gas busters or a temporary flare to manage all gas. This flare would meet the following requirements:
  - a) An appropriately sized flare stack with an automatic igniter
  - b) Admiral analyzes gas samples twice a week



- c) Admiral flows the gas into a gathering line as soon as the pipeline specifications are met
- d) Admiral provides the NMOCD with pipeline specifications and natural gas data.

NMAC 19.15.27.8 (D) Venting & Flaring During Production

Admiral will not vent or flare natural gas except:

1. During an emergency or malfunction
2. To unload or clean-up liquid holdup in a well to atmospheric pressure, provided
  - a) Admiral does not vent after the well achieves a stabilized rate and pressure
  - b) Admiral will be on-site while unloading liquids by manual purging and take all reasonable actions to achieve a stabilized rate and pressure as soon as possible
  - c) Admiral will optimize the system to minimize gas venting if the well is equipped with a plunger lift or auto control system
  - d) Best management practices will be used during downhole well maintenance.
3. During the first year of production from an exploratory well provided
  - a) Admiral receives approval from the NMOCD
  - b) Admiral stays in compliance with NMOCD gas capture requirements
  - c) Admiral submits an updated C-129 form to the NMOCD
4. During the following activities unless prohibited
  - a) Gauging or sampling a storage tank or low-pressure production vessel
  - b) Loading out liquids from a storage tank
  - c) Repair and maintenance
  - d) Normal operation of a gas-activated pneumatic controller or pump
  - e) Normal operation of a storage tank but not including venting from a thief hatch
  - f) Normal operation of dehydration units
  - g) Normal operations of compressors, engines, turbines, valves, flanges, & connectors
  - h) During a Braden head, packer leak test, or production test lasting <24 hours
  - i) When natural gas does not meet the gathering line specifications
  - j) Commissioning of lines, equipment, or facilities only for as long as necessary to purge introduced impurities.

## NMAC 19.15.27.8 (E) Performance Standards

1. Admiral used a safety factor to design the separation and storage equipment. The equipment will be routed to a vapor recovery system and uses a flare as back up for startup, shutdown, maintenance, or malfunction of the VRU system.
2. Admiral will install a flare that will handle the full facility vapor volume in case the VRU fails. It will have an auto-ignition system.
3. Flare stacks will be appropriately sized and designed to ensure proper combustion efficiency
  - a) Flare stacks installed or replaced will be equipped with an automatic ignitor or continuous pilot.
  - b) Previously installed flare stacks will be retrofitted within 18 months of May 25, 2021, with an automatic ignitor, continuous pilot, or technology that alerts Admiral to flare malfunction.
  - c) Flare stacks replaced after May 25, 2021, will be equipped with an automatic ignitor or continuous pilot if at a well or facility with an average production of  $\leq 60$  Mcfd of natural gas.
  - d) Flare stacks will be located  $> 100$  feet from well head and storage tanks and securely anchored.
4. Admiral will conduct an audio/visual/olfactory inspection on all components for leaks and defects every week.
5. Admiral will make and keep records of AVO inspections available to the NMOCD for at least 5 years.
6. Admiral may use a remote or automated monitoring technology to detect leaks and releases in lieu of AVO inspections with prior NMOCD approval.
7. Facilities will be designed to minimize waste.
8. Admiral will resolve emergencies as promptly as possible.

## NMAC 19.15.27.8 (F) Measuring or Estimating Vented &amp; Flared Natural Gas

1. Admiral will have meters on both the low pressure and high-pressure sides of the flares. Volumes will be recorded in the SCADA system.
2. Admiral will install equipment to measure the volume of flared natural gas that has an average production of  $\geq 60$  Mcfd.
3. Admiral's measuring equipment will conform to industry standards.
4. Measurement system will be designed such that it cannot be bypassed except for inspections and servicing the meters.

5. Admiral will estimate the volume of vented or flared gas using a methodology that can be independently verified if metering is not practicable due to low flow rate or pressure.
6. Admiral will estimate the volume of vented and flared gas based on the results of an annual GOR test for wells that do not require measuring equipment reported on form C-116.
7. Admiral will install measuring equipment whenever the NMOCD determines that metering is necessary.

### **VIII. Best Management Practices**

Admiral will minimize venting during maintenance by:

1. Designing and operating system to route storage tank and process equipment emissions to the VRU. If the VRU is inoperable, then vapors will be routed to the flare.
2. Scheduling maintenance for multiple tasks to minimize the need for blowdowns.
3. After completion of maintenance, gas will be flared until it meets pipeline specifications.



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