

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR **OCD Artesia**
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

FORM APPROVED
OMB No 1004-0137
Expires, July 31, 2010

SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS
Do not use this form for proposals to drill or to re-enter and Abandoned well. Use Form 3160-3 (APD) for such proposals

SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE – Other instructions on page 2.

1. Type of Well <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oil Well <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Well <input type="checkbox"/> Other		5. Lease Serial No. NMLC-029435B
2. Name of Operator APACHE CORPORATION <873>		6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name
3. Address 303 VETERANS AIRPARK LN, #3000 MIDLAND, TX 79705	3b. Phone No. (include area Code) 432-818-1117 / 432-818-1198	7. If Unit of CA/Agreement, Name and/or No.
4. Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T., R., M., or Survey Description) 905' FNL & 900' FWL, UL: D, SEC 8, T17S, R31E		8. Well Name and No. NFE FEDERAL #12 <308724>
		9. API Well No. 30-015-39222
		10. Field and Pool or Exploratory Area CEDAR LAKE; GLORIETA-YESO <96831>
		11. County or Parish, State EDDY COUNTY, NM

12. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES) TO INDICATE NATURE OF NOTICE, REPORT OR OTHER DATA

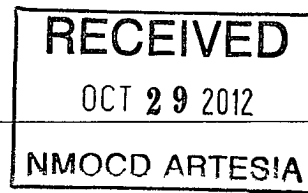
TYPE OF SUBMISSION	TYPE OF ACTION			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Intent	<input type="checkbox"/> Acidize	<input type="checkbox"/> Deepen	<input type="checkbox"/> Production (Start/Resume)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Shut-Off
<input type="checkbox"/> Subsequent Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Alter Casing	<input type="checkbox"/> Fracture Treat	<input type="checkbox"/> Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/> Well Integrity
<input type="checkbox"/> Final Abandonment Notice	<input type="checkbox"/> Casing Repair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Recomplete	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>FRAC POND</u>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Change Plans	<input type="checkbox"/> Plug and Abandon	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporarily Abandon	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Convert to Injection	<input type="checkbox"/> Plug Back	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Disposal	

13. Describe Proposed or Completed Operation. Clearly state all pertinent details, including estimated starting date of any proposed work and approximate duration thereof. If the proposal is to deepen directional or recompleat horizontally, give subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths of all pertinent markers and zones Attached the Bond under which the work will be performed or provide the Bond No. on file with BLM/BIA. Required subsequent reports must be filed within 30 days following completion of the involved operations. If the operation results in a multiple completion or recompleat in a new interval, a Form 3160-4 must be filed once testing has been completed. Final Abandonment Notices must be filed only after all requirements, including reclamation, have been completed and the operator has determined that the site is ready for final inspection.

Bond No: BLM-CO-1463 / NMB000736

8/29/12: Apache proposes to build a 300' x 300', approx 2.07 acre, frac pond situated in the NW ¼ of Sec 8, T17S, R31E in Eddy Co, NM. Halliburton will apply for ROW lines from the NFE Federal #12 and several proposed well site locations to frac pond.

Accepted for record
8/30/12
NMOCD



14. I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Name (Printed/Typed) SORINA L. FLORES		Title SUPV OF DRILLING SERVICES
Signature <i>Sorina L. Flores</i>		Date 8/29/12

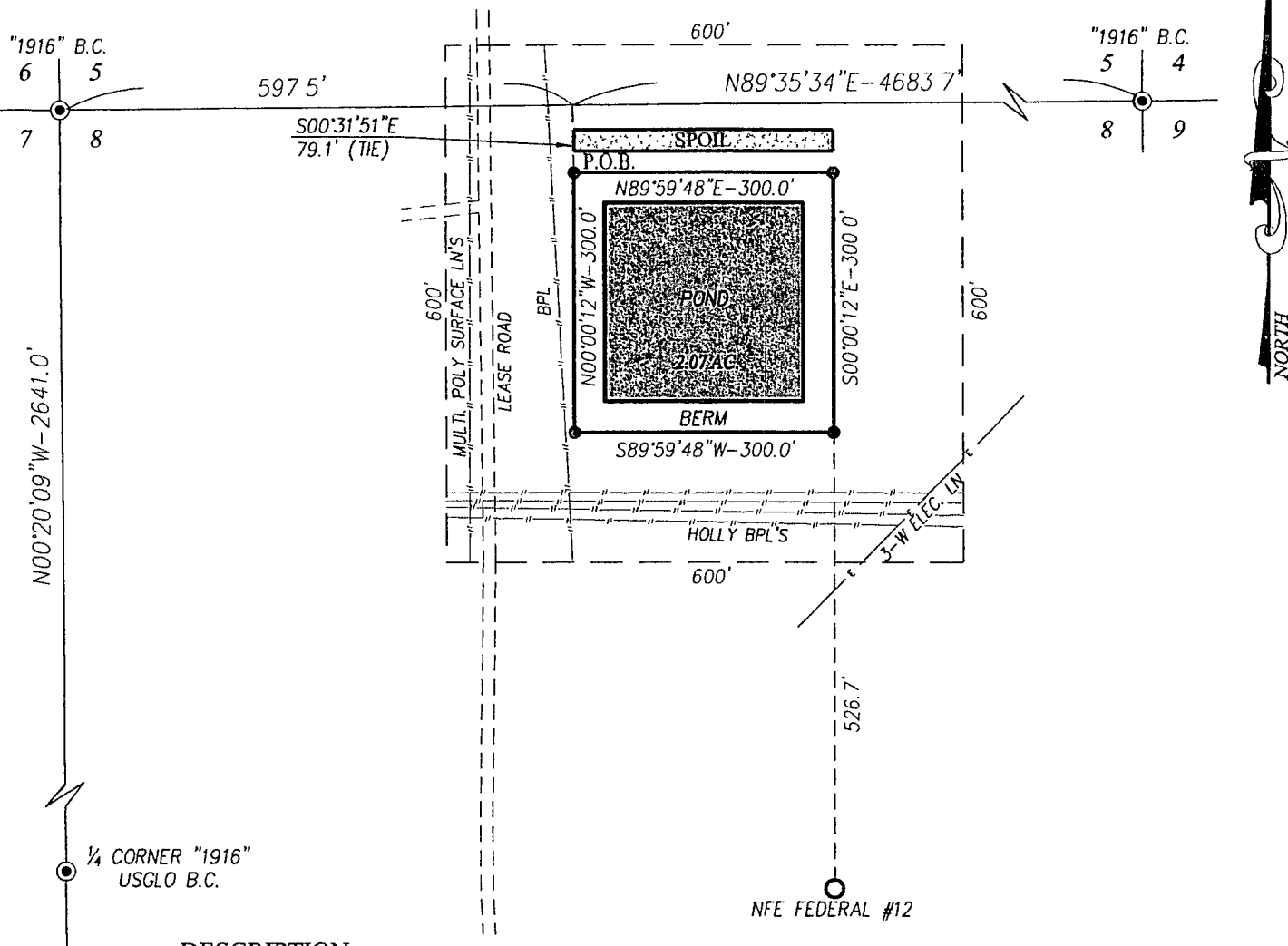
THIS SPACE FOR FEDERAL OR STATE OFFICE USE

Approved by /s/ Don Peterson	Title	Date OCT 25 2012
Conditions of approval, if any, are attached. Approval of this notice does not warrant or certify that the applicant holds legal or equitable title to those rights in the subject lease which would entitle the applicant to conduct operations thereon.	Office CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE	

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and Title 43 U.S.C. Section 1212, make it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

(Instructions on page 2)

SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, N.M.P.M.
EDDY COUNTY **NEW MEXICO**



DESCRIPTION:

A PROPOSED FRAC POND SITUATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, N.M.P.M., EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE PROPOSED FRAC POND WHICH LIES N89°35'34\"E 597.5 FEET AND S00°31'51\"E 79.1 FEET FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 8; THEN N89°59'48\"E 300.0 FEET; THEN S00°00'12\"E 300.0 FEET; THEN S89°59'48\"W 300.0 FEET; THEN N00°00'12\"W 300.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 2.07 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

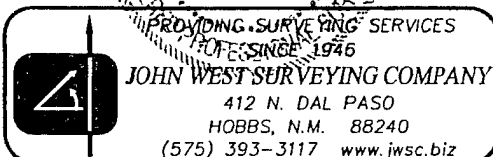
NOTE

BEARINGS SHOWN HEREON ARE MERCATOR GRID AND CONFORM TO THE NEW MEXICO COORDINATE SYSTEM "NEW MEXICO EAST ZONE" NORTH AMERICAN DATUM 1983. DISTANCES ARE SURFACE VALUES.

I, GARY G. EIDSON, NEW MEXICO PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR No. 12641, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS SURVEY PLAT AND THE ACTUAL SURVEY ON THE GROUND UPON WHICH IT IS BASED WERE PERFORMED BY ME OR UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION; THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS SURVEY; THAT THIS SURVEY MEETS THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR SURVEYING IN NEW MEXICO, AND THAT IT IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

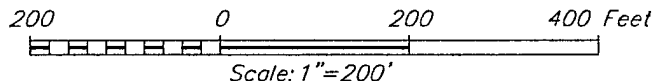
GARY G. EIDSON _____

DATE: _____



LEGEND

- DENOTES FOUND CORNER AS NOTED
- DENOTES SET SPIKE NAIL



APACHE CORPORATION

**SURVEY FOR NFE FEDERAL #12 FRAC POND
 SITUATED IN THE NW/4 OF SECTION 8,
 TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, N.M.P.M.
 EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Survey Date: 6/4/12	CAD Date: 6/21/12	Drawn By: AF
W.O. No.: 12111026	Rev:	Rel. W.O.:
Sheet 1 of 1		

BLM LEASE NUMBER: NMLC 029435B
COMPANY NAME: Apache Corporation
ASSOCIATED WELL NO. & NAME: NFE Federal No 12

FRAC POND CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

A copy of the Sundry Notice and attachments, including stipulations, survey plat and diagram, will be on location during construction. BLM personnel may request to see a copy of your permit during construction to ensure compliance with all conditions of approval.

Holder agrees to comply with the following conditions of approval to the satisfaction of the Authorized Officer:

1. The Holder shall indemnify the United States against any liability for damage to life or property arising from the occupancy or use of public lands under this permit.
2. The Holder shall comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations existing or hereafter enacted or promulgated.

3. Required Standard Conditions of Approval:

- Contact the Supervisory Environmental Protection Specialist, Jim Amos, at 575-234-5909 at least 24 hours prior to starting construction.
- The frac pond will only be authorized to contain freshwater and testing of water quality is required. Additives are not allowed without consent of the authorized officer.
- If at any time the water in the frac pond becomes polluted with salts or other contaminants, use of the frac pond will cease and desist, and all liquids will be removed from the frac pond and disposed of properly.
- Confine all construction and maintenance activity to the authorized area.
- Temporary pipelines flowing from the frac pond to the target well will be laid along existing roadways unless an exception has been granted by the authorized officer.
- Mineral materials extracted during construction of the frac pond will be stored on-location and/or used for constructing the frac pond.
- The frac pond will be lined.
- The operator shall stockpile topsoil approximately 25 feet outside the bermed perimeter of the pond in a low profile manner, reasonably protected from wind and water erosion

- Topsoil shall not be used for constructing the frac pond. The topsoil will be used for final reclamation purposes only.
- The frac pond shall be fenced on all sides.
- Install earthen erosion-control structures as are suitable for the specific terrain and soil conditions.
- The plastic lining will be removed prior to final abandonment
- Reclamation efforts will commence immediately after the frac pond is no longer needed for the purpose of completing wells.
- Within 3 months of completion of frac operations on associated wells, all earthwork and final reclamation must be completed. This includes reclaiming and/or removal of:

Any roads approved for use with the pond

Surface water lines

Tanks, pumps, fencing etc.

- Porto-johns and trash containers will be on-location during fracturing operations or any other crew-intensive operations.

Requirements for Operations and Final Reclamation:

4. If, during any phase of the construction, operation, maintenance, or termination of the frac pond, any pollutant should be released from the contaminated frac pond, the control and total removal, disposal, and cleaning up of such pollutant, wherever found, shall be the responsibility of holder, regardless of fault.

5. The holder shall minimize disturbance to existing fences and other improvements on public lands. The holder is required to promptly repair improvements to at least their former state. Functional use of these improvements will be maintained at all times. The holder will contact the owner of any improvements prior to disturbing them. When necessary to pass through a fence line, the fence shall be braced on both sides of the passageway prior to cutting of the fence. No permanent gates will be allowed unless approved by the Authorized Officer.

6. Any cultural and/or paleontological resources (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by the holder, or any person working on his behalf shall be immediately reported to the Authorized Officer. Holder shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the Authorized

Officer. An evaluation of the discovery will be made by the Authorized Officer to determine appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values. The holder will be responsible for the cost of evaluation and any decision as to proper mitigation measures will be made by the Authorized Officer after consulting with the holder.

7. The operator shall be held responsible if noxious weeds become established within the areas of operations. Weed control shall be required on the disturbed land where noxious weeds exist, which includes the roads, pads, associated pipeline corridor, and adjacent land affected by the establishment of weeds due to this action. The operator shall consult with the Authorized Officer for acceptable weed control methods, which include following EPA and BLM requirements and policies.

8. After all disturbed areas have been satisfactorily contoured and prepared for seeding the location needs to be revegetated with the seed mixture provided. Seeding may need to be repeated until revegetation is successful. Operators shall contact Jim Amos, Supervisor, Environmental Protection – (575)234-5909, **prior** to beginning surface reclamation operations.

9. Seeding is required: Use the following seed mix.

Seed Mixture for LPC Sand/Shinnery Sites

The holder shall seed all disturbed areas with the seed mixture listed below. The seed mixture shall be planted in the amounts specified in pounds of pure live seed (PLS)* per acre. There shall be no primary or secondary noxious weeds in the seed mixture. Seed will be tested and the viability testing of seed will be done in accordance with State law(s) and within nine (9) months prior to purchase. Commercial seed will be either certified or registered seed. The seed container will be tagged in accordance with State law(s) and available for inspection by the authorized officer.

Seed will be planted using a drill equipped with a depth regulator to ensure proper depth of planting where drilling is possible. The seed mixture will be evenly and uniformly planted over the disturbed area (smaller/heavier seeds have a tendency to drop the bottom of the drill and are planted first). The holder shall take appropriate measures to ensure this does not occur. Where drilling is not possible, seed will be broadcast and the area shall be raked or chained to cover the seed. When broadcasting the seed, the pounds per acre are to be doubled. The seeding will be repeated until a satisfactory stand is established as determined by the authorized officer. Evaluation of growth will not be made before completion of at least one full growing season after seeding.

Species to be planted in pounds of pure live seed* per acre:

<u>Species</u>	<u>lb/acre</u>
Plains Bristlegrass	5lbs/A
Sand Bluestem	5lbs/A
Little Bluestem	3lbs/A
Big Bluestem	6lbs/A
Plains Coreopsis	2lbs/A
Sand Dropseed	1lbs/A

*Pounds of pure live seed:

Pounds of seed x percent purity x percent germination = pounds pure live seed

10. The topsoil to be stripped is approximately 6 inches in depth.

11. Special Stipulations:

Area of disturbance for frac pond shall not exceed 320 x 320 feet.

12. Upon failure of holder to control, dispose of, or clean up such discharge, or to repair all damages resulting there-from, the Authorized Officer may take such measures as he deems necessary to control and clean up the discharge and restore the area, including where appropriate, the aquatic environment and fish and wildlife habitats, at the full expense of the holder. Such action by the Authorized Officer shall not relieve holder of any responsibility as provided herein.

13. Timing Limitation Stipulation / Condition of Approval for lesser prairie-chicken:

Oil and gas activities including 3-D geophysical exploration, and drilling will not be allowed in lesser prairie-chicken habitat during the period from March 1st through June 15th annually. During that period, other activities that produce noise or involve human activity, such as the maintenance of oil and gas facilities, pipeline, road, and well pad construction, will be allowed except between 3:00 am and 9:00 am. The 3:00 am to 9:00 am restriction will not apply to normal, around-the-clock operations, such as venting, flaring, or pumping, which do not require a human presence during this period. Additionally, no new drilling will be allowed within up to 200 meters of leks known at the time of permitting. Normal vehicle use on existing roads will not be restricted. Exhaust noise from pump jack engines must be muffled or otherwise controlled so as not to exceed 75 db measured at 30 feet from the source of the noise.

14. Temporary water lines shall follow access roads

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