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Form C-102 Revised August 1, 2011 Submit one copy to appropriate District Office

□ AMENDED REPORT

# WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

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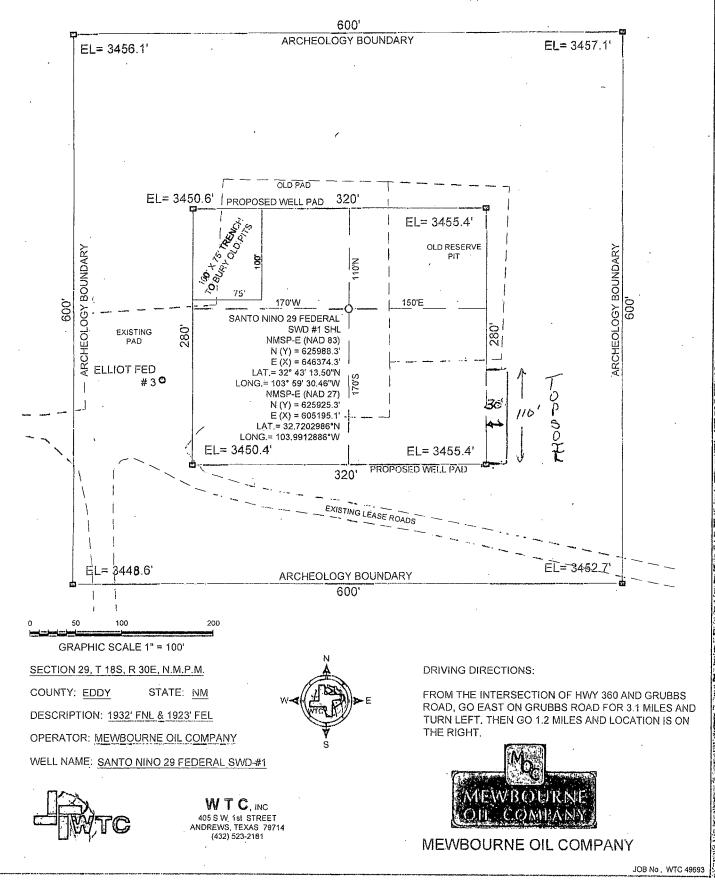
No allowable will be assigned to this completion until all interests have been consolidated or a non-standard unit has been approved by the division.

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Exhibit "3"



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# United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management Roswell Field Office 2909 West Second Street Roswell, New Mexico 88201-1287

# Statement Accepting Responsibility for Operations

Operator Name:Mewbourne Oil CompanyStreet or Box:P.O. Box 5270City, State:Hobbs, New MexicoZip Code:88241

The undersigned accepts all applicable terms, conditions, stipulations, and restrictions concerning operations conducted of the leased land or portion thereof, as described below.

Lease Number:

NMNM 27279 (SL & BHL)

Legal Description of Land:

Section 29, T-18S, R-30E Eddy County, New Mexico. Location @ 1932' FNL & 1923' FEL.

Formation (if applicable): SWD

Bond Coverage:

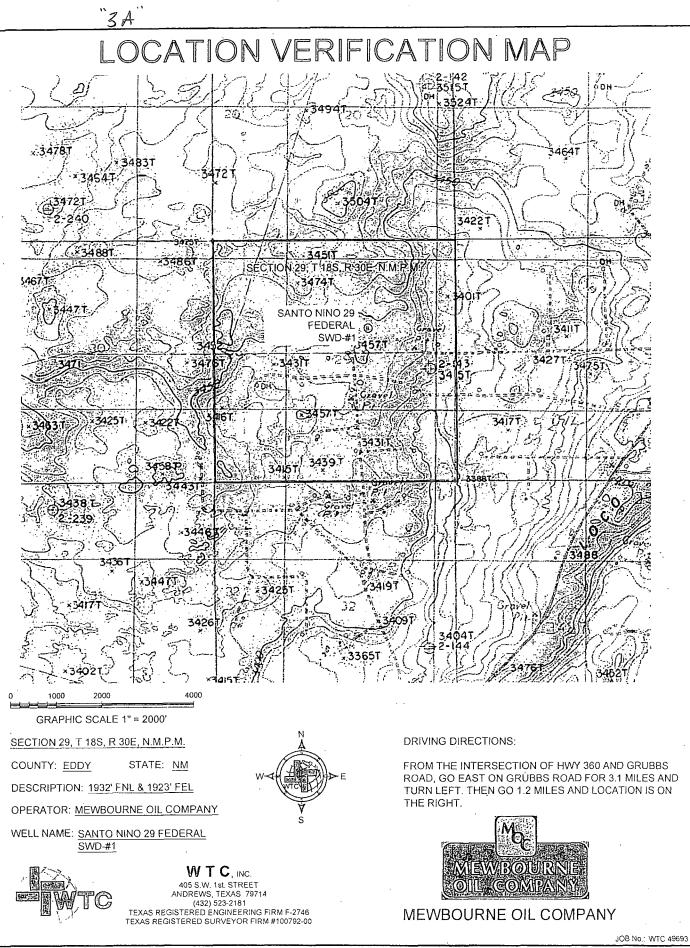
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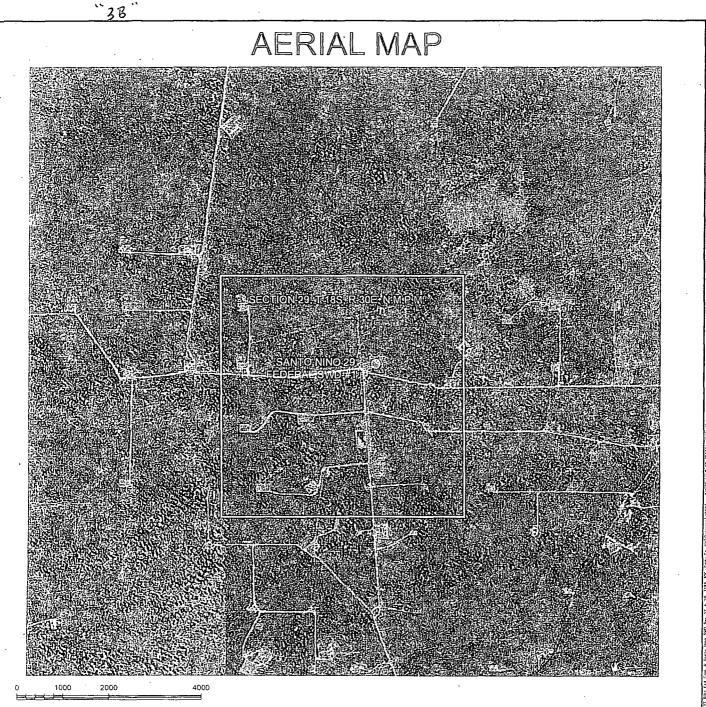
BLM Bond File:

NM1693 Nationwide, NMB 000919

Authorized Signature:  $\mathcal{K}\mathcal{P}$ Name: NM (Micky) Young

Title: District Manager Date: 2-28-14





GRAPHIC SCALE 1" = 2000'

SECTION 29, T 18S, R 30E, N.M.P.M.

COUNTY: EDDY STATE: NM

DESCRIPTION: 1932' FNL & 1923' FEL

OPERATOR: MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY

WELL NAME: SANTO NINO 29 FEDERAL SWD-#1



WTC, INC.

405 S.W. 1st. STREET ANDREWS, TEXAS 79714 (432) 523-2181 TEXAS REGISTERED ENGINEERING FIRM F-2746 TEXAS REGISTERED SURVEYOR FIRM #100792-00

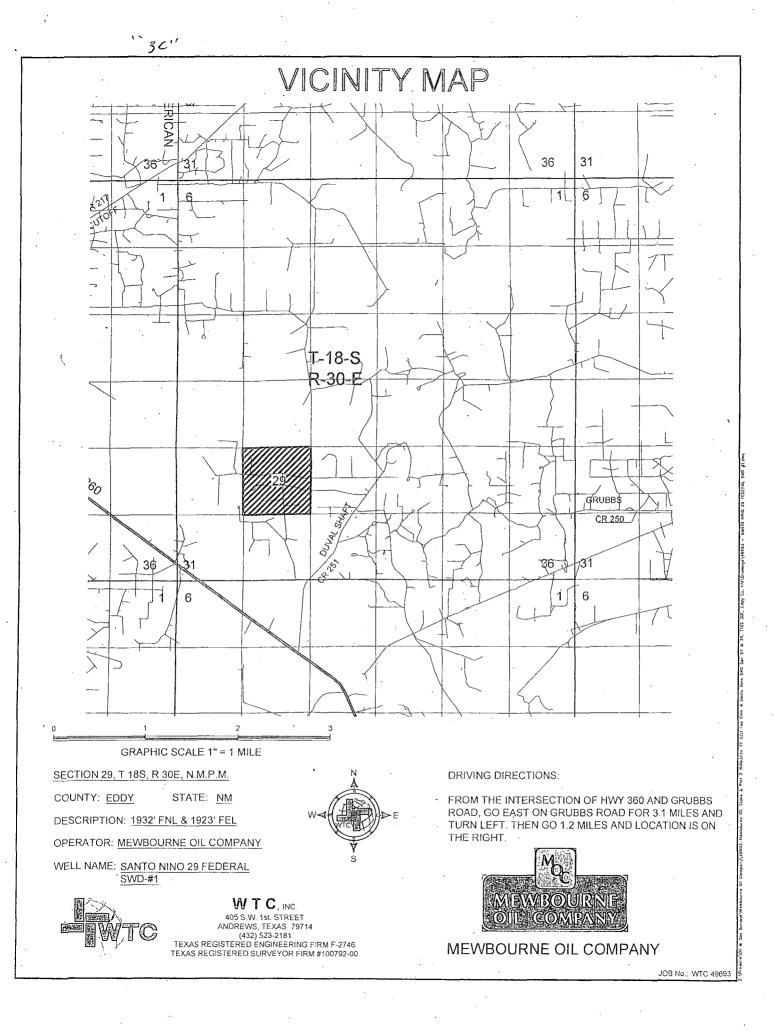
#### DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

FROM THE INTERSECTION OF HWY 360 AND GRUBBS ROAD, GO EAST ON GRUBBS ROAD FOR 3.1 MILES AND TURN LEFT. THEN GO 1.2 MILES AND LOCATION IS ON THE RIGHT.



MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY

JOB No.: WTC 49693



# Exhibit "3D"

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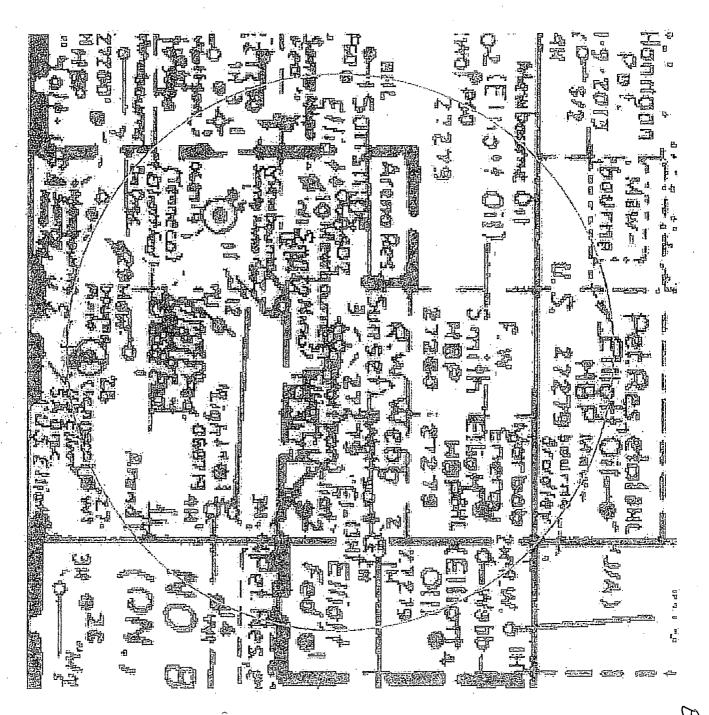


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# MULTI-POINT SURFACE USE AND OPERATIONS PLAN MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY Santo Nino 29 Federal SWD #1 1932' FNL & 1923' FEL (SHL) Sec 29-T18S-R30E Eddy County, New Mexico

This plan is submitted with Form 3160-3, Application for Permit to Drill, Covering the above described well. The purpose of this plan is to describe the location of the proposed well, the proposed construction activities and operations plan, the magnitude of the surface disturbance involved, and the procedures to be followed in restoring the surface so that a complete appraisal can be made of the environmental impact associated with the proposed operations.

#### 1. Existing Roads:

- A. Exhibit #3 is a road map showing the location of the proposed well. Existing roads are highlighted in black. Exhibits #3-#3A are maps showing the location of the proposed well and access road. Existing and proposed roads are highlighted in black.
- B. Directions to location from the intersection off HWY 360 & Grubbs Road, go east on Grubbs for 3.1 miles and turn left on lease road. Then go 1.2 miles and location is on the right.
- C. Existing roads will be maintained in a condition the same as or better than before operations begin.

#### 2. Proposed Access Road:

- A ··· No new road is needed.
- B. The maximum width of the driving surface will be 14 feet. The road will be crowned and ditched with a 2% slope from the tip of the crown to the edge of the driving surface. The ditches will be 1 foot deep with 3:1 slopes. The road will be surfaced with rolled and compacted caliche.
- C. Mewbourne Oil Co. will cooperate with other operators in the maintenance of lease roads.

# 3. Location of Existing Wells:

There are producing wells within the immediate vicinity of the well site. Exhibit #4 shows the proposed well and existing wells within a one mile radius.

## 4. Location of Existing and/or Proposed Facilities:

- A. Tank Battery will be located on the South side of location.
- B. Production vessels that will remain on this location will be painted to conform to BLM painting stipulations within 180 days of installation.
- C. A 4" & 6" surface poly line will be laid from this SWD existing MOC wells following existing lease roads with in 5'. This line will be under 120 lbs. A ROW for this line will be filed at a later date.

#### MULTI-POINT SURFACE USE AND OPERATIONS PLAN MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY Santo Nino 29 Federal SWD #1 Page 2

# 5. Location and Type of Water Supply

The well will be drilled with a combination of fresh water and brine water based mud systems. The water will be obtained from commercial suppliers in the area and/or hauled to the location by transport trucks over existing and proposed roads as indicated in Exhibit #3.

# 6. Source of Construction Materials

All material required for construction of the drill pad and access roads will be obtained from private, state, or federal pits. The construction contractor will be solely responsible for securing construction materials required for this operation and paying any royalties that may be required on those materials.

# 7. Methods of Handling Waste Disposal:

- A. Drill cuttings not retained for evaluation purposed will be hauled to a permitted off-site facility.
- B. Water produced during operations will be hauled to an off-site permitted SWD in the area.
- C. If any liquid hydrocarbons are produced during operations, those liquids will be stored in suitable tanks until sold.
- D. Sewage and gray water will be safely contained on-site, and then waste will be disposed at an approved off-site facility.
- E. All trash, junk, and other waste materials will be stored in proper containers to prevent dispersal and will be removed to an appropriate facility within one week of cessation of drilling and completion activities.
- F. MOC will utilize a closed loop system during drilling operations.

#### 8. Ancillary Facilities

There are no ancillary facilities within the immediate vicinity of the proposed well site.

## 9. Well Site Layout

- A A diagram of the drill pad is shown in Exhibit #5. Dimensions of the pad and location of major rig components are shown.
- B. The pad dimension of 280' x 320' has been staked and flagged.
- C. An archaeological survey has been conducted on the proposed well pad.

#### 10. Plans for Restoration of Surface

- A. Within 90 days of cessation of drilling and completion operations, all equipment not necessary for production operations will be removed. The location will be cleaned of all trash and junk to assure the well site is left as aesthetically pleasing as reasonably possible.
- B. Interim reclamation:
  - i. All areas not needed for production operations will be reclaimed.

## MULTI-POINT SURFACE USE AND OPERATIONS PLAN -MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY Santo Nino 29 Federal SWD #1 Page 3

- ii. Caliche will be removed, the land will be re-contoured, and the top soil from stockpile will be spread over these areas.
- iii. The disturbed area will be restored by re-seeding during the proper growing season.
- iv. Any additional caliche required for production facilities will be obtained from the area shown in exhibit #6 as interim reclamation.

#### C. Final Reclamation:

- i. Upon cessation of the proposed operations, if the well is abandoned, all equipment and trash will be removed and taken to a proper facility.
- ii. The location and road surfacing material will be removed and used to patch area lease roads. The entire location will be restored to the original contour as much as reasonable possible. The top soil used for interim reclamation will be spread over the entire location. All restoration work will be completed within 180 days of cessation of activities.

#### 11. Surface Ownership:

Surface ownership is owned by BLM.

#### 12. Other Information:

A. The primary use of the surface at the location is for grazing of livestock.

# 13. Operator=s Representative:

A. Through APD approval, drilling, completion and production operations:

Robin Terrell, District Manager Mewbourne Oil Company PO Box 5270 Hobbs, NM 88241 575-393-5905 Santo Nino 29 Fed SWD #1

Procedure for building location upon old reserve pit "legacy pit"

1. Within the designated area of the location (shown on well site diagram), MOC will cut a trench 15' deep across the location. The area of the trench will be 100' x 75'.

2. The trench will be lined with 20 mil plastic liner on bottom & sides with enough extra to cover the top. The excavated contents of the trench will be stored onsite for later use.

3. Begin leveling legacy pit putting removed dirt into trench on top of liner.

4. Remove dirt from legacy pit 2' below level elevation of location, contents removed will go into the lined trench. (Legacy pit contents will be placed in the trench up to 4 feet below the well pad surface.)

5. Place the extra liner over top the legacy pit contents in the trench ensuring all the contents are covered by the plastic liner. The top of the liner will be no less than 4 feet below the top of the well pad surface. Backfill with part of the dirt from the excavated trench contents then caliche on top.

6. Line legacy pit area with 20 mil plastic liner ensuring that the edges of the liner are angled downward to allow water to travel off the plastic liner.

7. Backfill legacy pit area with part of the dirt from the excavated trench contents and then caliche will be used to cover the remaining void.

8. Caliche will be used to surface the well pad over the legacy pit to level the pad.

9. During interim reclamation and for final reclamation, the top 6" of caliche will be removed from legacy pit area and topsoil will be placed on top of the legacy pit area to be reseeded.

# Mewbourne Oil Company PO Box 5270 Hobbs, NM 88241 (575) 393-5905

I hereby certify that I, or someone under my direct supervision, have inspected the drill site and access route proposed herein; that I am familiar with the conditions which currently exist; that I have full knowledge of State and Federal laws applicable to this operation; that the statements made in this APD package are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed in conformity with this APD package and the terms and conditions under which it is approved. I also certify that I, or the company I represent, am responsible for the operations conducted under this application. These statements are subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001 for the filing of false statements.

Executed this 28 day of <u>Feb</u>, 2014.

Name: <u>NM Young</u>

Signature: BRS FOR NM Yong

Position Title: Hobbs District Manager

Address: PO Box 5270, Hobbs NM 88241

Telephone: <u>575-393-5905</u>

E-mail: myoung@mewbourne.com

# PECOS DISTRICT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

OPERATOR'S NAME:	Mewbourne Oil Company
LEASE NO.:	
WELL NAME & NO.:	Santo Nino 29 Federal SWD 1
SURFACE HOLE FOOTAGE:	1932' FNL & 1923' FEL
BOTTOM HOLE FOOTAGE	1932' FNL & 1923' FEL
LOCATION:	Section 29, T.18S., R30E., NMPM
COUNTY:	, , ,

 
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 Standard Conditions of Approval (COA) apply to this APD. If any deviations to these
 standards exist or special COAs are required, the section with the deviation or •• requirement will be checked below.

General Provisions
Permit Expiration
Archaeology, Paleontology, and Historical Sites
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🔀 Special Requirements
Reserve Pit Reclamation (Prior to Pad Construction)
Interim Reclamation of Old Pad Area
Lesser Prairie-Chicken Timing Stipulations
Ground-level Abandoned Well Marker
Construction
Notification
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Closed Loop System
Federal Mineral Material Pits
Well Pads
Roads
Road Section Diagram
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Waste-Material-and-Fluids
Production (Post Drilling)
Well Structures & Facilities
Interim Reclamation
🔀 Final Abandonment & Reclamation

# I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

The approval of the Application For Permit To Drill (APD) is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations: 43 Code of Federal Regulations 3160, the lease terms, Onshore Oil and Gas Orders, Notices To Lessees, New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) Rules, National Historical Preservation Act As Amended, and instructions and orders of the Authorized Officer. Any request for a variance shall be submitted to the Authorized Officer on Form 3160-5, Sundry Notices and Report on Wells.

# II. PERMIT EXPIRATION

If the permit terminates prior to drilling and drilling cannot be commenced within 60 days after expiration, an operator is required to submit Form 3160-5, Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells, requesting surface reclamation requirements for any surface disturbance. However, if the operator will be able to initiate drilling within 60 days after the expiration of the permit, the operator must have set the conductor pipe in order to allow for an extension of 60 days beyond the expiration date of the APD. (Filing of a Sundry Notice is required for this 60 day extension.)

# III. ARCHAEOLOGICAL, PALEONTOLOGY & HISTORICAL SITES

Any cultural and/or paleontological resource discovered by the operator or by any person working on the operator's behalf shall immediately report such findings to the Authorized Officer. The operator is fully accountable for the actions of their contractors and subcontractors. The operator 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 shall be made by the Authorized Officer to determine the appropriate actions that shall be required to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values of the discovery. The operator shall be held responsible for the cost of the proper mitigation measures that the Authorized Officer assesses after consultation with the operator on the evaluation and decisions of the discovery. Any unauthorized collection or disturbance of cultural or paleontological resources may result in a shutdown order by the Authorized Officer.

# IV. NOXIOUS WEEDS

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.

# V. SPECIAL REQUIREMENT(S)

# **Reserve Pit Reclamation (Prior to Pad Construction)**

The operator must properly stabilze the old reserve pit contents prior to well pad construction. The procedure that the operator will use is in the APD. The entire old reserve pit area to be reclaimed is identified in the survey plat of the APD. Once the old reserve pit contents have been properly stabilized with the procedure in the APD, the well pad can be constructed.

# **Interim Reclamation of Old Pad Area**

During interim reclamation, the operater must reclaim the remaining old pad that is located outside of the north edge of the proposed well pad. This area outside the proposed north edge of the pad is about 35-45 feet in width.

# 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.

**Ground-level Abandoned Well Marker to avoid raptor perching**: Upon the plugging and subsequent abandonment of the well, the well marker will be installed at ground level on a plate containing the pertinent information for the plugged well. For more installation details, contact the Carlsbad Field Office at 575-234-5972.

# VI. CONSTRUCTION

# A. NOTIFICATION

The BLM shall administer compliance and monitor construction of the access road and well pad. Notify the Carlsbad Field Office at (575) 234-5909 at least 3 working days prior to commencing construction of the access road and/or well pad.

When construction operations are being conducted on this well, the operator shall have the approved APD and Conditions of Approval (COA) on the well site and they shall be made available upon request by the Authorized Officer.

# B. TOPSOIL

The operator shall strip the top portion of the soil (root zone) from the entire well pad area and stockpile the topsoil along the edge of the well pad as depicted in the APD. The root zone is typically six (6) inches in depth. All the stockpiled topsoil will be redistributed over the interim reclamation areas. Topsoil shall not be used for berming the pad or facilities. For final reclamation, the topsoil shall be spread over the entire pad area for seeding preparation.

Other subsoil (below six inches) stockpiles must be completely segregated from the topsoil stockpile. Large rocks or subsoil clods (not evident in the surrounding terrain) must be buried within the approved area for interim and final reclamation.

# C. CLOSED LOOP SYSTEM

Tanks are required for drilling operations: No Pits.

The operator shall properly dispose of drilling contents at an authorized disposal site.

# D. FEDERAL MINERAL MATERIALS PIT

Payment shall be made to the BLM prior to removal of any federal mineral materials. Call the Carlsbad Field Office at (575) 234-5972.

# E. WELL PAD SURFACING

Surfacing of the well pad is not required.

If the operator elects to surface the well pad, the surfacing material may be required to be removed at the time of reclamation. The well pad shall be constructed in a manner which creates the smallest possible surface disturbance, consistent with safety and operational needs.

# F. EXCLOSURE FENCING (CELLARS & PITS)

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#### **Exclosure Fencing**

The operator will install and maintain exclosure fencing for all open well cellars to prevent access to public, livestock, and large forms of wildlife before and after drilling operations until the pit is free of fluids and the operator initiates backfilling. (For examples of exclosure fencing design, refer to BLM's Oil and Gas Gold Book, Exclosure Fence Illustrations, Figure 1, Page 18.)

# G. ON LEASE ACCESS ROADS

# **Road Width**

The access road shall have a driving surface that creates the smallest possible surface disturbance and does not exceed fourteen (14) feet in width. The maximum width of surface disturbance, when constructing the access road, shall not exceed twenty-five (25) feet.

#### Surfacing

Surfacing material is not required on the new access road driving surface. If the operator elects to surface the new access road or pad, the surfacing material may be required to be removed at the time of reclamation.

Where possible, no improvements should be made on the unsurfaced access road other than to remove vegetation as necessary, road irregularities, safety issues, or to fill low areas that may sustain standing water.

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to require surfacing of any portion of the access road at any time deemed necessary. Surfacing may be required in the event the road deteriorates, erodes, road traffic increases, or it is determined to be beneficial for future field development. The surfacing depth and type of material will be determined at the time of notification.

### Crowning

Crowning shall be done on the access road driving surface. The road crown shall have a grade of approximately 2% (i.e., a 1" crown on a 14' wide road). The road shall conform to Figure 1; cross section and plans for typical road construction.

# Ditching

Ditching shall be required on both sides of the road.

#### Turnouts

Vehicle turnouts shall be constructed on the road. Turnouts shall be intervisible with interval spacing distance less than 1000 feet. Turnouts shall conform to Figure 1; cross section and plans for typical road construction.

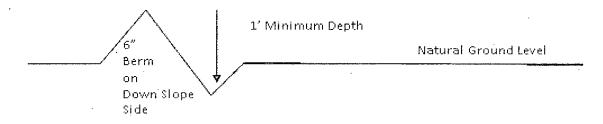
# Drainage

Drainage control systems shall be constructed on the entire length of road (e.g. ditches, sidehill outsloping and insloping, lead-off ditches, culvert installation, and low water crossings).

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A typical lead-off ditch has a minimum depth of 1 foot below and a berm of 6 inches above natural ground level. The berm shall be on the down-slope side of the lead-off ditch.

# **Cross Section of a Typical Lead-off Ditch**



All lead-off ditches shall be graded to drain water with a 1 percent minimum to 3 percent maximum ditch slope. The spacing interval are variable for lead-off ditches and shall be determined according to the formula for spacing intervals of lead-off ditches, but may be amended depending upon existing soil types and centerline road slope (in %);

## Formula for Spacing Interval of Lead-off Ditches

Example - On a 4% road slope that is 400 feet long, the water flow shall drain water into a lead-off ditch. Spacing interval shall be determined by the following formula:

400 foot road with 4% road slope:  $\frac{400^{\circ}}{4\%}$  + 100' = 200' lead-off ditch interval

# Cattleguards

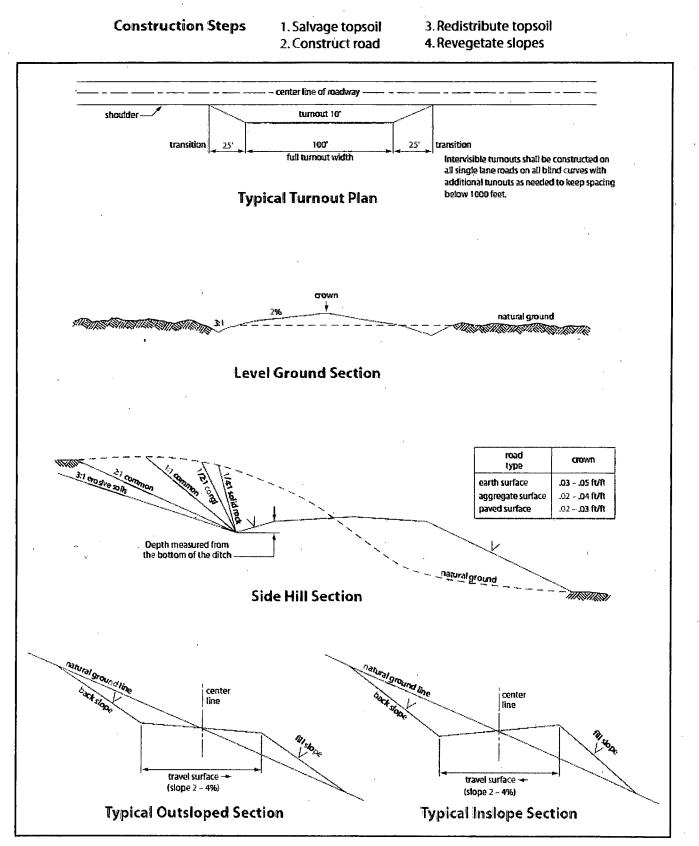
An appropriately sized cattleguard sufficient to carry out the project shall be installed and maintained at fence/road crossings. Any existing cattleguards on the access road route shall be repaired or replaced if they are damaged or have deteriorated beyond practical use. The operator shall be responsible for the condition of the existing cattleguards that are in place and are utilized during lease operations.

#### **Fence Requirement**

Where entry is granted across a fence line, the fence shall be braced and tied off on both sides of the passageway prior to cutting. The operator shall notify the private surface landowner or the grazing allotment holder prior to crossing any fences.

# **Public Access**

Public access on this road shall not be restricted by the operator without specific written approval granted by the Authorized Officer.





# VII. PRODUCTION (POST DRILLING)

# A. WELL STRUCTURES & FACILITIES

#### **Placement of Production Facilities**

Production facilities should be placed on the well pad to allow for maximum interim recontouring and revegetation of the well location.

# **Exclosure Netting (Open-top Tanks)**

Immediately following active drilling or completion operations, the operator will take actions necessary to prevent wildlife and livestock access, including avian wildlife, to all open-topped tanks that contain or have the potential to contain salinity sufficient to cause harm to wildlife or livestock, hydrocarbons, or Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976-exempt hazardous substances. At a minimum, the operator will net, screen, or cover open-topped tanks to exclude wildlife and livestock and prevent mortality. If the operator uses netting, the operator will cover and secure the open portion of the tank to prevent wildlife entry. The operator will net, screen, or cover the tanks until the operator removes the tanks from the location or the tanks no longer contain substances that could be harmful to wildlife or livestock. Use a maximum netting mesh size of 1 ½ inches. The netting must not be in contact with fluids and must not have holes or gaps.

# **Chemical and Fuel Secondary Containment and Exclosure Screening**

The operator will prevent all hazardous, poisonous, flammable, and toxic substances from coming into contact with soil and water. At a minimum, the operator will install and maintain an impervious secondary containment system for any tank or barrel containing hazardous, poisonous, flammable, or toxic substances sufficient to contain the contents of the tank or barrel and any drips, leaks, and anticipated precipitation. The operator will dispose of fluids within the containment system that do not meet applicable state or U. S. Environmental Protection Agency livestock water standards in accordance with state law; the operator must not drain the fluids to the soil or ground. The operator will design, construct, and maintain all secondary containment systems to prevent wildlife and livestock exposure to harmful substances. At a minimum, the operator will install effective wildlife and livestock exclosure systems such as fencing, netting, expanded metal mesh, lids, and grate covers. Use a maximum netting mesh size of 1 ½ inches.

# **Open-Vent Exhaust Stack Exclosures**

The operator will construct, modify, equip, and maintain all open-vent exhaust stacks on production equipment to prevent birds and bats from entering, and to discourage perching, roosting, and nesting. (*Recommended exclosure structures on open-vent exhaust stacks are in the shape of a cone.*) Production equipment includes, but may not be limited to, tanks, heater-treaters, separators, dehydrators, flare stacks, in-line units, and compressor mufflers.

# **Containment Structures**

Proposed production facilities such as storage tanks and other vessels will have a secondary containment structure that is constructed to hold the capacity of 1.5 times the largest tank, plus freeboard to account for precipitation, unless more stringent protective requirements are deemed necessary.

# **Painting Requirement**

All above-ground structures including meter housing that are not subject to safety requirements shall be painted a flat non-reflective paint color, <u>Shale Green</u> from the BLM Standard Environmental Color Chart (CC-001: June 2008).

# VIII. INTERIM RECLAMATION

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.

Within six (6) months of well completion, operators should work with BLM surface management specialists (Jim Amos: 575-234-5909) to devise the best strategies to reduce the size of the location. Interim reclamation should allow for remedial well operations, as well as safe and efficient removal of oil and gas.

During reclamation, the removal of caliche is important to increasing the success of revegetating the site. Removed caliche that is free of contaminants may be used for road repairs, fire walls or for building other roads and locations. In order to operate the well or complete workover operations, it may be necessary to drive, park and operate on restored interim vegetation within the previously disturbed area. Disturbing revegetated areas for production or workover operations will be allowed. If there is significant disturbance and loss of vegetation, the area will need to be revegetated. Communicate with the appropriate BLM office for any exceptions/exemptions if needed.

All disturbed areas after they have been satisfactorily prepared need to be reseeded with the seed mixture provided below.

Upon completion of interim reclamation, the operator shall submit a Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells, Subsequent Report of Reclamation (Form 3160-5).

# X. FINAL ABANDONMENT & RECLAMATION

At final abandonment, well locations, production facilities, and access roads must undergo "final" reclamation so that the character and productivity of the land are restored.

Earthwork for final reclamation must be completed within six (6) months of well plugging. All pads, pits, facility locations and roads must be reclaimed to a satisfactory

revegetated, safe, and stable condition, unless an agreement is made with the landowner or BLM to keep the road and/or pad intact.

After all disturbed areas have been satisfactorily prepared, these areas need to be revegetated with the seed mixture provided below. Seeding should be accomplished by drilling on the contour whenever practical or by other approved methods. Seeding may need to be repeated until revegetation is successful, as determined by the BLM.

Operators shall contact a BLM surface protection specialist prior to surface abandonment operations for site specific objectives (Jim Amos: 575-234-5909).

Ground-level Abandoned Well Marker to avoid raptor perching: Upon the plugging and subsequent abandonment of the well, the well marker will be installed at ground level on a plate containing the pertinent information for the plugged well.

#### 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:

Species	<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	11bs/A

\*Pounds of pure live seed:

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

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