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Form 3160-3 (March 2012)

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

FORM APPROVED
OMB No. 1004-0137
Expires October 31, 2014

BHL

5. Lease Serial No.
NM-103602, NM-83068 SHL NMNM04825

6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL OR REENTER

1a. Type of work: DRILL REENTER

7. If Unit or CA Agreement, Name and No.

1b. Type of Well: Oil Well Gas Well Other Single Zone Multiple Zone

8. Lease Name and Well No. 316026
Sober BEZ Federal Com 3H

2. Name of Operator YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

9. API Well No.
30 015 43676

3a. Address 105 South Fourth Street
Artesia, New Mexico 88210

3b. Phone No. (include area code)
575-748-4120

10. Field and Pool or Exploratory
Undesignated, 2nd Bone Springs (27470)

4. Location of Well (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements.)*

At surface 1830' FNL & 760' FEL, SENE Sec. 28, T20S-R29E

At proposed prod. zone 1980' FNL & 2310' FWL, SENW Sec. 26, T20S-R29E

11. Sec., T. R. M. or Blk. and Survey or Area
Section 26 & 28, T20S-R29E

14. Distance in miles and direction from nearest town or post office*
32 miles

12. County or Parish
Eddy

13. State
NM

15. Distance from proposed* location to nearest property or lease line, ft. (Also to nearest drig. unit line, if any) 760' FEL

16. No. of acres in lease
1,680.00

17. Spacing Unit dedicated to this well
S2N2 of Sec. 27, S2NW4 of Sec. 28, T20S-R29E; 240 acres

18. Distance from proposed location* to nearest well, drilling, completed, applied for, on this lease, ft. 150'

19. Proposed Depth
TVD 8328'
MD 16338'

20. BLM/BIA Bond No. on file
Nationwide Bond #NM-B000434
NMB000920

21. Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB, RT, GL, etc.)
3275' GL

22. Approximate date work will start*
01/01/2015

23. Estimated duration
60 days

24. Attachments

The following, completed in accordance with the requirements of Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 1, must be attached to this form:

- 1. Well plat certified by a registered surveyor.
- 2. A Drilling Plan.
- 3. A Surface Use Plan (if the location is on National Forest System Lands, the SUPO must be filed with the appropriate Forest Service Office).
- 4. Bond to cover the operations unless covered by an existing bond on file (see Item 20 above).
- 5. Operator certification
- 6. Such other site specific information and/or plans as may be required by the BLM.

Chased loop 51 SKM

25. Signature

Name (Printed/Typed)
Travis Hahn

Date
9/30/14

Title
Land Regulatory Agent

Approved by (Signature) **Steve Caffey**

Name (Printed/Typed)

Date **MAR 2 2016**

Title **FIELD MANAGER**

Office **CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE**

Application approval 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.
Conditions of approval, if any, are attached.

APPROVAL FOR TWO YEARS

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.

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NM OIL CONSERVATION
ARTESIA DISTRICT

*(Instructions on page 2)

Capitan Controlled Water Basin

MAR 08 2016

RECEIVED
Approval Subject to General Requirements
& Special Stipulations Attached

**SEE ATTACHED FOR
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

CS 3/22/16

CERTIFICATION
YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION
Sober BEZ Federal Com. #3H

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; and an someone under employment of Yates Petroleum Corporation has full knowledge of state and federal laws applicable to the 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 30 day of September 2014

Signature 

Name Travis Hahn

Position Title Land Regulatory Agent

Address 105 South Fourth Street, Artesia, New Mexico 88210

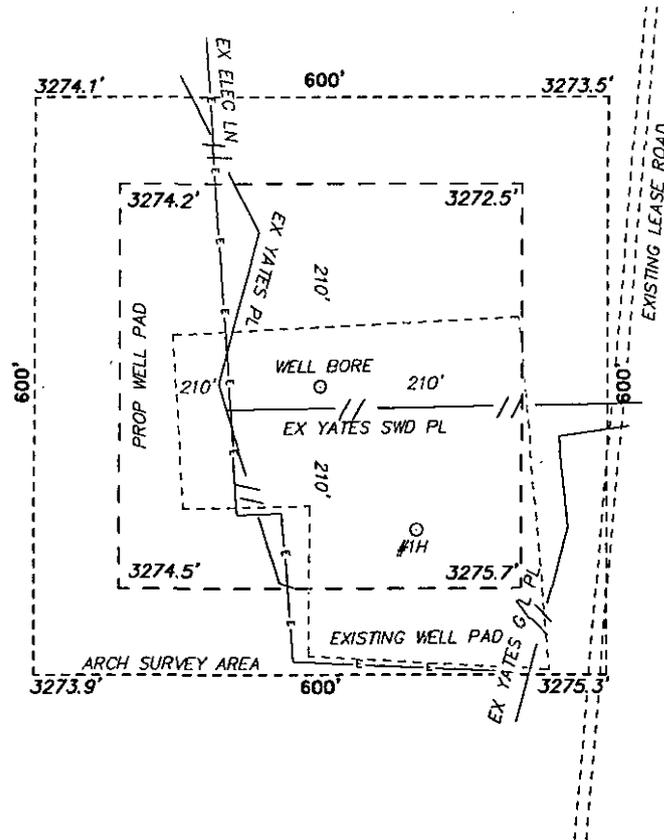
Telephone (575) 748-4120

Field Representative (if not above signatory) Tim Bussell, Drilling Supervisor

Address (if different from above) Same as above

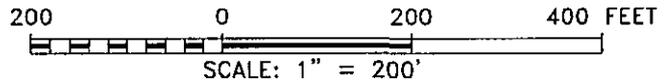
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SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST. N.M.P.M.,
 EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.



YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION
SOBER BEZ FEDERAL #3H
 ELEV. - 3275'
 Lat - N 32°32'47.97"
 Long - W 104°04'26.14"
 NMSPC- N 562702.5
 E 611269.7
 (NAD-83)

CARLSBAD, NM IS ±12 MILES TO THE SOUTHWEST OF LOCATION.



Directions to Location:

FROM 180 AND CR 238, STAY ON CR 238 5.4 MILES TURN LEFT ONTO LEASE ROAD 1.3 MILES, PROPOSED LOCATION ON RIGHT.



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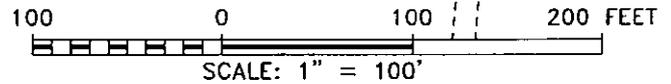
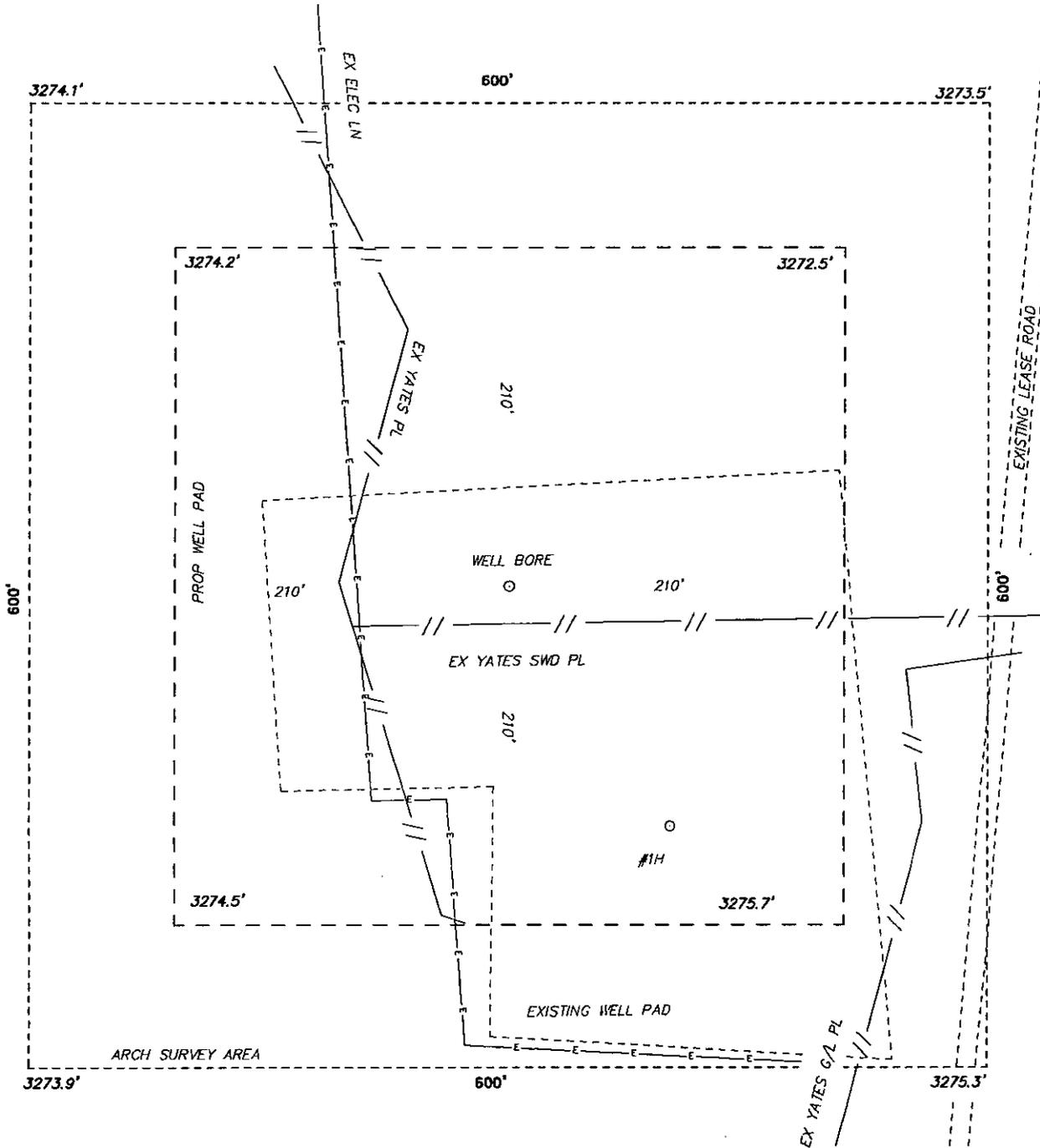


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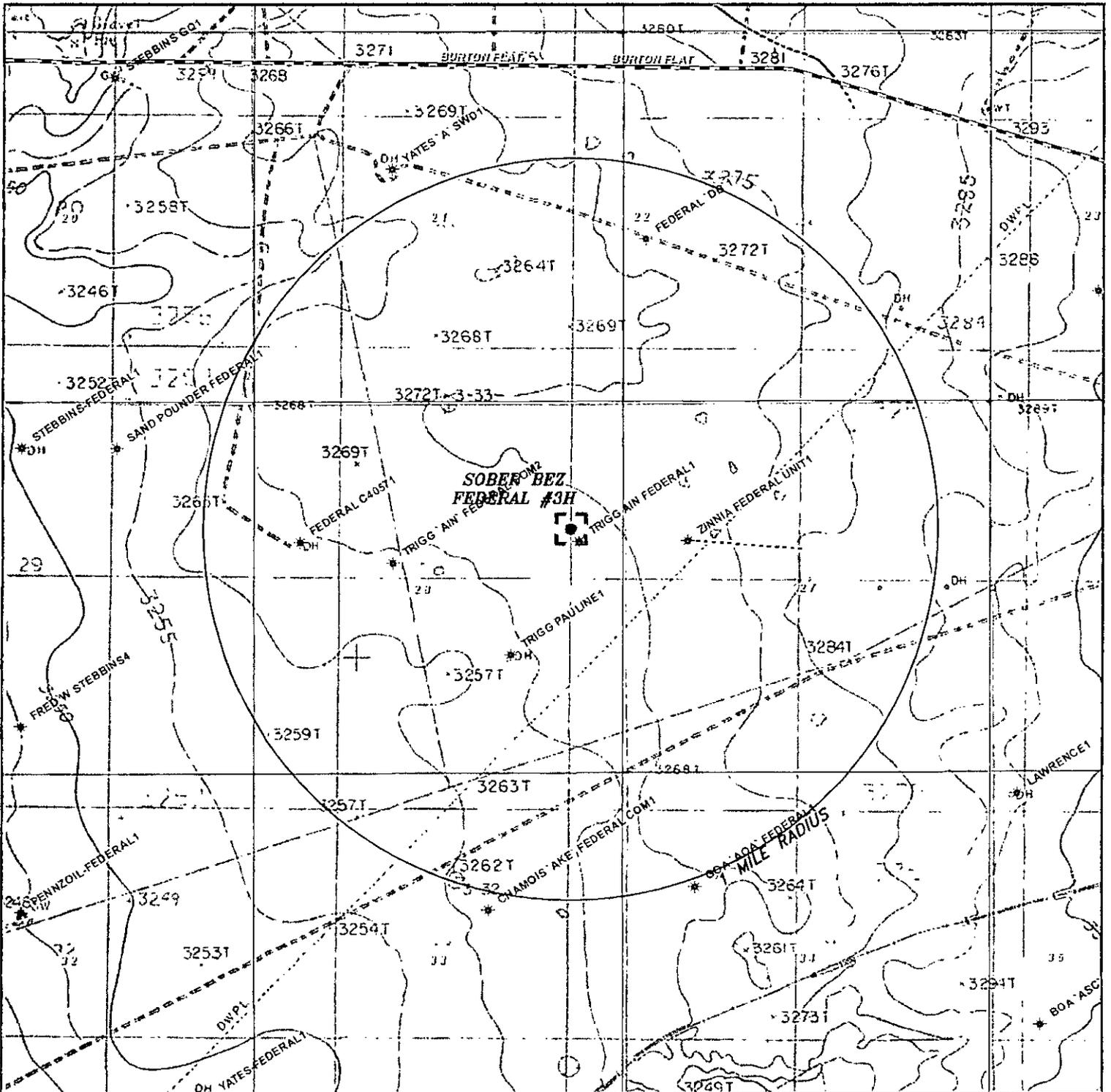


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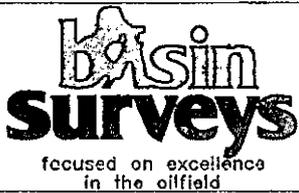
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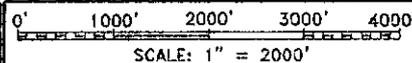
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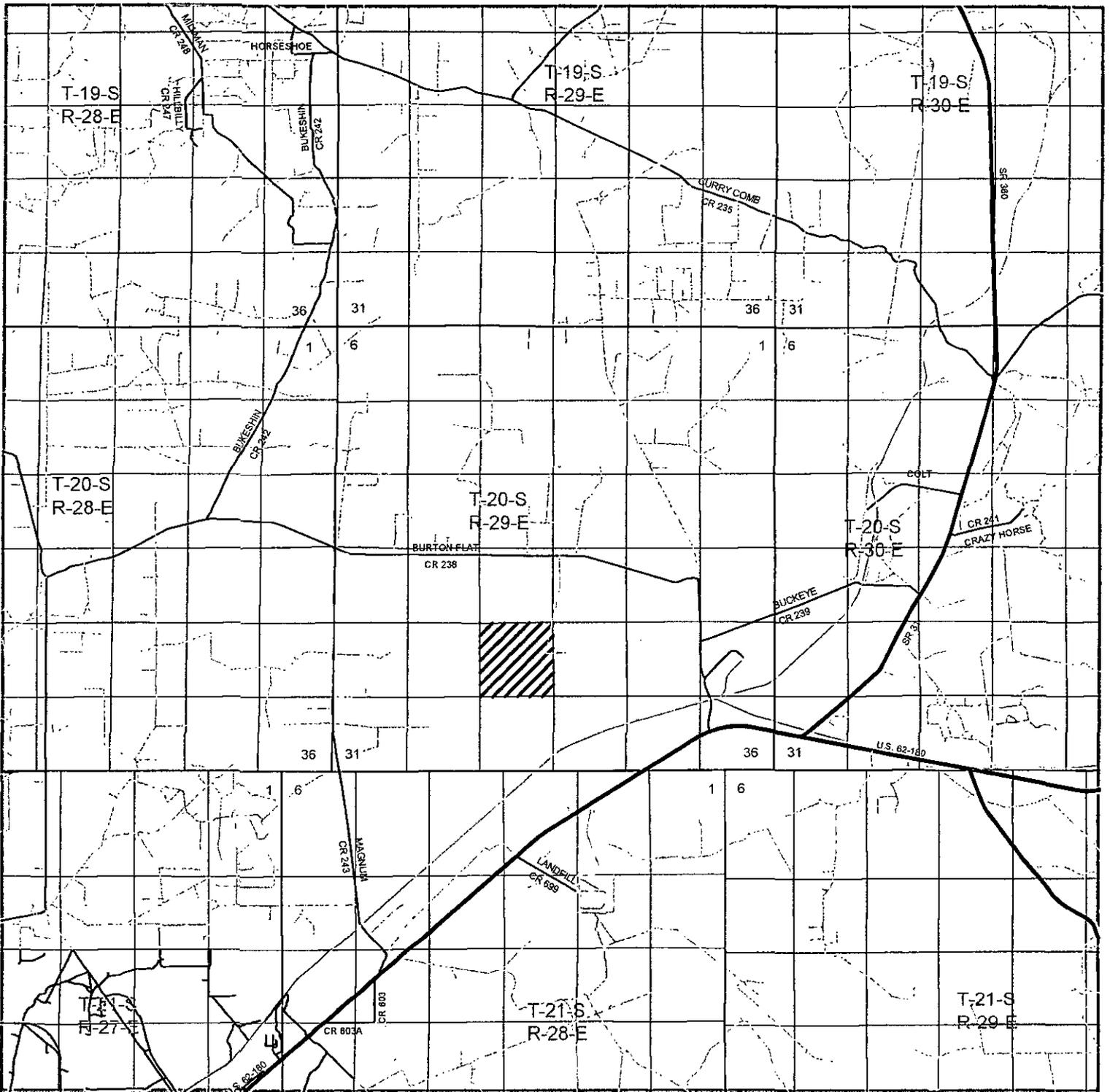
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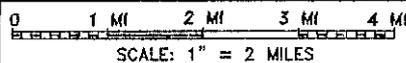


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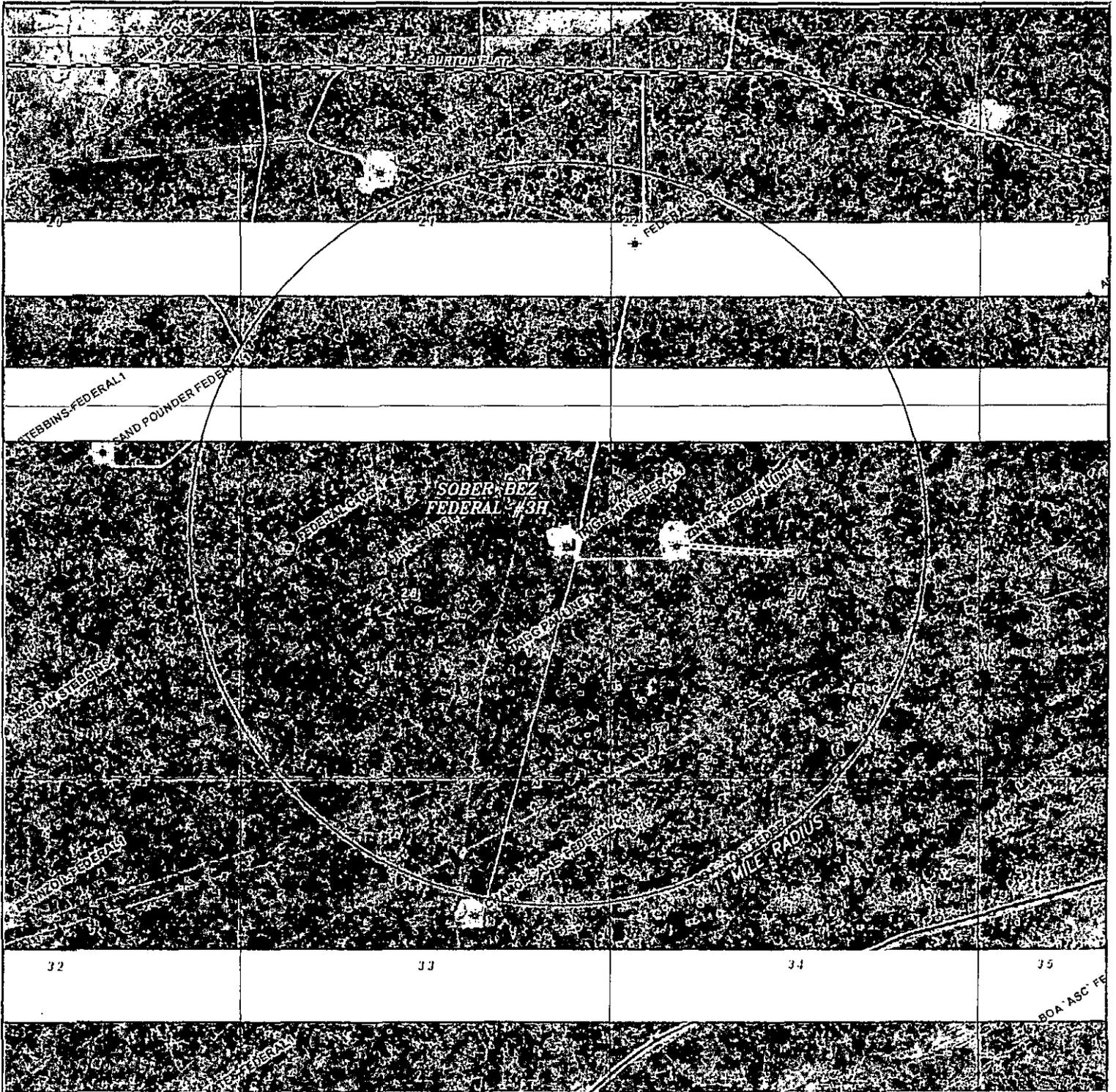


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GATES
 PETROLEUM
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YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

EXTRA COA

Sober BEZ Federal Com. #3H
 1830' FNL & 760' FEL, Section 28 - T20S-R29E, Surface Hole
 1980' FNL & 2310' FWL, Section 26 - T20S-R29E, Bottom Hole
 Eddy County, New Mexico

1. The estimated tops of geologic markers are as follows:

Rustler	553'	Bone Spring Lime	6073'
Top of Salt	673'	Avalon Sand	6203' Oil
Base of Salt	1293'	Middle Avalon	6358' Oil
Tansill	1303'	Lower Avalon	6663' Oil
Yates	1338' Oil	Bone Springs 1/SD	7143' Oil
Capitan Reef	1843' Water	Bone Springs 2/SD	7876' Oil
Delaware	3313'	Target SBSG	8450'
Cherry Canyon	3538'	TD	16338'
Brushy Canyon	4463' Oil		

2. The estimated depths at which anticipated water, oil or gas formations are expected to be encountered:

Water: Approx.: 0' - 580' 1750'-3400'
 Oil or Gas: See above--All Potential Zones

3. Pressure Control Equipment: The BOP/BOPE test shall include a low pressure test from 250 to 300 psi. The test will be held for a minimum of 10 minutes if test is done with a test plug and 30 minutes without a test plug. Yates Petroleum Corporation hereby request a varieance to allow us to place a 2000 PSI annular BOP system with a 17.5" opening and will be installed on the 20" casing. the test will be to 1000 PSI and held for 30 minutes. Then a 3000 PSI BOP with a 13.625" opening will be installed on the 13.375 casing and a 5000 PSI BOP will be installed on the 9.625" casing. Pressure tests to 3000 PSI and held for 30 minutes will be conducted before drilling out from under all casing strings, which are set and cemented in place. Test will be conducted by an Independent Tester, utilizing a test plug in the well head. Test will be held for 10" on each segment of the system tested. Any leaks will be repaired at the time of test. Annular preventer will be tested to 50% of rated working pressure. Accumulator system will be inspected for correct pre charge pressures, and proper functionality, prior to connection to the BOP system. Blowout Preventer controls will be installed prior to drilling the surface plug and will remain in use until the well is completed or abandoned. Preventers will be inspected and operated at least daily to ensure good mechanical working order, and this inspection recorded on the daily drilling report.

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COA*

4. Auxiliary Equipment:

A. Auxiliary Equipment: Kelly cock, pit level indicators, flow sensor equipment and a sub with full opening valve to fit the drill pipe and collars will be available on the rig floor in the open position at all times for use when kelly is not in use.

5. THE PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENTING PROGRAM: *SEE COA*

A. Casing Program: (All New) 13 3/8" will be J-55/H-40 Hybird

	<u>Hole Size</u>	<u>Casing Size</u>	<u>Wt./Ft</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Coupling</u>	<u>Interval</u>	<u>Length</u>
355	26"	20"	94#	H-40	ST&C	0'-580'	580'
	17 1/2"	13 3/8"	54.5#	J-55	ST&C	0'-80'	80'
	17 1/2"	13 3/8"	48#	J-55	ST&C	80'-1200'	1120'
	12 1/4"	9 5/8"	54.5#	J-55	LT&C	1200'-1650'	450'
	8 3/4"	5 1/2"	17#	P-110	Buttress Thread	3400'-8450'	5050'
	8 1/2"	5 1/2"	17#	P-110	Buttress Thread	8450'-16338'	7888'

Minimum Casing Design Factors: Burst 1.0, Tensile 1.8, Collapse 1.125

B. CEMENTING PROGRAM:

Surface casing: Lead with 715 sacks of Class Poz C 35:65:6 (Wt. 12.5, Yld. 2.0, H2O 11.0 gal/sack); tail in with 235 sacks of Class C + 2% CaCl2 (Wt. 14.8, Yld. 1.34, H2O 6.2 gal/sack) . Designed with 100% excess, TOC is surface.

¹⁶⁵⁰
Intermediate Casing (0'-~~1750~~): Lead with 1075 sacks of Class Poz C 35:65:6 (Wt. 12.5, Yld. 2.0, H2O 11.0 gal/sack); tail in with 205 sacks of Class C + 2% CaCl2 (Wt. 14.8, Yld. 1.34, H2O 6.2 gal/sack). Designed with 100% excess, TOC is surface.

Intermediate Casing (0'-3400'): Lead with 925 sacks of Class Poz C 35:65:6 (Wt. 12.5, Yld. 2.0, H2O 11.0 gal/sack); tail in with 210 sacks of Class C + 2% CaCl2 (Wt. 14.8, Yld. 1.34, H2O 6.2 gal/sack). Designed with 100% excess, TOC is surface.

See COA

Production Casing (1600'-16338'): Lead with 760 sacks of Class Lite Crete (Wt. 9.7, Yld. 2.46, H2O 8.98 gal/sack); tail in with 2145 sacks of Pecos Valley Lite (Wt. 13.5 Yld. 2.46, H2O 6.1 gal/sack), 30%CaCO, 3.2% Expansion additive, 2% Antifoam, .8% Retarder, 15 Fluid loss. Casing is designed with 35% excess and TOC is ~~7100~~ *Surface*.

Well will be drilled vertically to 7143' and then will be kicked off and directionally drilled at 12 degrees per 100' with an 8.75" hole to 8450' MD (8186' TVD). Hole will then be reduced to 8.5" and drilled to 16338' MD (8328' TVD) where 5.5" casing will be set and cemented in a single stage. Penetration point of producing zone will be encountered at 1848' FNL & 330' FWL, Section 27 – T20S – R29E. Deepest TVD in the lateral 8328'.

Mud Program and Auxiliary Equipment:

<u>Interval</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Viscosity</u>	<u>Fluid Loss</u>
0-580' ³⁵⁵	Fresh Water	8.6-9.2	32-34	N/C
580'-1750' ¹⁶⁵⁰	Brine Water	10.00-10.20	28-29	N/C
1750'-3400'	Cut Brine	8.6-9.2	28-32	N/C
3400'-16338'	Cut Brine (lateral)	8.8-9.2	28-32	N/C

Sufficient mud material(s) to maintain mud properties, control lost circulation and contain a blowout will be available at the well site during drilling operations. Mud will be checked hourly by rig personnel. Mud level monitoring: After surface casing is set, an electronic PVT system will be installed as our primary mud level monitoring system. A secondary system will also be implemented as to insure the PVT system is functioning properly. The secondary system will be comprised of the derrick hand checking the fluid level in the pits periodically using a nut on the end of a rope hanging just above the fluid level in the pit.

6. See COA

EVALUATION PROGRAM:

Samples: 30' samples to 3000'. 10' samples from 3000' to TD.

Logging: GR Neutron from 30° deviation to surface, Density from 30° deviation to intermediate casing, Laterlog from 30° deviation to intermediate casing, CMR from 30° deviation to intermediate casing.

Coring: As warranted.

DST's: As warranted.

Mudlogging: On surface casing to TD.

B. Abnormal Conditions, Bottom hole pressure and potential hazards:

Anticipated BHP:

From: 0 ~~355~~ TO: 580' Anticipated Max. BHP: 277 PSI

From: 580' ~~1650~~ TO: 1750' Anticipated Max. BHP: 928 PSI

From: ~~1750~~ TO: 3400' Anticipated Max. BHP: 1626 PSI

From: 3400' TO: 8328' Anticipated Max. BHP: 3984 PSI

No abnormal pressures or temperatures are anticipated.

H2S Zones Not Anticipated

C. ANTICIPATED STARTING DATE:

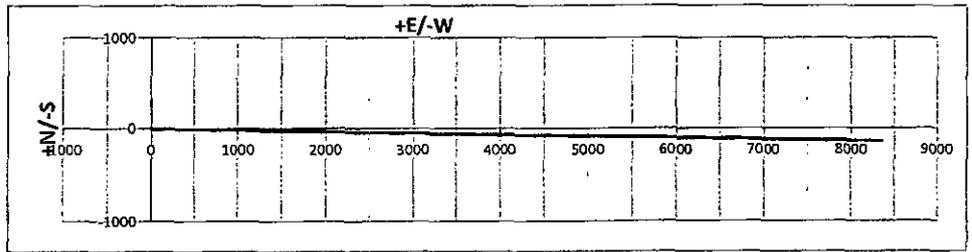
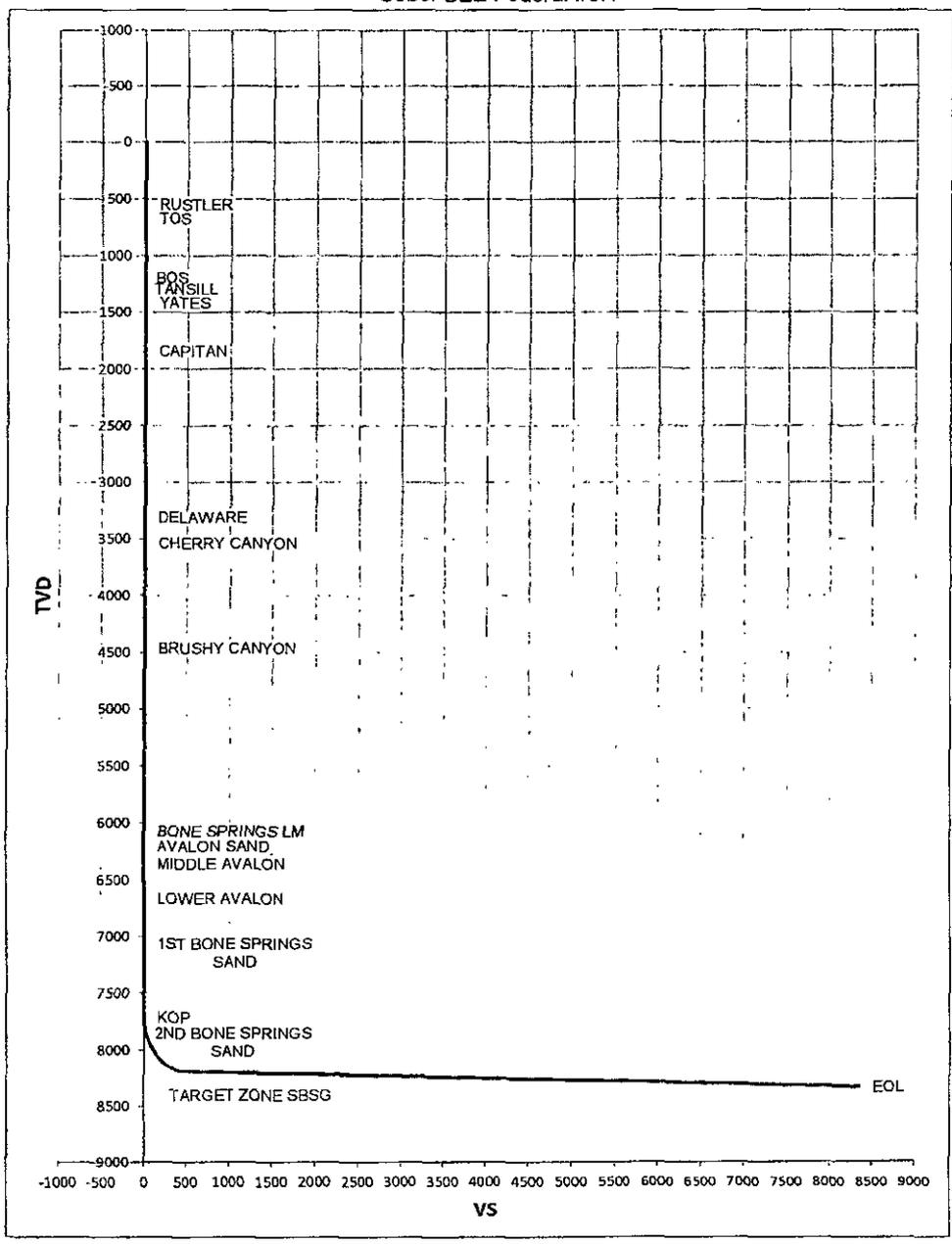
Plans are to drill this well as soon as possible after receiving approval. It should take approximately 65 days to drill the well with completion taking another 30 days.

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Well Name:	Sober BEZ Federal #3H	Tgt N/S:	-139.40	EOC TVD/MD:	8186.42 / 8450.46
Surface Location:	Section 28 , Township 20S Range 29E	Tgt E/W:	8354.90	VS:	8356.06
Bottom Hole Location:	Section 26 , Township 20S Range 29E	VS Az:	90.96	EOL TVD/MD:	8328.00 / 16337.63

MD	Inc.	Azi.	TVD	+N/S	+E/W	VS	DLS	Comments
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
553.00	0.00	0.00	553.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	RUSTLER
673.00	0.00	0.00	673.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	TOS
1293.00	0.00	0.00	1293.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	BOS
1338.00	0.00	0.00	1338.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	TANSILL
1418.00	0.00	0.00	1418.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	YATES
1843.00	0.00	0.00	1843.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	CAPITAN
3313.00	0.00	0.00	3313.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	DELAWARE
3538.00	0.00	0.00	3538.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	CHERRY CANYON
4463.00	0.00	0.00	4463.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	BRUSHY CANYON
6073.00	0.00	0.00	6073.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	BONE SPRINGS LM
6203.00	0.00	0.00	6203.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	AVALON SAND
6358.00	0.00	0.00	6358.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	MIDDLE AVALON
6663.00	0.00	0.00	6663.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	LOWER AVALON
7143.00	0.00	0.00	7143.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1ST BONE SPRINGS SAND
7709.03	0.00	0.00	7709.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	KOP
7725.00	1.92	90.96	7725.00	0.00	0.27	0.27	12.00	
7750.00	4.92	90.96	7749.95	-0.03	1.76	1.76	12.00	
7775.00	7.92	90.96	7774.79	-0.08	4.55	4.55	12.00	
7800.00	10.92	90.96	7799.45	-0.14	8.64	8.64	12.00	
7825.00	13.92	90.96	7823.86	-0.23	14.01	14.01	12.00	
7850.00	16.92	90.96	7847.96	-0.34	20.66	20.66	12.00	
7875.00	19.92	90.96	7871.68	-0.48	28.55	28.56	12.00	
7876.41	20.08	90.96	7873.00	-0.48	29.03	29.04	12.00	2ND BONE SPRINGS SAND
7900.00	22.92	90.96	7894.95	-0.63	37.68	37.68	12.00	
7925.00	25.92	90.96	7917.71	-0.80	48.01	48.02	12.00	
7950.00	28.92	90.96	7939.90	-0.99	59.52	59.53	12.00	
7975.00	31.92	90.96	7961.46	-1.20	72.17	72.18	12.00	
8000.00	34.92	90.96	7982.32	-1.43	85.94	85.95	12.00	
8025.00	37.92	90.96	8002.44	-1.68	100.78	100.79	12.00	
8050.00	40.92	90.96	8021.75	-1.95	116.65	116.66	12.00	
8075.00	43.92	90.96	8040.20	-2.23	133.50	133.52	12.00	
8100.00	46.92	90.96	8057.75	-2.52	151.30	151.33	12.00	
8125.00	49.92	90.96	8074.34	-2.84	170.00	170.02	12.00	
8150.00	52.92	90.96	8089.93	-3.16	189.54	189.56	12.00	
8175.00	55.92	90.96	8104.48	-3.50	209.86	209.89	12.00	
8200.00	58.92	90.96	8117.94	-3.85	230.92	230.96	12.00	
8225.00	61.92	90.96	8130.28	-4.22	252.66	252.69	12.00	
8250.00	64.92	90.96	8141.46	-4.59	275.01	275.05	12.00	
8275.00	67.92	90.96	8151.47	-4.97	297.92	297.96	12.00	
8300.00	70.92	90.96	8160.25	-5.36	321.31	321.36	12.00	
8325.00	73.92	90.96	8167.81	-5.76	345.14	345.19	12.00	
8350.00	76.92	90.96	8174.10	-6.16	369.33	369.38	12.00	
8375.00	79.92	90.96	8179.12	-6.57	393.81	393.87	12.00	
8400.00	82.92	90.96	8182.85	-6.98	418.53	418.59	12.00	
8425.00	85.92	90.96	8185.28	-7.40	443.40	443.46	12.00	
8450.00	88.92	90.96	8186.41	-7.81	468.37	468.44	12.00	
8450.46	88.97	90.96	8186.42	-7.82	468.83	468.90	12.00	TARGET ZONE SBSG
16337.63	88.97	90.96	8328.00	-139.40	8354.90	8356.06	0.00	EOL

Sober BEZ Federal #3H



Sober BEZ Federal Com #3H Cement Contingency

Yates Petroleum Corporation requests the use of a contingency cement plan if hole conditions warrant for the production interval as follows:

DV/Packer stage tool at approx. 4000'-4500' (cement volumes will be adjusted per tool placement)

Stage I: Lead w/530sx 35/65 Poz C (YLD 2.0, WT 12.5, 11 gal/sk) Tail w/2215sx PVL (YLD 1.35, WT 13.5, 6.145 gal/sk) TOC approx. 4000'

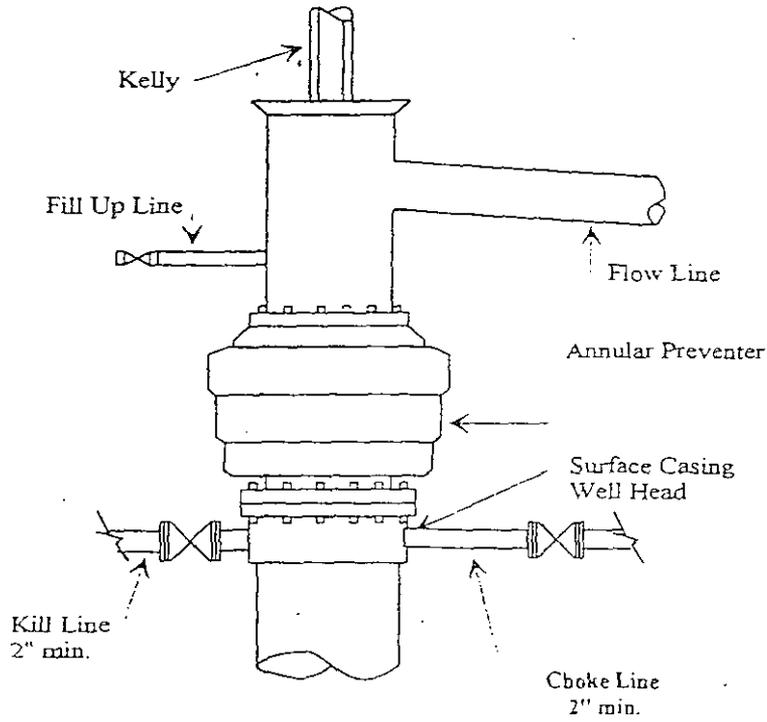
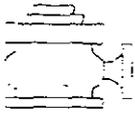
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All volumes are calculated at 35% excess. Casing weight and grade will remain the same.

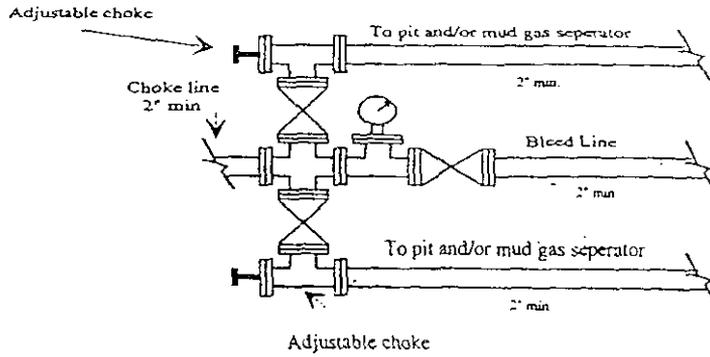
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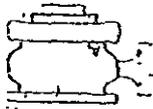
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Typical low Pressure System
Schematic
Annular Preventer 2,000 psi



Typical 2,000 psi choke manifold assembly with at least these minimum features

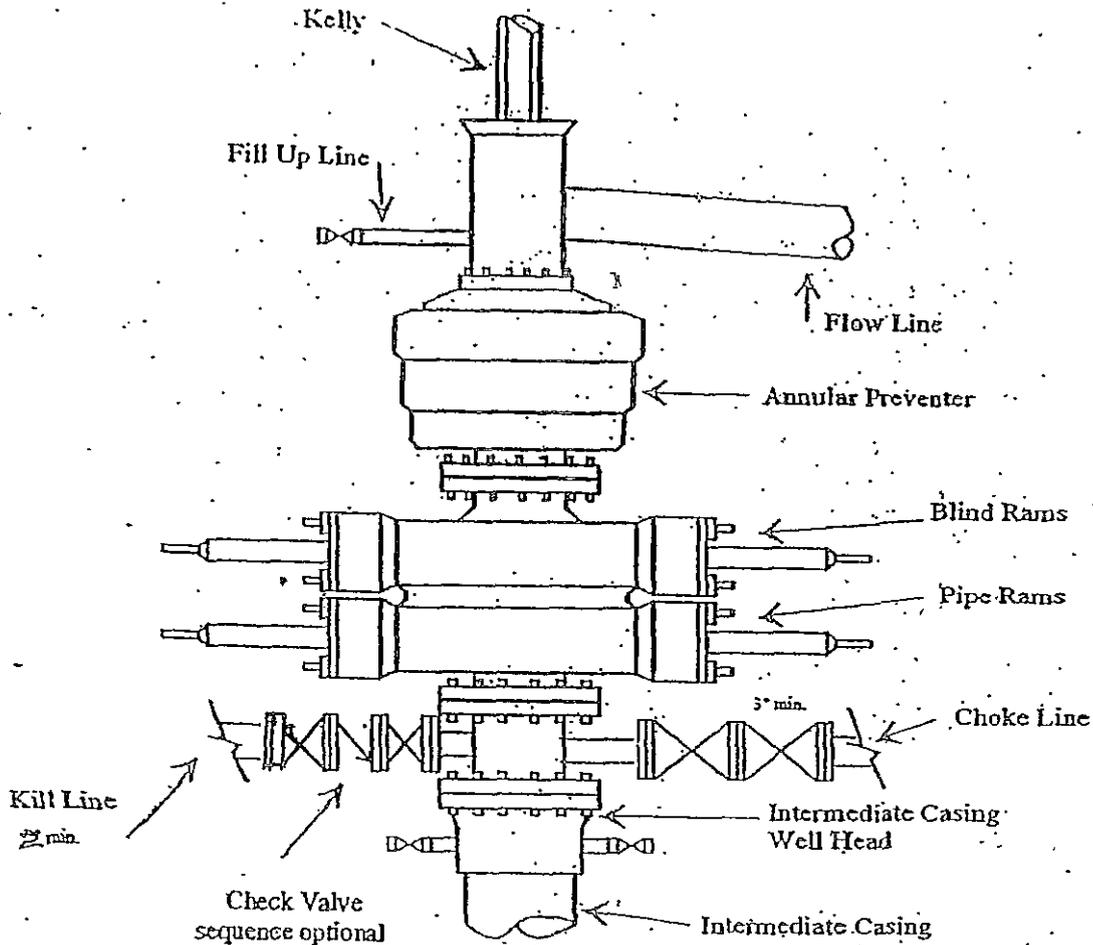




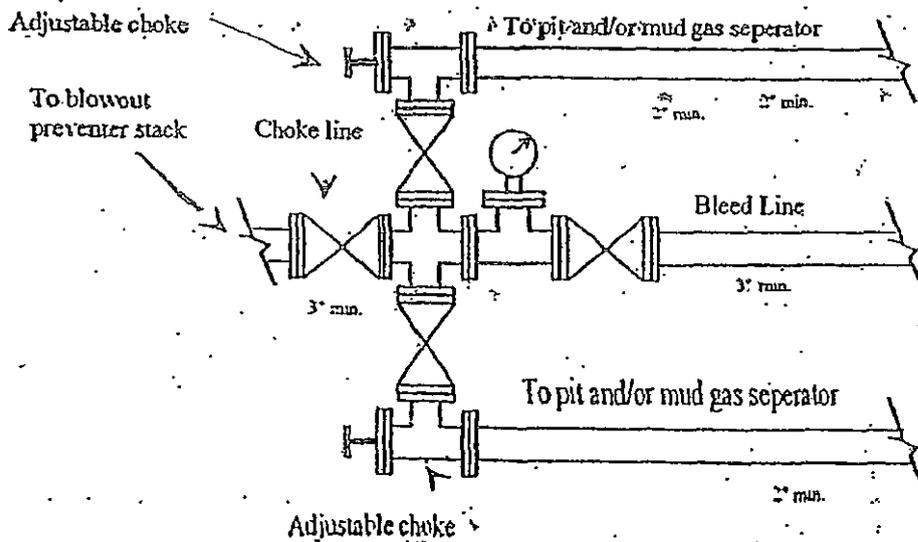
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 Typical 3,000 psi Pressure System
 Schematic
 Annular with Double Ram Preventer Stack

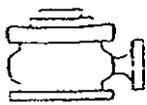
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Exhibit



Typical 3,000 psi choke manifold assembly with at least these minimum features

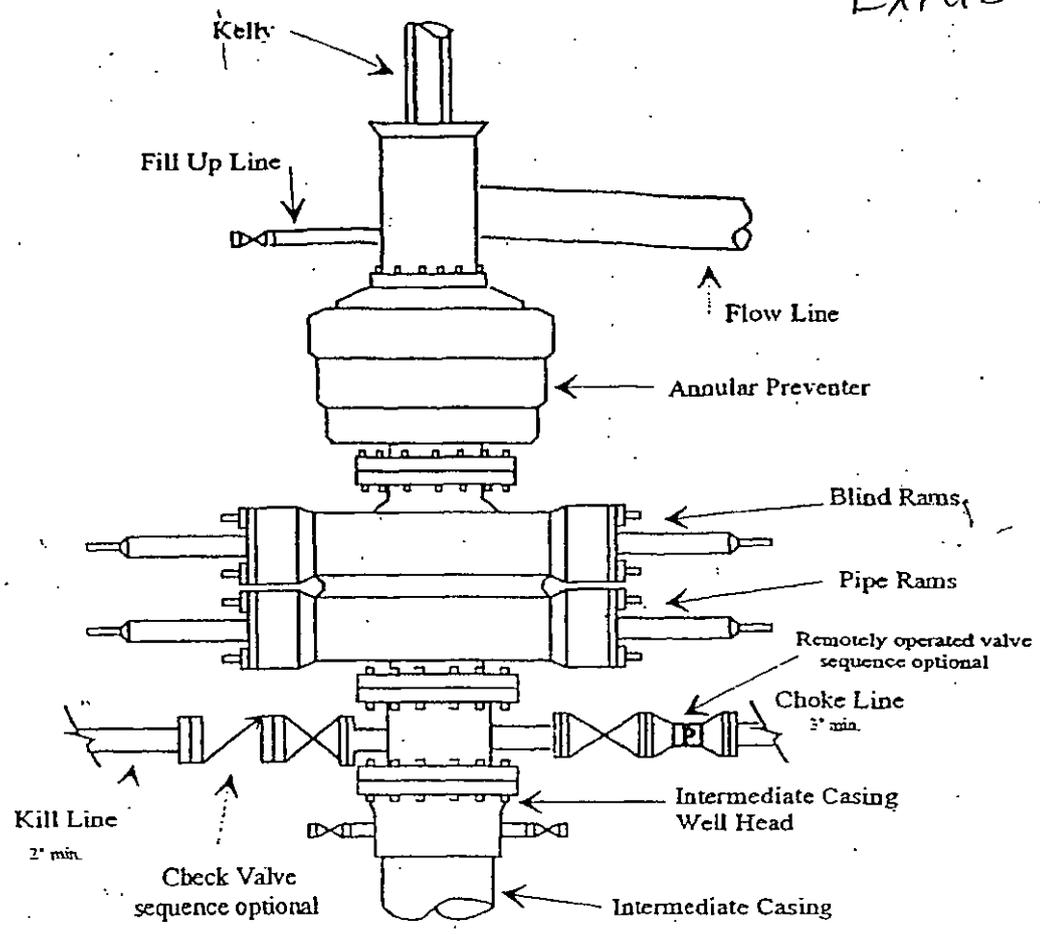




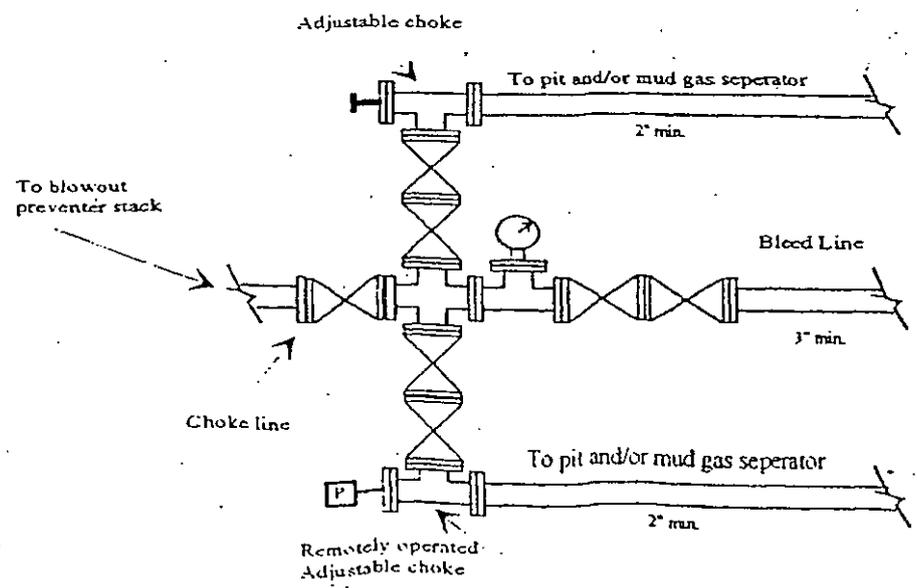
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 Typical 5,000 psi Pressure System
 Schematic
 Annular with Double Ram Preventer Stack

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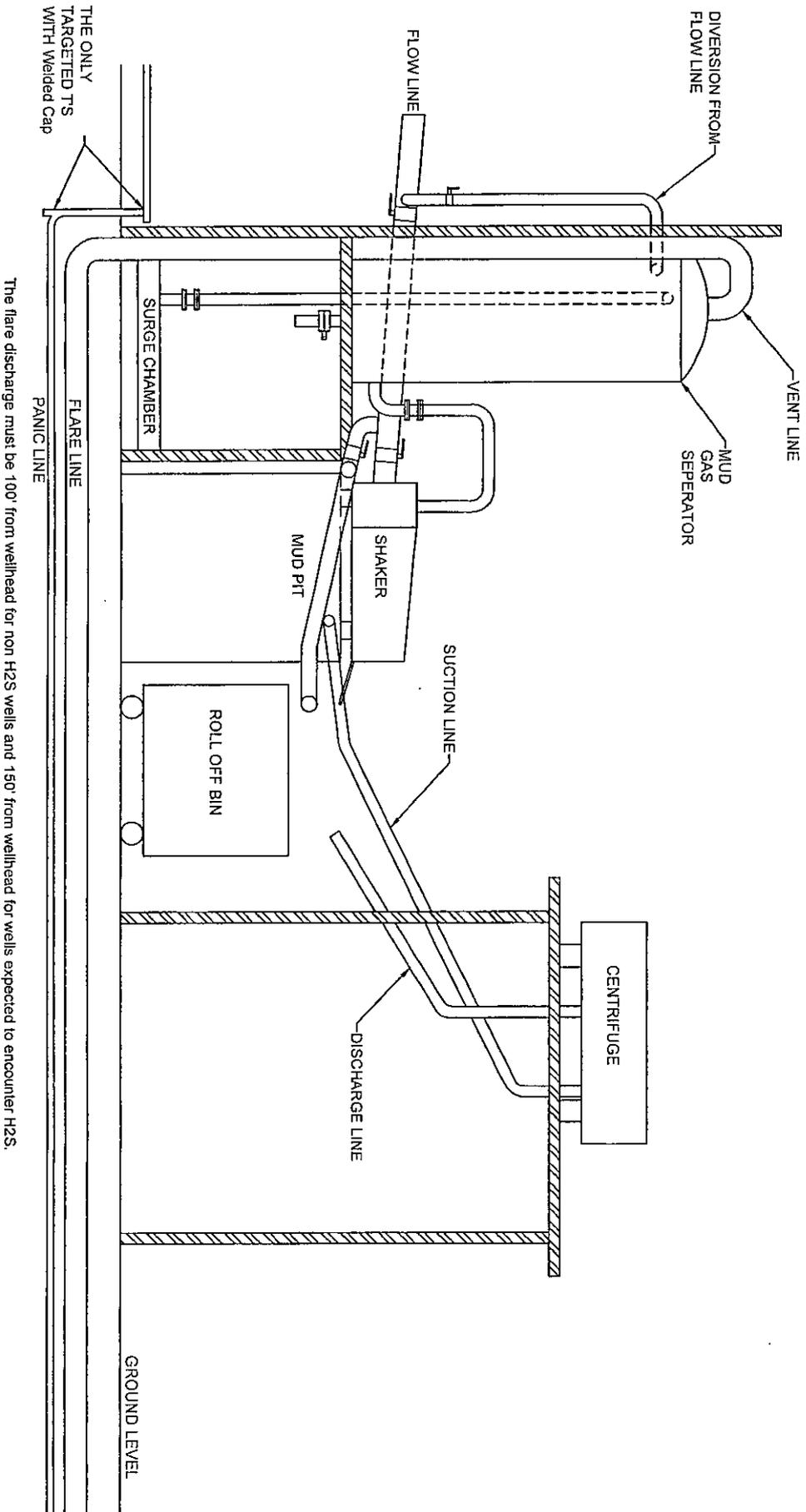


Typical 5,000 psi choke manifold assembly with at least these minimum features



YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Piping from Choke Manifold
to the Closed Loop Drilling Mud System



Yates Petroleum Corporation Closed Loop System

Equipment Design Plan

Closed Loop System will consist of:

1 – double panel shale shaker

1 – (minimum) Centrifuge, certain wells and flow rates may require 2 centrifuges

On certain wells, the Centrifuge will be replaced by a Clackco Settling Tank System

1 – minimum centrifugal pump to transfer fluids

2- 500 bbl. FW Tanks

1 – 500 bbl. BW Tank

1 – half round frac tank – 250 bbl. capacity as necessary to catch cement / excess mud returns generated during a cement job.

1 Set of rail cars / catch bins

Certain wells will use an ASC Auger Tank

Operation Plan

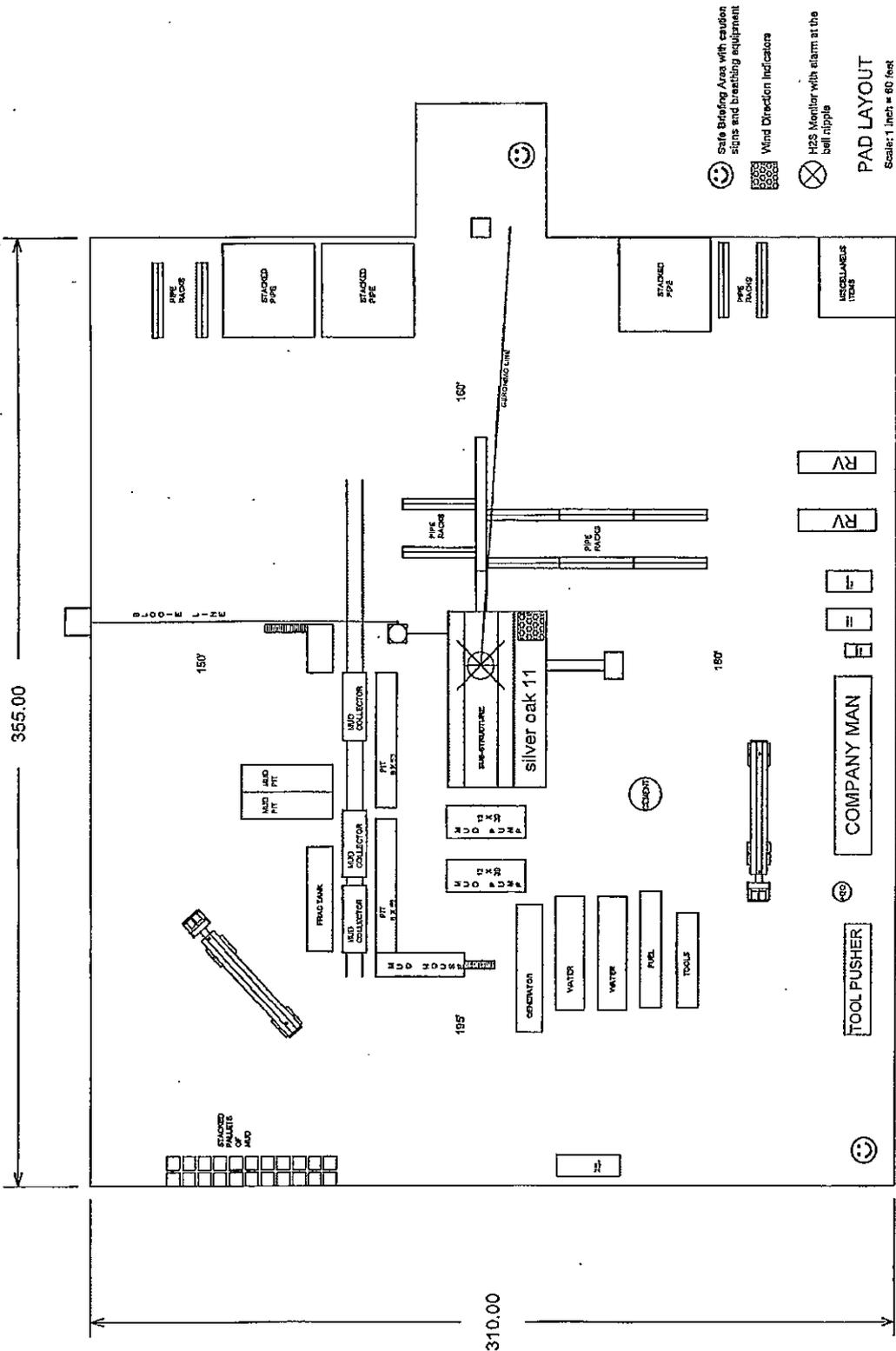
All equipment will be inspected at least hourly by rig personnel and daily by contractors' personnel.

Any spills / leaks will be reported to YPC, NMOCD, and cleaned up without delay.

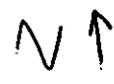
Closure Plan

Drilling with Closed Loop System, haul off bins will be taken to Gandy Marley, Lea Land Farm or CRI.

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION SILVER OAK RIG #11



- ☺ Safe Briefing Area with caution signs and breathing equipment
 - 🌬 Wind Direction Indicators
 - ⊗ H2S Monitor with alarm at the bell nipple
- PAD LAYOUT**
Scale: 1 inch = 80 feet

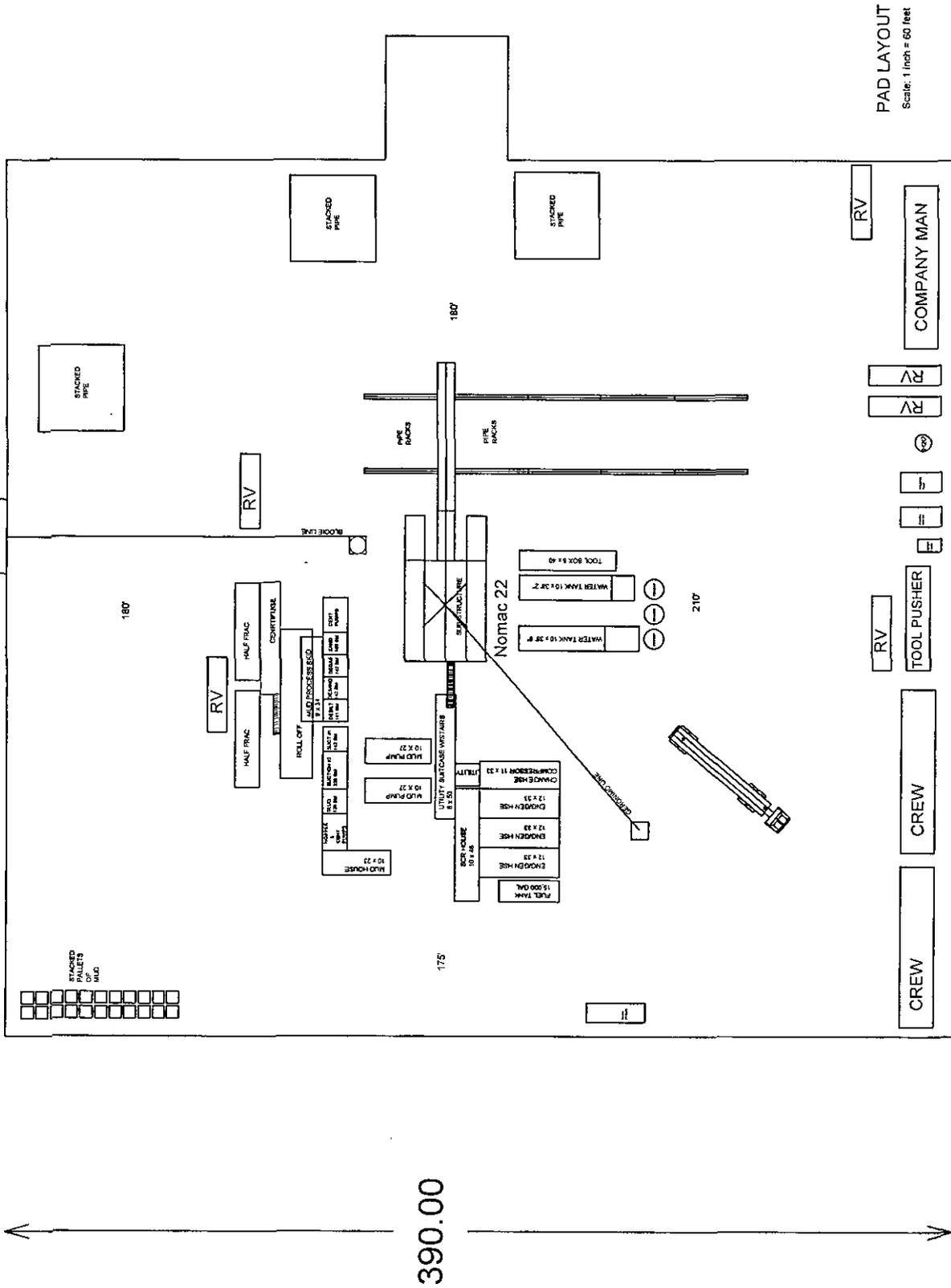


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FLARE PIT



PAD LAYOUT
Scale: 1/4" = 60 feet



Yates Petroleum Corporation

Hydrogen Sulfide Drilling Operation Plan

I. HYDROGEN SULFIDE TRAINING

All personnel, whether regularly assigned, contracted, or employed on an unscheduled basis, will receive training from a qualified instructor in the following areas prior to commencing drilling operations on this well:

1. The hazards and characteristics of hydrogen sulfide (H₂S).
2. The proper use and maintenance of personal protective equipment and life support systems.
3. The proper use of H₂S detectors, alarms, warning systems, briefing areas, evacuation procedures, and prevailing winds.
4. The proper techniques for first aid and rescue procedures.

In addition, supervisory personnel will be trained in the following areas:

1. The effects of H₂S on metal components. If high tensile tubular are to be used, personnel will be trained in their special maintenance requirements.
2. Corrective action and shut-in procedures when drilling or reworking a well and blowout prevention and well control procedures.
3. The contents and requirements of the H₂S Drilling Operations Plan and H₂S Contingency Plan.

There will be an initial training session just prior to encountering a known or probable H₂S zone (within 3 days or 500 feet) and weekly H₂S and well control drills for all personnel in each crew. The initial training session shall include a review of the site specific H₂S Drilling Operation Plan and the H₂S Contingency Plan. **The location of this well does not require a Public Protection Plan.**

II. H2S SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS

NOTE: All H2S safety equipment and systems will be installed, tested, and operational when drilling reaches a depth of 500 feet above, or three days prior to penetrating the first zone containing or reasonably expected to contain H2S.

1. Well Control Equipment:

- A. Flare line
- B. Choke manifold will have a remotely operated adjustable choke system.
- C. Blind rams and pipe rams to accommodate all pipe sizes with properly sized closing unit
- D. Auxiliary equipment may include if applicable: annular preventer & rotating head.
- E. Mud/Gas Separator.

2. Protective equipment for essential personnel:

- A. Mark II Survive Air (or equivalent) 30-minute units located in the doghouse and at briefing areas, as indicated on well site diagram.

3. H2S detection and monitoring equipment:

- A. 3 portable H2S monitors positioned at: Shale Shaker, Bell Nipple, and Rig Floor. These units have warning lights and audible sirens when H2S levels of 10 PPM are reached.

4. Visual warning systems:

- A. Wind direction indicators as shown on well site diagram (attached).
- B. Caution/Danger signs (attached) shall be posted on roads providing direct access to location. Signs will be painted with high visibility yellow with black lettering of a sufficient size to be readable at a reasonable distance from the immediate location. Bilingual signs will be used, when appropriate. See example attached.

5. Mud program:

- A. The mud program has been designed to minimize the volume of H2S circulated to the surface. Proper mud weight, safe drilling practices and the use of H2S scavengers will minimize hazards when penetrating H2S bearing zones.

6. Metallurgy:

- A. All drill strings, casings, tubing, wellhead, blowout preventer, drilling spool, kill lines, choke manifold and lines, and valves shall be suitable for H2S service.
- B. All elastomers used for packing and seals shall be H2S trim.

7. Communication:

- A. Cellular communications in company vehicles.
- B. Land line (telephone) communication at the Office.

8. Well testing:

- A. There will be no drill stem testing.

EXHIBIT

DANGER

POISONS GAS

HYDROGEN SULFIDE

 **NORMAL OPERATIONS**
(GREEN)

CAUTION POTENTIAL DANGER

(YELLOW)

 **DANGER POISONS GAS ENCOUNTERED**
(RED) **AUTHORIZED PERSONAL ONLY.**
LOCATION SECURED.

1-575-746-1096

1-877-879-8899

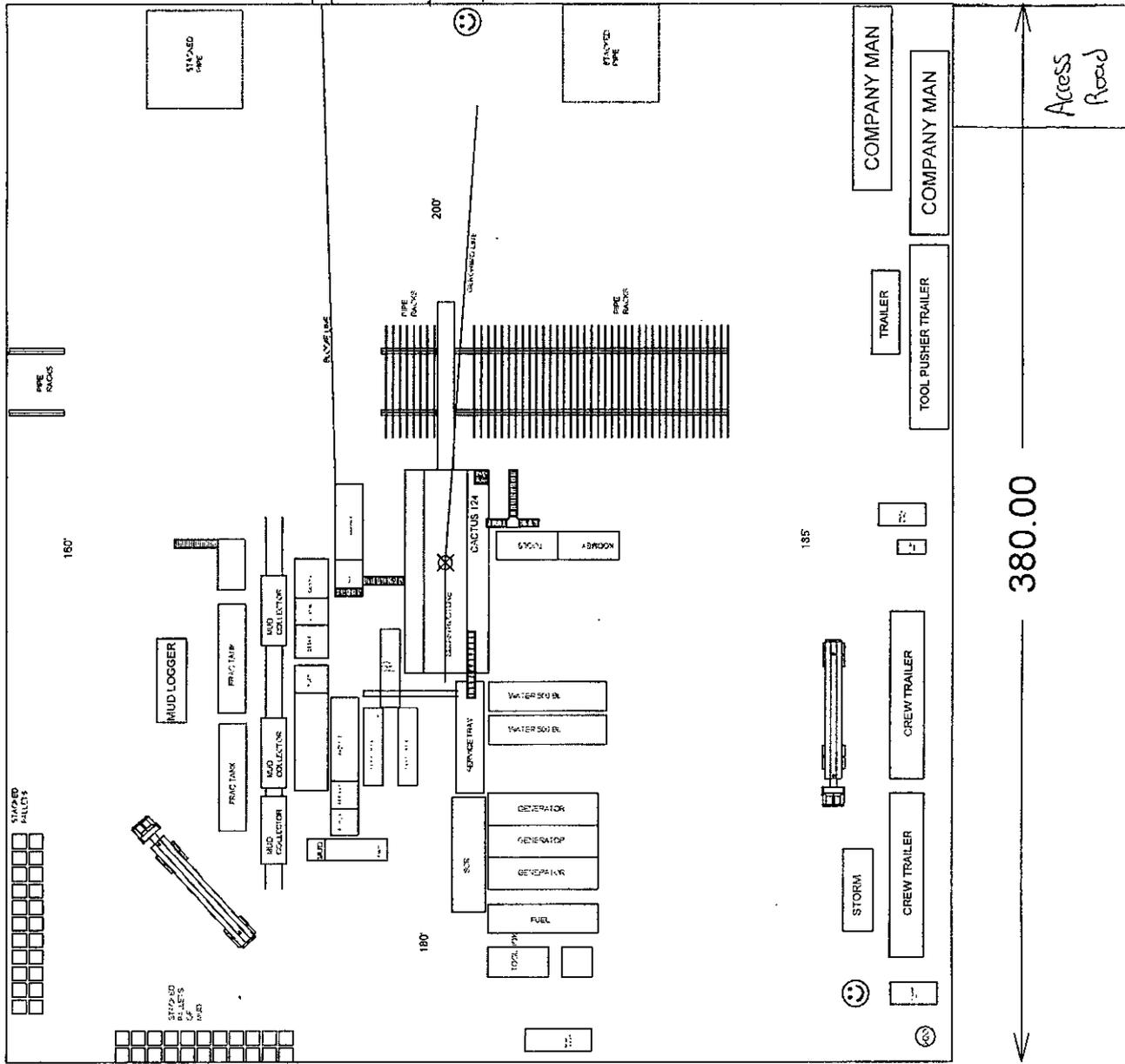
EDDY COUNTY EMERGENCY NUMBERS

ARTESIA FIRE DEPT. 575-746-5050
ARTESIA POLICE DEPT. 575-746-5000
EDDY CO. SHERIFF DEPT. 575-746-9888

LEA COUNTY EMERGENCY NUMBERS

HOBBS FIRE DEPT. 575-397-9308
HOBBS POLICE DEPT. 575-397-9285
LEA CO. SHERIFF DEPT. 575-396-1196

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION CACTUS 124 07-24-13



Safe Briefing Area with caution signs and breathing equipment

Wind Direction Indicators

H2S Monitor with alarm at the bell nipple

PAD LAYOUT

Scale: 1 inch = 60 feet
07-24-13

345.00

380.00

Prevailing Wind

**Yates Petroleum Corporation
105 S. Fourth Street
Artesia, NM 88210**

Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S) Contingency Plan

For

**Sober BEZ Federal Com. #3H
1830' FNL & 760' FEL
Section 28, T20S-R29E
Eddy County NM**

Emergency Procedures

In the case of a release of gas containing H₂S, the first responder(s) must isolate the area and prevent entry by other persons into the 100 ppm ROE. Additionally the first responder(s) must evacuate any public places encompassed by the 100 ppm ROE. First responder(s) must take care not to injure themselves during this operation. Company and/or local officials must be contacted to aid in this operation. Evacuation of the public should be beyond the 100 ppm ROE.

All responders must have training in the detection of H₂S, measures for protection against the gas, equipment used for protection and emergency response. Additionally, responders must be equipped with H₂S monitors and air packs in order to control the release. Use the "buddy system" to ensure no injuries during the response.

Ignition of Gas Source

Should control of the well be considered lost and ignition considered, take care to protect against exposure to Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂). Intentional ignition must be coordinated with the NMOCD and local officials. Additionally the NM State Police may become involved. NM State Police shall be the Incident Command on scene of any major release. Take care to protect downwind whenever there is an ignition of the gas

Characteristics of H₂S and SO₂

Common Name	Chemical Formula	Specific Gravity	Threshold Limit	Hazardous Limit	Lethal Concentration
Hydrogen Sulfide	H ₂ S	1.189 Air = 1	10 ppm	100 ppm/hr	600 ppm
Sulfur Dioxide	SO ₂	2.21 Air = 1	2 ppm	N/A	1000 ppm

Contacting Authorities

YPC personnel must liaison with local and state agencies to ensure a proper response to a major release. Additionally, the OCD must be notified of the release as soon as possible but no later than 4 hours. Agencies will ask for information such as type and volume of release, wind direction, location of release, etc. Be prepared with all information available. The following call list of essential and potential responders has been prepared for use during a release. YPC Company response must be in coordination with the State of New Mexico's 'Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan' (HMER)

Yates Petroleum Corporation Phone Numbers

YPC Office	(575) 748-1471
Wade Bennett/Prod Superintendent	(575) 748-4236
LeeRoy Richards/Assistant Prod Superintendent	(575) 748-4228
Mike Larkin/Drilling	(575) 748-4222
Paul Hanes/Prod. Foreman/Roswell	(575) 624-2805
Tim Bussell/Drilling Superintendent	(575) 748-4221
Artesia Answering Service	(575) 748-4302
(During non-office hours)	

Agency Call List

Eddy County (575)

Artesia

State Police	746-2703
City Police.....	746-2703
Sheriff's Office	746-9888
Ambulance.....	911
Fire Department	746-2701
LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee)	746-2122
NMOCD.....	748-1283

Carlsbad

State Police	885-3137
City Police.....	885-2111
Sheriff's Office.....	887-7551
Ambulance	911
Fire Department	885-2111
LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee).....	887-3798
US Bureau of Land Management.....	887-6544
New Mexico Emergency Response Commission (Santa Fe)	(505)476-9600
24 HR	(505) 827-9126
New Mexico State Emergency Operations Center.....	(505) 476-9635
National Emergency Response Center (Washington, DC)	...(800) 424-8802

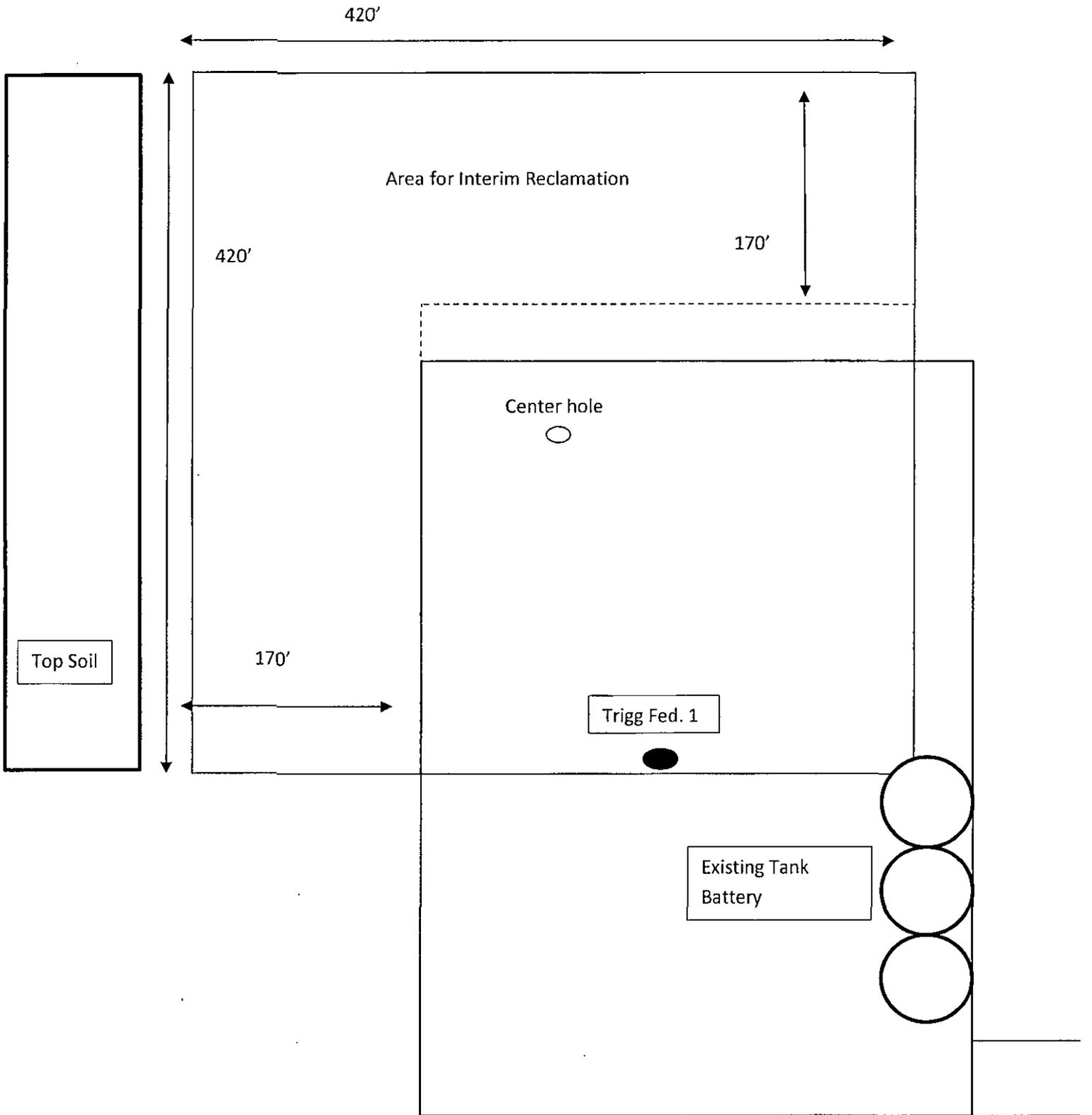
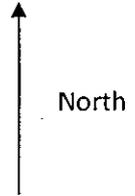
Other

Boots & Coots IWC	1-800-256-9688 or (281) 931-8884
Cudd Pressure Control.....	(915) 699-0139 or (915) 563-3356
Halliburton	(575) 746-2757
B. J. Services.....	(575) 746-3569
Flight For Life -4000 24th St, Lubbock, TX	(806) 743-9911
Aerocare -Rr 3 Box 49f, Lubbock, TX	(806) 747-8923
Med Flight Air Amb 2301 Yale Blvd SE #D3, Albuq, NM	(505) 842-4433
S B Air Med Svc 2505 Clark Carr Loop SE, Albuq, NM	(505) 842-4949

Sober BEZ Federal Com. #3H

Interim Reclamation Well Pad Layout

Example**dimensions and locations may vary depending on discussions between Yates Petroleum Corporation and the BLM at the time of Interim reclamation.



YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION
Surface Use Plan of Operations
Sober BEZ Federal Com. #3H
1830' FSL and 760' FEL, Section 21, T20S – R29E Surface Hole
1980' FSL and 2310' FEL, Section 22, T20S – R29E Bottom Hole

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 rehabilitating the surface after completion of the operations, so that a complete appraisal can be made of the environmental effect associated with the operations.

1. EXISTING ROADS:

Exhibit attached is a portion of the BLM map showing the well and roads in the vicinity of the proposed location. *The proposed wellsite is located approximately 42 miles, southeast of Artesia, New Mexico and the access route to the location is indicated in blue on Exhibit attached.*

DIRECTIONS:

Go east of Carlsbad, NM on Highway 62/180 for approximately 16 miles to the intersection of 62/180 and CR 238 (Burton Flat Road). Turn left (North) onto CR 238 and go approximately 2.1 miles. CR 238 (blacktop) will turn left (West) here, continue for 1.9 miles. Turn left (South) here and continue for approximately 1.3 miles. The location will be on the right side of the road on the north side of the existing Yates well.

2. PLANNED ACCESS ROAD:

- A. There will be no new access.
- B. There will be no new roads constructed and existing roads will be built to adequately drained to control runoff and soil erosion.
- C. The existing road will be bladed with drainage on both sides if needed. No traffic turnouts will be needed.
- D. The route of the road is visible.
- E. Existing roads will be maintained in the same or better condition.

3. LOCATION OF EXISTING WELL:

- A. There is no drilling activity within a one-mile radius of the well site.
- B. Exhibit attached shows existing wells within a one-mile radius of the proposed well site.

4. LOCATION OF EXISTING AND/OR PROPOSED FACILITIES:

- A. We are planning to run a flowline to an existing production site.
- B. If the well is productive oil, a gas or diesel self-contained unit will be used to provide the necessary power until an electric line can be built, if needed. Power should not be required if the well is productive of gas.
- C. Should a Pipeline Right-Of-Way be required it will be filed under a separate application and/or by 3rd party if applicable.

5. LOCATION AND TYPE OF WATER SUPPLY:

- A. It is planned to drill the proposed well with a fresh water system. The water will be obtained from commercial sources and will be hauled to the location by truck over the existing and proposed roads shown in Exhibit attached.

6. SOURCE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

- A. Dirt contractor will locate nearest pit and obtain any permits and materials needed for construction.

7. METHODS OF HANDLING WASTE DISPOSAL:

- A. Drill cuttings will be collected in tanks until hauled to an approved disposal system.
- B. A closed loop system will be constructed, maintained and closed in compliance with the State of New Mexico, Energy and Natural Resources Department, Oil Conservation Division—the "Pit Rule" 19.15.17 NMAC.
- C. Drilling fluids will be removed after drilling and completions are finalized.
- D. Water produced during operations will be collected in tanks until hauled to an approved disposal system, *or separate disposal application will be submitted.*
- E. Oil produced during operations will be stored in tanks until sold.
- F. Current laws and regulations pertaining to the disposal of human waste will be complied with.
- G. All trash, junk, and other waste materials will 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 approved.

8. ANCILLARY FACILITIES: NONE

9. WELLSITE LAYOUT:

- A. Exhibit attached shows the relative location and dimensions of the well pad, the closed loop design plan, the location of the drilling equipment, orientation and access road approach of three of the rigs Yates Petroleum is currently using. It is yet to be determined which drilling rig will drill this well, a 420' x 420' area has been staked, all drilling rigs being used by Yates Petroleum Corporation at this time will fit within these dimensions. At the time the determination is made a Sundry notice will be submitted with the appropriate information. (Approximately 3.5 acres)
- B. The closed loop system will be constructed, maintained, and closed in compliance with the State of New Mexico, Energy and Natural Resources Department, Oil Conservation Division – the "Pit Rule" 19.15.17 NMAC.
- C. A 600' x 600' area has been staked and flagged.

10. PLANS FOR RESTORATION:

- A. After finishing drilling and/or completion operations, all equipment and other material not needed for further operations will be removed. The location will be cleaned of all trash and junk to leave the well site in as aesthetically pleasing a condition as possible.
- B. If the proposed well is plugged and abandoned, all rehabilitation and/or vegetation requirements of the Bureau of Land Management will be complied with and will be accomplished as expeditiously as possible.

11. SURFACE OWNERSHIP: Federal

Minerals: USA-Federal-NM-82902
Administered by: Bureau of Land Management
Carlsbad Field Office
620 E. Greene Street
Carlsbad, NM 88220-6292

12. OTHER INFORMATION:

- A. The primary use of the surface is for grazing.
- B. Refer to the archaeological report for a description of the topography, flora, fauna, soil characteristics, dwellings, and historical and cultural sites.

PECOS DISTRICT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

OPERATOR'S NAME:	Yates Petroleum Corp
LEASE NO.:	NM103602
WELL NAME & NO.:	3H-Sober BEZ Federal Com
SURFACE HOLE FOOTAGE:	1830'N & 760'E
BOTTOM HOLE FOOTAGE:	1980'N & 2310'W, sec. 26
LOCATION:	Section 28, T. 20 S., R. 29 E., NMPM
COUNTY:	Eddy County, New Mexico

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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)

Amendment to Well Number: Well number shall not be 3H, since this number is already associated with an approved APD. See attached for the relevant Sundry. Operator shall submit a Sundry to change number.

Communitization Agreement:

1. The operator will submit a Communitization Agreement to the Carlsbad Field Office, 620 E Greene St. Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220, at least 90 days before the anticipated date of first production from a well subject to a spacing order issued by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. The Communitization Agreement will include the signatures of all working interest owners in all Federal and Indian leases subject to the Communitization Agreement (i.e., operating rights owners and lessees of record), or certification that the operator has obtained the written signatures of all such owners and will make those signatures available to the BLM immediately upon request.
2. If the operator does not comply with this condition of approval, the BLM may take enforcement actions that include, but are not limited to, those specified in 43 CFR 3163.1.
3. In addition, the well sign shall include the surface and bottom hole lease numbers. When the Communitization Agreement number is known, it shall also be on the sign.

Cave and Karst

** Depending on location, additional Drilling, Casing, and Cementing procedures may be required by engineering to protect critical karst groundwater recharge areas.

Cave/Karst Surface Mitigation

The following stipulations will be applied to minimize impacts during construction, drilling and production.

Construction:

Construction activities will be restricted to area within previously disturbed pad area. In the advent that any underground voids are opened up during construction activities, construction activities will be halted and the BLM will be notified immediately.

No Blasting:

No blasting will be utilized for pad construction. The pad will be constructed and leveled by adding the necessary fill and caliche.

Pad Berming:

The entire perimeter of the well pad will be bermed to prevent oil, salt, and other chemical contaminants from leaving the well pad.

- The compacted berm shall be constructed at a minimum of 12 inches high with impermeable mineral material (e.g. caliche).
- No water flow from the uphill side(s) of the pad shall be allowed to enter the well pad.
- The topsoil stockpile shall be located outside the bermed well pad.
- Topsoil, either from the well pad or surrounding area, shall not be used to construct the berm.
- No storm drains, tubing or openings shall be placed in the berm.
- If fluid collects within the bermed area, the fluid must be vacuumed into a safe container and disposed of properly at a state approved facility.
- The integrity of the berm shall be maintained around the surfaced pad throughout the life of the well and around the downsized pad after interim reclamation has been completed.
- Any access road entering the well pad shall be constructed so that the integrity of the berm height surrounding the well pad is not compromised. (Any access road crossing the berm cannot be lower than the berm height.)

Tank Battery Liners and Berms:

Tank battery locations and all facilities will be lined and bermed. A 20 mil permanent liner will be installed with a 4 oz. felt backing to prevent tears or punctures. Tank battery berms must be large enough to contain 1 ½ times the content of the largest tank.

Leak Detection System:

A method of detecting leaks is required. The method could incorporate gauges to measure loss, siting valves and lines so they can be visually inspected, or installing electronic sensors to alarm when a leak is present. Leak detection plan will be submitted to BLM for approval.

Automatic Shut-off Systems:

Automatic shut off, check valves, or similar systems will be installed for pipelines and tanks to minimize the effects of catastrophic line failures used in production or drilling.

Cave/Karst Subsurface Mitigation

The following stipulations will be applied to protect cave/karst and ground water concerns:

Rotary Drilling with Fresh Water:

Fresh water will be used as a circulating medium in zones where caves or karst features are expected. SEE ALSO: Drilling COAs for this well.

Directional Drilling:

Kick off for directional drilling will occur at least 100 feet below the bottom of the cave occurrence zone. SEE ALSO: Drilling COAs for this well.

Lost Circulation:

ALL lost circulation zones from the surface to the base of the cave occurrence zone will be logged and reported in the drilling report.

Regardless of the type of drilling machinery used, if a void of four feet or more and circulation losses greater than 70 percent occur simultaneously while drilling in any cave-bearing zone, the BLM will be notified immediately by the operator. The BLM will assess the situation and work with the operator on corrective actions to resolve the problem.

Abandonment Cementing:

Upon well abandonment in high cave karst areas additional plugging conditions of approval may be required. The BLM will assess the situation and work with the operator to ensure proper plugging of the wellbore.

Pressure Testing:

Annual pressure monitoring will be performed by the operator on all casing annuli and reported in a sundry notice. If the test results indicated a casing failure has occurred, remedial action will be undertaken to correct the problem to the BLM's approval.

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)

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

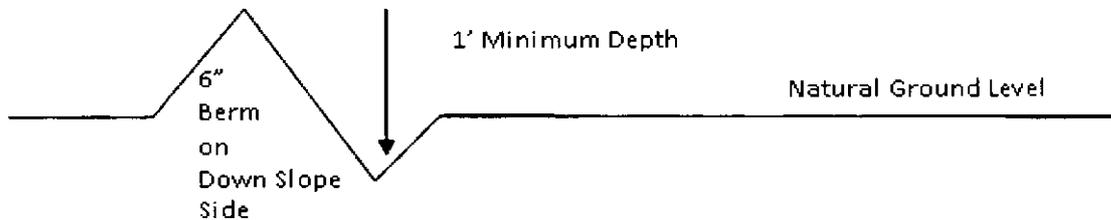
Vehicle turnouts shall be constructed on the road. Turnouts shall be intervisible with interval spacing distance less than 1000 feet. Turnouts shall conform to Figure 1; cross section and plans for typical road construction.

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).

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:

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

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.

Construction Steps

1. Salvage topsoil
2. Construct road

3. Redistribute topsoil
4. Revegetate slopes

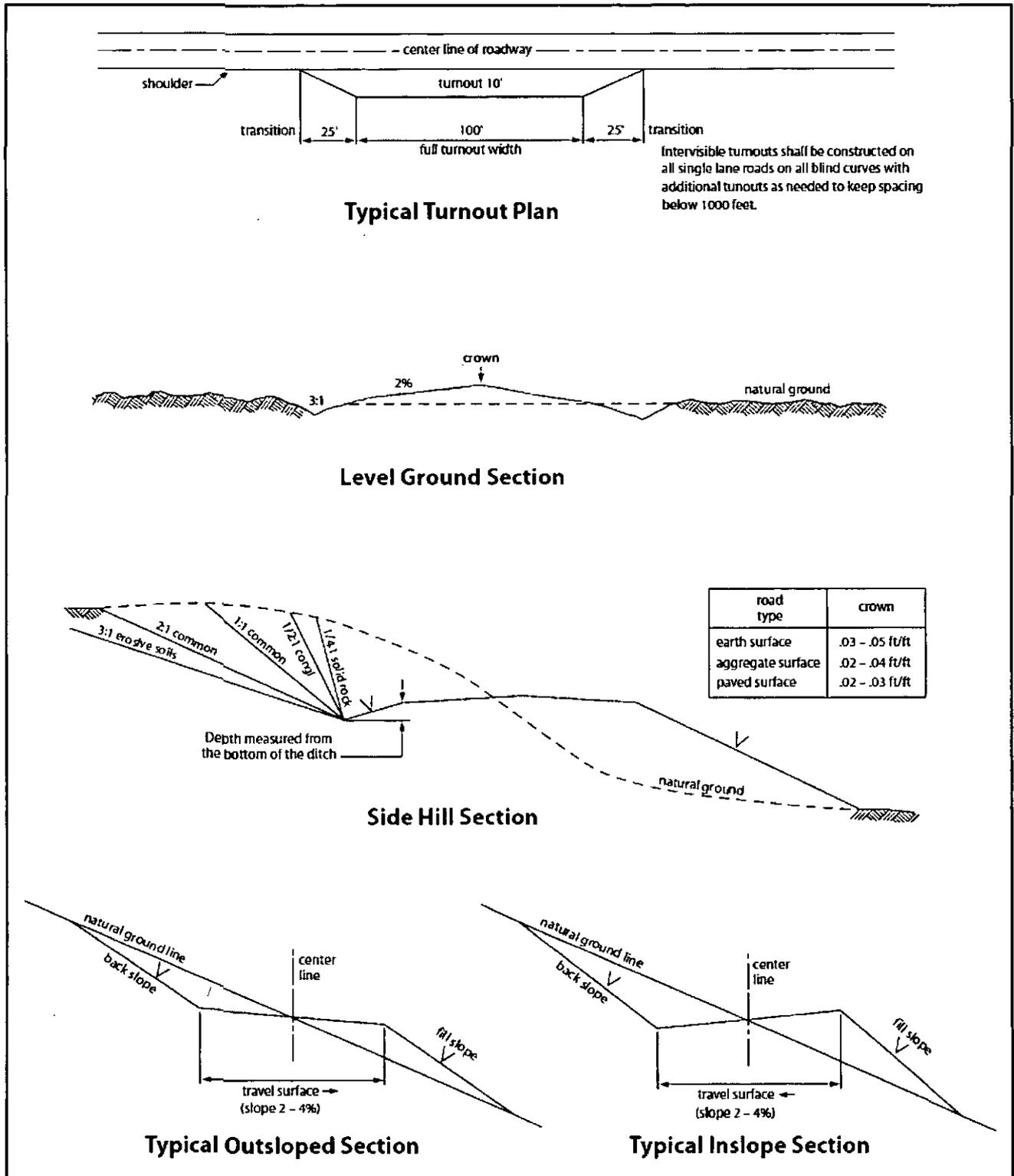


Figure 1. Cross-sections and plans for typical road sections representative of BLM resource or FS local and higher-class roads.

VII. DRILLING

A. DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS

The BLM is to be notified in advance for a representative to witness:

- a. Spudding well (minimum of 24 hours)
- b. Setting and/or Cementing of all casing strings (minimum of 4 hours)
- c. BOPE tests (minimum of 4 hours)

Eddy County

Call the Carlsbad Field Office, 620 East Greene St., Carlsbad, NM 88220,
(575) 361-2822

1. **Although Hydrogen Sulfide has not been reported in the area, it is always a potential hazard. It is recommended that monitoring equipment be onsite for potential Hydrogen Sulfide. If H₂S is detected in concentrations greater than 100 ppm, the Hydrogen Sulfide area shall meet Onshore Order 6 requirements, which includes equipment and personnel/public protection items. If Hydrogen Sulfide is encountered, report measured amounts and formations to the BLM.**
2. Unless the production casing has been run and cemented or the well has been properly plugged, the drilling rig shall not be removed from over the hole without prior approval. **If the drilling rig is removed without approval – an Incident of Non-Compliance will be written and will be a “Major” violation.**
3. Floor controls are required for 3M or Greater systems. These controls will be on the rig floor, unobstructed, readily accessible to the driller and will be operational at all times during drilling and/or completion activities. Rig floor is defined as the area immediately around the rotary table; the area immediately above the substructure on which the draw works is located, this does not include the dog house or stairway area.
4. **The record of the drilling rate along with the GR/N well log run from TD to surface (horizontal well – vertical portion of hole) shall be submitted to the BLM office as well as all other logs run on the borehole 30 days from completion. If available, a digital copy of the logs is to be submitted in addition to the paper copies. The Rustler top and top and bottom of Salt are to be recorded on the Completion Report.**

B. CASING

Changes to the approved APD casing program need prior approval if the items substituted are of lesser grade or different casing size. The Operator can exchange the components of the proposal with that of superior strength (i.e. changing from J-55 to N-80, or from 36# to 40#). Changes to the approved cement program need prior approval if the altered cement plan has less volume or strength or if the changes are substantial (i.e. Multistage tool, ECP, etc.). The initial wellhead installed on the well will remain on the well with spools used as needed.

Centralizers required on surface casing per Onshore Order 2.III.B.1.f.

Wait on cement (WOC) for Water Basin:

After cementing but before commencing any tests, the casing string shall stand cemented under pressure until both of the following conditions have been met: 1) cement reaches a minimum compressive strength of 500 psi at the shoe, 2) until cement has been in place at least **8 hours**. WOC time will be recorded in the driller's log. See individual casing strings for details regarding lead cement slurry requirements. **DURING THIS WOC TIME, NO DRILL PIPE, ETC. SHALL BE RUN IN THE HOLE.**

Provide compressive strengths including hours to reach required 500 pounds compressive strength prior to cementing each casing string. Have well specific cement details onsite prior to pumping the cement for each casing string.

No pea gravel permitted for remedial or fall back remedial without prior authorization from the BLM engineer.

HIGH CAVE/ KARST AREA: A MINIMUM OF TWO CASING STRINGS CEMENTED TO SURFACE IS REQUIRED IN HIGH CAVE/KARST AREAS. THE CEMENT MUST BE IN A SOLID SHEATH. THEREFORE, ONE INCH OPERATIONS ARE NOT SUFFICIENT TO PROTECT CAVE KARST RESOURCES. A CASING DESIGN THAT HAS A ONE INCH JOB PERFORMED DOES NOT COUNT AS A SOLID SHEATH.

ON A THREE STRING DESIGN: IF THE PRIMARY CEMENT JOB ON THE SURFACE CASING DOES NOT CIRCULATE, THEN THE NEXT TWO CASING STRINGS MUST BE CEMENTED TO SURFACE.

Risks:

Capitan Reef

Possibility of water flows in the Rustler and in the Salado.

Possibility of lost circulation in the Capitan Reef, in the San Andres, in the Bone Spring Lime, in the Grayburg, and in the Delaware.

1. The **20 inch** surface casing shall be set at approximately **355 feet (a minimum of 25 feet into the Rustler Formation, and if salt is encountered, set casing at least 25 feet above the salt)** and cemented to the surface.
 - a. If cement does not circulate to the surface, the appropriate BLM office shall be notified and a temperature survey utilizing an electronic type temperature survey with surface log readout will be used or a cement bond log shall be run to verify the top of the cement. Temperature survey will be run a minimum of six hours after pumping cement and ideally between 8-10 hours after completing the cement job.

- b. **Wait on cement (WOC) time for a primary cement job is to include the lead cement slurry.**
 - c. Wait on cement (WOC) time for a remedial job will be a minimum of 4 hours after bringing cement to surface or 500 pounds compressive strength, whichever is greater.
 - d. If cement falls back, remedial cementing will be done prior to drilling out that string.
2. The minimum required fill of cement behind the **13 3/8** inch intermediate casing, which shall be set at approximately **1650** feet (**to leave room for a DV Tool and to ensure cement circulated to surface, and in the base of the Seven Rivers Formation**), is:
 - Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate see B.1.a, c-d above. **Wait on cement (WOC) time for a primary cement job is to include the lead cement slurry due to cave/ karst.**
 3. The minimum required fill of cement behind the **9 5/8** inch intermediate casing is:
 - Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate see B.1.a, c-d above. **Wait on cement (WOC) time for a primary cement job is to include the lead cement slurry due to cave/ karst.**
 4. The minimum required fill of cement behind the **5 1/2** inch production casing is:
 - Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate see B.1.a, c-d above.
 5. If hardband drill pipe is rotated inside casing, returns will be monitored for metal. If metal is found in samples, drill pipe will be pulled and rubber protectors which have a larger diameter than the tool joints of the drill pipe will be installed prior to continuing drilling operations.

C. PRESSURE CONTROL

1. All blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) shall comply with well control requirements as described in Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 2 and API RP 53 Sec. 17.
2. **In the case where the only BOP installed is an annular preventer, it shall be tested to a minimum of 2000 psi (which may require upgrading to 3M or 5M annular).**
3. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) required for drilling below the surface casing shoe shall be **2000 (2M)** psi.
4. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) required for drilling below the **13 3/8** inch intermediate casing shoe shall be

3000 (3M) psi. (For below the 9 5/8 inch intermediate casing shoe, 5000 psi BOP will be installed. Only will be tested to 3000 psi, a 3M system)

5. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness the tests.
 - a. In a water basin, for all casing strings utilizing slips, these are to be set as soon as the crew and rig are ready and any fallback cement remediation has been done. The casing cut-off and BOP installation can be initiated four hours after installing the slips, which will be approximately six hours after bumping the plug. For those casing strings not using slips, the minimum wait time before cut-off is eight hours after bumping the plug. BOP/BOPE testing can begin after cut-off or once cement reaches 500 psi compressive strength (including lead when specified), whichever is greater. However, if the float does not hold, cut-off cannot be initiated until cement reaches 500 psi compressive strength (including lead when specified).
 - b. The tests shall be done by an independent service company utilizing a test plug **not a cup or J-packer**. The operator also has the option of utilizing an independent tester to test without a plug (i.e. against the casing) pursuant to Onshore Order 2 with the pressure not to exceed 70% of the burst rating for the casing. Any test against the casing must meet the WOC time for water basin (8 hours) or potash (24 hours) or 500 pounds compressive strength, whichever is greater, prior to initiating the test (see casing segment as lead cement may be critical item).
 - c. The test shall be run on a 10000 psi chart for a 5M BOP/BOPE and on a 15000 psi chart for a 10M BOP/BOPE. If a linear chart is used, it shall be a one hour chart. A circular chart shall have a maximum 2 hour clock. If a twelve hour or twenty-four hour chart is used, tester shall make a notation that it is run with a two hour clock.
 - d. The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.
 - e. All tests are required to be recorded on a calibrated test chart. **A copy of the BOP/BOPE test chart and a copy of independent service company test will be submitted to the appropriate BLM office.**
 - f. The BOP/BOPE test shall include a low pressure test from 250 to 300 psi. The test will be held for a minimum of 10 minutes if test is done with a test plug and 30 minutes without a test plug. This test shall be performed prior to the test at full stack pressure.

D. DRILL STEM TEST

If drill stem tests are performed, Onshore Order 2.III.D shall be followed.

E. WASTE MATERIAL AND FLUIDS

All waste (i.e. drilling fluids, trash, salts, chemicals, sewage, gray water, etc.) created as a result of drilling operations and completion operations shall be safely contained and disposed of properly at a waste disposal facility. No waste material or fluid shall be disposed of on the well location or surrounding area.

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

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VIII. 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 Enclosures

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 enclosure 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, **Shale Green** from the BLM Standard Environmental Color Chart (CC-001: June 2008).

IX. 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).

Seed Mixture 4, for Gypsum 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	lb/acre
Alkali Sacaton (Sporobolus airoides)	1.0
DWS □ Four-wing saltbush (Atriplex canescens)	5.0
DWS: DeWinged Seed	

*Pounds of pure live seed:

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