Form 3160-5 (June 2015)

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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# NMNM22634

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT	
SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS	Artesla
Do not use this form for proposals to drill or to re-enter an	
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abandoned well. Use form 3160-3 (APD) for such proposals.			6. If Indian, Allottee o	6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name	
SUBMIT IN	TRIPLICATE - Other instruction	ns on page 2	7. If Unit or CA/Agree	ment, Name and/or No.	
1. Type of Well  ☑ Oil Well ☐ Gas Well ☐ Other			8. Well Name and No. EAST PECOS FE	DERAL 22 3H	
Name of Operator Contact: CAITLIN O'HAIR     RKI EXPLORATION & PROD LLC E-Mail: caitlin.ohair@wpxenergy.com			9. API Well No. 30-015-42285-0	0-S1	
3a. Address 3b. Phone No.		one No. (include area code) 539-573-3527	10. Field and Pool or F UNDESIGNATE UNKNOWN	10. Field and Pool or Exploratory Area UNDESIGNATED UNKNOWN	
4. Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T	., R., M., or Survey Description)		11. County or Parish,	State	
Sec 22 T26S R29E SWSW 50 32.021040 N Lat, 103.978810			EDDY COUNTY	′, NM	
12. CHECK THE AI	PPROPRIATE BOX(ES) TO IN	DICATE NATURE O	F NOTICE, REPORT, OR OTH	IER DATA	
TYPE OF SUBMISSION		TYPE OF ACTION			
➤ Notice of Intent	☐ Acidize	□ Deepen	☐ Production (Start/Resume)	☐ Water Shut-Off	
_	☐ Alter Casing	☐ Hydraulic Fracturing	☐ Reclamation	■ Well Integrity	
☐ Subsequent Report	☐ Casing Repair	☐ New Construction	☐ Recomplete	<b>⊘</b> Other	
☐ Final Abandonment Notice	☐ Change Plans	Plug and Abandon	□ Temporarily Abandon	Venting and/or Flari	
	☐ Convert to Injection	Plug Back	☐ Water Disposal	8	
determined that the site is ready for f	UCTION, LLC. requests to interr ty issues, from 6/1/2017 to 8/30/2 r month = 800 MCF  NM OIL CONSERVARTESIA DISTRICATION AUG 0 1 2017	mittently flare at a the E 2017 (90 days).		·	
14. I hereby certify that the foregoing is	strue and correct. Electronic Submission #372079	verified by the BLM Wel	I Information System		
Comm	For RKI EXPLORATION	I & PROD LLC. sent to t	he Carlsbad		
Committed to AFMSS for processing by DEBORAH MĆKINNEY on 04/06/2017 (17DLM1309SE)  Name (Printed/Typed) CAITLIN O'HAIR  Title PERMIT TECHNICIAN II					
Signature (Electronic S	Submission)	Date 04/04/20	)17		
	THIS SPACE FOR FE	DERAL OR STATE	OFFICE USE		
Approved By OMAR ALOMAR		TitlePETROLE	UM ENGINEER	Date 07/24/2017	
Conditions of approval, if any, are attache certify that the applicant holds legal or equivalent would entitle the applicant to conduct the applicant the applicant to conduct the applicant the ap	uitable title to those rights in the subject		1		
Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and Title 43 States any false, fictitious or fraudulent			willfully to make to any department or	agency of the United	

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## RKI EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION EAST PECOS FEDERAL 22 005H NMNM22634

### 07/24/2017

Pursuant to, 43 CFR 3179

Lessees or operators are hereby authorized to vent or flare gas on a short-term basis without incurring a royalty obligation in the following circumstances:

- A. 43 CFR 3179.105 **Emergencies** (a) An operator may flare or, if flaring is not feasible given the emergency, vent gas royalty-free under §3179.4 (a) (vi) of this subpart during an emergency. For purposes of this subpart, an "emergency" is a temporary, infrequent and unavoidable situation in which the loss of gas or oil is uncontrollable or necessary to avoid risk of an immediate and substantial adverse impact on safety, public health, or the environment. For purposes of royalty assessment, an "emergency" is limited to a short-term situation of 24 hours or less (unless the BLM agrees that the emergency conditions necessitating venting or flaring extend for a longer period) caused by an unanticipated event or failure that is out of the operator's control and was not due to operator negligence.
- B. 43 CFR 3179.4 **Determining when the loss of oil or gas is avoidable or unavoidable**. (2) *Avoidably lost oil* or gas means: Lost oil or gas that is not "unavoidably lost," as defined in paragraph (a) of this section; waste oil that became waste oil through operator negligence; and, any "excess flared gas," as defined in §3179.7.
- C. 43 CFR 3179.5 When lost production is subject to royalty.
  - (a) Royalty is due on all avoidably lost oil or gas.
  - (b) Royalty is not due on any unavoidably lost oil or gas.

#### **Condition of Approval to Flare Gas**

- 1. The first 24 hours of a <u>temporary emergency flare</u> is considered "unavoidably lost" and is therefore royalty free. Flared volumes that are considered unavoidably lost are not to be included in Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5). These Volumes are not royalty bearing and shall be reported on OGOR "B" as either disposition code "21" or "22".
- 2. Flared volumes considered to be "avoidably lost": These flare events will require prior approval via Notice of Intent- Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5). Volumes flared beyond limits defined in 43 CFR 3179.7 are considered "avoidably lost" and will require payment of royalties, unless an exception is granted in accordance with 43 CFR 3179. Volumes for avoidably lost gas shall be reported on OGOR "B" reports as disposition code "08".

If the operator believes that the flared volumes were "unavoidably lost" and the BLM determines them to be "avoidably lost", the operator can submit a more detailed request via Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5) for an exception in accordance with 43 CFR 3179.4, 3179.103 - 3179.105. As an alternative to producing oil and flaring gas the operator may choose to shut the well in and avoid paying royalties on otherwise avoidably lost gas.

- 3. Approval not to exceed 90 days, (from 06/01/2017 to 08/30/2017), if flaring is still required past 60 days submit new request for approval.
- 4. Submit Subsequent Report with actual volumes of gas flared for each month gas is flared on a Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5). Include method for volume determination and duration. Report unavoidably lost (first 24 hrs. of unexpected event) and avoidably lost (exceeding the first 24 hrs. or flared gas that has been approved as avoidably lost by the Authorized Officer) volumes and durations on the Subsequent Report.
- 5. In determining the volumes of gas to be reported, shall be in accordance with 43 CFR 3179.4, 43 CFR 3179.5, 43 CFR 3179.9 and 43 CFR 3179.10
- 6. The operator must estimate or measure all volumes of gas vented or flared gas by one of the following methods.
  - Measure the flare gas by a meter. The meter shall meet all requirements for a sales meter as per Federal Regulations, 43 CFR 3175. Include meter serial number on Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5).
  - ii. Calculate the volume of the flared gas based on the results of a regularly performed GOR test and measured values for the volumes of oil production and gas sales, so as to allow BLM to independently verify the volume, rate, and heating value of the gas flared.

Regulation Ref: Link to 43 CFR 3179 Waste Prevention and Resources Conservation; https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-

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