Form 3160-5 (June 2015)

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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5. Lease Serial No. NMNM86024

## SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS

Do not use this form for proposals to drill or to re-enter an abandoned well. Use form 3160-3 (APD) for such proposals.

6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name

SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE - Other instructions on page 2					7. If Unit or CA/Agreement, Name and/or No.		
Type of Well	8. Well Name and No. CYPRESS 34 FEDERAL 1						
Name of Operator     OXY USA INC	9. API Well No. 30-015-35053						
3a. Address 5 GREENWAY PLAZA SUITE HOUSTON, TX 77046	3b. Phone No Ph: 713-21	. (include area code) 5-7912		10. Field and Pool or Exploratory Area CEDAR CANYON-BONE SPRING			
4. Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T., R., M., or Survey Description)					11. County or Parish, State		
Sec 34 T23S R29E SESE 460FSL 660FEL					EDDY COUNTY, NM		
12. CHECK THE A	PPROPRIATE BOX(ES)	TO INDICA	TE NATURE O	F NOTICE,	REPORT, OR OTH	IER DATA	
TYPE OF SUBMISSION	OF SUBMISSION TYPE OF ACTION						
Notice of Intent	☐ Acidize	☐ Dee	pen	☐ Product	ion (Start/Resume)	☐ Water Shut-Off	
•	Alter Casing		lraulic Fracturing	☐ Reclam	ation	■ Well Integrity	
☐ Subsequent Report	Casing Repair	□ Nev	v Construction	☐ Recomplete		Other	
Final Abandonment Notice	☐ Change Plans	🗖 Plug	g and Abandon	☐ Tempor	arily Abandon	Venting and/or Flari	
☐ Convert to Ir		D Plug	g Back	■ Water Disposal		-	
following completion of the involved operations. If the operation results in a multiple completion or recompletion in a new interval, a Form 3160-4 must be filed once testing has been completed. Final Abandonment Notices must be filed only after all requirements, including reclamation, have been completed and the operator has determined that the site is ready for final inspection.  OXY USA INC, respectfully reports that the above location began to flare on JUNE 10, 2017 due to ENERGY TRANSFER SHUT IN and we request permission to flare for 90 days ending on SEPTEMBER 8, 2017.  SEE ATTACHED FOR CONDITIONS OF APPROVALED FOR CONDITIONS OF CONDITI							
14. I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct.  Electronic Submission #378885 verified by the BLM Well Information System  For OXY USA INC, sent to the Carlsbad  Committed to AFMSS for processing by DEBORAH MCKNINEY on 66/19/2017 ()  Name (Printed/Typed) THALIA HIMES  Title HES TECH							
Signature (Electronic S	Submission)		Date 06/14/2	017 APF	PROVED		
THIS SPACE FOR FEDERAL OR STATE OFFICE USE							
Approved By			Title	JUL	(2/0 2017)	Daje	
Conditions of approval, if any, are attached certify that the applicant holds legal or equivalent would entitle the applicant to conduct the conductive transfer of the conductive transfer or the conductive tran	utable title to those rights in the		Office	BUREAU OF CAM SB	AND MALAGEMENT AD FIELD DEFICE		
Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and Title 43 States any false, fictitious or fraudulent s	U.S.C. Section 1212, make it a statements or representations as	crime for any po to any matter w	rson knowing and		ike to any department or	agency of the United	
(Instructions on page 2)							

\*\* OPERATOR-SUBMITTED \*\* OPERATOR-SUBMITTED \*\*

# BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Carlsbad Field Office 620 East Greene Street Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220 575-234-5972

#### 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".
- 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, if flaring is still required past 90 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 (due to volume of gas being flared).
     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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