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## **APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO NO-FLARE RULE 19.15.18.12**

(See Rule 19.15.18.12 NMAC and Rule 19.15.7.37 NMAC)

А.	Applicant Devon Energy Production Company, LP,		
	whose address is 333 West Sheridan Avenue, OKC, OK 73102,		
	hereby requests an exception to Rule 19.15.18.12 for 30 days or until		
	N/A, Yr, for the following described tank battery (or LACT):		
	Name of LeaseName of Pool Jennings; Bone Spring, W (97860)		
	Location of Battery: Unit Letter D_Section 2 Township 26S Range 31E		
B.	Number of wells producing into battery <u>4 Wells – Snapping 2 State 9H (30-015-43023), 10H (30-015-43024),</u> <u>11H (30-015-43041), &amp; 12H (30-015-43042).</u> Based upon oil production of <u>243</u> barrels per day, the estimated * volume		
	of gas to be flared is <u>1474</u> MC	F; Valueper day.	
C.	Name and location of nearest gas gathering facility: <u>Currently tied into DCP Midstream</u>		
D.	Distance Estimated cost of connection		
E.	This exception is requested for the following reasons:		
	Devon requesting a flare extension due to having to shut down the compressor for a retro fit project and will need to flare for 30 days from 9/12/2017 to 10/12/2017. We received verbal approval from Amalia Bustamante on 9/12/2017.		
OPERATOR		OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
I hereby certify that the rules and regulations of the Oil Conservation Division have been complied with and that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.		Approved Until Det. 12, 2017	
Signature Sinda Hood		By Amalia Brystamarte	
Printed Name & Title <u>Lin</u>	nda Good, Regulatory Compliance Spec.	Title Business Operations Specialist-O	
E-mail Addres	slinda.good@dvn.com	Date Date: 9/12/17	
Date 9/12/2	017 Telephone No. (405) 552-6558	PLEASE REFER TO ATTACHEDCONDITIONS OF APPROVAL	

\* Gas-Oil ratio test may be required to verify estimated gas volume.

Submit 1 Copy To Appropriate District Office	State of New Mexico	Form C-103			
District I - (575) 393-6161	Energy, Minerals and Natural Reso	Revised July 18, 2013			
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240 District II - (575) 748-1283		WELL API NO. 30-015-43023			
811 S. First St., Artesia, NM 88210	OIL CONSERVATION DIVIS	SION 5 Indicate Type of Lease			
<u>District III</u> ~ (505) 334-6178 1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410	1220 South St. Francis Dr.	STATE X FEE			
District IV ~ (505) 476-3460	Santa Fe, NM 87505	6. State Oil & Gas Lease No.			
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505					
	CES AND REPORTS ON WELLS	7. Lease Name or Unit Agreement Name			
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DIFFERENT RESERVOIR. USE "APPLIC PROPOSALS.)	ATION FOR PERMIT" (FORM C-101) FOR SUCH				
	Gas Well 🔲 Other	8. Well Number 9H			
2. Name of Operator Devon Energy Production (	Co., L.P. Linda Good	9. OGRID Number d 6137			
3. Address of Operator		10. Pool name or Wildcat			
333 West Sheridan Ave, Okla	homa City, OK 73102 405-552-	Territory Days Contract MT (070(0)			
4. Well Location					
Unit Letter D :	200 feet from the North lir	ne and 880 feet from the West line			
Section 2		31E NMPM County Eddy			
	11. Elevation (Show whether DR, RKB, R				
	3300' GR				
12. Check A	ppropriate Box to Indicate Nature of	f Notice, Report or Other Data			
NOTICE OF IN		SUBSEQUENT REPORT OF:			
		DIAL WORK			
		IENCE DRILLING OPNS. P AND A			
DOWNHOLE COMMINGLE		—			
CLOSED-LOOP SYSTEM					
OTHER: Flare					
13. Describe proposed or comple	ted operations. (Clearly state all pertinent	details, and give pertinent dates, including estimated date			
of starting any proposed work). SEE RULE 19.15.7.14 NMAC. For Multiple Completions: Attach wellbore diagram of proposed completion or recompletion.					
proposed completion of reco	inpretion.				
	tfully requests to flare the Snapping 2 CTB. We are re				
flare for 30 days, starting 9/12/17 to 10/12/17. Flare is needed due to having to shut down the compressor for a retro fit project. We received verbal approval today 9/12/17 from Amalia Bustamante with the NMOCD,					
Artesia.	OVAL UMARY 7/12/17 ITOM AMANA BUSTAMANC WITH NE	e NMIOCD,			
MCFPD - 1474 MCFD					
BOPD - 243 BPD					
The following wells contribute to the total	flared volume:				
Snapping 2 State 9H (30-015-43023) Snapping 2 State 10H (30-015-43024)					
Snapping 2 State 11H (30-015-43041)		NM OIL CONSERVATION			
Snapping 2 State 12H (30-015-43042)		ARTESIA DISTRICT			
C-129 Attached		SEP <b>1 2 2017</b>			
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I hereby certify that the information al	ove is true and complete to the best of my	knowledge and belief.			
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Type or print name Linda Good	E-mail address: linda.	.good@dvn.com PHONE: 405-552-6558			
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APPROVED BY: Conditions of Approval (if any):	TITLE	DATE			

## NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION DISTRICT 2 OFFICE 811 SOUTH FIRST STREET ARTESIA, NM 88210 (575)748-1283

### CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL for FLARING or VENTING GAS

- 1. Venting gas is absolutely not allowed.
- 2. Prior to flaring gas, C-129 must be filed & approved. Blanket approval cannot be given for this operation.
- 3. Flared volumes of gas are to be metered & reported.
- 4. Flares WILL be manned at all times. Brush should be cut down to 1 or 2 inches around flare stack at least a radial distance of 2 times the height of the flare stack.
- 5. Flares WILL NOT be left unattended.
- 6. No flaring operations to be conducted during red-flag days. <u>http://www.gacc.nifc.gov/swcc</u> (go to "Predictive Services" on SWCC website) to check for red flag warnings.
- 7. Follow safe practices for flaring guidelines.
- 8. Permit may be rescinded at any time by NMOCD.
- **9.** If well is able to be connected to a gas gathering system, it will be done so as soon as possible.
- 10. <u>Flaring of gas is prohibited</u>. The State Forester grants an exception to the prohibition on open fires for the flaring of natural gas when the following conditions are met. Unless flaring is needed for safety purposes, flaring pursuant to this exception shall not be done on days that are "red flag days" as determined by the National Weather Service or on days when the sustained wind is in excess of 25 miles per hour in the area.
- 11.1. The day is not a "red flag day" as determined by the National Weather Service and the sustained wind is not in excess of 25 miles per hour in the area.
- 12.2. The local fire department and county dispatch are notified at least 24 hours in advance of anticipated releases that will result in flaring. If flaring is done by an automated system then the schedule of flaring shall be provided to the local fire department and county dispatch. The area is mowed and maintained at a length not to exceed 4 inches and all other flammable products or debris shall be cleared in the area for a distance of one and one half times the height of the stack.
- 13.3. At least one adult is on site with communications equipment adequate to reach county dispatch and the local fire department in the event of a fire. The individual should also be equipped with a shovel and a water backpack pump or other equipment to deliver water to suppress a fire
- 14.4. If flaring is to take place at an unmanned facility, then the area around the flare stack is mowed and maintained at a length not to exceed 4 inches and all other flammable products or debris shall be cleared in the area for a distance of three times the height of the stack.

Your initials here A

DATE: 9/12/17

Susana Martinez Governor

David Martin Cabinet Secretary

Tony Delfin Deputy Cabinet Secretary David Catanach Division Director Oil Conservation Division



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Contact: Jim Winchester (505)231-8800 E-Mail:jim.winchester@state.nm.us

# Notice to Oil and Gas Facilities and Operators Flaring Gas in New Mexico

SANTA FE, NM – The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) encourages all oil and gas facilities with flare stacks and well operators that are flaring gas to upgrade their *Fire Awareness Programs* this year. New Mexico State Forestry reports that 460 fires have burned 25,475 acres on state and private land in calendar year 2012.

Forecasts remain dismal this spring with fewer chances for normal precipitation, particularly in southwestern New Mexico and southeastern Arizona. Temperatures could also be higher than normal.

Open flames and gas flares should be monitored carefully and oil and gas operators should create a defensible space to help prevent wildfires. Defensible Space is the area around a structure where combustible vegetation that can spread fire has been cleared, reduced or replaced. This space acts as a barrier between a structure and an advancing wildfire.

During the course of the upcoming fire season, it may become necessary for New Mexico State Forestry to issue fire restriction on State and private land. Log on to <u>www.nmforestry.com</u> for updates or call your local district office.

New Mexico State Forestry offers the following guidelines for establishing effective defensible space:

- Create a "Lean, Clean and Green" firebreak area by removing flammable vegetation and growth within 30 feet of each structure. Single trees and shrubs may be retained if they are well spaced, pruned and placed so they avoid the spread of fire. Maintain an irrigation system for any vegetation near structures.
- Keep grass and weeds mowed.
- Prune lower tree limbs to at least 6 feet up to 15 feet (or lower 1/3 of branches on smaller trees).
- Remove vegetation and debris around propane tanks.

For the latest fire weather information please visit USDA Forest Service website: http://activefiremaps.fs.fed.us/current.php

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## **NOTICE TO OPERATORS**

The Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") has been tasked to study flaring and develop a gas capture plan by the end of the year with the ultimate goal to reduce natural gas emissions.

Current OCD reporting has no specific method to differentiate flared and vented volumes reported on C-115 reports. This prevents the OCD from having quantifiable flaring data per Rule 19.15.18.12.F NMAC.

Therefore, to collect flaring volumes and differentiate actual vented volumes going forward, NMOCD will implement a new "Non-Transported Disposition" Code (for gas) to be reported on the C-115 reports. The new code will be "F" for Flared. The new code "F" is to be used to report the volume of gas that is flared on a well basis, or total volume if flared at a common battery or gathering system and reported under one point of disposition. Operators must report vented and flared volumes separately to their respective "Non Transported Disposition" code ("V" for vented and "F" for flared).

The change will become effective for the November 2015 production month with reporting due by January 15, 2016.

The NMOCD will be conducting operator outreach training sessions in the Southeast and Northwest to provide information and answer questions regarding the process.

Meeting notices will be posted on NMOCD website at: http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/OCD/announcements.html

The C-115 instructions are available on NMOCD website at: http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/OCD/documents/eC115\_FullInstructions.pdf

#### RULES

#### 19.15.7.24 OPERATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT (Form C-115):

A. An operator shall file a form C-115 for each non-plugged well completion for which the division has approved a form C-104 and for each secondary or other enhanced recovery project or pressure maintenance project injection well or other injection well within the state, setting forth complete information and data indicated on the forms in the order, format and style the director prescribes. The operator shall estimate oil production from wells producing into common storage as accurately as possible on the basis of periodic tests.

#### 19.15.18.12 CASINGHEAD GAS:

F. Pending connection of a well to a gas-gathering facility, or when a well has been excepted from the provisions of Subsection A of 19.15.18.12 NMAC, the operator shall burn all gas produced and not used, and report the estimated volume on form C-115.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions please contact the appropriate OCD District Office.

Sincerely,

David R. Catanach Director, Oil Conservation Division