Form 3160-5 (June 2015)

## **UNITED STATES** DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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## 5. Lease Serial No. NMNM92160

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.					NMNM92160  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     ☐ Oil Well    ☐ Other					8. Well Name and No. CHOSA DRAW 27 FEDERAL COM 1		
2. Name of Operator Contact: RHONDA SHELDON CIMAREX E-Mail: rsheldon@cimarex.com					9. API Well No. 30-015-32918		
3a. Address 3b. Phone No. (include area code)					10. Field and Pool or E	xploratory Area	
202 S. CHEYENNE AVE SUITE 1000 Ph: 918-295-1709 TULSA, OK 74103					SAGE DRAW WOLDCAMP EAST		
4. Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T., R., M., or Survey Description)					11. County or Parish, State		
Sec 27 T25S R26E 330FNL 1980FEL					EDDY COUNTY, NM		
12. CHECK THE A	PROPRIATE BOX(ES)	TO INDICA	TE NATURE O	F NOTICE	, REPORT, OR OTH	IER DATA	
TYPE OF SUBMISSION	TYPE OF SUBMISSION TYPE OF ACTION						
Notice of Intent     ■	☐ Acidize	☐ Dee	pen	☐ Production (Start/Resur		□ Water Shut-Off	
	☐ Alter Casing	_ ,	raulic Fracturing	☐ Reclan	nation	☐ Well Integrity	
☐ Subsequent Report	☐ Casing Repair		Construction	☐ Recom	•		
☐ Final Abandonment Notice	☐ Change Plans	_	g and Abandon	=	rarily Abandon	ng	
13. Describe Proposed or Completed Ope	Convert to Injection	Plug		Water		<del></del>	
If the proposal is to deepen directions Attach the Bond under which the wor following completion of the involved testing has been completed. Final Abdetermined that the site is ready for fit Cimarex requests to flare apprissues.	k will be performed or provide operations. If the operation res andonment Notices must be file nal inspection.	the Bond No. or ults in a multipled only after all	n file with BLM/BIA e completion or reco requirements, include	A. Required sumpletion in a ling reclamation	absequent reports must be new interval, a Form 3160 on, have been completed as	filed within 30 days 0-4 must be filed once	
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14. I hereby certify that the foregoing is	Electronic Submission #3	85965 verifie	d by the BLM We	II Informatio	n System	/	
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Name (Printed/Typed) RHONDA	SHELDON				CHNICIAN LX	<u>U</u>	
Signature (Electronic S	ubmission)		Date 08/24/2	017	esp /1 18	ihh	
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Approved By  Conditions of approval, if any, are attached certify that the applicant holds legal or equivalent would entitle the applicant to condu	itable title to those rights in the		Title Office	1	REAU OF ANDYMAN CARLSE: MELU OF	CEMENT FUE Date	
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 catatements or representations as	crime for any pe to any matter w	rson knowingly and ithin its jurisdiction.	willfully to m	take to any department or a	agency of the United	

## 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".
- 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, 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). <u>Include method for volume determination and duration</u>. 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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