Form 3160-5 (June 2015)

NMOCD Artesia

UNITED STATES

FORM APPROVED

DE		Expires: January 31, 2018 5. Lease Serial No. NMLC029342B 6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name			
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT 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	
SUBMIT IN	7. If Unit or CA/Agr	7. If Unit or CA/Agreement, Name and/or No.			
Type of Well ☐ Gas Well ☐ Oth	8. Well Name and No POLARIS B FEE				
2. Name of Operator COG OPERATING LLC	9. API Well No. 30-015-34707				
3a. Address 600 W ILLINOIS AVE MIDLAND, TX 79701 3b. Phone N Ph: 432-6		one No. (include area code) 32-685-4332	10. Field and Pool of LOCO HILLS;	10. Field and Pool or Exploratory Area LOCO HILLS;GLORIETA YESO	
4. Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T		11. County or Parish, State			
Sec 9 T17S R30E Mer NMP 330FSL 330FEL			EDDY COUNT	EDDY COUNTY, NM	
12. CHECK THE AI	PPROPRIATE BOX(ES) TO IND	DICATE NATURE O	F NOTICE, REPORT, OR OT	HER DATA	
TYPE OF SUBMISSION	TYPE OF ACTION				
Notice of Intent ■ Notice of Intent Notice of Inten	☐ Acidize ☐] Deepen	☐ Production (Start/Resume)	☐ Water Shut-Off	
_	☐ Alter Casing ☐	Hydraulic Fracturing	☐ Reclamation	■ Well Integrity	
☐ Subsequent Report	☐ Casing Repair	New Construction	☐ Recomplete	Other	
☐ Final Abandonment Notice	☐ Change Plans	Plug and Abandon	☐ Temporarily Abandon	Venting and/or Flari ng	
	☐ Convert to Injection ☐	Plug Back	☐ Water Disposal		
following completion of the involved testing has been completed. Final Ab determined that the site is ready for f	•	nultiple completion or reco ter all requirements, includ	ompletion in a new interval, a Form 31 ing reclamation, have been completed	60-4 must be filed once	
Number of wells to flare: (24)	ully requests to flare at the Polaris	S B Federal #5 battery			
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14. I hereby certify that the foregoing is	true and correct. Electronic Submission #388363 v	erified by the BI M Wel	I Information System		
	For COG OPERATII Committed to AFMSS for process	NG LLC, sent to the Ca	aristad		
Name (Printed/Typed) KANICIA		Title PREPA	1 1 "	#/	
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Signature (Electronic S	Submission)	Date 09/13/20	on APPRO	WER	
	THIS SPACE FOR FED	ERAL OR STATE	1 1 1		
Approved By .		Title	SEP (4)	W 20 / Ibate	
Conditions of approval, if any, are attached certify that the applicant holds legal or equivalent would entitle the applicant to condu-	nt or ease Office	BUREAU OF YANS CARLSBAD AU			
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 crime for statements or representations as to any ma	any person knowingly and tter within its jurisdiction.	willfully to make to any department o	nagency of the United	

(Instructions on page 2)

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

OPERATOR-SUBMITTED **

Additional data for EC transaction #388363 that would not fit on the form

32. Additional remarks, continued

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POLARIS B FEDERAL 22 30-015-36708 — POLARIS B FEDERAL 23 30-015-36709 — POLARIS B FEDERAL 24 30-015-36710 — POLARIS B FEDERAL 25 30-015-36711 — POLARIS B FEDERAL 26 30-015-36664 — POLARIS B FEDERAL 28 30-015-36664 — POLARIS B FEDERAL 29 30-015-36665 — POLARIS B FEDERAL 30 30-015-36663 — POLARIS B FEDERAL 31 30-015-36663 — POLARIS B FEDERAL 32 30-015-36667 — POLARIS B FEDERAL 5 30-015-36667 — POLARIS B FEDERAL 6 30-015-35649 — POLARIS B FEDERAL 7 30-015-35699 — POLARIS B FEDERAL 8 30-015-35393 — POLARIS B FEDERAL 9 30-015-35394 —
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75 Oil/Day 440 MCF/Day

Requesting 90 day approval from 9/13/17 to 12/12/17

Planned Midstream Curtailment

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 <u>without incurring a royalty</u> 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>. <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.</u>
- 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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