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**Oil Conservation Division** 1220 South St. Francis Dr. Santa Fe, NM 87505

### **GAS CAPTURE PLAN**

Date: 08/01/2018

Original

Operator & OGRID No.: XTO Energy, Inc [005380]

Amended - Reason for Amendment:\_

This Gas Capture Plan outlines actions to be taken by the Operator to reduce well/production facility flaring/venting for new completion (new drill, recomplete to new zone, re-frac) activity.

Note: Form C-129 must be submitted and approved prior to exceeding 60 days allowed by Rule (Subsection A of 19.15.18.12 NMAC).

# Well(s)/Production Facility - Name of facility: Ross Draw 25 Northeast

The well(s) that will be located at the production facility are shown in the table below.

Well Name	API	Well Location (ULSTR)	Footages	Expected MCF/D	Flared or Vented	Comments
Ross Draw 25 5H	30-015- 43580	C-25-26S-29E	170'FNL 2131'FWL	2500MCF/D	Flared/Sold	CTB Connected to P/L
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# **Gathering System and Pipeline Notification**

Well(s) will be connected to a production facility after flowback operations are complete, if gas transporter system is in place. The gas produced from production facility is dedicated to ETC and will be connected to ETC's low/high pressure gathering system located in Lea County, New Mexico. It will require 0' of pipeline to connect the facility to low/high pressure gathering system. XTO Energy, Inc. provides (periodically) to ETC a drilling, completion and estimated first production date for wells that are scheduled to be drilled in the foreseeable future. In addition, XTO Energy, Inc. and ETC have periodic conference calls to discuss changes to drilling and completion schedules. Gas from these wells will be processed at ETC Processing Plant located in Sec. 33 Twn. 24S, Rng. 37E, Lea County, New Mexico. The actual flow of the gas will be based on compression operating parameters and gathering system pressures.

#### **Flowback Strategy**

After the fracture treatment/completion operations, well(s) will be produced to temporary production tanks and gas will be flared or vented. During flowback, the fluids and sand content will be monitored. When the produced fluids contain minimal sand, the wells will be turned to production facilities. Gas sales should start as soon as the wells start flowing through the production facilities, unless there are operational issues on Gas Transporter system at that time. Based on current information, it is XTO Energy, Inc.'s belief the system can take this gas upon completion of the well(s).

Safety requirements during cleanout operations from the use of underbalanced air cleanout systems may necessitate that sand and non-pipeline quality gas be vented and/or flared rather than sold on a temporary basis.

### **Alternatives to Reduce Flaring**

Below are alternatives considered from a conceptual standpoint to reduce the amount of gas flared.

- Power Generation On lease •
  - o Only a portion of gas is consumed operating the generator, remainder of gas will be flared
- Compressed Natural Gas On lease
  - Gas flared would be minimal, but might be uneconomical to operate when gas volume declines
- NGL Removal On lease
  - Plants are expensive, residue gas is still flared, and uneconomical to operate when gas volume declines

After all disturbed areas have been satisfactorily prepared, these areas need to be revegetated with the seed mixture provided below. Seeding should be accomplished by drilling on the contour whenever practical or by other approved methods. Seeding may need to be repeated until revegetation is successful, as determined by the BLM.

Operators shall contact a BLM surface protection specialist prior to surface abandonment operations for site specific objectives (Jim Amos: 575-234-5909).

# Seed Mixture 2, for Sandy Sites

The holder shall seed all disturbed areas with the seed mixture listed below. The seed mixture shall be planted in the amounts specified in pounds of pure live seed (PLS)\* per acre. There shall be <u>no</u> primary or secondary noxious weeds in the seed mixture. Seed will be tested and the viability testing of seed will be done in accordance with State law (s) and within nine (9) months prior to purchase. Commercial seed will be either certified or registered seed. The seed container will be tagged in accordance with State law(s) and available for inspection by the authorized officer.

Seed will be planted using a drill equipped with a depth regulator to ensure proper depth of planting where drilling is possible. The seed mixture will be evenly and uniformly planted over the disturbed area (smaller/heavier seeds have a tendency to drop the bottom of the drill and are planted first). The holder shall take appropriate measures to ensure this does not occur. Where drilling is not possible, seed will be broadcast and the area shall be raked or chained to cover the seed. When broadcasting the seed, the pounds per acre are to be doubled. The seeding will be repeated until a satisfactory stand is established as determined by the authorized officer. Evaluation of growth will not be made before completion of at least one full growing season after seeding.

Species to be planted in pounds of pure live seed\* per acre:

Species	l <u>b/acre</u>
Sand dropseed (Sporobolus cryptandrus)	1.0
Sand love grass (Eragrostis trichodes)	1.0
Plains bristlegrass (Setaria macrostachya)	2.0

\*Pounds of pure live seed:

Pounds of seed x percent purity x percent germination = pounds pure live seed