

Form 5160-3  
(December 1990)  
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OCD - ARTESIA, N

If earthen pits are used in association with the drilling of this well, an OCD pit permit must be obtained prior to pit construction.

ARTESIA  
SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE\*  
(Other Instructions on reverse side)

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Budget Bureau No. 1004-0136  
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# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL OR DEEPEN

1a. TYPE OF WORK

DRILL ☒

DEEPEN ☐

b. TYPE OF WELL

OIL WELL ☒

Gas Well ☐

OTHER

SINGLE ZONE ☐

MULTIPLE ZONE ☐

2. NAME OF OPERATOR

COG Operating LLC

229137

3. ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NO.

550 W. Texas, Suite 1300 Midland, TX 79701

(432) 685-4372

4. LOCATION OF WELL (Report location clearly and in accordance with any state requirement.)\*  
At surface

990 FSL & 2310 FWL 330 FSL & 1650 FWL

At proposed prod. zone

AS PERSON dated 12/26/06 BA

14. DISTANCE IN MILES AND DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN OR POST OFFICE\*

12 miles east, northeast of Artesia, NM

15. DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED\* LOCATION TO NEAREST PROPERTY OR LEASE LINE, FT.  
(Also to nearest drlg. unit line, if any)

302

16. NO. OF ACRES IN LEASE  
920

17. NO OF ACRES IN LEASE TO THIS WELL  
40

18. DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED LOCATION\* TO NEAREST WELL, DRILLING, COMPLETED OR APPLIED FOR, ON THIS LEASE, FT.

305

19. PROPOSED DEPTH  
3300

20. ROTARY OR CABLE TOOLS  
Rotary

21. ELEVATIONS (Show whether DF, RT, GR, etc.)

3590' GR

Roswell Controlled Water Basin

22. APPROX. DATE WORK WILL START\*  
10/27/06

## 23. PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENTING PROGRAM

SIZE OF HOLE	GRADE, SIZE OF CASING	WEIGHT PER FOOT	SETTING DEPTH	QUANTITY OF CEMENT
12 1/4	J-55, 8 5/8	24	500	Circ
7 7/8	J-55, 5 1/2	17	3300	Suff to Circ

NMB000215 BOND # 154

COG proposes to drill to a depth sufficient to test the San Andres formation for oil. If productive, 5 1/2" casing will be cemented. If non-productive, the well will be plugged and abandoned in a manner consistent with federal regulation. Specific programs as per Onshore Oil and Gas Order #1 are outlined in the following attachments:

### 1. Surveys

Exhibit #1- Well Location Plat  
Exhibit #2- Vicinity Map  
Exhibit #3- Location Verification Map

### 4. Certification

5. Hydrogen Sulfide Drilling Operations  
Exhibit #7- H2S Warning Sign  
Exhibit #8- H2S Safety Equipment

### 2. Drilling Program

### 3. Surface Use & Operating Plan

Exhibit #4- One Mile Radius Map  
Exhibit #5- Production Facilities Layout  
Exhibit #6- Location Layout

### 6. Blowout Preventers

Exhibit #9- BOPE Schematic  
Exhibit #10- Blowout Preventer Requirements  
Exhibit #11- Choke Manifold

7. Responsibility Statement  
**APPROVAL SUBJECT TO GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIAL STIPULATIONS ATTACHED**

**SEE ATTACHED FOR CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

IN ABOVE SPACE DESCRIBE PROPOSED PROGRAM: If proposal is to deepen, give data on present productive zone and proposed new productive zone. If proposal is to drill or deepen directionally, give pertinent data on subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths. Give blowout preventer program, if any.

24.

SIGNED

Jerry W. Stovall

TITLE

Production Clerk

DATE

9/27/06

(This space for Federal or State office use)

PERMIT NO.

APPROVAL DATE

Application approval does not warrant or certify that the applicant holds legal or equitable title to those rights in the subject lease which would entitle the applicant to conduct operations thereon.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY:

ACTING

FEB - 8 2007

APPROVED BY

/s/ James Stovall

TITLE

FIELD MANAGER

DATE

\*See Instructions On Reverse Side

APPROVAL FOR 1 YEAR

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, makes it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

## State of New Mexico

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

## DISTRICT I

1625 N. FRENCH DR., HOBBS, NM 88240

## DISTRICT II

1301 W. GRAND AVENUE, ARTESIA, NM 88210

## DISTRICT III

1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

## DISTRICT IV

1220 S. ST. FRANCIS DR., SANTA FE, NM 87505

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
1220 SOUTH ST. FRANCIS DR.  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Form C-102

Revised October 12, 2005

Submit to Appropriate District Office

State Lease - 4 Copies

Fee Lease - 3 Copies

## WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

☐ AMENDED REPORT

API Number	Pool Code 14860	Pool Name Crow Flats; San Andres
Property Code	Property Name RUDOLPH FEDERAL	Well Number 1
OGRID No. 229137	Operator Name COG OPERATING, LLC	Elevation 3590'

## Surface Location

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
N	21	16-S	28-E		330	SOUTH	1650	WEST	EDDY

## Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

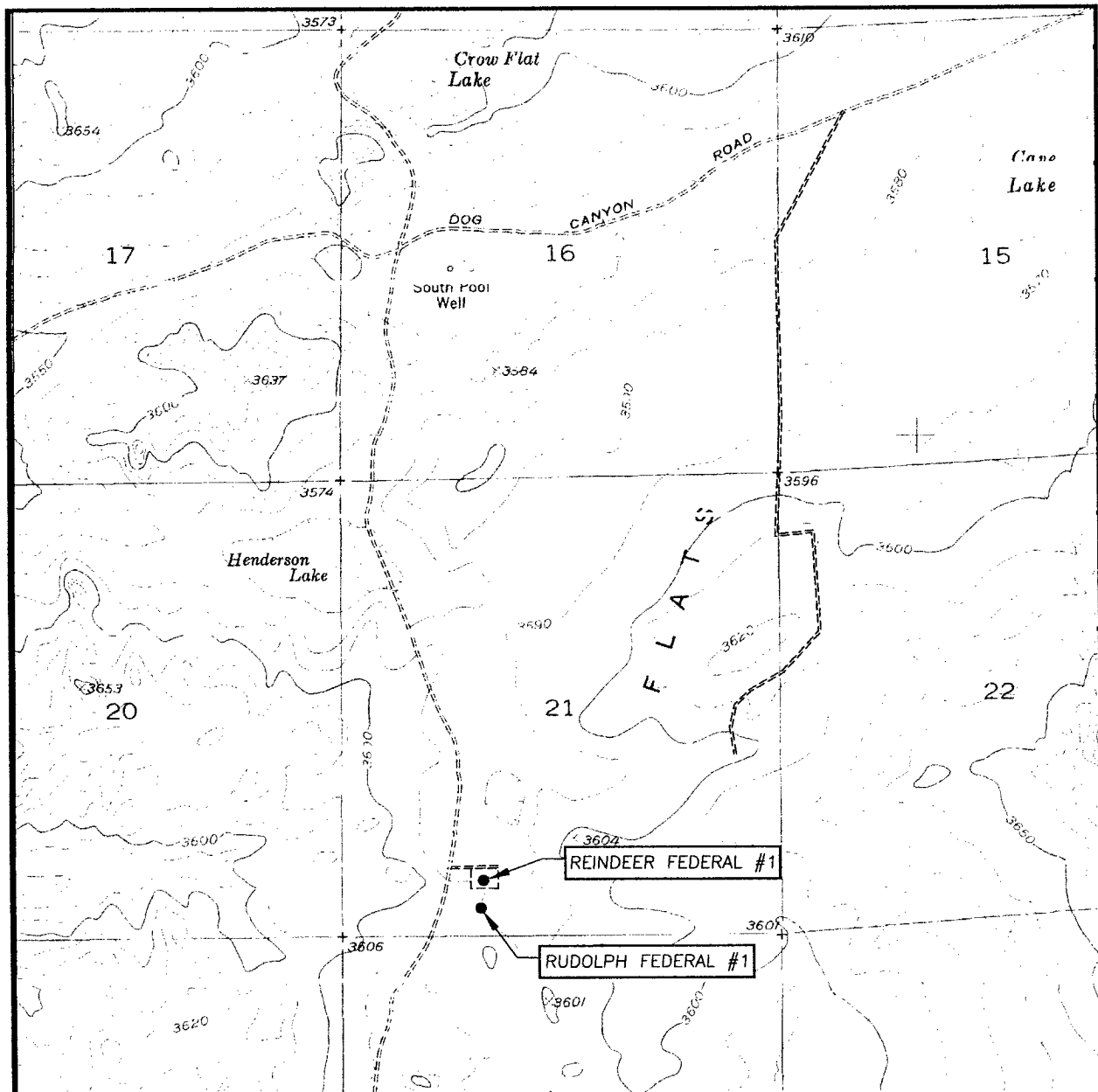
UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County

Dedicated Acres	Joint or Infill	Consolidation Code	Order No.
40			

NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED  
OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION

	<p>DETAIL</p> <p>3589.2' 3589.7'</p> <p>600' 600'</p> <p>3590.9' 3589.3'</p>	<p>GEODETIC COORDINATES NAD 27 NME</p> <p>Y=691607.9 N X=545967.3 E</p> <p>LAT.=32.901219° N LONG.=104.183566° W</p>	<p><b>OPERATOR CERTIFICATION</b></p> <p>I hereby certify that the information herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this organization either owns a working interest or unleased mineral interest in the land including the proposed bottom hole location or has a right to drill this well at this location pursuant to a contract with an owner of such mineral or working interest, or to a voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order heretofore entered by the division.</p> <p><i>Jerry W. Sherrell</i> 12/28/06 Signature Date</p> <p>Jerry W. Sherrell Printed Name</p>
	<p><b>SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION</b></p> <p>I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.</p> <p>DECEMBER 1, 2006</p> <p>Date Surveyed LA</p> <p>Signature &amp; Seal of Professional Surveyor</p> <p><i>Gary E. Eidsen</i> 12/19/06 06.11.1896</p> <p>Certificate No. GARY EIDSON 12641</p>		

# LOCATION VERIFICATION MAP



SCALE: 1" = 2000'

CONTOUR INTERVAL:  
DIAMOND MOUND, N.M. - 10'

SEC. 21 TWP. 16-S RGE. 28-E

SURVEY N.M.P.M.

COUNTY EDDY STATE NEW MEXICO

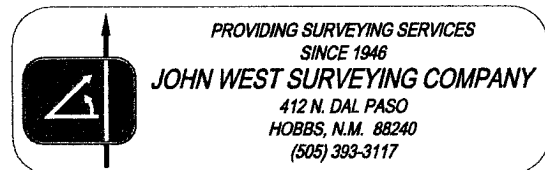
DESCRIPTION 330' FSL & 1650' FWL

ELEVATION 3590'

OPERATOR COG OPERATING, LLC

LEASE RUDOLPH FEDERAL

U.S.G.S. TOPOGRAPHIC MAP  
DIAMOND MOUND, N.M.



Attached to Form 3160-3  
COG Operating LLC  
Rudolph Federal #1  
990 FSL & 2310 FWL  
SE/4 SW/4, Sec 21 T16S R28E  
Eddy County, NM

## DRILLING PROGRAM

### 1. Geologic Name of Surface Formation

Quaternary

### 2. Estimated Tops of Important Geologic Markers:

Quaternary	Surface
Base of Salt	250'
Yates	385'
Queen	1100'
San Andres	1900'
Glorietta	3350'

### 3. Estimated Depths of Anticipated Fresh Water, Oil and Gas:

Water Sand	150'	Fresh Water
Queen	1100'	Oil/Gas
San Andres	1900'	Oil/Gas
Glorietta	3350'	Oil/Gas

No other formations are expected to give up oil, gas or fresh water in measurable quantities. Setting 8 5/8" casing to 500' and circulating cement back to surface will protect the surface fresh water sand. Any shallower zones above TD, which contain commercial quantities of oil and/or gas, will have cement circulated across them by cementing 5 1/2" production casing, which will be run at TD.

### 4. Casing Program:

Hole Size	Interval	OD Casing	Weight, Grade, Jt, Cond., Type
12 1/4"	0-500'	8 5/8"	24#, J-55, ST&C, New, R-3
7 7/8"	0-TD	5 1/2"	17#, J-55, LT&C, New, R-3

### 5. Cement Program:

8 5/8" Surface Casing: Circulate to Surface with Class C w/2% CaCl<sub>2</sub>.

5 1/2" Production Casing: Cement Casing with Class C w/6# Salt & 2/10 of 1% CFR-3 per sack. We will run a hole caliper and run sufficient cement to circulate to surface.

### 6. Minimum Specifications for Pressure Control:

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COG Operating LLC  
Rudolph Federal #1  
990 FSL & 2310 FWL  
SE/4 SW/4, Sec 21 T16S R28E  
Eddy County, NM

The blowout preventer equipment (BOP) shown in Exhibit #9 will consist of a double ram-type (2000 psi WP) preventer. This unit will be hydraulically operated and the ram type preventer will be equipped with blind rams on top of 4 1/2" drill pipe rams on bottom. The BOP will be nipped up on the 8 5/8" surface casing and tested by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to 2000 psi and used continuously until TD is reached. All BOP's and accessory equipment will be tested to 2000 psi before drilling out of surface casing. Pipe rams will be operationally checked each 24-hour period. Blind rams will be operationally checked on each trip out of the hole. These checks will be noted on the daily tour sheets. Other accessories to the BOP equipment (Exhibit #10) will include a Kelly cock and floor safety valve and choke lines and choke manifold (Exhibit #11) with 2000 psi WP rating.

**7. Types and Characteristics of the Proposed Mud System:**

The well will be drilled to TD with a combination of brine, cut brine and polymer mud system. The applicable depths and properties of this system are as follows:

DEPTH	TYPE	WEIGHT	VISCOSITY	WATERLOSS
0-500'	Fresh Water	8.5	28	N.C.
850'-TD	Cut Brine	9.1	29	N.C.

Sufficient mud materials to maintain mud properties and meet minimum lost circulation and weight increase requirements will be kept at the well site at all times.

**8. Auxiliary Well Control and Monitoring Equipment:**

- A. Kelly cock will be kept in the drill string at all times.
- B. A full opening drill pipe-stabbing valve with proper drill pipe connections will be on the rig floor at all times.

**9. Logging, Testing and Coring Program:**

- A. The electric logging program will consist of GR-Dual Laterolog, Spectral Density, Dual Spaced Neutron, CSNG Log and will be ran from T.D. to 8 5/8 casing shoe.
- B. Drill Stem test is not anticipated.
- C. No conventional coring is anticipated.
- D. Further testing procedures will be determined after the 5 1/2" production casing has been cemented at TD based on drill shows and log evaluation.

**10. Abnormal Conditions, Pressures, Temperatures and Potential Hazards:**

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Rudolph Federal #1  
990 FSL & 2310 FWL  
SE/4 SW/4, Sec 21 T16S R28E  
Eddy County, NM

No abnormal pressures or temperatures are anticipated. The estimated bottom hole temp. at TD is 110 degrees and estimated maximum bottom hole pressure is 2300 psig. Low levels of Hydrogen sulfide have been monitors in producing wells in the area, so H2S may be present while drilling of the well a plan is attached to the Drilling program. No major loss of circulation zones has been reported in offsetting wells.

**11. Anticipated Starting Date and Duration of Operations:**

Road and location work will not begin until approval has been received from the BLM. The anticipated spud date is October 27, 2006. Once commenced, the drilling operation should be finished in approximately 10 days. If the well is productive, an additional 30 days will be required for completion and testing before a decision is made to install permanent facilities.

## COG Operating LLC

### Hydrogen Sulfide Drilling Operation Plan

#### I. HYDROGEN SULFIDE TRAINING

All personnel, whether regularly assigned, contracted, or employed on an unscheduled basis, will receive training from a qualified instructor in the following areas prior to commencing drilling operations on this well:

1. The hazards and characteristics of hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S)
2. The proper use and maintenance of personal protective equipment and life support systems.
3. The proper use of H<sub>2</sub>S detectors, alarms, warning systems, briefing areas, evacuation procedures, and prevailing winds.
4. The proper techniques for first aid and rescue procedures.

In addition, supervisory personnel will be trained in the following areas:

1. The effects of H<sub>2</sub>S on metal components. If high tensile tubular are to be used, personnel will be trained in their special maintenance requirements.
2. Corrective action and shut-in procedures when drilling or reworking a well and blowout prevention and well control procedures.
3. The contents and requirements of the H<sub>2</sub>S Drilling Operations Plan and Public Protection Plan.

There will be an initial training session just prior to encountering a known or probable H<sub>2</sub>S zone (within 3 days or 500 feet) and weekly H<sub>2</sub>S and well control drills for all personnel in each crew. The initial training session shall include a review of the site specific H<sub>2</sub>S Drilling Operations Plan and the Public Protection Plan. **The concentrations of H<sub>2</sub>S of wells in this area from surface to TD are low enough that a contingency plan is not required.**

## II. H2S SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS

Note: All H2S safety equipment and systems will be installed, tested, and operational when drilling reaches a depth of 500 feet above, or three days prior to penetrating the first zone containing or reasonable expected to contain H2S.

### 1. Well Control Equipment:

- A. Flare line.
- B. Choke manifold.
- C. Blind rams and pipe rams to accommodate all pipe sizes with properly sized closing unit.
- D. Auxiliary equipment may include if applicable: annular preventer & rotating head.

### 2. Protective equipment for essential personnel:

- A. Mark II Survive air 30-minute units located in the doghouse and at briefing areas, as indicated on well site diagram.

### 3. H2S detection and monitoring equipment:

- A. 1 portable H2S monitors positioned on location for best coverage and response. These units have warning lights and audible sirens when H2S levels of 20 PPM are reached.

### 4. Visual warning systems:

- A. Wind direction indicators as shown on well site diagram (Exhibit #8).
- B. Caution/Danger signs (Exhibit #7) shall be posted on roads providing direct access to location. Signs will be painted a high visibility yellow with black lettering of sufficient size to be readable at a reasonable distance from the immediate location. Bilingual signs will be used, when appropriate. See example attached.

### 5. Mud program:

- A. The mud program has been designed to minimize the volume of H2S circulated to surface. Proper mud weight, safe drilling practices, and the use of H2S scavengers will minimize hazards when penetrating H2S bearing zones.



**6. Metallurgy:**

- A. All drill strings, casings, tubing, wellhead, blowout preventer, drilling spool, kill lines, choke manifold and lines, and valves shall be suitable for H<sub>2</sub>S service.
- B. All elastomers used for packing and seals shall be H<sub>2</sub>S trim.

**7. Communication:**

- A. Radio communications in company vehicles including cellular telephone and 2-way radio.
- B. Land line (telephone) communication at Office.

**8. Well testing:**

- A. Drill stem testing will be performed with a minimum number of personnel in the immediate vicinity, which are necessary to safely and adequately conduct the test. The drill stem testing will be conducted during daylight hours and formation fluids will not be flowed to the surface. All drill-stem-testing operations conducted in an H<sub>2</sub>S environment will use the closed chamber method of testing.
- B. There will be no drill stem testing.

**EXHIBIT #7**

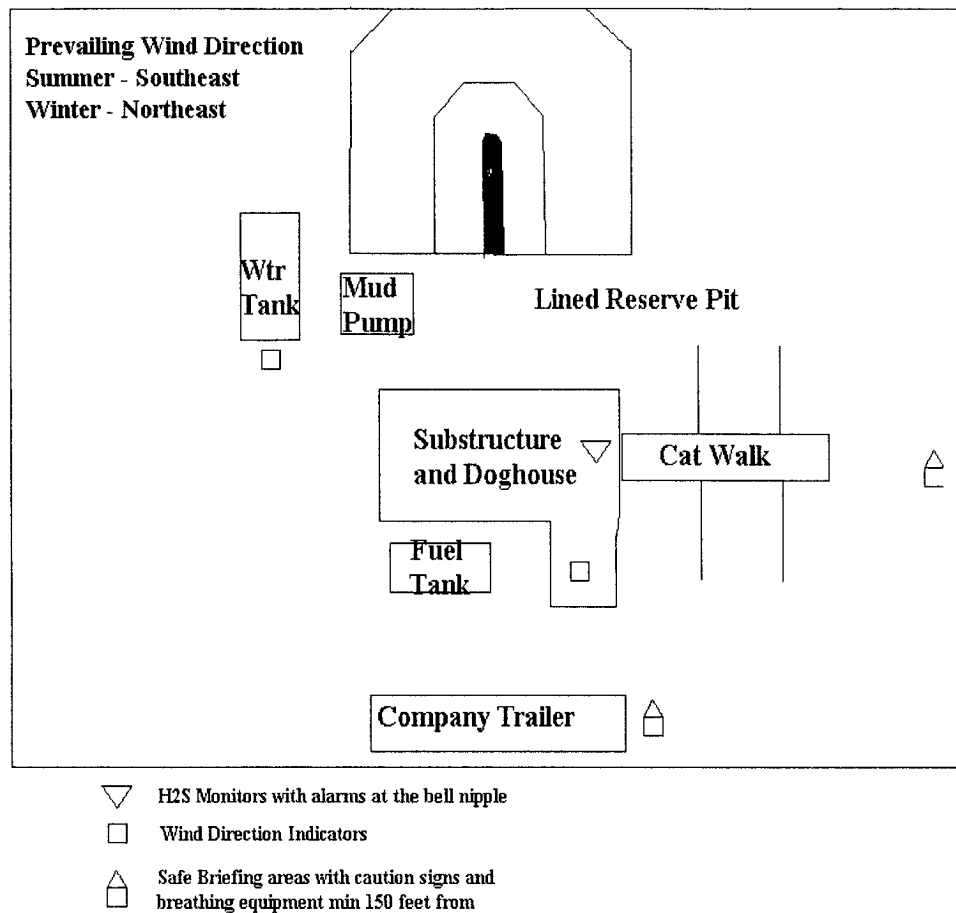
**WARNING**  
**YOU ARE ENTERING AN H<sub>2</sub>S**  
**AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY**

- 1. BEARDS OR CONTACT LENSES NOT ALLOWED**
- 2. HARD HATS REQUIRED**
- 3. SMOKING IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY**
- 4. BE WIND CONSCIOUS AT ALL TIMES**
- 5. CHECK WITH MACK ENERGY FOREMAN AT OFFICE**

**MACK ENERGY CORPORATION**

**1-505-748-1288**

**DRILLING LOCATION H2S SAFTY EQUIPMENT**  
**Exhibit # 8**



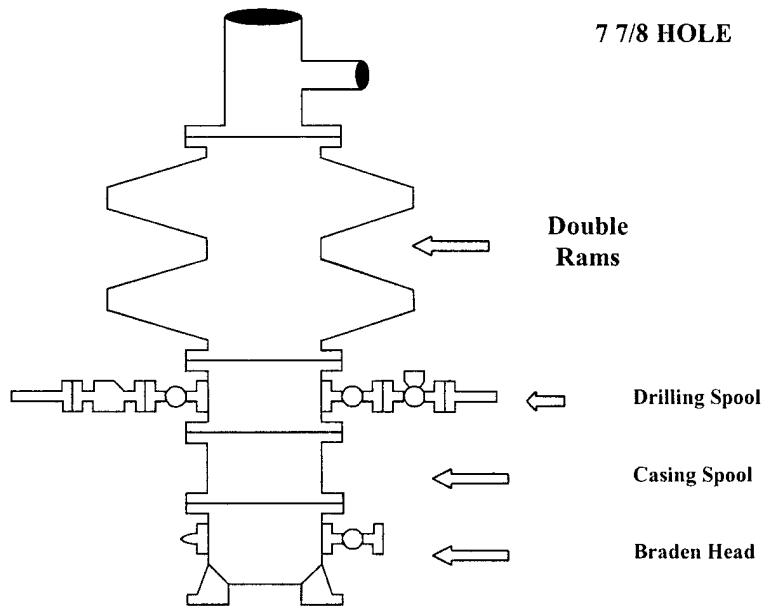
**Attachment to Exhibit #9**  
**NOTES REGARDING THE BLOWOUT PREVENTERS**  
**Rudolph Federal #1**  
**Eddy County, New Mexico**

1. Drilling nipple to be so constructed that it can be removed without use of a welder through rotary table opening, with minimum I.D. equal to preventer bore.
2. Wear ring to be properly installed in head.
3. Blow out preventer and all fittings must be in good condition, 2000 psi WP minimum.
4. All fittings to be flanged.
5. Safety valve must be available on rig floor at all times with proper connections, valve to be full 2000 psi WP minimum.
6. All choke and fill lines to be securely anchored especially ends of choke lines.
7. Equipment through which bit must pass shall be at least as large as the diameter of the casing being drilled through.
8. Kelly cock on Kelly.
9. Extension wrenches and hands wheels to be properly installed.
10. Blow out preventer control to be located as close to driller's position as feasible.
11. Blow out preventer closing equipment to include minimum 40-gallon accumulator, two independent sources of pump power on each closing unit installation all API specifications.

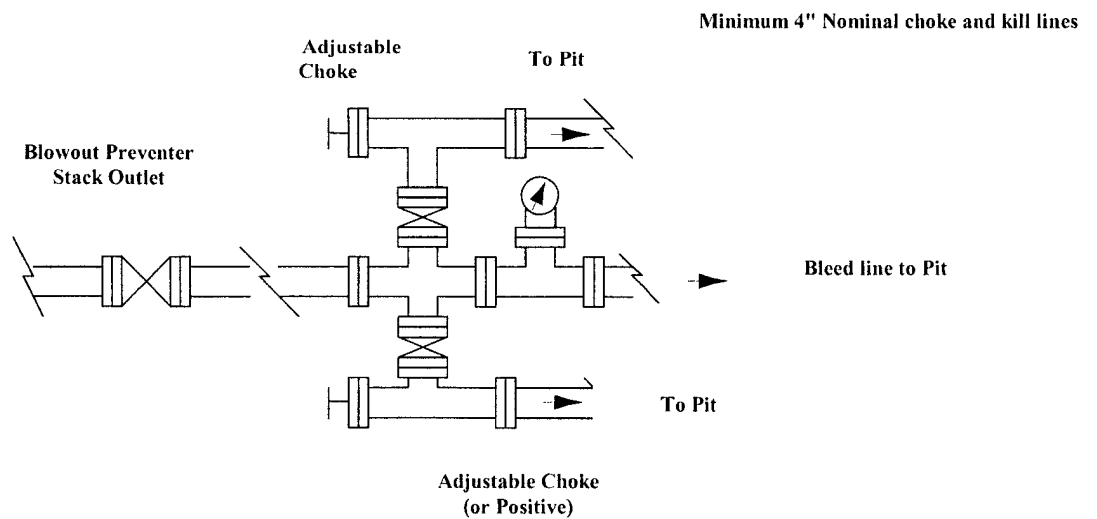
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## Exhibit #9

### BOPE Schematic



Choke Manifold Requirement (2000 psi WP)  
No Annular Required



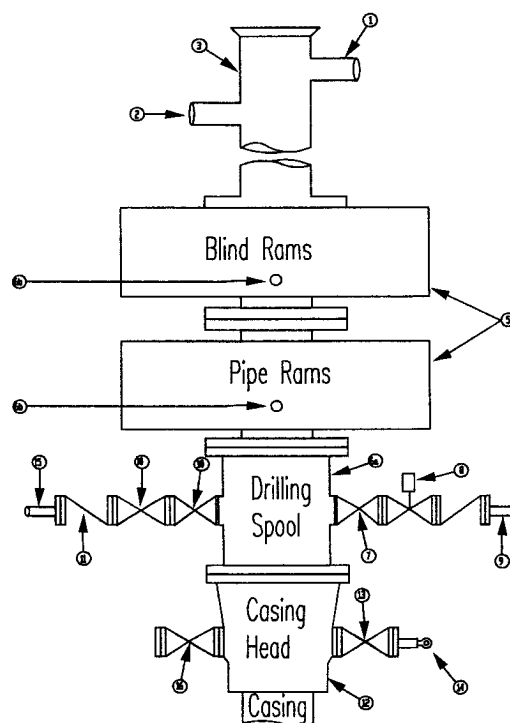
**COG Operating LLC**  
**Minimum Blowout Preventer Requirements**  
**2000 psi Working Pressure**  
**2 MWP**  
**EXHIBIT #10**

**Stack Requirements**

NO.	Items	Min. I.D.	Min. Nominal
1	Flowline		2"
2	Fill up line		2"
3	Drilling nipple		
4	Annular preventer		
5	Two single or one dual hydraulically operated rams		
6a	Drilling spool with 2" min. kill line and 3" min choke line outlets		2" Choke
6b	2" min. kill line and 3" min. choke line outlets in ram. (Alternate to 6a above)		
7	Valve Gate Plug	3 1/8	
8	Gate valve-power operated	3 1/8	
9	Line to choke manifold		3"
10	Valve Gate Plug	2 1/16	
11	Check valve	2 1/16	
12	Casing head		
13	Valve Gate Plug	1 13/16	
14	Pressure gauge with needle valve		
15	Kill line to rig mud pump manifold		2"

**OPTIONAL**

16	Flanged Valve	1 13/16	
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**CONTRACTOR'S OPTION TO FURNISH:**

1. All equipment and connections above bradenhead or casinghead. Working pressure of preventers to be 2000 psi minimum.
2. Automatic accumulator (80 gallon, minimum) capable of closing BOP in 30 seconds or less and, holding them closed against full rated working pressure.
3. BOP controls, to be located near drillers' position.
4. Kelly equipped with Kelly cock.
5. Inside blowout preventer or its equivalent on derrick floor at all times with proper threads to fit pipe being used.
6. Kelly saver-sub equipped with rubber casing protector at all times.
7. Plug type blowout preventer tester.
8. Extra set pipe rams to fit drill pipe in use on location at all times.
9. Type RX ring gaskets in place of Type R.

**COG TO FURNISH:**

1. Bradenhead or casing head and side valves.
2. Wear bushing. If required.

**GENERAL NOTES:**

1. Deviations from this drawing may be made only with the express permission of COG's Drilling Manager.
2. All connections, valves, fittings, piping, etc., subject to well or pump pressure must be flanged (suitable clamp connections acceptable) and have minimum working pressure equal to rated working pressure of preventers up through choke valves must be full opening and suitable for high pressure mud service.
3. Controls to be of standard design and each marked, showing opening and closing position
4. Chokes will be positioned so as not to hamper or delay changing of choke beans. Replaceable parts for adjustable choke, or bean

sizes, retainers, and choke wrenches to be conveniently located for immediate use.

5. All valves to be equipped with hand-wheels or handles ready for immediate use.
6. Choke lines must be suitably anchored.
7. Handwheels and extensions to be connected and ready for use.
8. Valves adjacent to drilling spool to be kept open. Use outside valves except for emergency.
9. All seamless steel control piping (2000 psi working pressure) to have flexible joints to avoid stress. Hoses will be permitted.
10. Casinghead connections shall not be used except in case of emergency.
11. Do not use kill line for routine fill up operations.

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**COG Operating LLC**

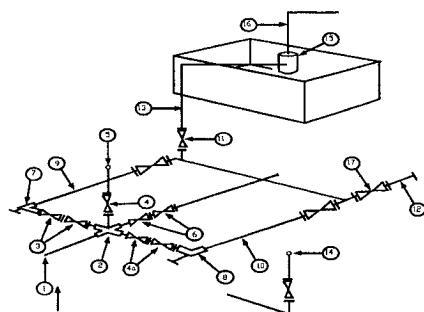
Exhibit #11

**MINIMUM CHOKE MANIFOLD**

3,000, 5,000, and 10,000 PSI Working Pressure

2 M will be used or greater

3 MWP - 5 MWP - 10 MWP

**Mud Pit****Reserve Pit**

\* Location of separator optional

**Below Substructure****Minimum requirements**

No.		3,000 MWP			5,000 MWP			10,000 MWP		
		I.D.	NOMINAL	Rating	I.D.	Nominal	Rating	I.D.	Nominal	Rating
1	Line from drilling Spool		3"	3,000		3"	5,000		3"	10,000
2	Cross 3" x 3" x 3" x 2"			3,000			5,000			
2	Cross 3" x 3" x 3" x 2"									10,000
3	Valve Gate Plug	3 1/8		3,000	3 1/8		5,000	3 1/8		10,000
4	Valve Gate Plug	1 13/16		3,000	1 13/16		5,000	1 13/16		10,000
4a	Valves (1)	2 1/16		3,000	2 1/16		5,000	2 1/16		10,000
5	Pressure Gauge			3,000			5,000			10,000
6	Valve Gate Plug	3 1/8		3,000	3 1/8		5,000	3 1/8		10,000
7	Adjustable Choke (3)	2"		3,000	2"		5,000	2"		10,000
8	Adjustable Choke	1"		3,000	1"		5,000	2"		10,000
9	Line		3"	3,000		3"	5,000		3"	10,000
10	Line		2"	3,000		2"	5,000		2"	10,000
11	Valve Gate Plug	3 1/8		3,000	3 1/8		5,000	3 1/8		10,000
12	Line		3"	1,000		3"	1,000		3"	2,000
13	Line		3"	1,000		3"	1,000		3"	2,000
14	Remote reading compound Standpipe pressure gauge			3,000			5,000			10,000
15	Gas Separator		2' x 5'			2' x 5'			2' x 5'	
16	Line		4"	1,000		4"	1,000		4"	2,000
17	Valve Gate Plug	3 1/8		3,000	3 1/8		5,000	3 1/8		10,000

- (1) Only one required in Class 3M
- (2) Gate valves only shall be used for Class 10 M
- (3) Remote operated hydraulic choke required on 5,000 psi and 10,000 psi for drilling.

**EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS AND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION**

1. All connections in choke manifold shall be welded, studded, flanged or Cameron clamp of comparable rating.
2. All flanges shall be API 6B or 6BX and ring gaskets shall be API RX or BX. Use only BX for 10 MWP.
3. All lines shall be securely anchored.
4. Chokes shall be equipped with tungsten carbide seats and needles, and replacements shall be available.
5. Choke manifold pressure and standpipe pressure gauges shall be available at the choke manifold to assist in regulating chokes. As an alternate with automatic chokes, a choke manifold pressure gauge shall be located on the rig floor in conjunction with the standpipe pressure gauge.
6. Line from drilling spool to choke manifold should be as straight as possible. Lines downstream from chokes shall make turns by large bends or 90 degree bends using bull plugged tees.

## **Conditions of Approval**

### **Cave and Karst**

BLM Serial #: NM-100844

Company Reference: COG Operating, LLC

Well # & Name: Rudolph Federal #1

#### **Cave/Karst Surface Mitigation**

The following stipulations will be applied to minimize impacts during construction, drilling and production.

#### **Berming:**

Any tank batteries will be constructed and bermed large enough to contain any spills that may occur.

Bermed areas will be lined with rip-stop padding to prevent tears or punctures in liners and lined with a permanent 20 mil plastic liner.

#### **Cave/Karst Subsurface Mitigation**

The following stipulations will be applied to protect cave/karst and ground water concerns:

#### **Rotary Drilling with Fresh Water:**

Rotary drilling techniques in cave or karst areas will include the use of fresh water as a circulating medium in zones where caves or karst features are expected. See geologist report for depth.

#### **Casing:**

All casing will meet or exceed National Association of Corrosion Engineers specifications pertaining to the geology of the location and be run to American Petroleum Institute and BLM standards.

#### **Cementing:**

All casing strings will be cemented to the surface.

#### **Lost Circulation:**

ALL lost circulation zones from the surface to the base of the cave occurrence zone will be logged and reported.

Regardless of the type of drilling machinery used, if a bit drops of four feet or more and circulation losses greater than 75 percent occur simultaneously while drilling in any cave-bearing zone, drilling operations will immediately stop and the BLM will be notified by the operator. The BLM will assess the consequences of the situation and work with operator on corrective actions to resolve the problem.

**Delayed Blasting:**

Any blasting will be a phased and time delayed.

**Abandonment Cementing:**

Upon well abandonment the well bore will be cemented completely from 100 feet below the bottom of the cave bearing zone to the surface.

**Pressure Tests:**

Annual pressure tests will be performed by the Operator on all casing annuli. If the test results indicated a casing failure, remedial actions approved by the BLM will be undertaken to correct the problem.

**Record Keeping:**

The Operator will track customary drilling activities, including the rate of penetration, pump pressure, weight on bit, bit drops, percent of mud returns, and presence or absence of cuttings returning to the surface. As part of customary record keeping, each detectable void or sudden increase in the rate of penetration not attributable to a change in the formation type should be documented and evaluated as it is encountered.



## CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL - DRILLING

Well Name & No.      Rudolph Federal # 1  
Operator's Name:      COG Operating LLC  
Location:              330 FSL, 1650 FWL, SEC 21, T16S, R28E, Eddy County, NM  
Lease:                  NM-100844

### I. DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS:

1. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is to be notified at the Carlsbad Field Office, 620 East Greene St., Carlsbad, NM 88220, (505) 361-2822 for wells in Eddy County; and the Hobbs Field Station, 414 West Taylor, Hobbs NM 88240, (505) 393-3612 for wells in Lea County, in sufficient time for a representative to witness:
  - A. Spudding
  - B. Cementing casing: 8 5/8 inch 5 1/2 inch
  - C. BOP tests
2. A Hydrogen Sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) Drilling Plan should be activated prior to drilling into the N/A Formation. A copy of the plan shall be posted at the drilling site.
- 3 Unless the production casing has been run and cemented or the well has been properly plugged, the drilling rig shall not be removed from over the hole without prior approval.
4. Submit a Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5, one original and five copies) for each casing string, describing the casing and cementing operations. Include pertinent information such as; spud date, hole size, casing ( size, weight, grade and thread type), cement (type, quantity and top), water zones and problems or hazards encountered. The Sundry shall be submitted within 15 days of completion of each casing string. The reports may be combined into the same Sundry if they fall within the same 15 day time frame.
5. The API No. assigned to the well by NMOCD shall be included on the subsequent report of setting the first casing string.
6. A Communitization Agreement covering the acreage dedicated to this well must be filed for approval with the BLM. The effective date of the agreement shall be prior to any sales.
7. Gamma-Ray/Neutron logs shall be run from the base of the Salado Formation to the surface; cable speed not to exceed 30 feet per minute.

### II. CASING:

1. The 8 5/8 inch surface casing shall be set @ APPROXIMATELY 500 FEET , below usable water and cement circulated to the surface. If cement does not circulate to the surface the appropriate BLM office shall be notified and a temperature survey or cement bond log shall be run to verify the top of the cement. Remedial cementing shall be completed prior to drilling out that string.
2. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 5-1/2 inch production casing is cement shall CIRCULATE TO THE SURFACE.

### III. PRESSURE CONTROL:

1. All BOP systems and related equipment shall comply with well control requirements as described in Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 2. The BOP and related equipment shall be installed and operational before drilling below the 8 5/8 inch casing shoe and shall be tested as described in Onshore Order No. 2. Any equipment failing to test satisfactorily shall be repaired or replaced.

2. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer and related equipment (BOPE) is 2000 psi.
3. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified in sufficient time for a representative to witness the tests.
  - A variance to test the \_\_\_\_\_ to the reduced pressure of \_\_\_\_\_psi with the rig pumps is approved.
  - The tests shall be done by an independent service company.
  - The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.
  - Testing fluid must be water or an appropriate clear liquid suitable for sub-freezing temperatures. Use of drilling mud for testing is not permitted since it can mask small leaks.
  - Testing must be done in a safe workman-like manner. Hard line connections shall be required.

**Engineers can be reached at 505-706-2779 for any variances that might be necessary.**