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Form 3160-3  
(April 2004)

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

SEP 20 2007  
OCD-ARTESIA

FORM APPROVED  
OMB No 1004-0137  
Expires March 31 2007

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL OR REENTER

1a Type of work - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DRILL <input type="checkbox"/> REENTER		5a Lease Serial No NMLC-029418 (a)
1b Type of Well <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oil Well <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Well <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Single Zone <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Zone		6 If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name
2 Name of Operator Chevron USA Inc.		7 If Unit or CA Agreement, Name and No
3a Address 550 W. Texas, Suite 1300 Midland, TX 79701		8, Lease Name and Well No Skelly Unit #971
3b Phone No (include area code) (432)685-4372		9 API Well No. 30-015-35947
4 Location of Well (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements*) At surface 2310 FSL & 1525 FWL At proposed prod zone Carlsbad Controlled Water Basin		10 Field and Pool, or Exploratory Fren; Glorieta-Yeso, East
14 Distance in miles and direction from nearest town or post office* 9 miles east of Loco Hills, NM		11 Sec, T R M or Blk and Survey or Area Sec. 14 T17S R31E
15 Distance from proposed* location* to nearest property or lease line, ft. (Also to nearest drlg unit line, if any) 205	16 No of acres in lease 640	17 Spacing Unit dedicated to this well 40
18 Distance from proposed location* to nearest well, drilling, completed, applied for, on this lease, ft. 500	19 Proposed Depth 6600	20 BLM/BIA Bond No on file CA-0329
21 Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB, RT, GL, etc ) 3900' GR	22 Approximate date work will start* 8/23/07	23 Estimated duration 15 days

24. Attachments

The following, completed in accordance with the requirements of Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 1, shall be attached to this form.

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| 1. Well plat certified by a registered surveyor.   | 4. Bond to cover the operations unless covered by an existing bond on file (see Item 20 above),   |
| 2. A Drilling Plan   | 5. Operator certification   |
| 3. A Surface Use Plan (if the location is on National Forest System Lands, the SUPO shall be filed with the appropriate Forest Service Office) | 6. Such other site specific information and/or plans as may be required by the authorized officer |

25 Signature <i>Jerry W. Sherrell</i>	Name (Printed/Typed) Jerry W. Sherrell	Date 7/23/07
Title Production Clerk		
Approved by (Signature) <i>/s/ James Stovall</i>	Name (Printed/Typed) <i>/s/ James Stovall</i>	Date SEP 18 2007
Title FIELD MANAGER	Office CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE	

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, are attached

APPROVAL FOR TWO YEARS

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and Title 43 U.S.C. Section 1212, make 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

\*(Instructions on page 2)

SEE ATTACHED FOR  
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

APPROVAL SUBJECT TO  
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS  
AND SPECIAL STIPULATIONS  
ATTACHED

**United State Department of the Interior**

**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

**Roswell Resource Area**

**P.O. Drawer 1857**

**Roswell, New Mexico 88202-1857**

**Statement Accepting Responsibility for Operations**

**Operator name:** Chevron USA Inc. (Mack Energy Agent)  
**Street or box :** 550 W. Texas, Suite 1300  
**City, State :** Midland, TX  
**Zip Code, :** 79701

**The undersigned accepts all applicable terms, conditions, stipulations, and restrictions concerning operations conducted on the leased land or portion thereof, as described below:**

**Lease No.:** NMLC-029418 (a) Skelly Unit #971

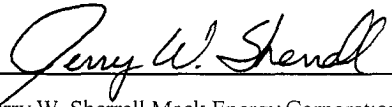
**Legal Description of land:** Sec. 14 T17S R31E NE/4 SW/4

**Formation(s) (if applicable):** Fren; Glorieta-Yeso, East

**Bond Coverage: (State if individually bonded or another's bond)**  
**Nationwide**

**BLM Bond File No.:** CA-0329

**Authorized Signature:**

  
Jerry W. Sherrell Mack Energy Corporation  
(Agent for Chevron USA Inc.)

**Title:** Production Clerk

**Date:** 7/23/07

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

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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Form C-102  
Revised October 12, 2005  
Submit to Appropriate District Office  
State Lease - 4 Copies  
Fee Lease - 3 Copies

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

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

☐ AMENDED REPORT

API Number		Pool Code	Pool Name
		97213	Fren; Glorieta-Yeso, East
Property Code	Property Name		Well Number
29742	SKELLY UNIT		971
OGRID No.	Operator Name		Elevation
4323	CHEVRON USA INC.		3900'

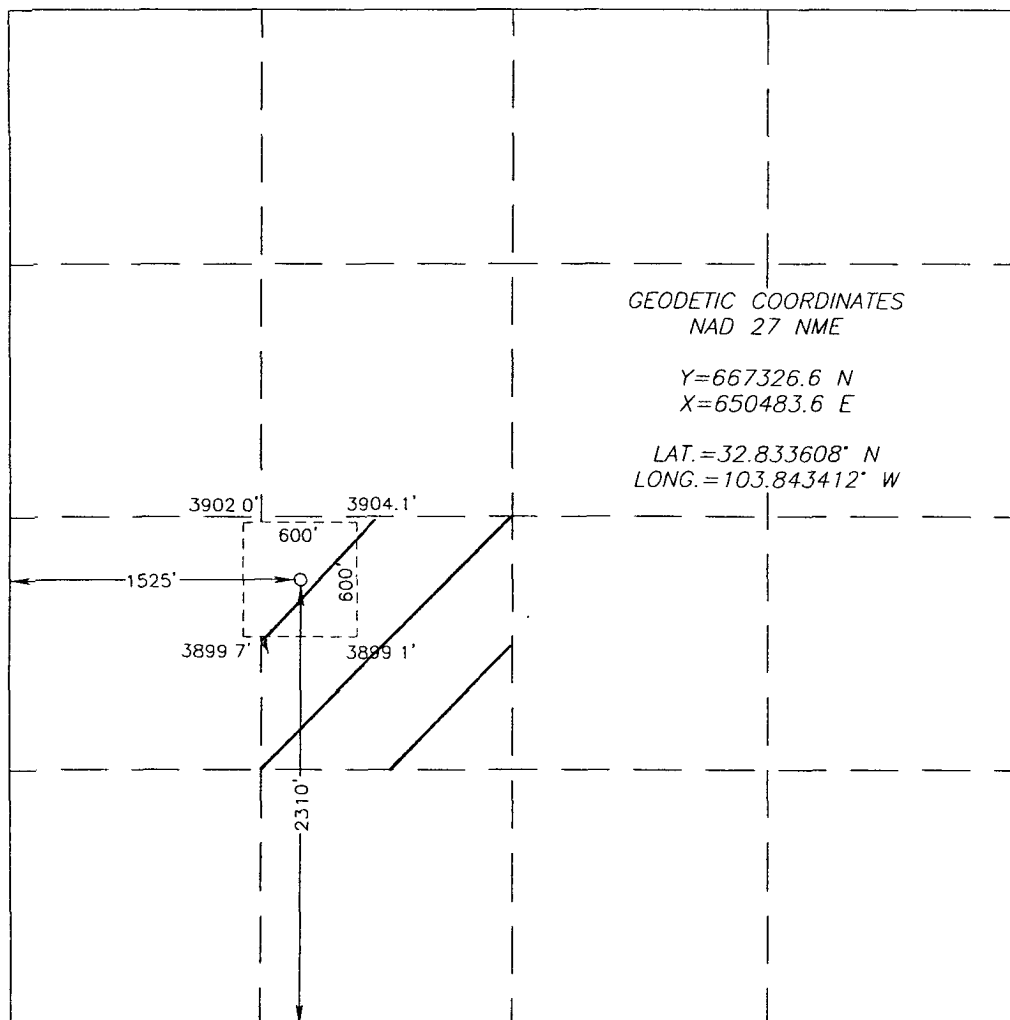
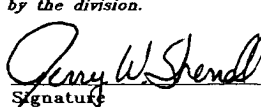
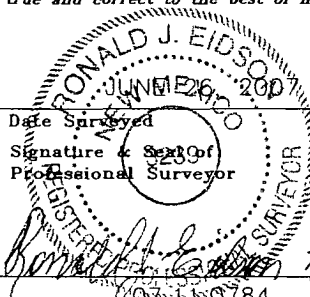
Surface Location

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
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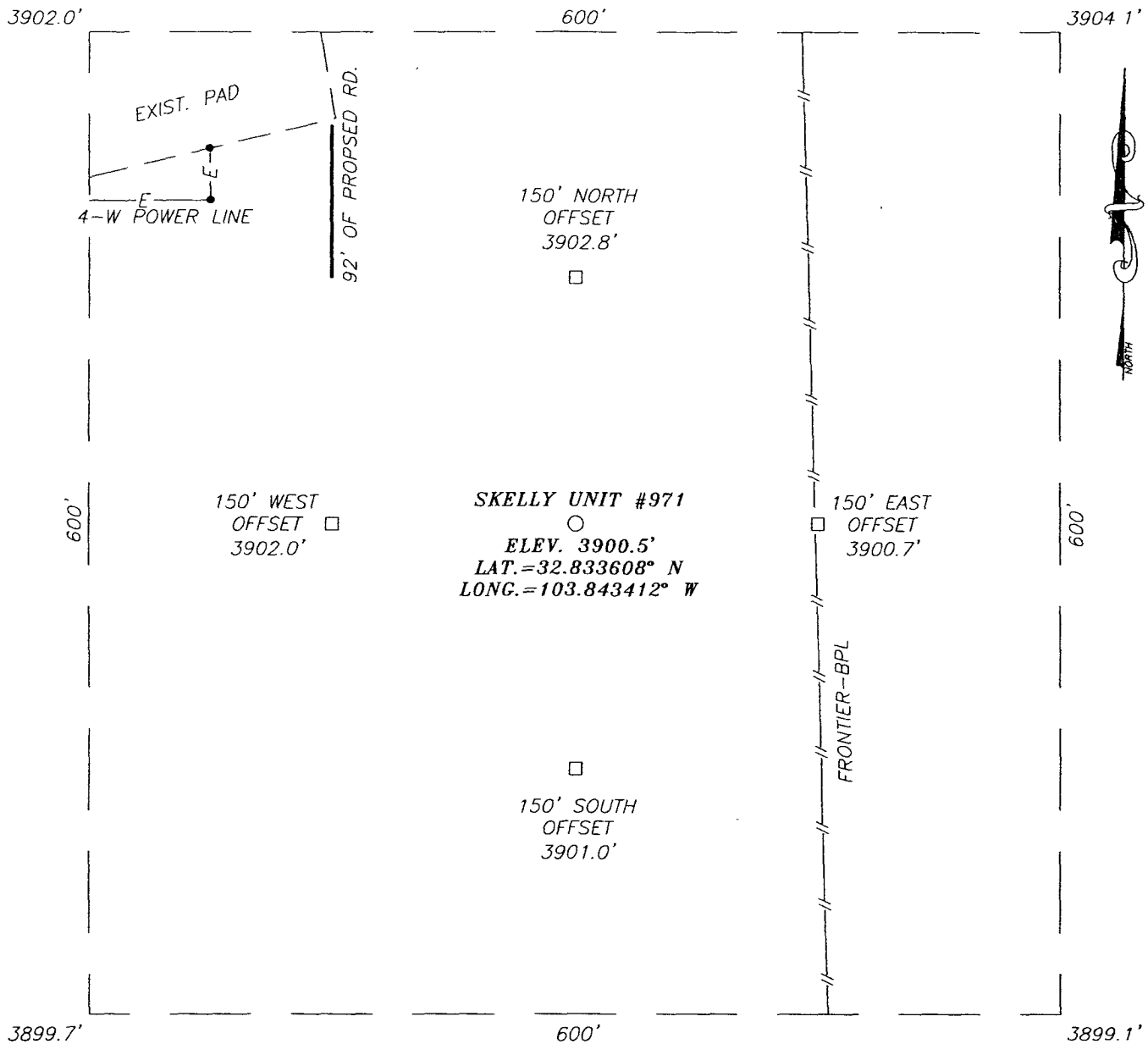
Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

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.					
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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

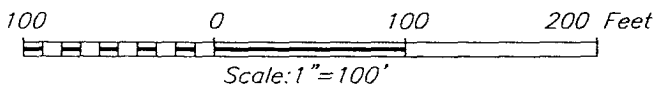
				<p>OPERATOR CERTIFICATION</p> <p>I hereby certify that the information herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this organization either owns a working interest or unleased mineral interest in the land including the proposed bottom hole location or has a right to drill 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> 7/23/07 Signature Date Jerry W. Sherrell Printed Name</p>	
				<p>SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION</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> AR Date Surveyed Signature &amp; Seal of Professional Surveyor Ronald J. Eidson 7/06/07 07-110784</p>	
				<p>Certificate No. GARY EIDSON 12641 RONALD J. EIDSON 3239</p>	

**SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, N.M.P.M.,**  
 EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



**DIRECTIONS TO LOCATION**

FROM THE INTERSECTION OF U.S. HWY. #82 AND CO. RD. #224 (RIPPLE RD.), GO SOUTHWEST ON U.S. HWY. #82 APPROX. 1.2 MILES. TURN RIGHT AND GO NORTHWEST APPROX. 0.3 MILES ON CALICHE LEASE ROAD TO A "Y" IN THE ROAD. STAY RIGHT AND GO NORTH APPROX. 0.6 MILES. TURN RIGHT AND GO EAST APPROX. 0.15 MILE. THIS LOCATION IS APPROX. 340 FEET NORTHWEST.



**COG OPERATING, LLC**

SKELLY UNIT # 971 WELL  
 LOCATED 2310 FEET FROM THE SOUTH LINE  
 AND 1525 FEET FROM THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 14,  
 TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, N.M.P.M.,  
 EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Survey Date: 6/26/07	Sheet 1 of 1 Sheets
W.O. Number: 07.11.0784	Dr By: AR
Date: 7/5/07	Rev 1: N/A
Disk:	07110784
	Scale: 1"=100'



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 SINCE 1946  
**JOHN WEST SURVEYING COMPANY**  
 412 N. DAL PASO  
 HOBBS, N.M. 88240  
 (505) 393-3117

Attached to Form 3160-3  
Chevron USA Inc. (Mack Energy Agent)  
Skelly Unit #971  
2310 FSL & 1525 FWL  
NE/4 SW/4, Sec 14 T17S R31E  
Eddy County, NM

## DRILLING PROGRAM

### 1. Geologic Name of Surface Formation

Quaternary

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

Quaternary	Surface
Top of Salt	505'
Base of Salt	1025'
Yates	1600'
Queen	2450'
San Andres	3200'
Glorieta	4700'

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

Water Sand	150'	Fresh Water
Grayburg	2580'	Oil/Gas
San Andres	3200'	Oil/Gas
Paddock	4800'	Oil/Gas

No other formations are expected to give up oil, gas or fresh water in measurable quantities. Setting 13 3/8" casing to 450' and circulating cement back to surface will protect the surface fresh water sand. Salt Section will be protected by setting 8 5/8" casing to 1800' and circulating cement back to surface. 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	Wt, Grade, Jt, cond, burst/collapse/tension
17 1/2"	0-450'	13 3/8"	48#, H-40, ST&C, New, 8.71/3.724/14.91
12 1/4"	0-1800'	8 5/8"	32#, J-55, ST&C, New, 2.91/1.46/5.65
7 7/8"	0-TD	5 1/2"	17#, J-55, LT&C, New, 1.71/1.574/2.20

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**5. Cement Program:**

13 3/8" Surface Casing: Class C 500sx, yield 1.32.

8 5/8 Intermediate Casing: Class C 800sx, yield 1.32.

5 1/2" Production Casing: Class C 1600sx, yield 1.32. With sufficient cement to circulate to surface.

**6. Minimum Specifications for Pressure Control:**

The blowout preventer equipment (BOP) shown in Exhibit #9 will consist of a double ram-type (2000 psi WP) minimum 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 13 3/8" surface casing and tested to 1500 psi by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party. The BOP will then be nipped up on the 8 5/8" intermediate 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 intermediate 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 a minimum 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
0-450'	Fresh Water	8.5	28	N.C.
450-1800'	Brine	10	30	N.C.
1800'-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.

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**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:**

No abnormal pressures or temperatures are anticipated. The estimated bottom hole 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 August 23, 2007. Once commenced, the drilling operation should be finished in approximately 15 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.

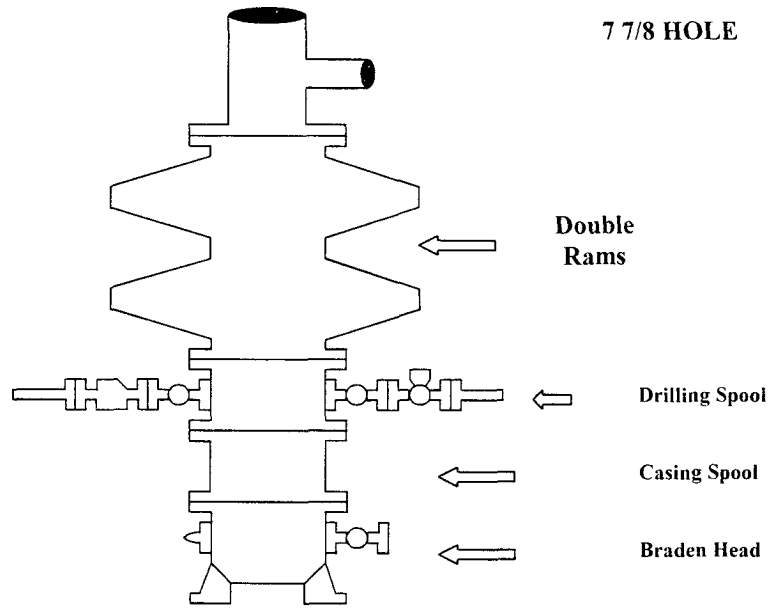
**Attachment to Exhibit #9**  
**NOTES REGARDING THE BLOWOUT PREVENTERS**  
**Skelly Unit #971**  
**Eddy County, New Mexico**

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.

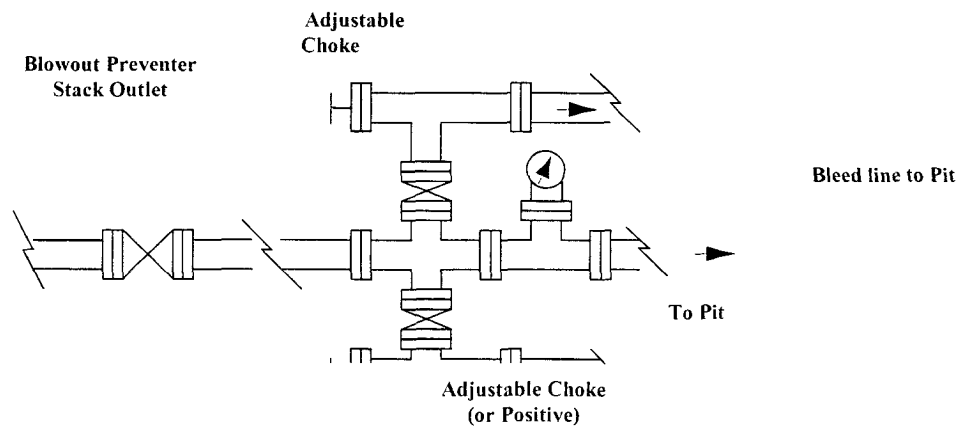


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## Exhibit #9 BOPE Schematic



### Choke Manifold Requirement (2000 psi WP) No Annular Required



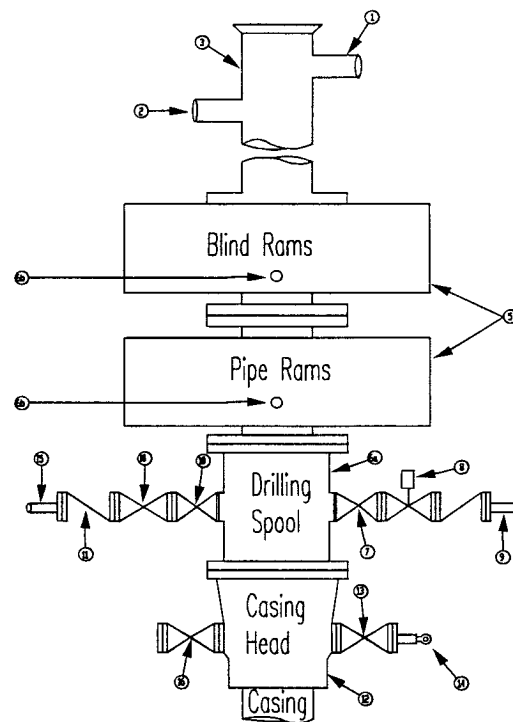
**Chevron USA Inc.**  
**Minimum Blowout Preventer Requirements**  
**2000 psi Working Pressure**  
**2 MWP**  
**EXHIBIT #10**

**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.**

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

**COG TO FURNISH:**

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

**GENERAL NOTES:**

- Deviations from this drawing may be made only with the express permission of MEC's Drilling Manager.
- 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.
- Controls to be of standard design and each marked, showing opening and closing position
- 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.

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

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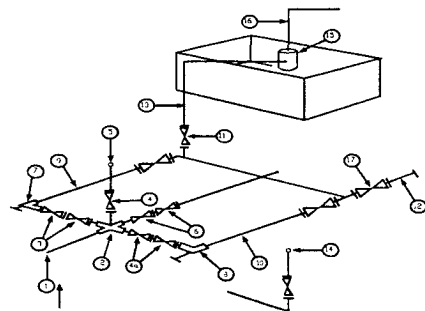
Exhibit #11

**MINIMUM CHOKE MANIFOLD**

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

3M 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 quage			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**

- All connections in choke manifold shall be welded, studded, flanged or Cameron clamp of comparable rating.
- All flanges shall be API 6B or 6BX and ring gaskets shall be API RX or BX. Use only BX for 10 MWP
- All lines shall be securely anchored.
- Chokes shall be equipped with tungsten carbide seats and needles, and replacements shall be available
- 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
- 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.

## Chevron USA Inc.

### 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 H2S service.
- B. All elastomers used for packing and seals shall be H2S 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 H2S environment will use the closed chamber method of testing.
- B. There will be no drill stem testing.

**EXHIBIT #7**

**WARNING**  
**YOU ARE ENTERING AN H2S**  
**AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY**

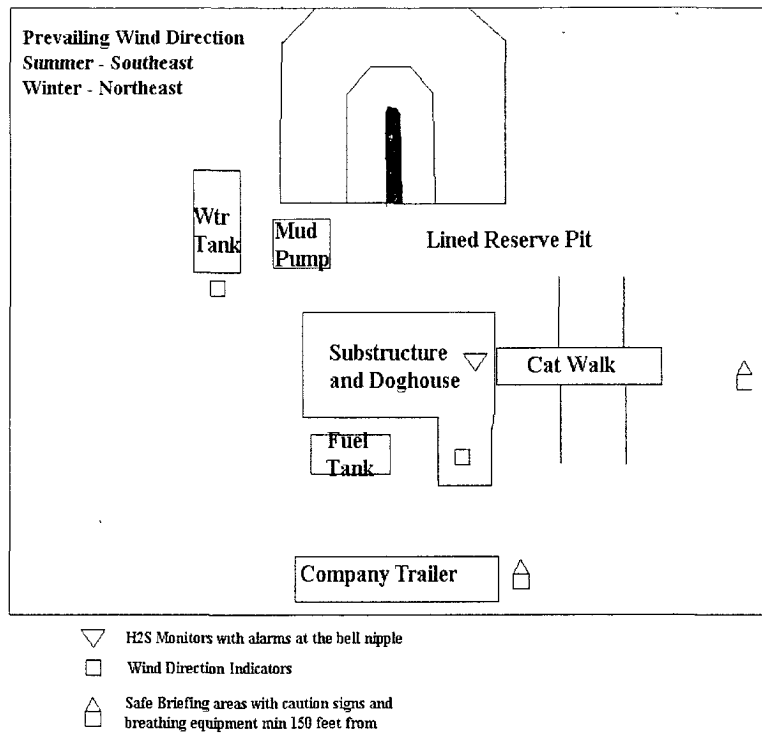
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- 2. HARD HATS REQUIRED**
- 3. SMOKING IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY**
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- 5. CHECK WITH COG OPERATING FOREMAN AT OFFICE**

**COG OPERATING LLC**

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**DRILLING LOCATION H2S SAFTY EQUIPMENT**

**Exhibit # 8**



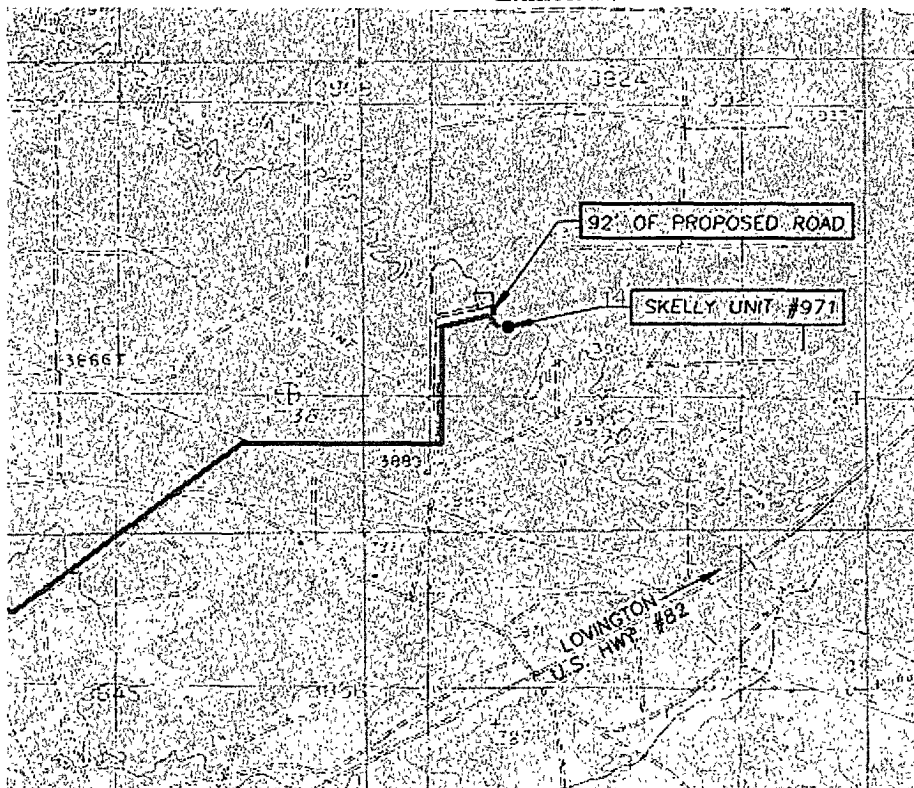
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Skelly Unit #971  
2310 FSL & 1525 FWL  
NE/4 SW/4, Sec 14 T17S R31E  
Eddy County, NM

## SURFACE USE AND OPERATING PLAN

### 1. Existing & Proposed Access Roads

- A. The well site and elevation plat for the proposed well is shown in Exhibit #1. It was staked by John West Engineering, Hobbs NM.
- B. All roads to the location are shown in Exhibit below. The existing roads are illustrated in Blue and are adequate for travel during drilling and production operations. Upgrading existing roads prior to drilling well will be done where necessary.
- C. Directions to Location: From the intersection of US Hwy 82 and County Rd. #223, go NW .85 mile, turn east .9 miles, turn north .2 mile, turn NE .45 mile location is 250' south.
- D. Routine grading and maintenance of existing roads will be conducted as necessary to maintain their condition as long as any operations continue on this lease.

Exhibit #4



Flowline in Green

### 2. Proposed Access Road:



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Exhibit #3 shows the 92' of new access road. The road will be constructed as follows:

- A. The Maximum width of the running surface will be 14'. The road will be crowned and ditched and constructed of 6" rolled and compacted caliche. Ditches will be at 3:1 slope and 4 feet wide. Water will be diverted where necessary to avoid ponding, prevent erosion, maintain good drainage, and to be consistent with local drainage patterns.
- B. The average grade will be less than 1%.
- C. No turnouts are planned.
- D. No culverts, cattleguard, gates, low water crossings or fence cuts are necessary.
- E. Surfacing material will consist of native caliche. Caliche will be obtained from the nearest BLM approved caliche pit or reserve pit area.
- F. The proposed access road as shown in Exhibit #3 has been centerline flagged by John West Engineering.

**3. Location of Existing Wells & Proposed flow lines for New Wells:**

Exhibit #4 shows all existing wells within a one-mile radius of this well. As shown on this plat there are numerous wells that are producing from the San Andres and Yeso pool. **The flowline will follow an archaeologically approved route to the Skelly Unit Tank Battery located in the NW/4 NW/4 of Sec. 22 T17S R31E.**

**4. Location of Existing and/or Proposed Facilities:**

- A. Chevron USA Inc. does operate a production facility on this lease.
- B. If the well is productive, contemplated facilities will be as follows:
  - 1) Yeso Completion: Will be stored at the Skelly Unit tank battery. The Facility is shown in Exhibit #5.
  - 2) The tank battery and facilities including all flow lines and piping will be installed according to API specifications.
  - 3) Any additional caliche will be obtained from a BLM approved caliche pit. Any additional construction materials will be purchased from contractors.

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- 4) It will be necessary to run electric power if this well is productive. Power will be run by CVE and they will send in a separate plan for power.

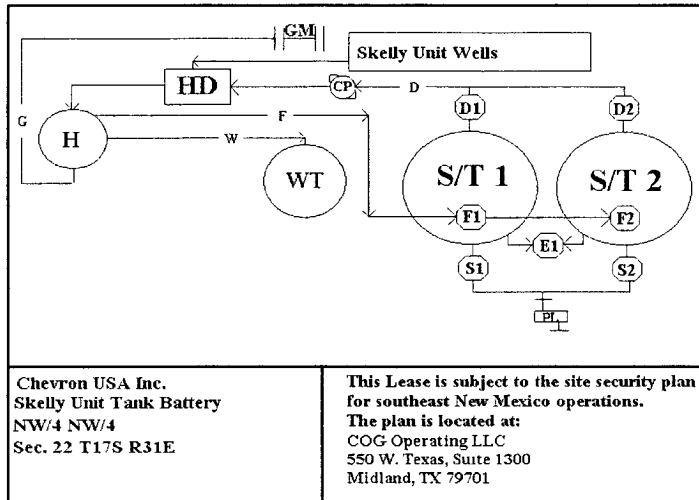


Exhibit #5

A. If the well is productive, rehabilitation plans are as follows:

- 1) The reserve pit will be back filled after the contents of the pit are dry (within 120 days after the well is completed).
- 2) Topsoil removed from the drill site will be used to recontour the pit area to the original natural level, as nearly as possible, and reseeded as per BLM specifications.

## 5. Location and Type of Water Supply:

The well will be drilled with combination brine and fresh water mud system as outlined in the drilling program. The water will be obtained from commercial water stations in the area and hauled to location by transport truck over the existing and proposed access roads shown in Exhibit #4. If a commercial fresh water source is nearby, fasline may be laid along existing road ROW's and fresh water pumped to the well. No water well will be drilled on the location.

## 6. Source of Construction Materials:

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All caliche required for construction of the drill pad and proposed new access road (approximately 2500 cubic yards) will be obtained from a BLM approved caliche pit or the reserve pit.

**7. Methods of Handling Water Disposal:**

- A. Drill cuttings not retained for evaluation purposes will be disposed into the reserve pit.
- B. Drilling fluids will be contained in a lined working pit. The reserve pit will contain any excess drilling fluid or flow from the well during drilling, cementing and completion operations. The reserve pit will be an earthen pit, approximately 125' X 125' X 10' deep with a dividing wall dividing it into two horseshoe style pits and fenced on three sides prior to drilling. It will be fenced on the fourth side immediately following rig removal. The reserve pit will be lined 125' X 125' X 10'. The reserve pit will be lined (12-mil thickness) to minimize loss of drilling fluids and saturation of the ground with brine water.
- C. Water produced from the well during completion may be disposed into the reserve pit or a steel tank (depending on the rates). After the well is permanently placed on production, produced water will be collected in tanks (fiberglass) until pumped to an approved disposal system; produced oil will be collected in steel tanks until sold.
- D. Garbage and trash produced during drilling or completion operations will be collected in a trash bin and hauled to an approved landfill. All water and fluids will be disposed of into the reserve pit. Salts and other chemicals produced during drilling or testing will be disposed into the reserve pit. No toxic waste or hazardous chemicals will be produced by this operation.
- E. After the rig is moved out and the well is either completed or abandoned, all waste materials will be cleaned up within 30 days. The reserve pit will be completely fenced and kept closed until it has dried. When the reserve pit is dry enough to breakout and backfill and reseeded as per BLM specifications as weather permits. In the event of a dry hole only a dry hole marker will remain.

**8. Ancillary Facilities:**

No airstrip, campsite or other facilities will be built as a result of the operation on this well.

**9. Well Site Layout:**

- A. The drill pad layout, with elevations staked by John West Engineering, is shown in Exhibit #6. Dimensions of the pad and pits are shown. Topsoil, if available, will be stockpiled per BLM specifications. Because the pad is almost level no major cuts will be required.
- B. Diagram below shows the proposed orientation of reserve pit, working pit and access road. There is a possibility that the pits will be moved around depending on Caliche in the area. No permanent living facilities are planned, but a temporary foreman/toolpusher's trailer will be on location during the drilling operations.
- C. The reserve pit will be lined with high quality plastic sheeting (12 mil thickness).

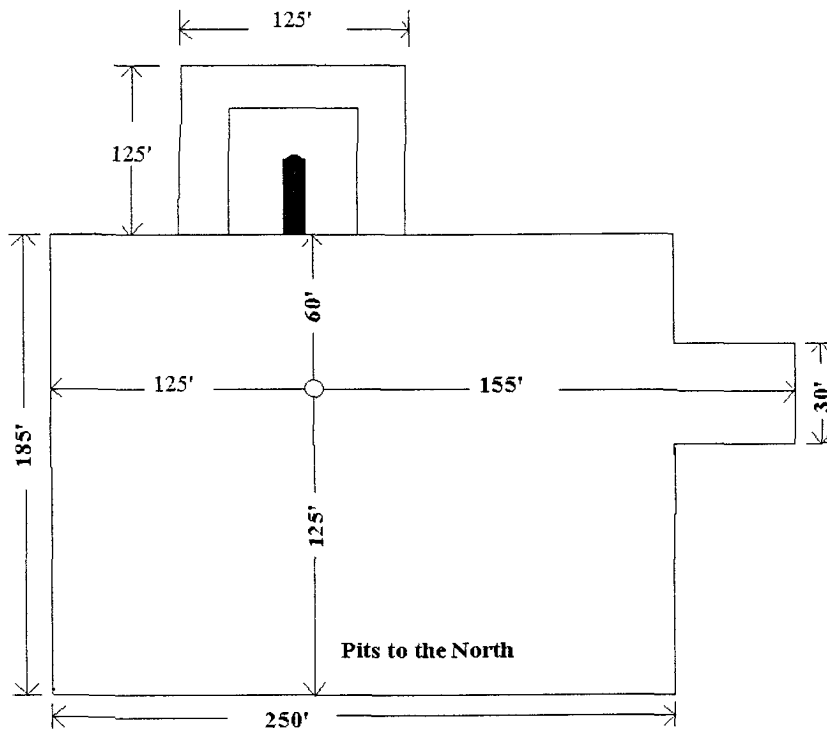


Exhibit #6

**10. Plans for Restoration of the Surface:**

- A. Upon completion of the proposed operations, the pit area, after allowing drying, will be broken out and leveled. The original topsoil will be returned to the pit area,

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which will be leveled and contoured to as nearly the original topography as possible.

- B. The disturbed area will be revegetated by reseeding during the proper growing season with a seed mixture of native grasses as recommended by the BLM.
- C. Three sides of the reserve pit will be fenced prior to and during drilling operations. At the time that the rig is removed, the reserve pit will be fenced on the rig (fourth) side to prevent livestock from being entrapped. The fencing will remain in place until the pit area is cleaned up and leveled. No oil will be left on the surface of the fluid in the pit.
- D. Upon completion of proposed operations, if the well is completed, the reserve pit area will be treated as outlined above within the same prescribed time. Any additional caliche required for facilities will be obtained from a BLM approved caliche pit. Topsoil removed from the drill site will be used to recontour the pit area to its original natural level and reseeded as per BLM specifications.

#### **11. Surface Ownership:**

The well site and lease is located entirely on Federal surface. We have notified the surface lessee of the impending operations. According to BLM the lessee is Charles Martin, P.O. Box 706 Artesia, NM 88211.

#### **12. Other Information:**

- A. The area around the well site is grassland and the topsoil is sandy. The vegetation is native scrub grass with sagebrush.
- B. There is no permanent or live water in the immediate area.
- C. A Cultural Resources Examination has been requested and will be forwarded to your office in the near future.

#### **13. Lessee's and Operator's Representative:**

The Mack Energy Corporation representative responsible for assuring compliance with the surface use plan is as follows:

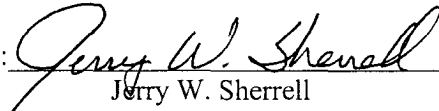
Jerry W. Sherrell  
Mack Energy Corporation (Agent for Chevron USA Inc.)  
P.O. Box 960  
Artesia, NM 88211-0960  
Phone (505) 748-1288 (office)

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I, or person under my direct supervision, have inspected the proposed drill site and access route; that I am familiar with the conditions which currently exist; that the statements made in this APD are to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed by COG Operating LLC and its contractors and subcontractors in conformity with this plan and the terms and conditions which it is approved. This statement is subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001 for the filing of a false statement.

Date: 7-23-2007

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Jerry W. Sherrell

Mack Energy Corporation (Agent for Chevron USA Inc.)

## CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL - DRILLING

Operator's Name: CHEVRON USA INC.  
Well Name & No. 971 – SKELLY UNIT  
Location: 2310' FSL & 1525' FWL – SEC 14 – T17S – R31E - EDDY  
Lease: LC-029418A

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### I. DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- A. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is to be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness:
1. Spudding well
  2. Setting and/or Cementing of all casing strings
  3. BOPE tests
- Eddy County call the Carlsbad Field Office, 620 East Greene St., Carlsbad. NM 88220, (505) 361-2822
- B. A Hydrogen Sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) Drilling Plan should be activated 500 feet prior to drilling into the Queen/Grayburg formation.
- C. 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.

### II. CASING:

- A. The 13-3/8 inch surface casing shall be set at 450 feet and cemented to the surface.
1. If cement does not circulate to the surface, the appropriate BLM office shall be notified and a temperature survey utilizing an electronic type temperature survey with a surface log readout will be used or a cement bond log shall be run to verify the top of the cement.
  2. Wait on cement (WOC) time for a primary cement job will be a minimum of 12 hours for a non-water basin, 18 hours for a water basin, 24 hours in the potash area, or 500 pounds compression strength, whichever is greater. (This is to include the lead cement)
  3. Wait on cement (WOC) time for a remedial job will be a minimum of 4 hours after bringing cement to surface or 500 pounds compression strength, whichever is greater.
  4. If cement falls back, remedial action will be done prior to drilling out that string.
- B. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 8-5/8 inch intermediate casing is circulate cement to the surface. If cement does not circulate see A.1 thru 4.
- C. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 5-1/2 inch production casing is tie back 200 feet into the 8-5/8 inch casing.
- D. If hardband drill pipe is rotated inside casing; returns will be monitored for metal. If metal is found in samples, drill pipe will be pulled and rubber protectors which have a larger diameter than the tool joint of the drill pipe will be installed prior to continuing drilling operations.

### **III. PRESSURE CONTROL:**

- A.** All blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) shall comply with well control requirements as described in Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 2 and API RP 53 - 17.
- B.** The appropriate BLM office shall be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness the tests.
  - 1. The tests shall be done by an independent service company.
  - 2. The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.
  - 3. All tests are required to be recorded on a calibrated test chart. A copy of the BOP/BOPE test chart and a copy of independent service company test will be submitted to the appropriate BLM office.
  - 4. The BOP/BOPE test shall include a low pressure test from 250 to 300 psi. The test will be held for a minimum of 10 minutes if test is done with a test plug and 30 minutes without a test plug.

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Director

**Oil Conservation Division**

December 04, 2007

Phyllis Edwards  
Regulatory Analyst  
COG Operating, LLC  
550 W. Texas  
Midland, Texas 79701

RE: **Skelly Unit Well No. 971**  
**2310 feet FSL & 1525 feet FWL (Unit K) (Unorthodox)**  
**NE/4SW/4 of Section 14, T-17 -S, R-31-E,**  
**NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico**

**Administrative Order NSL-5725**

Dear Ms Edwards:

Reference is made to the following:

(a) your application (administrative application reference No. **pKVR0730227569**) submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (the Division) in Santa Fe, New Mexico on October 23, 2007; and

(b) the Division's records pertinent to COG's request.

COG Operating, LLC, requests to drill its Skelly Unit Well No. 971 at an unorthodox Fren; Glorieta-Yeso oil well location as referenced above in Section 14, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, N.M.P.M., in Eddy County, New Mexico.

The NE/4SW/4 of Section 14 will be dedicated to this well to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit. COG Operating, LLC, intends to test the Fren; Glorieta-Yeso Oil Pool. This pool is governed by the Division's Statewide Rules and Regulations which provide for wells on 40-acre spacing units to be located no closer than 330 feet to a quarter-quarter section line.

The location of the well is due to geological reasons, and COG expects to maximize production at this location.

Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 104. F. It is our understanding that the offsetting acreage has interest ownership identical in all respects, therefore no notice of this application is required.

Pursuant to the authority granted under the provisions of Division Rules 104. F(2), the above-described unorthodox Fren; Glorita-Yeso oil pool location is hereby approved.

Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

Sincerely,



Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.  
Director

MEF/re

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Artesia  
Bureau of Land Management (BLM) - Carlsbad