

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

OCD-ARTESIA

FORM APPROVED  
OMB No. 1004-0135  
Expires July 31, 1996

**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.*

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**SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE - Other instructions on reverse side**

1. Type of Well

☒ Oil Well ☐ Gas Well ☐ Other

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2. Name of Operator

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado

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3a. Address

PO Box 140907; Irving, TX 75014-0907

3b. Phone No. (include area code)

972-401-3111

4. Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T, R., M., or Survey Description)

2310' FNL & 660' FWL  
9-17S-30E

5. Lease Serial No.

LC-060524

6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name

7. If Unit or CA/Agreement, Name and/or No.

8. Well Name and No.

Vega 9 Federal No. 1

9. API Well No.

30-015-36234

10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory Area

Loco Hills; Glorieta-Yeso

11. County or Parish, State

Eddy County, NM

**12. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES) TO INDICATE NATURE OF NOTICE, REPORT, OR OTHER DATA**

TYPE OF SUBMISSION	TYPE OF ACTION			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Intent	<input type="checkbox"/> Acidize	<input type="checkbox"/> Deepen	<input type="checkbox"/> Production (Start/Resume)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Shut-Off
<input type="checkbox"/> Subsequent Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Alter Casing	<input type="checkbox"/> Fracture Treat	<input type="checkbox"/> Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/> Well Integrity
<input type="checkbox"/> Final Abandonment Notice	<input type="checkbox"/> Casing Repair	<input type="checkbox"/> New Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Recomplete	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other request surface casing exception
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change Plans	<input type="checkbox"/> Plug and Abandon	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporarily Abandon	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Convert to Injection	<input type="checkbox"/> Plug Back	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Disposal	

13. Describe Proposed or Completed Operation (clearly state all pertinent details, included estimated starting date of any proposed work and approximate duration thereof. If the proposal is to deepen directionally or recompleat horizontally, give subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths of all pertinent markers and zones. Attach the bond under which the work will be performed or provide the Bond No. on file with BLM/BIA. Required subsequent reports shall be filed within 30 days following completion of the involved operations. If the operation results in a multiple completion or recompleat in a new interval, a Form 3160-4 shall be filed once testing has been completed. Final Abandonment Notices shall be filed only after all requirements, including reclamation, have been completed, and the operator has determined that the site is ready for final inspection.)

We are requesting a variance for testing the 11 3/4" surface casing from Onshore Order No. 2, which states that all casing strings below the conductor shall be pressure tested to 0.22 psi per foot or 1500 psi, whichever is greater, but not to exceed 70% of the manufacturer's stated maximum internal yield. We are requesting to test the 11 3/4" casing to 1000 psi using rig pumps. The BOP will be tested to 1000 psi by an independent service company.

14. I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct  
Name (Printed/Typed)

Zeno Farris

Signature

Zeno Farris

Title

Manager Operations Administration

Date

April 15, 2008

APPROVED

THIS SPACE FOR FEDERAL OR STATE OFFICE USE

Approved by

Title

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Conditions of Approval, if any, are attached. Approval of this notice 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.

Office

WESLEY W. INGRAM  
PETROLEUM ENGINEER

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.

(Instructions on reverse)

Accepted for record - NMOCD