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(LANA WILLIAMS 918-491-4980)

FNL & 760' FWL SECTION 17 T21S-R23E

Approximately 25 miles Northwest of Carlsbad New Mexico

760'

29001

Roswell Controlled Water

REAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

OCD-HOBBS

x Single Zone

3b. Phone No. (include area code)

918-491-4980

16. No. of acres in lease

4.0

7900'

OCD-ARTES !

AUG 26 2008

OMB No. 1004-0137
Expires March 31, 2007

5. Lease Serial No.
NM-80066037

6. If Indian, Allotee or Tribe Name

7 if Unit or CA Agreement, Name and No.

8. Lease Name and Well No. 303588

Multiple Zone

9 API Well No.
30-015-3657

INDIAN BASIN-UPPER PENN

11. Sec, T. R. M. or Bik, and Survey or Area

SECTION 17 T21S-R23E

	0,70
19. Proposed Depth	20. BLM/BIA Bond No. on file

22 Approximate date work will start\*
WHEN APPROVED

23 Estimated duration 30 days±

BLM-CO-1463 NATION WIDE

24. Attachments

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

1. Well plat certified by a registered surveyor.

AUC 1 = 2000

DRILL

Oil Well XXI Gas Well

6120 SOUTH YALE SUITE 1500

TULSA, OKLAHOMA 74136-4224

SAME

14. Distance in miles and direction from nearest town or post office\*

Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB, RT, GL etc.)

4. Location of Well (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements.\*)

la. Type of work:

lb. Type of Well:

3a. Address

Name of Operator

At proposed prod. zone

Distance from proposed\*

18. Distance from proposed location\*

applied for, on this lease, ft.

4030

property or lease line, ft (Also to nearest drig, unit line, if any)

to nearest well, drilling, completed,

location to nearest

APACHE CORPORATION

- 2. A Drilling Plan.
- A Surface Use Plan (if the location is on National Forest System Lands, the SUPO shall be filed with the appropriate Forest Service Office).
- 4 Bond to cover the operations unless covered by an existing bond on file (see Item 20 above).

17. Spacing Unit dedicated to this well

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- 5. Operator certification
- Such other site specific information and/or plans as may be required by the authorized officer.

25. Signature	Namc (Printed Typed) Joe T. Janica	Date 05/14/08
Title Permit Engineer		•
Approved by (Signature) /s/ James Stovall	Name (Printed Syled) ames Stovall	Date AUG - 8 2008
Title Plant Comp	Office CADI ODAD	

FIELD MANAGER

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.

APPROVAL FOR TWO YEARS
Conditions of approval, if any, are attached.

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\*(Instructions on page 2)

SEE ATTACHED FOR CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

APPROVAL SUBJECT TO GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIAL STIPULATIONS ATTACHED Form 3160-5 (April 2004)

# UNITED STATES

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	CATE- Other instructions	on reverse side.	7. If Unit or CA/Agreement, Name and/or No.
1. Type of Well Gas	Well Other		8. Well Name and No.
2 Name of Operator APACHE COI	RPORATION	<u> </u>	WEST INDIAN BASIN UNIT # 6
3a Address 6120 SOUTH YAL		: No. (include area code)	7. 121 // 6110
TULSA, OKLAHOMA 74		491-4980	10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory Area INDIAN BASIN-UPPER PENN.
4. Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T., R,	M., or Survey Description)		11. County or Parish, State
1925' FNL & 760' FW	SEC. 17 T21S-R23E	EDDY CO. NM	EDDY CO. NEW MEXOCO
12. CHECK APPRO	PRIATE BOX(ES) TO INDICAT	E NATURE OF NOTICE,	REPORT, OR OTHER DATA
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14. I hereby certify that the foregoing Name (Printed/Typed)	is true and correct		,
Joe T. Janica		Title Permit Engi	neer
Signature Jost	Sance	Date 06/25/08	
TH.	SPACE FOR FEDERA	L OR STATE OFFIC	E USE
Approved by	enied	Title	Date
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#### State of New Mexico

DISTRICT I 1825 N. FRENCH DR., HORBS, NM 88240

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

DISTRICT II
1301 W. GRAND AVENUE, ARTESIA, NM 88210

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

DISTRICT III 1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 8741

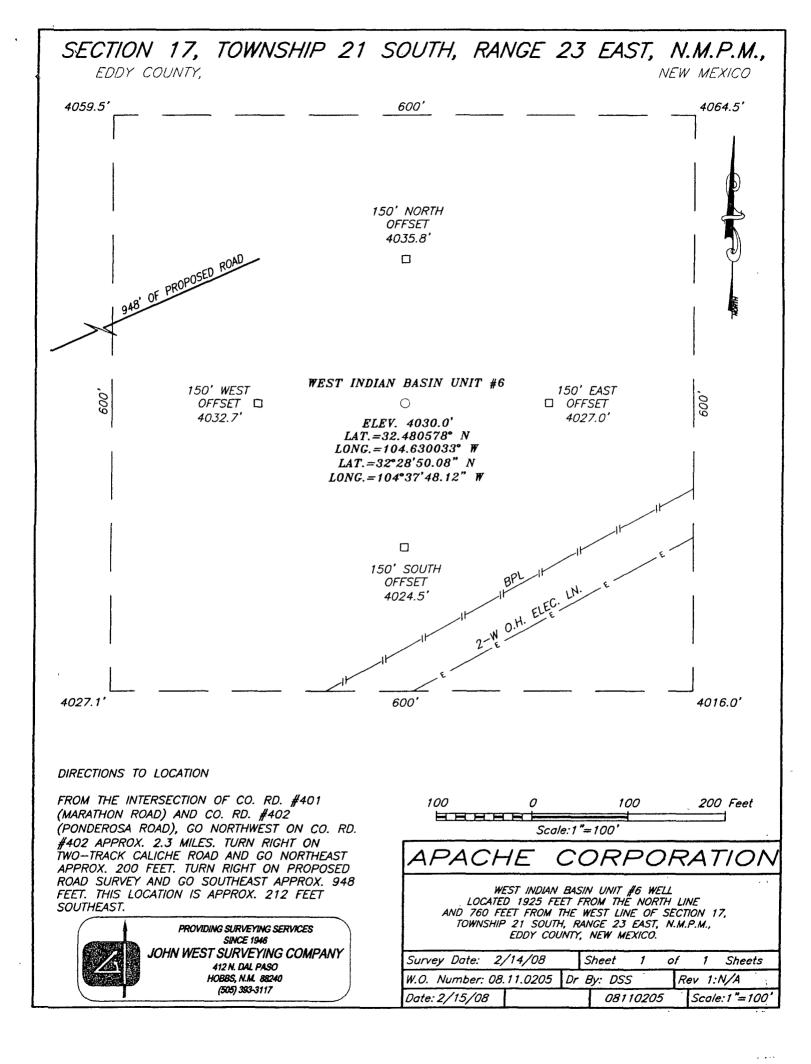
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873			APACHE CORPORATION				403	0'	
Surface Location									
UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
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#### Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

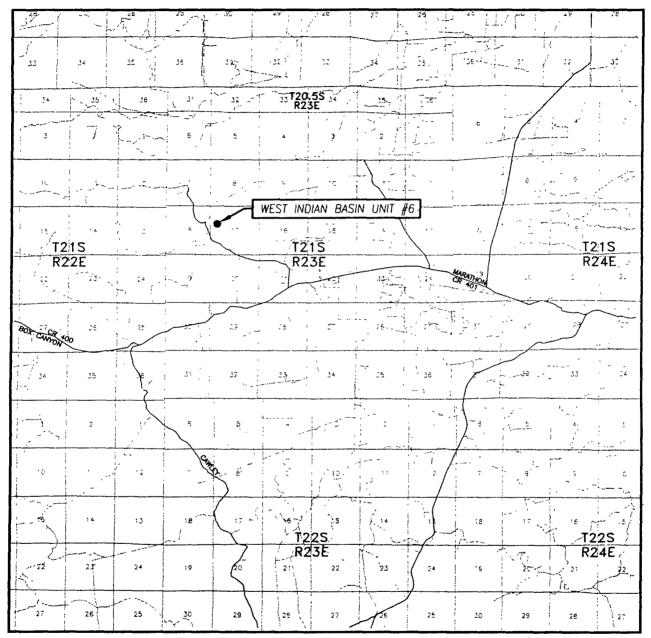
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640 /									

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

760' — O SEE DETAIL	NM-071059A All Section 17	NM-0066037A NE/4 of SE/4	OPERATOR CERTIFICATION  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 volvantary pooling agreement or a computery pooling order heretofore entered by the division.  Signature Date  JOE T. Janua 05/14/08  Printed Name  SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION  I hereby certify that the well location shown an 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.  FERNARY 4, 2008  Date Surveyed ME 2008  Date Surveyed ME 2008  Certificate No. GARY EIDSON 12641  RONALD J. EIDSON 3239
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# VICINITY MAP



SCALE: 1" = 2 MILES

SEC. 17 TWP. 21—S RGE. 23—E

SURVEY N.M.P.M.

COUNTY EDDY STATE NEW MEXICO

DESCRIPTION 1925' FNL & 760' FWL

ELEVATION 4030'

OPERATOR APACHE CORPORATION

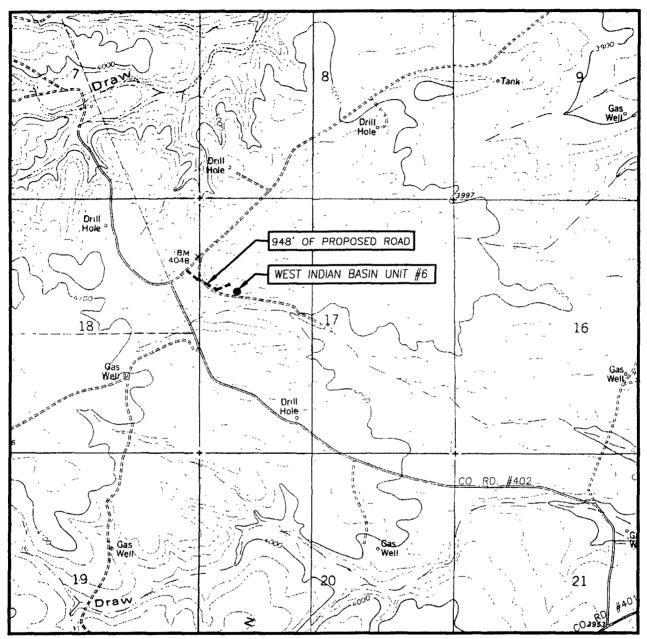
LEASE WEST INDIAN BASIN UNIT



PROVIDING SURVEYING SERVICES
SINCE 1948
JOHN WEST SURVEYING COMPANY
412 N. DAL PASO
HOBBS, N.M. 88240
(505) 383-3117



# LOCATION VERIFICATION MAP



SCALE: 1" = 2000'

SEC. <u>17</u> TWP. <u>21-S</u> RGE. <u>23-E</u>

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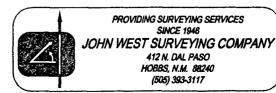
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LEASE WEST INDIAN BASIN UNIT

U.S.G.S. TOPOGRAPHIC MAP

MARTHA CREEK, N.M.

CONTOUR INTERVAL: MARTHA CREEK, N.M. – 20' CAWLEY DRAW, N.M. – 20'



#### APPLICATION TO DRILL

# APACHE CORPORATION WEST INDIAN BASIN UNIT # 6 UNIT "E" SECTION 17 T21S-R23E EDDY CO. NM

In response to questions asked under Section II of Bulliten NTL-6, the following information on the above will be provided.

1. LOCATION: 1925' FNL & 760' FWL SECTION 17 T21S-R23E EDDY CO. NM

2. ELEVATION ABOVE SEA LEVEL: 4030' GL.

3. GEOLOGICAL NAME OF SURFACE FORMATION: Quaternery Aeolian Deposits.

4. DRILLING TOOLS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT: Conventional rotary drilling rig using drilling mud as a circulating medium for solids removal from hole.

5. PROPOSED DRILLING DEPTH: 7900'

#### 6. ESTIMATED TOPS OF GEOLOGICAL FORMATIONS:

San Andres	430'	Cisco	6616'
Glorieta	1857 <b>'</b>	Upper Penn Carbonate	7010 <b>'</b>
Bone Spring	2995 '	Upper Penn Shale	7432 <b>'</b>
Third Bone Spring	5139'	TD	7900 <b>'</b>
Wolfcamp	5341 <b>'</b>		

#### 7. POSSIBLE MINERAL BEARING FORMATIONS:

Upper Penn Corbonate

Gas

Upper Penn Shale

Gas

#### 8. CASING PROGRAM:

	HOLE SIZE	INTERVAL C	D OF CASING	WEIGHT	THREAD	COLLAR	GRADE	CONDITION
	26"	0-40	20"	NA	NA	NA	Conductor	. New
300	17½"	0-3001 14001	13 3/8"	48#	8-R	ST&C	H-40	New
	121"	0-2300'	9 5/8"	40#	8-R	LT&C	K-55	New
	8 3/4"	0-7900'	7"	26#	8-R	LT&C	L80HC	New

Casing design factors: Collapse 1.125 Burst 1.0 Body Yield 1.5 Joint Strength
Buttress 1.6
8-R 1.8

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#### 9. CASING CEMENTING & SETTING DEPTHS:

20"	Conductor	Set 40' of 20" conductor pipe and cement to surface with Redi-mix.
13 3/8"	Surface	Set 300' of 13 3/8" 48# H-40 ST&C casing. Cement with 300 Sx. of Class "C" cement + 2% CaCl, yield 1.3. Circulate cement to surface.
9 5/8"	Intermediate	Set 2300' of 9 5/8" 40# K-55 LT&C casing. Cement with 500 Sx. of 35/65 LClass "C" POZ + 1% CaCl, + ½# Cello Flakes/ Sx. + 6% Bentonite, yield 1.9, tail in with 250 Sx. of Class "C" cement + 2% CaCl, yield 1.3, circulate cement to surface.
7"	Production	Set 7900' of 7" 26# L-80HC LT&C casing. Cement with 700 Sx. of 50/50 POZ (Fly Ash) Class "C" cement + 5% Salt, + $5\#/\text{Sx}$ LCM-1 + .4% FL-52, + 10% Bentonite, yield 2.4, tail in with 250 Sx. of 50/50 POZ (Fly Ash) Class "C" cement + 2% CaCl, yield 1.3 circulate cement to surface.

PRESSURE CONTROL EQUIPMENT: Exhibit "E" shows a 900 series 3000 PSI working pressure B.O.P.. Consisting of an annular bag type preventor, middle blind rams, and bottom pipe rams. This B. O. P. Will be mippled up on the 8-5/8" surface 34 casing and tested to API specifications by a third party before drilling out from under the surface casing. The B. O. P. Will be operated at least once in each 24 hour period and the blind rams will be operated when the drill pipe is out of the hole on trips. Full opening stabbing valve and upper kelly cock will be utilized. Exhibit "E" also shows a 3" 3000 PSI choke manifold with dual adjustiable chokes with a 3" blow down line. No abnormal pressures or abnormal temperatures are expected while drilling this well.

#### 11. PROPOSED MUD CIRCULATING SYSTEM:

•	DEPTH	MUD WT.	VISC.	FLUID LOSS	TYPE SYSTEM
Score Con	40-300' (400	8.4-8.6	36–40	NC	Fresh water Spud Mud add paper to control seepage.
1400	<del>30</del> 0-2300'	10.0-10.2	38–42	NC	Brine water Pre-mix Anco Salt Gel, add paper to control seepage, use Lime to control pH @ 10-10.5.
	2300-6000'	10.0-10.2	38-42	NC	SAME AS ABOVE.
	6000 <b>-</b> 7900'	10.0-10.2	38–42	10 cc or less	Brine water use salt Gel to control viscosity, Caustic Soda to control pH, use starch to control water loss, and high viscosity sweeps to clean hole.

Sufficient mud materials will be kept on location at all times in order to combat lost circulation, or unexpected kicks. In order to run logs, DST's and casing water loss/viscosity may have to be altered or adjusted in order to meet these needs.

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#### 12. LOGGING, CORING, AND TESTING PROGRAM:

- A. Open hole logs: Dual Laterolog, CNL, LDT, MSFL, SONIC, Gamma Ray, Caliper from TD back to 9 5/8" casing shoe.
- B. Cased hole logs: Gamma Ray, CNL FROM 9 5/8" casing shoe back to surface.
- C. Rig up mud logger on hole at 3500'± and keep on hole to TD
- D. No DST's or cores are planned at this time.

#### 13. POTENTIAL HAZARDS:



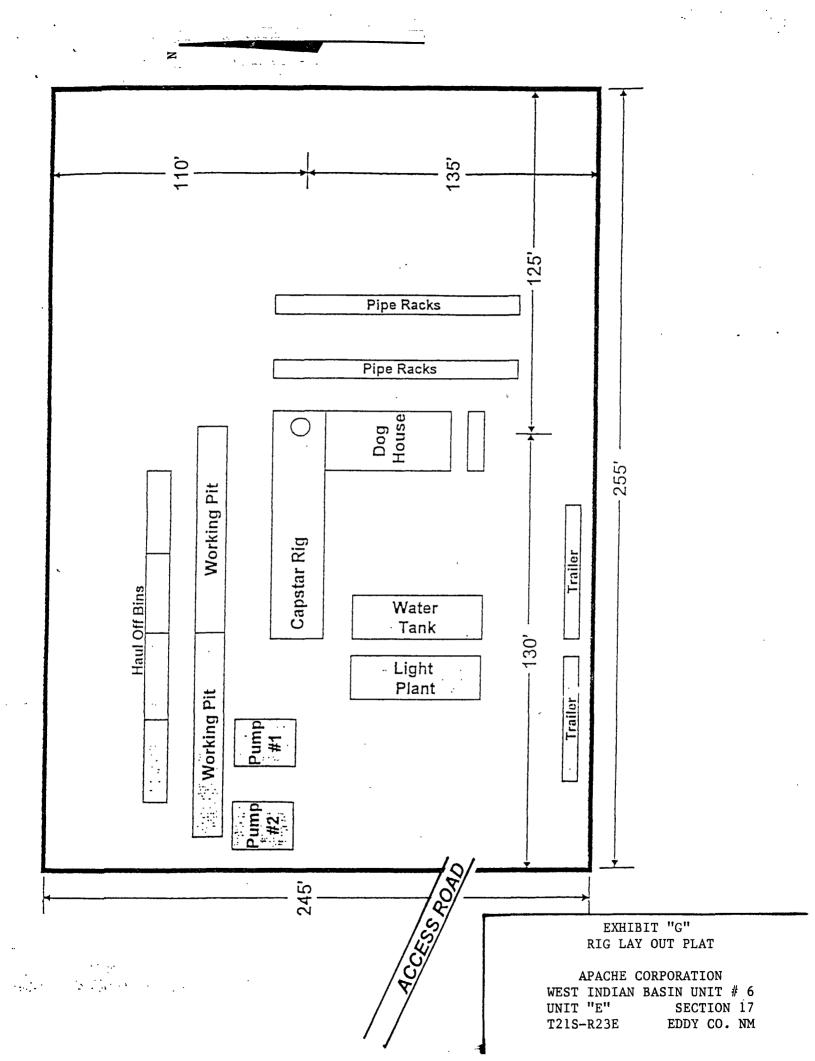
No abnormal pressures or temperatures are expected. There is no known presence of  $\mathrm{H}^2\mathrm{S}$  in this area. If  $\mathrm{H}^2\mathrm{S}$  is encountered the operator will comply with the provisions of Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 6. No lost circulation is expected to occur. All personnel will be familiar with all aspects of safe operation of equipment being used to drill this well. Estimated BHP 500 PSI, and Estimated BHT 145°.

#### 14. ANTICIPATED STARTING DATE AND DURATION OF OPERATION:

Road and location construction will begin after the BLM has approved the APD. Anticipated spud date will be as soon after BLM approval and as soon as a rig will be available. Move in operation and drilling is expected to take 30 days. If production casing is run then an additional 30 days will be needed to complete well and construct surface facilities and/or lay flowlines in order to place well on production.

#### 15. OTHER FACETS OF OPERATIONS:

After running casing, cased hole Gamma Ray, Neutron Collar logs will be run from TD back to all possible productive zones. The <u>Penn Carbonate</u> formation will be perforated and stimulated in order to establish production. The well will be swab tested and potentialed as a gas well.



# 3000psi -BOPE

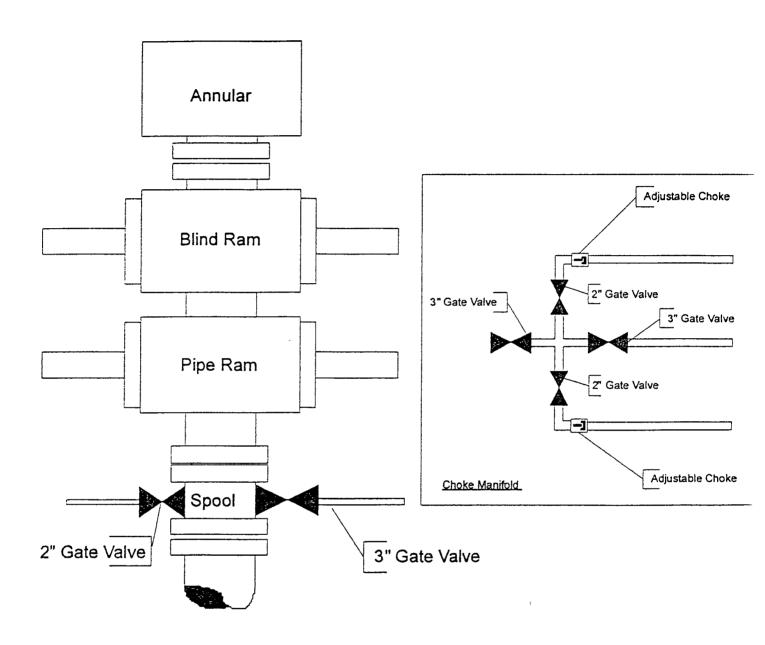


EXHIBIT "H"
SKETCH OF BOP AND CHOKE MANIFOLD

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UNIT "E" SECTION 17
T21S-R23E EDDY CO. NM

# WELL CONTROL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

#### I. GENERAL PHILOSOPHY

Our objective is to ensure that during an emergency, a predetermined procedure is followed so that prompt decisions can be made based on accurate information.

The best way to handle an emergency is with an experienced organization set up for the sole purpose of solving the problem. The Well Control Emergency Response Team was organized to handle dangerous and expensive well control problems. The team is structured such that each individual can contribute the most from his area of expertise. Key decision-makers are determined prior to an emergency to avoid confusion about who is in charge.

If the well is flowing uncontrolled at the surface or subsurface, the Emergency Response Team will be mobilized. The Team is customized for the people currently on the Apache staff. Staff changes may require a change in the plan.

#### II. EMERGENCY PROCEDURE ON DRILLING OR COMPLETION OPERATIONS

A. In event of an emergency the Drilling Foreman or Tool-pusher will immediately contact only one of the following starting with the first name listed.

	<u>Office</u>	Home	<u>Mobile</u>
Danny Chaney	(405) 222-5040		(405)574-2107
Ross Murphy	(918) 491-4834	(918) 749-9454	(918) 691-9493
Tem Voytovich	(918) 491-4901	(918) 299-8820	(918) 381-0882

Emergency Telephone Conference Room: (888) 896-4185 and input code: 344855

This one phone call will free the Drilling Foreman to devote his full time to securing the safety of personnel and equipment. This call will initiate the process to mobilize the Well Control Emergency Response Team. Apache maintains an Emergency Telephone Conference Room in the Houston office. This room is available for use by the Mid-Continent Region. The room has 50 separate telephone lines.

- B. The Apache employee contacted by the Drilling Foreman will begin contacting the rest of the team. If Ross Murphy is out of contact, Tom Voytovich will be notified.
- C. If a member of the Emergency Response Team is away from the job, he must be available for call back. Telephone numbers should be left with secretaries or a key decision-maker.
- D. Apache's reporting procedure for spills or releases of oil or hazardous materials will be implemented when spills or releases have occurred or are probable.

#### HYDROGEN SULFIDE DRILLING OPERATIONS 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 tubulars 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 the 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. This plan shall be available at the well site. All personnel will be required to carry documentation that they have received the proper training.

#### II. H<sub>2</sub>S Safety Equipment and Systems

- 1. Well Control Equipment that will be available and installed if H2S is encountered:
  - A. Flare line with electronic igniter or continuous pilot.
  - B. Choke manifold with a minimum of one remote choke.
  - C. Blind rams and pipe rams to accommodate all pipe sizes with properly sized closing unit.
  - D. Auxiliary equipment to include annular preventer, mud-gas separator, rotating head, and flare gun with flares.
- 2. Protective equipment for essential personnel:
  - A. Mark II Surviveair 30-minute units located in the dog house and at briefing areas.
- 3. H<sub>2</sub>S detection and monitoring equipment:
  - A. Two portable H<sub>2</sub>S monitors positioned on location for best coverage and response. These units have warning lights and audible sirens when H<sub>2</sub>S levels of 20 ppm are reached.
  - B. One portable S02 monitor positioned near flare line.
- 4. Visual warning systems:
  - A. Wind direction indicators.
  - B. Caution/Danger signs 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.
- 5. Mud program:
  - A. The mud program has been designed to minimize the volume of H<sub>2</sub>S circulated to the surface. Proper mud weight, safe drilling practices, and the use of H<sub>2</sub>S scavengers will minimize hazards when penetrating H<sub>2</sub>S-bearing zones.
  - B. A mud-gas separator and an H<sub>2</sub>S gas buster will be utilized if H2S is encountered.
- 6. Metallurgy:
  - A. All drill strings, casings, tubing, wellhead, blowout preventers, 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.

If at this time the supervising person determines the release of H2S cannot be contained to the site location and the general public is in harms way he will take the necessary steps to protect the workers and the public.

EMERGENCY CALL LIST: (Start and continue until ONE of these people has been contacted)

OFFICE	MOBILE	HOME

# EMERGENCY RESPONSE NUMBERS:

State Police State Police	Eddy County Lea County		505-748-9718 505-392-5588
Sheriff Sheriff	Eddy County Lea County		505-746-2701
Emergency Medical Service (Ambulance)	Eddy County Lea County	Eunice	911 or 505-746-2701 911 or 505-394-3258
Emergency Response	Eddy County SERC Lea County		505-476-9620
Artesia Police Dept Artesia Fire Dept			505-746-5001 505-746-5001
Carlsbad Police Dept Carlsbad Fire Dept	×		505-885-2111 505-885-3125

# **EMERGENCY CALL LIST (CONT.)**

Loco Hills Police Dept		505-677-2349
Jal Police Dept Jal Fire Dept Jal Ambulance		505-395-2501 505-395-2221 505-395-2221
Eunice Police Dept Eunice Fire Dept Eunice Ambulance		505-394-0112 505-394-3258 505-394-3258
Hobbs Police Dept Hobbs Fire Dept		505-397-3365 505-397-9308
NMOCD	District 1 (Lea, Roosevelt, Curry) District 2 (Eddy, Chavez)	505-393-6161 505-748-1283
Lea County Information		505-393-8203
Callaway Safety	Eddy/Lea Counties	505-392-2973
BJ Services	Artesia Hobbs	505-746-3140 505-392-5556
Halliburton	Artesia Hobbs	1-800-523-2482 1-800-523-2482
Wild Well Control	Midland Mobile	432-550-6202 432-553-1166

#### SURFACE USE PLAN

# APACHE CORPORATION WEST INDIAN BASIN UNIT # 6 UNIT "E" SECTION 17 T21S-R23E EDDY CO. NM

#### 1. EXISTING AND PROPOSED ROADS:

- A. Exhibit "B" is a reporduction of a County General Hi-way map showing existing roads. Exhibit "C" is a reproduction of a USGS topographic map showing existing roads and and proposed roads. All existing roads will be maintained in a condition equal to or better than current conditions. All new roads will be constructed to BLM specifications.
- B. Exhibit "A" shows the proposed well site as staked.
- C. Directions to location: From the junction of U.S. Hi-way 285 and State HI-way 137 go West 9 miles to the junction of 137 and CR-401, bear Right follow 401 approximately 2.5 miles to a two track road on Right side of road, turn Right go 200' to proposed road survey and go 950±' to location.
- D. Exhibit "C" shows roads to location and the proposed route of flowline to tank battery.
- 2. PLANNED ACCESS ROADS: Approximately 950' of road will be constructed.
  - A. The access roads will be crowned and sitched to a 14' wide travel surface, within a 30' R-O-W.
  - B. Gradient of all roads will be less than 5%.
  - C. Turn-outs will be constructed where necessary.
  - D. If require new access roads will be surface with a minimum of 4-6" of caliche. this material will be obtained from a local source.
  - E. Center line for new roads will be flagged, road construction will be done as field conditions require.
  - F. Culverts will be placed in the access road as drainage conditions require.

    Roads will be constructed to use low water crossings for drainage as required by the topographic conditions.

# 3. LOCATION OF EXISTING WELLS WITHIN A ONE MILE RADIUS: EXHIBIT "A-1"

A. Water wells

- None known

B. Disposal wells

- None known

C. Drilling wells

- None known

D. Producing wells

- As shown on Exhibit "F"

E. Abandoned wells

- As shown on Exhibit "F"

#### **WEST INDIAN BASIN UNIT #6**

#### **DRILLING PROGRAM**

The geological surface formation is recent Permian with quaternary alluvium and other surficial deposits.

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Estimated Tops of Geological Markers:

FORMATION	<u>DEPTH</u>
Quaternary alluvials	Surface
San Andres	430'
- Glorieta	1857'
Bone Spring	2995'
Third Bone Spring	5139'
- Wolfcamp	5341'
Cisco	6616'
Upper Penn Carbonate	7010'
Upper Penn State	7432'
· TD	7900'

Estimated depths at which water, oil, gas, or other mineral-bearing formations are expected to be encountered:

SUBSTANCE	<u>DEPTH</u>
Oil	Very little anticipated

Gas Upper Penn Carbonate @ 7010'
Upper Penn Shale @ 7432'

Fresh Water None anticipated

All fresh water and prospectively valuable minerals (as described by BLM) encountered during drilling will be recorded by depth and adequately protected. All oil and gas shows within zones of correlative rights will be tested to determine commercial potential.

# Proposed Casing Program:

	CASING		WEIGH			ESTIMATED TOC -
<u>HOL</u>	SIZE		T PER		<b>SACKS</b>	<u>REMARKS</u>
E	OD / ID	<u>GRAD</u>	<u>FOOT</u>	<b>DEPTH</b>	<u>CEMEN</u>	
SIZE		E			<u> </u>	
17 1/2"	13 3/8"	H40	48#	300'	300	TOC - Surface
	12.715"	STC				8.9 ppg Water-based
						mud,
						80°F Est. Static
						Temp.
						78°F Est. Circ.
						Temp.
12 1/4"	9 5/8"	K55	40#	2,300'	750	TOC - Surface
	8.835"	LTC				8.9 ppg Brine-based
						Mud;
						89 ° F Est. Static
						Temp;
						83 ° F Est. Circ.
						Temp.
8 3/4"	7"	L80HC	26#	7,900'	950	TOC - Surface
	4.892"	LTC				Float Collar set @
						7855"/ 8.9 ppg
						Brine Mud;
						142 ° F Est. Static
						Temp;
						123 ° F Est. Circ.
						Temp.

# Proposed Cement Program:

CASING	LEAD SLURRY	TAIL SLURRY	DISPLACEMENT
13 3/8"	N/A	300 sacks Class C Cement +	40.5 bbls Fresh
		2% bwoc Calcium Chloride +	Water @ 8.33 ppg
		56.4% Fresh Water	
		402 Vol. Cu Ft	
		1.3 Vol. Factor	
		Slurry Weight (ppg) 14.8	
		Slurry Yield (cf/sack) 1.34	
		Amount of Mix Water	
		(gps)6.36	
		Estimated Pumping Time -	
_		70 BC (HH:MM)-2:21;	

# 13 3/8" Water String: Volume Calculations:

300 ft x 0.694 cf/ft with 50% excess = 312.4 cf

42 ft x 0.881 cf/ft with 0% excess = 37.0 cf (inside pipe)

TOTAL SLURRY VOLUME = 349.4 cf = 62.2 bbls

Spacer 20.0 bbls Water @ 8.33 ppg

CASING	LEAD SLURRY	TAIL SLURRY	DISPLACEMENT
9 5/8"	500 sacks 35:65 Poz:Class	250 sacks Class C Cement +	171.1 bbls Fresh
	C Cement + 1% bwoc	2% bwoc Calcium Chloride +	Water @ 8.33 ppg
	Calcium Chloride + 0.25	56.4% Fresh Water	
	lbs/sack Cello Flake + 6%	335 Vol. Cu Ft	
	bwoc Bentonite gel	1.3 Vol. Factor	
	975 Vol. Cu Ft	Slurry Weight (ppg) 14.8	
	1.9 Vol. Factor	Slurry Yield (cf/sack) 1.34	
	Slurry Weight (ppg) 12.5	Amount of Mix Water	
	Slurry Yield (cf/sack) 1.95	(gps)6.36	
	Amount of Mix Water (gps)	Estimated Pumping Time -	
	10.7;	70 BC (HH:MM)-2:21;	
	<b>Estimated Pumping</b>		
	<u>Time - 70 BC</u>		
	(HH:MM)-4:15;		

# 9 5/8" Surface Casing: Volume Calculations:

2,000 ft	x	0313 cf/ft	with	75% excess		1,095.6 cf
300 ft	x	0.376 cf/ft	with	0% excess	=	112,9 cf
44 ft	x	0.426 cf/ft	with	0% excess	=	18.7 cf (inside pipe)
	TO	TAL SLURRY	<b>VOLU</b> !	ME	=	1,227.2 cf
					=	218.6 bbis

Spacer

<u>ÇASING</u>	LEAD SLURRY	TAIL SL	URRY	DISPLACEMENT
7"	700 sacks (50:50) Poz	250 sacks (50:5	0) Poz (Fly	166.4 bbls 2% Kcl
	(Fly Ash): Class C		ement + 5%	Water @ 8.43 ppg
	Cement + 5% bwow	bwow Sodium (	Chloride	
	Sodium Chloride + 5	+0.5% bwoc FL	25 + 0.3%	
	lbs/sack LCM-1 + 0.4%	bwoc CD-32 + 0	).3% bwoc	
	bwoc FL-52 + 10% bwo	c FL-52 + 0.1% b	woc Sodium	
	Bentonite	Metasilicate + 3	lb/sack	
	1715 Vol. Cu Ft	LCM-1 + 2% by	voc Bentonite	
	2.4 Vol. Factor	325 Vol.	Cu Ft	
	Slurry Weight (ppg) 11.	8 1. Vol. 1	Factor	
	Slurry Yield (cf/sack)	Slurry Weight (	ppg) 14.2	
			/sack) 1.30	
	Amount of Mix Water		Water (gps)	
	(gps) 13.57;	5.55;		
	<b>Estimated Pumping Tin</b>	e Estimated Pump	ing Time –	
	- 70 BC (HH:MM)-	70 BC (HH:	MM)-4:39;	
	<u>3:03;</u>			
	7" Prodi	ction Casing: Volum	ne Calculation	3:
2300			% excess =	- 364.3 cf
4200	) ft x 0.1	733 cf/ft with 60%	∕₀ excess =	1,163.7 cf
1400	ft x 0.1	733 cf/ft with 40%	6 excess =	339.4 cf
40	ft x 0.1	305 cf/ft with 0	% excess =	5.2 cf(inside pipe)
	TOTAL S	LURRY VOLUME	=	1,872.6 cf
			=	333.5 bbls

All slurries will be tested prior to loading to confirm thickening times and a lab report furnished to Apache. Fluid loss will be tested and reported on slurries with fluid loss additives. Lab test report will be furnished prior to pumping cement.

# · Proposed Mud Program

<u>DEPTH</u> 0 – 300'	MUD PROPERTIES Weight: 8.4 – 8.6 ppg Viscosity: 36 – 40 sec/qt pH: 9.5 - 10 Filtrate: NC	REMARKS Spud with a Conventional Gel/Lime "Spud mud". Use gel and native solids to maintain a sufficient viscosity to keep the hole clean. Mix Paper one-two sacks every 100 feet drilled to minimize wall cake build up on water sands and to control seepage loss.
300 – 2,300'	Weight: 8.4 – 8.6 ppg Viscosity: 28 – 34 sec/qt pH: 10 – 10.5 Filtrate: NC	Drill out from under the water string with Brine Water. Pre-mix Anco Salt Gel with viscosity 38 – 42 sec/qt pumped as 50 bbl sweeps. Paper should be added at 2 bags after every 100' drilled to control seepage losses. Use Lime to maintain pH at 10-10.5. Add 1 -2 quarts of Anco Drill N down drill pipe at connections.
2,300' – 6000'	Weight: 8.4 – 8.8 ppg Viscosity: 28 – 32 sec/qt pH: 10 -10.5 Filtrate: NC	Drill out from under the intermediate casing with Brine Water. Use Lime to maintain pH at 10-10.5. Add 1-2 quarts of Anco Drill N down drill pipe at connections. Pre-mix Anco Salt Gel with viscosity 38 – 42 sec/qt pumped as 50 bbl sweeps. Paper should be added at 2 bags after every 100' drilled to control seepage losses.
6000, – LD	Weight: 8.8 – 9.4 ppg Viscosity: 34 – 38 sec/qt pH: 9.5 -10 Filtrate: 10-12 cm/30 min	From 6000' to Total Depth adjust and maintain pH with Caustic Soda. Treat system with WT-22 @ 0.1 ppb. Add H2S scavenger as needed to control H2S in the system. Mix Starch (yellow) to control API filtrate at 10-12 cc. Sweep hole with Anco Drill N every 100'.

#### Proposed Control Equipment:

Will install on the 9 5/8" surface casing a 9" x 3000 psi WP Double Ram BOP and 9" x 2000 psi WP Annular BOP. Will test using a 3<sup>rd</sup> party tester before drilling out of surface casing.

#### Auxiliary Equipment:

9" x 3000 psi double BOP/blind & pipe ram
9" x 2000 psi annular BOP
41/2" x 3000 psi Kelly valve
9" x 3000 psi mud cross – H<sub>2</sub>S detector on production hole
Gate-type safety valve 3" choke line from BOP to manifold
2" adjustable chokes – 3" blowdown line

#### Logging Program:

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The following logs may be run:

CNL, LDT, GR, CAL, DLL, MSFL, NGT, Sonic from TD-2,300' CNL, GR from TD-Surface

#### Mudlogging Program:

10' samples from 3,500' to TD

No abnormal pressures or temperatures are anticipated. In the event abnormal pressures are encountered, however, the proposed mud program will be modified to increase the mud-weight.

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#### **Bottom Hole Pressure Calculations**

The bottom hole pressure is estimate at less than 500 psi based on offset well test information. Low bottom hole pressures are expected with some possibility of water flows.

#### Hydrogen Sulfide Drilling Operations Plan

#### HYDROGEN SULFIDE DRILLING OPERATIONS 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  $(H_2S)$ .
- 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 tubulars 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.
- The contents and requirements of the H<sub>2</sub>S Drilling Operations Plan and the 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. This plan shall be available at the well site. All personnel will be required to carry documentation that they have received the proper training.

#### II. H<sub>2</sub>S Safety Equipment and Systems

- Well Control Equipment that will be available and installed if H2S is encountered:
  - A. Flare line with electronic igniter or continuous pilot.
  - B. Choke manifold with a minimum of one remote choke.
  - C. Blind rams and pipe rams to accommodate all pipe sizes with properly sized closing unit.
  - D. Auxiliary equipment to include annular preventer, mud-gas separator, rotating head, and flare gun with flares.
- 2. Protective equipment for essential personnel:
  - Mark II Surviveair 30-minute units located in the dog house and at briefing areas.
- 3. H<sub>2</sub>S detection and monitoring equipment:
  - A. Two portable H<sub>2</sub>S monitors positioned on location for best coverage and response. These units have warning lights and audible sirens when H<sub>2</sub>S levels of 20 ppm are reached.
  - B. One portable S02 monitor positioned near flare line.
- 4. Visual warning systems:
  - A. Wind direction indicators.
  - B. Caution/Danger signs 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.
- 5. Mud program:
  - A. The mud program has been designed to minimize the volume of H<sub>2</sub>S circulated to the surface. Proper mud weight, safe drilling practices, and the use of H<sub>2</sub>S scavengers will minimize hazards when penetrating H<sub>2</sub>S-bearing zones.
  - B. A mud-gas separator and an H<sub>2</sub>S gas buster will be utilized if H2S is encountered.
- 6. Metallurgy:
  - A. All drill strings, casings, tubing, wellhead, blowout preventers, 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 2way radio.

#### Surface Location

NW ¼ of Section 17, Township 21 South, Range 23 East, N.M.P.M. Eddy County, New Mexico 1925' FNL, 760' FWL, Unit E

#### **Bottom Hole Location**

Same as above

Leases Issued:

NMLC-0 066037

#### Operating Rights:

Apache (dba Permian Basin Joint Venture, LLC)	51.5625
OXY	20.3125
Yates Petroleum	18.7500
J. Hiram Moore	9.3750

#### Acres in Lease:

Township 21 South, Range 23 East, NMPM SEC 17 N2,NWSE,S2SE;

Total Acres 520.00

#### Acres Dedicated to Well:

There are 40.00 acres dedicated to this well, which takes in the UL E of Section 17, Township 21 South, Range 23 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico.

#### **Driving Directions**

From the intersection of County Road # 401 (Marathon Road) and County Road # 402 (Ponderosa Road), go Northwest on County Road # 402 approximately 2.3 miles. Turn right on two-track caliche road and go northeast approximately 200'. Turn right on proposed road survey and go Southeast approximately 948'. This location is approximately 212' Southeast.

#### Location and Type of Water Supply

Apache Corporation plans to drill the proposed well with fresh and brine water which will be transported by truck over proposed and existing access roads.

#### Method of Handling Waste Material

We will be utilizing a closed-loop mud system, all drill cuttings and fluids will be hauled off to a licensed disposal location.

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Water produced during operations will be collected in tanks until hauled to an approved disposal system.

Oil produced during operation will be stored in tanks until sold.

Apache Corporation will comply with current laws and regulations pertaining to the disposal of human waste.

All waste materials will be contained to prevent scattering by the wind and will be removed from the well site within 30 days after drilling and/or completion operations are finished.

#### Surface Ownership

The surface and minerals are owned by The U S Department of Interior and is administered by The Bureau of Land Management. Therefore, a signed surface use agreement is not required. The surface is used for grazing of livestock and the production of oil and gas.

#### Archaeological, Historical, and Other Cultural Sites

Don Clifton, Archaeological Consultant, of Pep, New Mexico, will be conducting an archaeological survey of the proposed well which covers the drilling location, production facilities, and access road, including a corridor along said access road for power and flow lines. His report will be filed under separate cover.

#### I. Senior Representative (Manager, Engineering & Production):

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#### CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I OR PERSONS UNDER MY SUPERVISION HAVE INSPECTED THE PROPOSED DRILL SITE AND THE ACCESS ROAD ROUTES. THAT I AM FAMILIAR WITH THE CONDITIONS THAT CURRENTLY EXIST, AND THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THIS PLAN ARE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, AND THAT THE WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE OPERATIONS PROPOSED HEREIN WILL BE PERFORMED BY APACHE CORPORATION ITS CONTRACTORS OR ITS SUB-CONTRACTORS IS IN CONFORMANCE WITH THIS PLAN AND THE TERMS AND THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH IT IS APPROVED. THIS STATEMENT IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF U.S.C. 1001 FOR THE FILING OF A FALSE STATEMENT.

#### **OPERATORS REPRESENTATIVES**

**BEFORE CONSTRUCTION** 

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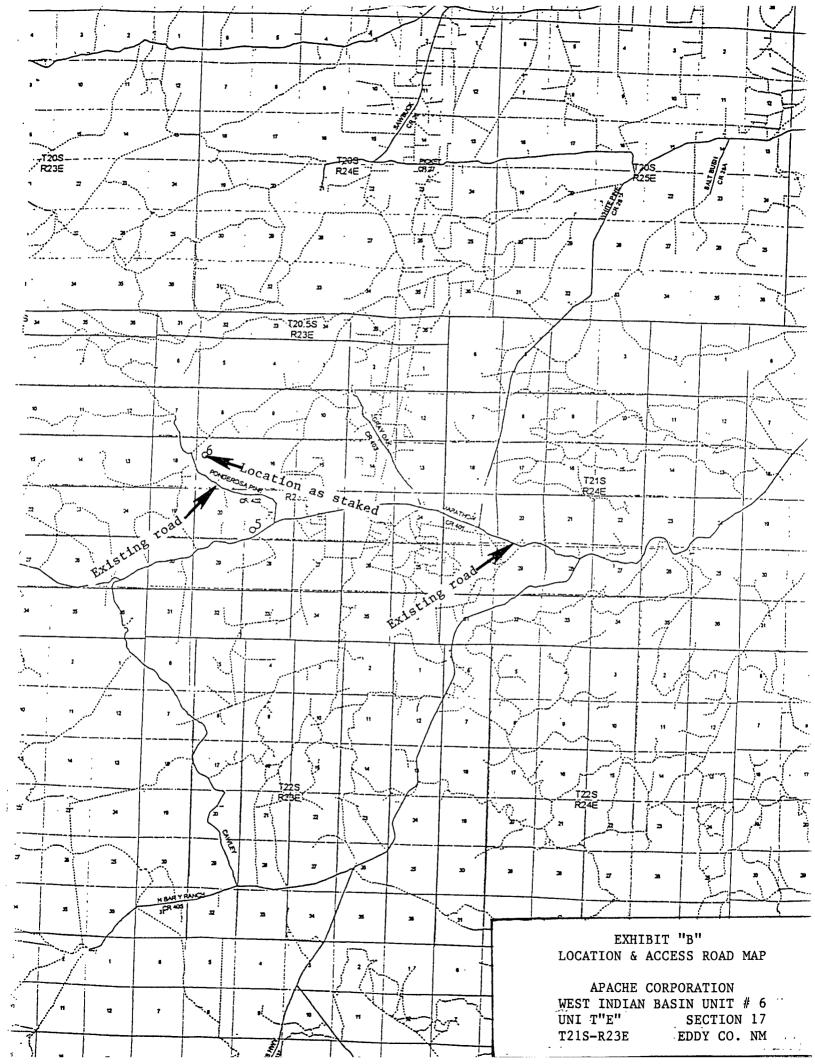
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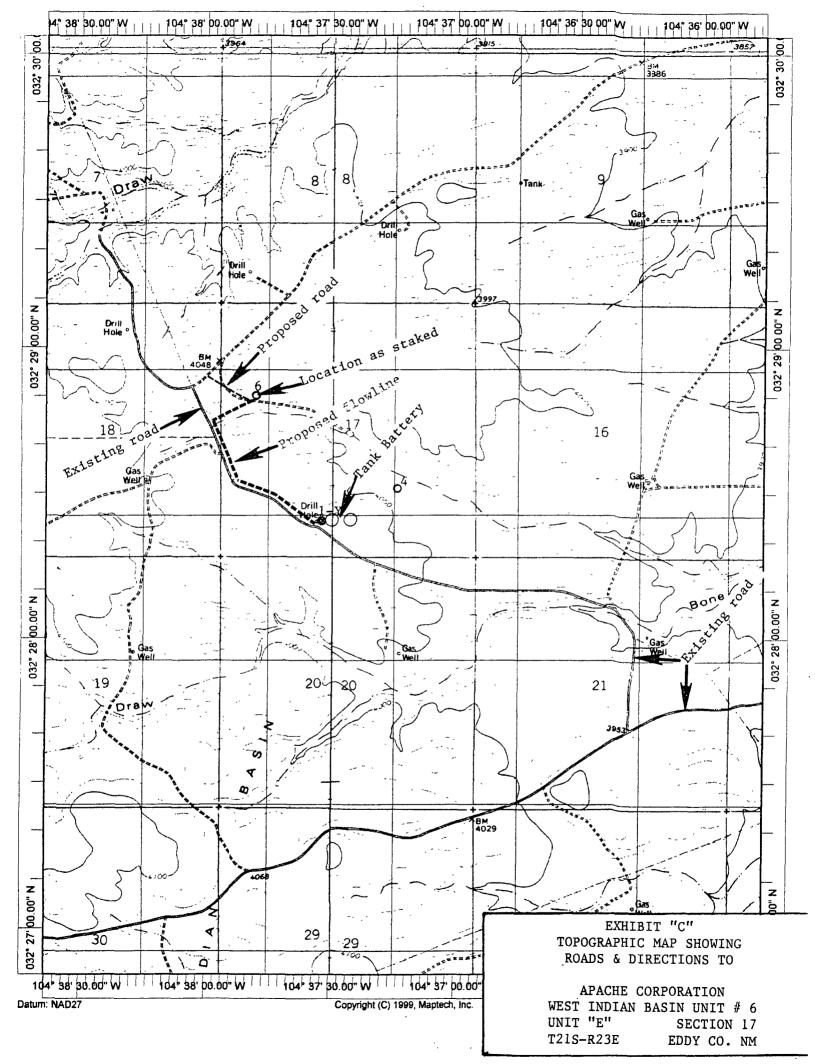
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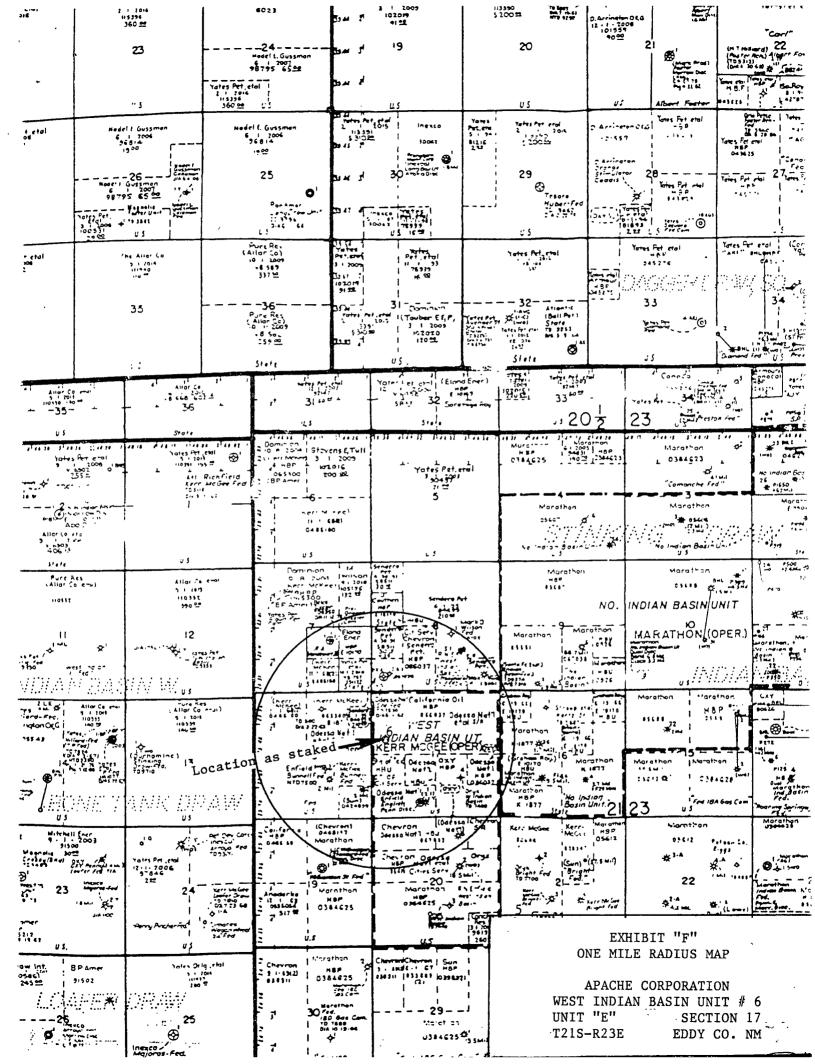
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05/14/08







# PECOS DISTRICT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

OPERATOR'S NAME:
LEASE NO.:
WELL NAME & NO.:
SURFACE HOLE FOOTAGE:
BOTTOM HOLE FOOTAGE
LOCATION:
COUNTY:
APACHE CORPORATION
LC-066037
West Indian Basin Unit #6
1925' FNL & 760' FWL
Section 17, T. 21 S., R 23 E., NMPM
Eddy County, New Mexico

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#### I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

The approval of the Application For Permit To Drill (APD) is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations: 43 Code of Federal Regulations 3160, the lease terms, Onshore Oil and Gas Orders, Notices To Lessees, New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) Rules, National Historical Preservation Act As Amended, and instructions and orders of the Authorized Officer. Any request for a variance shall be submitted to the Authorized Officer on Form 3160-5, Sundry Notices and Report on Wells.

# II. PERMIT EXPIRATION

If the permit terminates prior to drilling and drilling cannot be commenced within 60 days after expiration, an operator is required to submit Form 3160-5, Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells, requesting surface reclamation requirements for any surface disturbance. However, if the operator will be able to initiate drilling within 60 days after the expiration of the permit, the operator must have set the conductor pipe in order to allow for an extension of 60 days beyond the expiration date of the APD. (Filing of a Sundry Notice is required for this 60 day extension.)

# III. ARCHAEOLOGICAL, PALEONTOLOGY & HISTORICAL SITES

Any cultural and/or paleontological resource discovered by the operator or by any person working on the operator's behalf shall immediately report such findings to the Authorized Officer. The operator is fully accountable for the actions of their contractors and subcontractors. The operator shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the Authorized Officer. An evaluation of the discovery shall be made by the Authorized Officer to determine the appropriate actions that shall be required to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values of the discovery. The operator shall be held responsible for the cost of the proper mitigation measures that the Authorized Officer assesses after consultation with the operator on the evaluation and decisions of the discovery. Any unauthorized collection or disturbance of cultural or paleontological resources may result in a shutdown order by the Authorized Officer.

#### IV. NOXIOUS WEEDS

The operator shall be held responsible if noxious weeds become established within the areas of operations. Weed control shall be required on the disturbed land where noxious weeds exist, which includes the roads, pads, associated pipeline corridor, and adjacent land affected by the establishment of weeds due to this action. The operator shall consult with the Authorized Officer for acceptable weed control methods, which include following EPA and BLM requirements and policies.

# V. SPECIAL REQUIREMENT(S)

Raptor stipulation: Do not destroy any raptor nest or any nesting structure such as trees or yucca greater than 5 feet tall.

#### VI. CONSTRUCTION

#### A. NOTIFICATION

The BLM shall administer compliance and monitor construction of the access road and well pad. Notify the Carlsbad Field Office at (575) 234-5972 at least 3 working days prior to commencing construction of the access road and/or well pad.

When construction operations are being conducted on this well, the operator shall have the approved APD and Conditions of Approval (COA) on the well site and they shall be made available upon request by the Authorized Officer.

#### B. TOPSOIL

The operator shall stockpile the topsoil of the well pad. The topsoil to be stripped is approximately 4 inches in depth. The topsoil shall not be used to backfill the reserve pit and will be used for interim and final reclamation.

#### C. RESERVE PITS

Tanks are required for drilling operations: No Pits.

The operator shall properly dispose of drilling contents at an authorized disposal site.

#### D. FEDERAL MINERAL MATERIALS PIT

If the operator elects to surface the access road and/or well pad, mineral materials extracted during construction of the reserve pit may be used for surfacing the well pad and access road and other facilities on the lease.

Payment shall be made to the BLM prior to removal of any additional federal mineral materials from any site other than the reserve pit. Call the Carlsbad Field Office at (575) 234-5972.

#### E. WELL PAD SURFACING

Surfacing of the well pad is not required.

If the operator elects to surface the well pad, the surfacing material may be required to be removed at the time of reclamation.

The well pad shall be constructed in a manner which creates the smallest possible surface disturbance, consistent with safety and operational needs.

#### F. ON LEASE ACCESS ROADS

#### Road Width

The access road shall have a driving surface that creates the smallest possible surface disturbance and does not exceed fourteen (14) feet in width. The maximum width of surface disturbance, when constructing the access road, shall not exceed thirty (30) feet.

#### Surfacing

Surfacing material is not required on the new access road driving surface. If the operator elects to surface the new access road or pad, the surfacing material may be required to be removed at the time of reclamation.

Where possible, no improvements should be made on the unsurfaced access road other than to remove vegetation as necessary, road irregularities, safety issues, or to fill low areas that may sustain standing water.

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to require surfacing of any portion of the access road at any time deemed necessary. Surfacing may be required in the event the road deteriorates, erodes, road traffic increases, or it is determined to be beneficial for future field development. The surfacing depth and type of material will be determined at the time of notification.

#### Crowning

Crowning shall be done on the access road driving surface. The road crown shall have a grade of approximately 2% (i.e., a 1" crown on a 14' wide road). The road shall conform to Figure 1; cross section and plans for typical road construction.

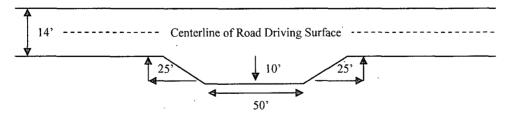
#### Ditching

Ditching shall be required on both sides of the road.

#### **Turnouts**

Vehicle turnouts shall be constructed on the road. Turnouts shall be intervisible with interval spacing distance less than 1000 feet. Turnouts shall be constructed on all blind curves. Turnouts shall conform to the following diagram:

#### Standard Turnout - Plan View

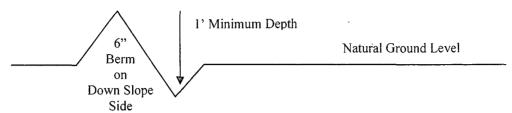


#### Drainage

Drainage control systems shall be constructed on the entire length of road (e.g. ditches, sidehill outsloping and insloping, lead-off ditches, culvert installation, and low water crossings).

A typical lead-off ditch has a minimum depth of 1 foot below and a berm of 6 inches above natural ground level. The berm shall be on the down-slope side of the lead-off ditch.

# Cross Section of a Typical Lead-off Ditch



All lead-off ditches shall be graded to drain water with a 1 percent minimum to 3 percent maximum ditch slope. The spacing interval are variable for lead-off ditches and shall be determined according to the formula for spacing intervals of lead-off ditches, but may be amended depending upon existing soil types and centerline road slope (in %);

# Formula for Spacing Interval of Lead-off Ditches

Example - On a 4% road slope that is 400 feet long, the water flow shall drain water into a lead-off ditch. Spacing interval shall be determined by the following formula:

400 foot road with 4% road slope: 
$$\frac{400'}{4\%}$$
 + 100' = 200' lead-off ditch interval

#### **Culvert Installations**

Appropriately sized culvert(s) shall be installed at the deep waterway channel flow crossing.

#### Cattleguards

An appropriately sized cattleguard(s) sufficient to carry out the project shall be installed and maintained at fence crossing(s).

Any existing cattleguard(s) on the access road shall be repaired or replaced if they are damaged or have deteriorated beyond practical use. The operator shall be responsible for the condition of the existing cattleguard(s) that are in place and are utilized during lease operations.

A gate shall be constructed and fastened securely to H-braces.

# Fence Requirement

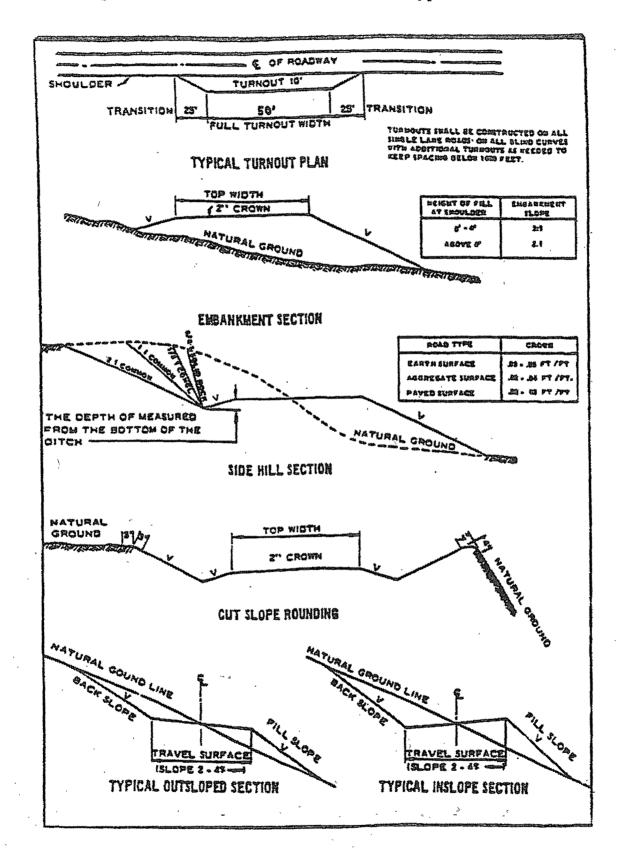
Where entry is required across a fence line, the fence shall be braced and tied off on both sides of the passageway prior to cutting.

The operator shall notify the private surface landowner or the grazing allotment holder prior to crossing any fence(s).

# **Public Access**

Public access on this road shall not be restricted by the operator without specific written approval granted by the Authorized Officer.

Figure 1 - Cross Sections and Plans For Typical Road Sections



#### VII. DRILLING

#### A. DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS

The BLM is to be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness:

- a. Spudding well
- b. Setting and/or Cementing of all casing strings
- c. BOPE tests
  - Eddy County
    Call the Carlsbad Field Office, 620 East Greene St., Carlsbad, NM 88220, (575) 361-2822
- 1. A Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) Drilling Plan should be activated 500 feet prior to drilling into the <u>San Andres Formation</u>. If Hydrogen Sulfide is encountered, please report measured amounts and formations to the BLM.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Floor controls are required for 3M or Greater systems. These controls will be on the rig floor, unobstructed, readily accessible to the driller and will be operational at all times during drilling and/or completion activities. Rig floor is defined as the area immediately around the rotary table; the area immediately above the substructure on which the draw works are located, this does not include the dog house or stairway area.

#### B. CASING

Changes to the approved APD casing and cement program require submitting a sundry and receiving approval prior to work. Failure to obtain approval prior to work will result in an Incident of Non-Compliance being issued.

Centralizers required on surface casing per Onshore Order 2.III.B.1.f.

Provide compressive strengths including hours to reach required 500 pounds compressive strength prior to cementing each casing string. Lead slurry does not have to reach 500 pounds, but information still required to show compressive strength within 18-24 hours depending on water basin or potash. WOC for water basin or potash applies to entire wellbore.

No pea gravel permitted for remedial or fall back remedial without prior authorization from the BLM engineer.

Possible lost circulation in the San Andres and Wolfcamp Formations High potential for cave/karst features Possible high pressure gas bursts in the Wolfcamp and Penn system

- 1. The 13-3/8 inch surface casing shall be set at approximately 1400 feet into the San Andres Formation and cemented to the surface. Fresh water mud to be used to casing setting depth. Additional cement will be required to bring TOC to the surface.
  - a. 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.
  - b. Wait on cement (WOC) time for a primary cement job will be a minimum 18 hours for a water basin, 24 hours in the potash area, or 500 pounds compressive strength, whichever is greater. (This is to include the lead cement).
  - c. Wait on cement (WOC) time for a remedial job will be a minimum of 4 hours after bringing cement to surface or 500 pounds compressive strength, whichever is greater.
  - d. If cement falls back, remedial cementing will be done prior to drilling out that string.
- 2. The minimum required fill of cement behind the <u>9-5/8</u> inch intermediate casing is:
  - ⊠ Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate see B.1.a-d above.
- 3. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 7 inch production casing is:
  - Cement to circulate. If cement does not circulate, contact the appropriate BLM office.
- 4. 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 joints of the drill pipe will be installed prior to continuing drilling operations.

# C. PRESSURE CONTROL

- 1. 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 Sec. 17.
- 2. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) required for drilling below the 13-3/8 inch surface casing shoe shall be 3000 (3M) psi.
- 3. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness the tests.
  - a. The tests shall be done by an independent service company.
  - b. The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.
  - c. 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.
  - d. 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.
  - e. BOP/BOPE must be tested by an independent service company within 500 feet of the top of the **Wolfcamp** formation if the time between the setting of the intermediate casing and reaching this depth exceeds 20 days. This test does not exclude the test prior to drilling out the casing shoe as per Onshore Order No. 2.

#### D. DRILLING MUD

Mud system monitoring equipment, with derrick floor indicators and visual and audio alarms, shall be operating before drilling into the **Wolfcamp** formation, and shall be used until production casing is run and cemented.

#### E. DRILL STEM TEST

If drill stem tests are performed, Onshore Order 2.III.D shall be followed.

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# VIII. PRODUCTION (POST DRILLING)

#### A. WELL STRUCTURES & FACILITIES

# **Placement of Production Facilities**

Production facilities should be placed on the well pad to allow for maximum interim recontouring and revegetation of the well location.

#### **Containment Structures**

The containment structure shall be constructed to hold the capacity of the entire contents of the largest tank, plus 24 hour production, unless more stringent protective requirements are deemed necessary by the Authorized Officer.

# **Painting Requirement**

All above-ground structures including meter housing that are not subject to safety requirements shall be painted a flat non-reflective paint color Shale Green, Munsell Soil Color Chart # 5Y 4/2

#### B. PIPELINES

#### IX. INTERIM RECLAMATION & RESERVE PIT CLOSURE

#### A. INTERIM RECLAMATION

If the well is a producer, interim reclamation shall be conducted on the well site in accordance with the orders of the Authorized Officer. The operator shall submit a Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells (Notice of Intent), Form 3160-5, prior to conducting interim reclamation.

During the life of the development, all disturbed areas not needed for active support of production operations should undergo interim reclamation in order to minimize the environmental impacts of development on other resources and uses.

The operators should work with BLM surface management specialists to devise the best strategies to reduce the size of the location. Any reductions should allow for remedial well operations, as well as safe and efficient removal of oil and gas.

During reclamation, the removal of caliche is important to increasing the success of revegetating the site. Removed caliche may be used for road repairs, fire walls or for building other roads and locations. In order to operate the well or complete workover operations, it may be necessary to drive, park and operate on restored interim vegetation within the previously disturbed area. Disturbing revegetated areas for production or workover operations will be allowed. If there is significant disturbance and loss of vegetation, the area will need to be revegetated. Communicate with the appropriate BLM office for any exceptions/exemptions if needed.

#### Seed Mixture 3, for Shallow 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		<u>lb/acre</u>
Plains Bristlegrass (Setaria magrostachya)	1.0	
Green Spangletop (Leptochloa dubia)		2.0
Side oats Grama (Bouteloua curtipendula)		5.0

<sup>\*</sup>Pounds of pure live seed:

Pounds of seed x percent purity x percent germination = pounds pure live seed (Insert Seed Mixture Here)

# X. FINAL ABANDONMENT & REHABILITATION REQUIREMENTS

Upon abandonment of the well and/or when the access road is no longer in service the Authorized Officer shall issue instructions and/or orders for surface reclamation and restoration of all disturbed areas.

On private surface/federal mineral estate land the reclamation procedures on the road and well pad shall be accomplished in accordance with the private surface land owner agreement.