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In response to questions asked under Section II B of Bulletin NTL-6, the following information is provided for your consideration:

1	Location:	SHL BHL	660 FNL & 280 FWL 990 FNL & 330 FEL			
2	Elevation above	<u>e sea lev</u>	<u>vel:</u> 3,555 GR			
3	Geologic name	of_surfa	ce formation:	Quaternery Alluvit	um Deposits	
4	Drilling tools an	<u>d assoc</u>	iated equipment:		rotary drilling rig dium for solids remo	; using fluid as a val.
5	Proposed drillin	ig depth	<u>.:</u> MD 13185'	TVD 8775'		
6	Estimated tops	of geolo	gical markers:			
	Rustler		530'	SBSS	8602'	
	Salado		710'	TBSS	9505'	
	Queen		3157'	Wolfcamp	10070'	
	San Andres		3822'	Strawn	11154'	
	Delaware		4000'	Atoka	11477'	
	Bone Spring		6134'	Morrow	11866'	
	FBSS		7667'	Morrow Clastics	12002'	
	SBSS		8602'			

7 Possible mineral bearing formation: Bone Spring Oil

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#### 8 Proposed Mud Circulating System:

	Dept		Mud Wt	Visc	Fluid Loss	Type Mud
0'	to	755 755	8.4 - 8.6	28	NC	FW
755'	to	3205'	10.0	30-32	NC	Brine water
3205'	to	8375'	8.4 - 9.5	30-32	NC	FW, brine
8275'	to	13185'	8.4	28-32	NC	2% KCI

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

#### Proposed drilling Plan

After drilling and setting surface, intermediate, and production casing, drill out of the bottom of the 7" production casing with a 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" bit to KOP @ 8475' and kick off to drill the lateral. Drill to TD 13185.' Run 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" PEAK completion liner from RSB packer @ 8275' to TD @ 13185.' Split the liner with LTC from TD to EOC (8946') and BTC from EOC to TOL (8275').

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String	Hole Size		Dept	າ 560	Casin	g OD	Weight	Collar	Grade
Surface	17½"	0'	to	755'	New	13¾"	48#	STC	H-40
Intermediate	12¼"	0'	to	3205'	New	9%"	40#	LTC	J/K-55
Production	8¾"	0'	to	8375'	New	7"	26#	LTC	P-110
Lateral Pt. 1	61⁄8"	8275'	to	8946'	New	4½"	11.6#	BTC	P-110
Lateral Pt. 2	61⁄8″	8946'	to	13185'	New	4½"	11.6#	LTC	P-110
10 <u>Cementing:</u> Surface	See COA 900 sx Prer TOC Surfa		+ 2% C	aCl <sub>2</sub> (wt 14.8	3, yld 1.35)				
Intermediate		s Premium		5 Salt + 2% C 1% CaCl <sub>2</sub> (w	-	•	ite (wt 11.7,	yld 2.06)	
Production	<u>Lead:</u> 360 s <u>Tail:</u> 365 sx <b>TOC 3000</b>	HalCem (		6 Salt + 5 lbn 3, yld 1.34)	n/sk gilsonit	e (wt 13.0,	yld 1.71)		
Lateral	No cement	needed. I	Peak co	mpletion as	sembly.	OA			
Fresh water zone:	s will be protecte	ed by setti	ng 13¾	" casing at 7			surface. Hyd	drocarbon z	ones will be

See COA

Fresh water zones will be protected by setting 13%" casing at 755" and cementing to surface. Hydrocarbon zones will be protected by setting 9%" casing at 3205' and cementing to surface, and by setting 7" casing at 8375' and cementing to 3000.'

Collapse Factor	<u>Burst Factor</u>	<u>Tension Factor</u>
1.125	1.125	1.6

11 Pressure control Equipment:

9 Casing & Cementing Program:

Exhibit "E". A 13%" 5000 PSI working pressure B.O.P. consisting of one set of blind rams and one set of pipe rams and a 5000 # annular type preventer. A choke manifold and 120 gallon accumulator with floor and remote operating stations and auxiliary power system. A kelly cock will be installed and maintained in operable condition and a drill string safety valve in the open position will be available on the rig floor.

BOP unit will be hydraulically operated. BOP will be nippled up and operated at least once a day while drilling and the blind rams will be operated when out of hole during trips. No abnormal pressure or temperature is expected while drilling. From the base of the surface pipe through the running of production casing, the well will be equipped with a 5000 psi BOP system.

See 1.01A We are requesting a variance for testing the 13<sup>%</sup>" 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 13<sup>%</sup>" casing to 1000 psi using rig pumps. The BOP will be tested to 3000 psi by an independent service company.

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#### 12 Testing, Logging and Coring Program: See COA

- A. Mud logging program: 2 man unit from 3205' to TD
- B. Electric logging program: CNL / LDT / CAL / GR, DLL / CAL / GR
- C. No DSTs or cores are planned at this time.

#### 13 Potential Hazards:

No abnormal pressures or temperatures are expected. In accordance with Onshore Order 6, Cimarex does not anticipate that there will be enough  $H_2S$  from the surface to the Bone Spring formations to meet the BLM's minimum requirements for the submission of an "H<sub>2</sub>S Drilling Operation Plan" or "Public Protection Plan" for the drilling and completion of this well. Since we have an  $H_2S$  Safety package on all wells, attached is an "H<sub>2</sub>S Drilling Operations Plan." Adequate flare lines will be installed off the mud / gas separator where gas may be flared safely. All personnel will be familiar with all aspects of safe operation of equipment being used.

Estimated BHP 3000 psi Estimated BHT 130°

14 Road and location construction will begin after BLM approval of APD. Anticipated spud date as soon as approved.

Drilling expected to take 30-35 days

If production casing is run an additional 30 days will be required to complete and construct surface facilities.

#### 15 Other Facets of Operations:

After running casing, cased hole gamma ray neutron collar logs will be run from total depth over possible pay intervals.

Bone Spring pay will be perforated and stimulated.

The proposed well will be tested and potentialed as **an oil well**.



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REFEREN	NCE WELLPATH IDENTIFICATION		
Operator	Cimarex Energy Co.	Slot	No. 3H SHL
Area	Ector County, TX	Well	No. 3H
Field	(W. Shugart) Sec 31, T18S, R31E	Wellbore	No. 3H PWB
Facility	West Shugart 31 Fed Com No. 3H		

REPORT SETUP IN	ORMATION		
Projection System	NAD83 / TM New Mexico State Planes, Eastern Zone (3001), US feet	Software System	WellArchitect <sup>®</sup> 2.0
North Reference	Grid	User	Victor Hernandez
Scale	0.999928	Report Generated	9/22/2009 at 10:54:18 AM
Convergence at slot	0.23° East	Database/Source file	WA_Midland/No3H_PWB.xml

WELLPATH LOCATION									
	Local coo	rdinates	Grid co	ordinates	Geographic coordinates				
	North[ft]	East[ft]	Easting[USft]	Northing[USft]	Latitude	Longitude			
Slot Location	0.00	0.00	669702.70	622036.00	32°42'33.566"N	103°54'57.574''W			
Facility Reference Pt		ſ	669702.70	622036.00	32°42'33.566"N	103°54'57.574"W			
Field Reference Pt			669702.70	622036.00	32°42'33.566"N	103°54'57.574"W			

WELLPATH DATUM			
Calculation method	Minimum curvature	Rig on No. 3H SHL (RT) to Facility Vertical Datum	0.00ft
Horizontal Reference Pt	Facility Center	Rig on No. 3H SHL (RT) to Mean Sea Level	3555.00ft
Vertical Reference Pt	Rig on No. 3H SHL (RT)	Facility Vertical Datum to Mud Line (Facility)	0.00ft
MD Reference Pt	Rig on No. 3H SHL (RT)	Section Origin	N 0.00, E 0.00 ft
Field Vertical Reference	Mean Sea Level	Section Azimuth	93.84°

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Area	Ector County, TX	Well	No. 3H
Field	(W. Shugart) Sec 31, T18S, R31E	Wellbore	No. 3H PWB
Facility	West Shugart 31 Fed Com No. 3H		

MD	Inclination	Azimuth	TVD	Vert Sect	North	East	Grid East	Grid North	DLS	Comments
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Facility	West Shugart 31 Fed Com No. 3H		

TARGETS		•					•		
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1) No. 3H PBHL	13185.24	8775.00	-304.22	4528.80	674231.16	621731.80	32°42'30.376"N	103°54¦04.587"W	point

SURVEY PROGRA	M Ref Wellbore:	No. 3H PWB Ref Wellpath: Preliminary		
Start MD	End MD	Positional Uncertainty Model	Log Name/Comment	Wellbore
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Eddy County, NM





#### Hydrogen Sulfide Drilling Operations Plan West Shugart 31 Federal Com No. 3 Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado Unit D, Section 31 T18S-R31E, Eddy County, NM

- 1 All Company and Contract personnel admitted on location must be trained by a qualified H<sub>2</sub>S safety instructor to the following:
  - A. Characteristics of H<sub>2</sub>S
  - B. Physical effects and hazards
  - C. Proper use of safety equipment and life support systems.
  - D. Principle and operation of H<sub>2</sub>S detectors, warning system and briefing areas.
  - E. Evacuation procedure, routes and first aid.
  - F. Proper use of 30 minute pressure demand air pack.
- 2 H<sub>2</sub>S Detection and Alarm Systems:
  - A. H<sub>2</sub>S detectors and audio alarm system to be located at bell nipple, end of flow line (mud pit) and on derrick floor or doghouse.
- 3 Windsock and/or wind streamers:
  - A. Windsock at mudpit area should be high enough to be visible.
  - B. Windsock at briefing area should be high enough to be visible.
- 4 Condition Flags and Signs:
  - A. Warning sign on access road to location.
  - B. Flags to be displayed on sign at entrance to location. Green flag indicates normal safe condition. Yellow flag indicates potential pressure and danger. Red flag indicates danger (H<sub>2</sub>S present in dangerous concentration). Only emergency personnel admitted to location.
- 5 <u>Well control equipment:</u>
  - A. See exhibit "E"

#### 6 Communication:

- A. While working under masks chalkboards will be used for communication.
- B. Hand signals will be used where chalk board is inappropriate.
- C. Two way radio will be used to communicate off location in case of emergency help is required. In most cases cellular telephones will be available at most drilling foreman's trailer or living quarters.
- 7 Drillstem Testing:

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No DSTs or cores are planned at this time.

- 8 Drilling contractor supervisor will be required to be familiar with the effects H<sub>2</sub>S has on tubular goods and other mechanical equipment.
- 9 If H<sub>2</sub>S is encountered, mud system will be altered if necessary to maintain control of formation. A mud gas seperator will be brought into service along with H<sub>2</sub>S scavengers if necessary.

#### H₂S Contingency Plan West Shugart 31 Federal Com No. 3 Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado Unit D, Section 31 T18S-R31E, Eddy County, NM

#### **Emergency Procedures**

In the event of a release of gas containing H<sub>2</sub>S, the first responder(s) must:

- ★ Isolate the area and prevent entry by other persons into the 100 ppm ROE.
- ★ Evacuate any public places encompassed by the 100 ppm ROE.
- **★** Be equipped with  $H_2S$  monitors and air packs in order to control the release.
- ★ Use the "buddy system" to ensure no injuries occur during the response.
- ★ Take precautions to avoid personal injury during this operation.
- ★ Contact operator and/or local officials to aid in operation. See list of phone numbers attached.
- ★ Have received training in the:
  - ◆ Detection of H₂S, and '
  - Measures for protection against the gas,
  - Equipment used for protection and emergency response.

#### **Ignition of Gas Source**

Should control of the well be considered lost and ignition considered, take care to protect against exposure to Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>). Intentional ignition must be coordinated with the NMOCD and local officials. Additionally, the NM State Police may become involved. NM State Police shall be the Incident Command on scene of any major release. Take care to protect downwind whenever there is an ignition of the gas.

#### Characteristics of H<sub>2</sub>S and SO<sub>2</sub>

Common	Chemical	Specific	Threshold	Hazardous	Lethal
Name	Formula	Gravity	Limit	Limit	<b>Concentration</b>
Hydrogen Sulfide	H₂S	1.189 Air=1	10 ppm	100 ppm/hr	600 ppm
Sulfur Dioxide	SO <sub>2</sub>	2.21 Air=1	2 ppm	N/A	1000 ppm

#### **Contacting Authorities**

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado's personnel must liaise with local and state agencies to ensure a proper response to a major release. Additionally, the OCD must be notified of the release as soon as possible but no later than 4 hours. Agencies will ask for information such as type and volume of release, wind direction, location of release, etc. Be prepared with all information available including directions to site. The following call list of essential and potential responders has been prepared for use during a release. Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado's response must be in coordination with the State of New Mexico's "Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan" (HMER). H<sub>2</sub>S Contingency Plan Emergency Contacts West Shugart 31 Federal Com No. 3 Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado Unit D, Section 31 T18S-R31E, Eddy County, NM

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Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado		800-969-4789		
Co. Office and After-Hours Men				
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Key Personnel	<b>T</b> :41-	Office		Mobile
Name	Title	432-620-1934		972-333-1407
Doug Park	Drilling Manager			
Dee Smith	Drilling Super	432-620-1933		972-882-1010
Jim Evans	Drilling Super	432-620-1929		972-465-0564
Roy Shirley	Field Super			432-634-2136
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State Police		575-746-2703		
City Police		575-746-2703		
Sheriff's Office		575-746-9888		
Fire Department		575-746-2701		
Local Emergency Planning Co	mmittee	575-746-2122		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
New Mexico Oil Conservation		575-748-1283		
Carlsbad				
Ambulance		911		
State Police		575-885-3137		
City Police	- Andre	575-885-2111		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Sheriff's Office		575-887-7551		
Fire Department		575-887-3798		
Local Emergency Planning Co	mmittee	575-887-6544		
US Bureau of Land Managem		575-887-6544		
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<u>Santa Fe</u>				
New Mexico Emergency Resp	onse Commission (Santa Fe)	505-476-9600		
New Mexico Emergency Resp	onse Commission (Santa Fe) 24 Hrs	505-827-9126		
New Mexico State Emergency	Operations Center	505-476-9635		
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National				
National Emergency Respons	e Center (Washington, D.C.)	800-424-8802		
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Medical		000 7/2 0011		
Flight for Life - 4000 24th St.;		806-743-9911		
Aerocare - R3, Box 49F; Lubbo		806-747-8923		
	le Blvd S.E., #D3; Albuquerque, NM	505-842-4433		
SB Air Med Service - 2505 Cla	rk Carr Loop S.E.; Albuquerque, NM	505-842-4949		
<u>Other</u>				
Boots & Coots IWC		800-256-9688		281-931-8884
		432-699-0139	or	432-563-3356
		475-033-0123	or	+32~303-3330
Cudd Pressure Control Halliburton		575-746-2757		

#### Surface Use Plan West Shugart 31 Federal Com No. 3 Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado Unit D, Section 31 T18S-R31E, Eddy County, NM

- 1 <u>Existing Roads</u>: Area maps, Exhibit "B" is a reproduction of Eddy Co. General Highway Map. Exhibit "C" is a reproduction of a USGS Topographic Map, showing existing roads and proposed roads. All existing roads will be maintained in a condition equal to or better than current conditions. Any new roads will be constructed to BLM specifications.
  - A. Exhibit "A" shows the proposed well site as staked.
  - B. From the junction of Shugart and Grubbs, go West on Grubbs for 1.9 miles to lease road. On lease road, go South 0.2 miles to proposed lease road.
- 2 <u>Planned Access Roads:</u> 284.3' of new access road is proposed (on lease).
- 3 Location of Existing Wells in a One-Mile Radius Exhibit A
  - A. Water wells None known
  - B. Disposal wells None known
  - C. Drilling wells None known
  - D. Producing wells As shown on Exhibit "A"
  - E. Abandoned wells As shown on Exhibit "A"
- 4 If on completion this well is a producer, Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado will furnish maps and/or plats showing on site facilities or off site facilities if needed. This will be accompanied by a Sundry Notice.
- 5 Location and Type of Water Supply:

Water will be purchased locally from a commercial source and trucked over the access roads or piped in flexible lines laid on top of the ground.

6 Source of Construction Material:

If possible, construction will be obtained from the excavation of drill site. If additional material is needed, it will be purchased from a local source and transported over the access route as shown on Exhibit "C".

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#### 7 Methods of Handling Waste Material:

- A. Drill cuttings will be seperated by a series of solids removal equipment and stored in steel containment pits and then hauled to a state-approved disposal facility.
- B. All trash, junk and other waste material will be contained in trash cages or bins to prevent scattering. When the job is completed all contents will be removed and disposed of in an approved sanitary land fill.
- C. Salts remaining after completion of well will be picked up by supplier including broken sacks.
- D. Sewage from living quarters will drain into holding tanks and be cleaned out periodically. A Porta-John will be provided for the rig crews. This equipment will be properly maintained during the drilling operations and removed upon completion of the well.
- E. Drilling fluids will be contained in steel pits in a closed circulating system. Fluids will be cleaned and reused. Water produced during testing will be contained in the steel pits and disposed of at a state approved disposal facility. Any oil or condensate produced will be stored in test tanks until sold and hauled from the site.

#### 8 Ancillary Facilities:

A. No camps or airstrips to be constructed.

#### 9 Well Site Layout:

- A. Exhibit "D" shows location and rig layout.
- C. Mud pits in the closed circulating system will be steel pits and the cuttings will be stored in steel containment pits.
- D. Cuttings will be stored in steel pits until they are hauled to a state-approved disposal facility.
- E. If the well is a producer, those areas of the location not essential to production facilities will be reclaimed and seeded per BLM requirements.

#### 10 Plans for Restoration of Surface:

Rehabilitation of the location will start in a timely manner after all drilling operations cease. The type of reclamation will depend on whether the well is a producer or a dry hole.

Drainage systems, if any, will be reshaped to the original configuration with provisions made to alleviate erosion. These may need to be modified in certain circumstances to prevent inundation of the location's pad and surface facilities. After the area has been shaped and contoured, topsoil from the spoil pile will be placed over the disturbed area to the extent possible. Revegetation procedures will comply with BLM standards.

If the well is a dry hole, the pad and road area will be recountoured to match the existing terrain. Topsoil will be spread to the extent possible. Revegetation will comply with BLM standards.

Should the well be a producer, the previously noted procedures will apply to those areas which are not required for production facilities.

#### 11 Other Information

- A. Topography consists of a sloping plane with loose tan sands. Vegetation is mainly yucca, mesquite and shin oak.
- B. The wellsite is on surface owned by Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management. The land is used mainly for farming, cattle ranching, recreational use, and oil and gas production.
- C. In lieu of an archaeological survey report, Cimarex will be submitting an MOA application for this well pad and access road since they are within the MOA boundary.
- D. There are no know dwellings within 1½ miles of this location.

Operator Certification Statement West Shugart 31 Federal Com No. 3 Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado Unit D, Section 31 T18S-R31E, Eddy County, NM

Operator's Representative Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado 600 N. Marienfeld St., Ste. 600 Midland, TX 79701 Office Phone: (432) 571-7800 Zeno Farris

**CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify that the statements and plans made in this APD are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed by Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado and/or its contractors/subcontractors and is in conformity with this plan and the terms and conditions under which it is approved. This statement is subject to the provision of U.S.C. 1001 for the filing of a false statement.

NAME:	Zeno Farris
-	Zeno Farris
DATE:	September 22, 2009

TITLE: Manager Operations Administration

### PECOS DISTRICT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

OPERATOR'S NAME:	CIMAREX ENERGY
LEASE NO.:	NMLC062085
WELL NAME & NO.:	3-WEST SHUGART 31 FED COM
SURFACE HOLE FOOTAGE:	660' FNL & 280' FWL
BOTTOM HOLE FOOTAGE	990' FNL & 330' FEL
LOCATION:	Section 31, T. 18 S., R 31 E., NMPM
COUNTY:	Eddy County, New Mexico

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Standard Conditions of Approval (COA) apply to this APD. If any deviations to these standards exist or special COAs are required, the section with the deviation or requirement will be checked below.

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Ground-level Abandoned Well Marker to avoid raptor perching

V-door: Northeast

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Final Abandonment/Reclamation

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

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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)

**Timing Limitation Stipulation/Condition of Approval for Lesser Prairie-Chicken**: Oil and gas activities including 3-D geophysical exploration, and drilling will not be allowed in lesser prairie-chicken habitat during the period from March 1st through June 15th annually. During that period, other activities that produce noise or involve human activity, such as the maintenance of oil and gas facilities, geophysical exploration other than 3-D operations, and pipeline, road, and well pad construction, will be allowed except between 3:00 am and 9:00 am. The 3:00 am to 9:00 am restriction will not apply to normal, around-the-clock operations, such as venting, flaring, or pumping, which do not require a human presence during this period. Additionally, no new drilling will be allowed within up to 200 meters of leks known at the time of permitting. Normal vehicle use on existing roads will not be restricted. Exhaust noise from pump jack engines must be muffled or otherwise controlled so as not to exceed 75 db measured at 30 ft. from the source of the noise.

**Ground-level Abandoned Well Marker to avoid raptor perching:** Upon the plugging and subsequent abandonment of the well, the well marker will be installed at ground level on a plate containing the pertinent information for the plugged well. For more installation details, contact the Carlsbad Field Office at 575-234-5972.

The V-door for the well pad will be to the northeast which will cause the pad to parallel the buried pipeline.

#### **Communitization Agreement**

A Communitization Agreement covering the acreage dedicated to this well must be filed for approval with the BLM. The effective date of the agreement shall be prior to any sales. Operator to supply NMOCD order, which details the vertical and horizontal extent of pool to verify that requested communitization is within an approved and established pool. NMOCD form C-123 – pool designation request.

#### 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 (505) 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

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The operator shall stockpile the topsoil of the well pad. The topsoil shall not be used to backfill the reserve pit and will be used for interim and final reclamation.

#### **CLOSED LOOP SYSTEM**

Tanks are required for drilling operations: No Pits.

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

#### 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 (505) 234-5972.

#### 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.

#### **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 6" Berm on Down Slope Side

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:  $\underline{400'} + 100' = 200'$  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

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#### 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 Queen formation. As a result, the Hydrogen Sulfide area must meet Onshore Order 6 requirements, which includes equipment and personnel/public protection items. If Hydrogen Sulfide is encountered, please provide measured values 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.

4: The record of the drilling rate along with the CAL/GR/N well log run from TD to surface will be submitted to the BLM office as well as all other logs run on the borehole 30 days from completion. If available, a digital copy of the logs is to be submitted in addition to the paper copies. The Rustler top and top and bottom of Salt are to be recorded on the Completion Report.

#### **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.

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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 for all casing strings. Provide compressive strengths including hours to reach required 500 pounds compressive strength prior to cementing each casing string. See individual casing strings for details regarding lead cement slurry requirements.

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

Possible water flows in the Salado Group and the Premier member of the Grayburg Formation.

Possible lost circulation in the Grayburg and San Andres Formations.

1. The 13-3/8 inch surface casing shall be set at approximately 560 feet (a minimum of 25 feet into the Rustler Anhydrite and above the salt) and cemented 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 is to include the lead cement slurry.

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 9-5/8 inch intermediate casing is:

Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate see B.1.a, c-d above. Additional cement may be required as the excess calculated to be 24%.

Formation below the 9-5/8" shoe to be tested according to Onshore Order 2.III.B.1.i. Test to be done as a mud equivalency test using the mud weight necessary for the pore pressure of the formation below the shoe (not the mud weight required to prevent dissolving the salt formation) and the mud weight for the bottom of the hole. Report results to BLM office. 3. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 7 inch production casing is:

Cement should tie-back at least 200 feet into previous casing string. Operator shall provide method of verification.

Formation below the 7" shoe to be tested according to Onshore Order 2.III.B.1.i. Test to be done as a mud equivalency test using the mud weight necessary for the pore pressure of the formation below the shoe and the mud weight for the bottom of the hole. Report results to BLM office.

4. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 4-1/2 inch production liner is:

No cement required. Peak completion assembly being used.

5. 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 surface casing shoe shall be **3000 (3M)** psi. **Operator installing a 5M system, but testing as a 3M.** 

3. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) required for drilling below the 9-5/8 inch intermediate casing shoe shall be 5000 (5M) psi.

4. 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. Effective November 1, 2008, no variances will be granted on reduced pressure tests on the surface casing and BOP/BOPE. Onshore Order 2 requirements will be in effect.

#### 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)

#### 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**

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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

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#### IX. INTERIM RECLAMATION & RESERVING PROCEDURE

#### INTERIM RECLAMATION

A.

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.

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.

#### **B. RESEEDING PROCEDURE**

Once the well is drilled, all completion procedures accomplished, and all trash removed, reseed the location and all surrounding disturbed areas as follows:

#### Seed Mixture 2, for Sandy Sites

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

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

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

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Plains bristlegrass (Setar	ria macrostachya)	,		e*	2.0	

\*Pounds of pure live seed:

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

#### **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.

Upon the plugging and subsequent abandonment of the well, the well marker will be installed at ground level on a plate containing the pertinent information for the plugged well.

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.