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FORM APPROVED OMB No 1004-0137 Expires March 31, 2007

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MAN	5	NMLC029435B			
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO	6	If Indian, Allotee or 1	Tribe Name		
la. Type of work  DRILL  REENTI	ER	7	If Unit or CA Agreeme	nt, Name and N	lo
lb. Type of Well	Single Zone Multu	ple Zone 8	Lease Name and Well NFE Federal #6	No.	
2 Name of Operator  Marbob Energy Corporation		9 .	API Well No.	372	. 1
3a Address P.O. Box 227, Artesia, NM 88211-0227	3b Phone No. (include area code) 575-748-3303	eday 10	Field and Pool, or Explo	oratory	æ1
4. Location of Well (Report location clearly and in accordance with an	ry State requirements *)	Lake II S	Sec., T R M or Blk ar	nd Survey or Ai	ea
At surface 1650' FSL & 990' FEL  At proposed prod zone			Section 8, T17S - I	R31E	
14 Distance in miles and direction from nearest town or post office*		12	County or Parish	13. State	
About 7 miles from Loco Hills, NM	- N C		Eddy County		NM_
15 Distance from proposed* location to nearest property or lease line, ft (Also to nearest drig unit line, if any)  990'	16 No of acres in lease 1885.00	17 Spacing Uni	t dedicated to this well		
18 Distance from proposed location*	19 Proposed Depth	20 BLM/BIA B	ond No. on file	<del></del>	
to nearest well, drilling, completed, applied for, on this lease, ft	6425'	NMB0004			
21 Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB, RT, GL, etc.) 3799' GL	22. Approximate date work will sta 08/23/2009	rt* 23	Estimated duration 15 Days	-	- a
	24. Attachments				
The following, completed in accordance with the requirements of Onsho	re Oil and Gas Order No 1, must be a	ttached to this forr	n		
<ol> <li>Well plat certified by a registered surveyor</li> <li>A Drilling Plan</li> </ol>	4 Bond to cover t Item 20 above)	he operations unl	less covered by an exis	sting bond on fi	le (see
3 A Surface Use Plan (if the location is on National Forest System SUPO must be filed with the appropriate Forest Service Office)			ion and/or plans as may	y be required b	y the
25. Signature Jancey T. agnew	Name (Printed Typed) Nancy T. Agnew		Dat	e 07/23/2009	
Title Land Department					
Approved by (Signature) /s/ Don Peterson	Name (Printed Typed)	1,20,00	Da	OCT 16	200
Title FIELD MANAGER	Office	CARLS	BAD FIELD OFFI	CE	
Application approval does not warrant or certify that the applicant hole	ls legal or equitable title to those righ	nts in the subject le	ease which would entitl	e the applicant	to
conduct operations thereon. Conditions of approval, if any, are attached.		APPROV <i>A</i>	AL FOR TWO	YEARS	) )

Title 18 USC Section 1001 and Title 43 USC Section 1212, make it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction

\*(Instructions on page 2)

Roswell Control Basin

Approval Subject to General Requirements & Special Stipulations Attached

SEE ATTACHED FOR CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

## STATEMENT ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATIONS

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

Date:

July 23, 2009

Lease #:

NMLC-029435B

NFE Federal #6

Legal Description: Sec. 8-T17S-R31E

Eddy County, New Mexico

Formation(s): Permian

Bond Coverage: Statewide

BLM Bond File #: NMB000412

Marbob Energy Corporation

Nancy Agnew

Land Department

#### State of New Mexico

DISTRICT I 1625 N. FRENCH DR., HOBBS, NM 88240

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

DISTRICT II 1301 W. GRAND AVENUE, ARTESIA, NM 68210

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 87410

DISTRICT IV

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

DISTRICT IV 1220 s. st. francis dr., santa fe, nm 87505	WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLA	AT
API Number		Name
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Property Code	Property Name	Well Number
37890	NFE FEDERAL	6
OGRID No.	Operator Name	Elevation
14049	MARBOB ENERGY CORPORATION	3799'

#### Surface Location

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
J	8	17-S	31-E		1650	SOUTH	990	EAST	EDDY

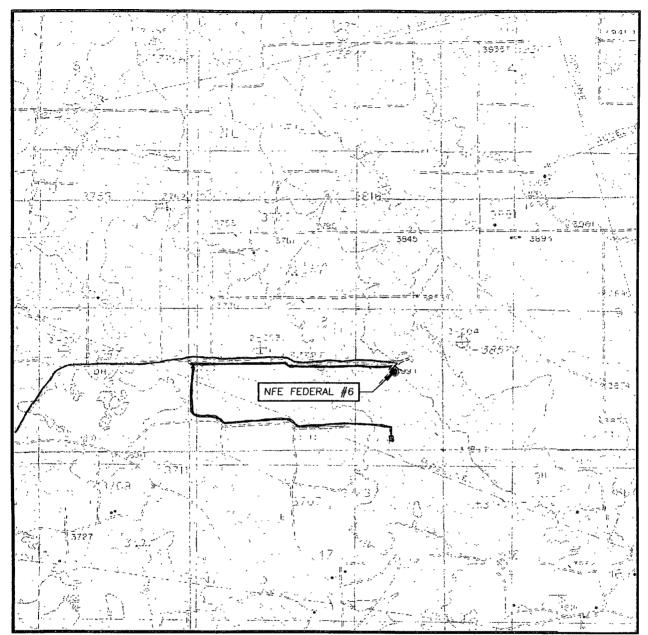
#### Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
Dedicated Acre	Joint o	r Infill Co	nsolidation :	Code Ore	ler No.				[
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# NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED

 OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS B	EEN APPROVED BY TH	E DIVISION
		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 voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order heretofore entered by the division.
	98.3'	Signature  Nancy T. Agnew Printed Name  SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION  I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.  Date Surveyed  Signature & Seal of Professional Surveyor  Certificate No. GARY EIDSON 12641  RONALD J. EIDSON 3239

# · LOCATION VERIFICATION MAP



SCALE: 1" = 2000'

SEC. 8 TWP. 17-S RGE. 31-E

SURVEY\_\_\_\_ N.M.P.M.

COUNTY EDDY STATE NEW MEXICO

DESCRIPTION 1650' FSL & 990' FEL

ELEVATION\_ 3799'

MARBOB ENERGY CORPORATION OPERATOR\_

LEASE NFE FEDERAL

U.S.G.S. TOPOGRAPHIC MAP

LOCO HILLS, N.M.

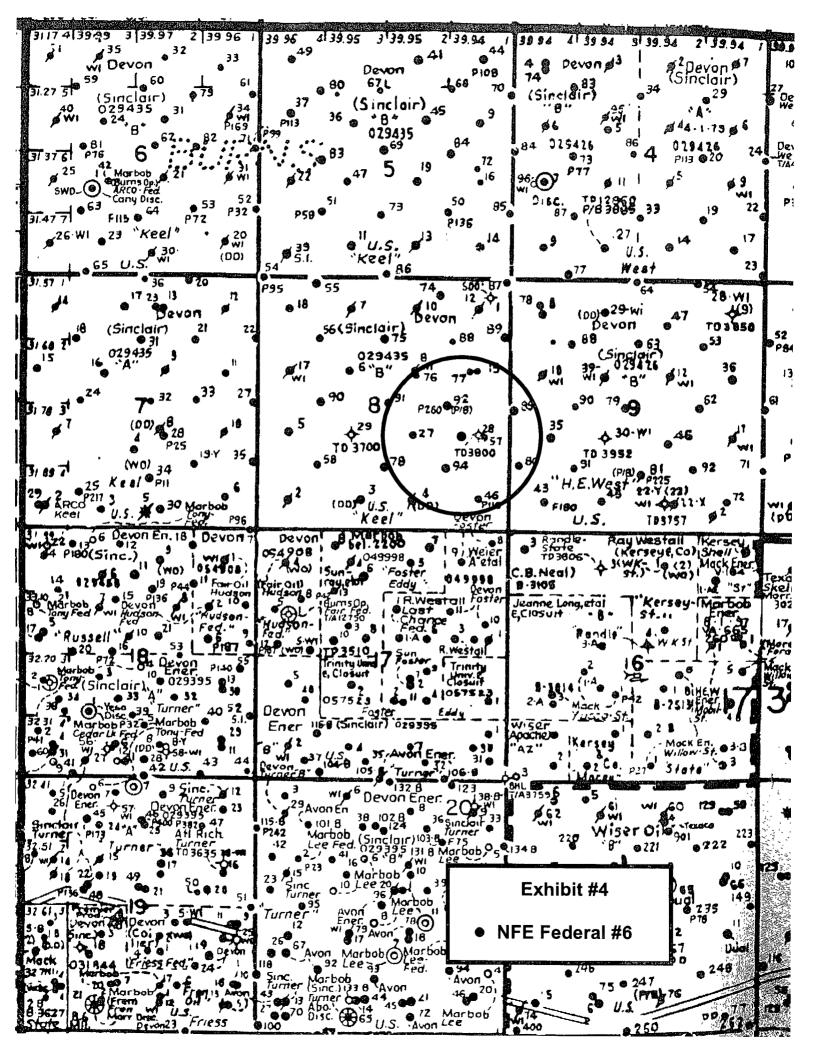
CONTOUR INTERVAL: LOCO HILLS, N.M. - 10' MALJAMAR, N.M. - 10'



PROVIDING SURVEYING SERVICES SINCE 1946 JOHN WEST SURVEYING COMPANY 412 N. DAL PASO HOBBS, N.M. 88240 (575) 393-3117

--- Existing Roads Proposed Flowline





# MARBOB ENERGY CORPORATION DRILLING AND OPERATIONS PROGRAM

# NFE Federal #6 1650' FSL & 990' FEL Section 8, T17S - R31E Eddy County, New Mexico

In conjunction with Form 3160-3, Application for Permit to Drill subject well, Marbob Energy Corporation submits the following ten items of pertinent information in accordance with BLM requirements.

- 1. Geological surface formation: Permian
- 2. The estimated tops of geologic markers & estimated depths at which anticipated water, oil or gas formations are expected to be encountered are as follows:

Rustler	446′	
Top of Salt	585'	
Base of Salt	1462'	
Yates	1648'	
7 Rivers	1930'	Oil
Queen	2550′	Oil
Grayburg	2949'	Oil
San Andres	3267'	Oil
Glorieta	4764'	
Yeso	4826'	Oil
Tubb	6226'	
TD	6425'	

No other formations are expected to give up oil, gas, or fresh water in measurable quantities. The surface fresh water sands will be protected by setting 13 3/8" casing at 475' and circulating cement back to surface. All intervals will be isolated by setting 5  $\frac{1}{2}$ " casing to total depth and circulating cement above the base of the 13-3/8" casing.

# 3. Proposed Casing Program:

Hole	Interval	OD	New	Wt	Collar	Grade	Collapse	Burst	Tension
Size		Casing	or				Design	Design	Design
			Used				Factor	Factor	Factor
17 1/2"	0' - 475'	13 3/8"	New	48#	STC	H-40	1.125	1.125	1.6
11"	475'- 1650'	8 5/8"	New	24#	STC	J-55	1.125	1.125	1.6
7 7/8"	1650′ – 6425′	5 1/2"	New	17#	LTC	J-55	1.125	1.125	1.6

# 5. Proposed Cement Program: ← See COA

a. 13 3/8" Surf

Cement to surface with 500 sk "C" wt 14.8 ppg yield 1.34.

b. 8 5/8" Int

Cement to surface with 275 sk "c" Light wt 12.7 yield 1.91 tail in with 100 sk "c" wt 14.8 yield 1.34

d. 5 1/2" Prod

 $1^{st}$  stage with 425 sk "H" wt 13.0 yield 1.64  $2^{nd}$  stage with 300 sk "c" light wt 12.7 yield 1.91 Tail in with 100 sk "C" wt 14.8 yield 1.34 DV @ 3600′ TOC 1000′

The above cement volumes could be revised pending the caliper measurement from the open hole logs. The top of cement is designed to reach approximately 200' above the 8 5/8" casing shoe. For the surface casing: If cement does not circulate to the surface, the appropriate BLM office shall be notified and a tag with 1" will be performed at four positions 90 degrees apart to verify cement depth. If depth is greater than 100' or water is standing in the annulus, remedial cementing will be done. If no water and TOC tag is less than 100', when 100% excess cement of the annulus volume was run on the primary job, ready-mix can be used to bring cement to surface. **All casing is new and API approved.** 

# Jel CoA

# 6. Minimum Specifications for Pressure Control:

Nipple up on 13 3/8 with 2m system and test to 2000# with independent tester. Nipple up on 8 5/8 with 2m system and test to 2000# with ind. Tester.

BOP will be operationally checked each 24 hour period. BOP will be operationally checked on each trip out of the hole. These checks will be noted on the daily tour sheets. A 2"kill line and a 3" choke line will be included in the drilling spool located below the BOP. Other accessories to the BOP equipment will include a Kelly cock and floor safety valve (inside BOP) and choke lines and choke manifold with 2000 psi WP rating.

Marbob requests a variance if Teaco is used to drill this well to use a co-flex line between the BOP and choke manifold. Manufacturer: Midwest Hose & Specialty, Length: 7', Size: 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  ID, Ends flanges/clamps, WP rating: 5000, Anchors required by manufacturer-NO.

### 7. Estimated BHP: 2,672.8 psi

#### **8. Mud Program:** The applicable depths and properties of this system are as follows:

		Mud	Viscosity	Waterloss	
Depth	Type System	Weight	(sec)	(cc)	
0' - 475'	Fresh Water	8.4	29	N.C.	-
475' – 1650'	Brine	9.9 - 10.0	29	N.C.	
1650' - 6425'	Cut Brine	8.9	29	N.C.	

The necessary mud products for weight addition and fluid loss control will be on location at all times.

# 9. Auxiliary Well Control and Monitoring Equipment:

- a. A Kelly cock will be in the drill string at all times.
- b. A full opening drill pipe stabbing valve having the appropriate connections will be on the rig floor at all times.
- c. Hydrogen Sulfide detection equipment will be in operation after drilling out the 13 3/8" casing shoe until the 5 ½" casing is cemented. Breathing equipment will be on location upon drilling the 13 3/8" shoe until total depth is reached.

# 10.Testing, Logging and Coring Program: See COA

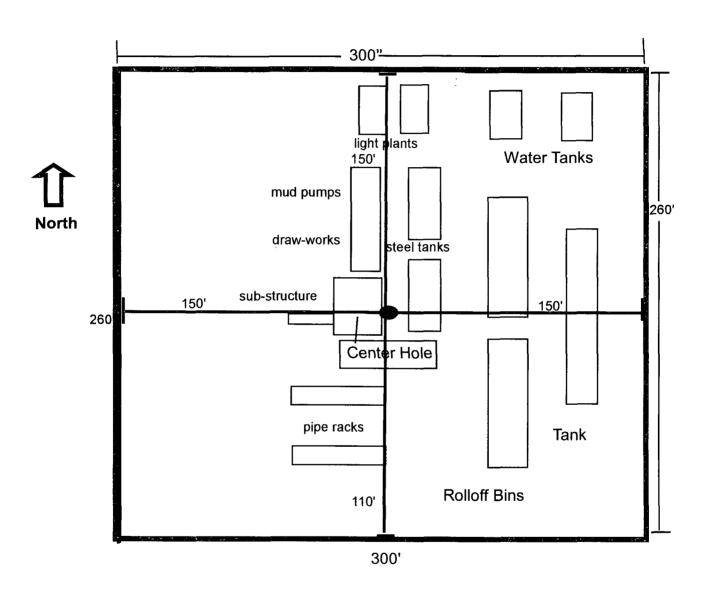
- a. Drill stem tests will be based on geological sample shows.
- b. The open hole electrical logging program will be:
  - i. Total Depth to Intermediate Casing: Dual Laterolog-Micro Laterolog and Gamma Ray. Compensated Neutron Z Density log with Gamma Ray and Caliper.
  - ii. Total Depth to Surface: Compensated Neutron with Gamma Ray
  - iii. No coring program is planned
  - iv. Additional testing will be initiated subsequent to setting the 5 ½" production casing. Specific intervals will be targeted based on log evaluation, geological sample shows and drill stem tests.

#### 11. Potential Hazards:

a. No abnormal pressures or temperatures are expected. There is no known presence of H2S in this area. If H2S 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: 2,672.8 psi. No H2S is anticipated to be encountered.

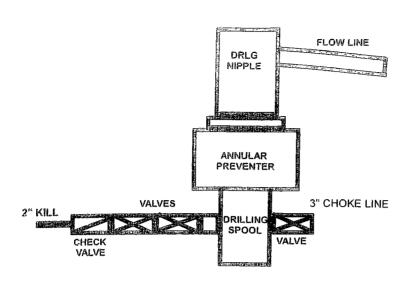
#### 12. Anticipated starting date and Duration of Operations:

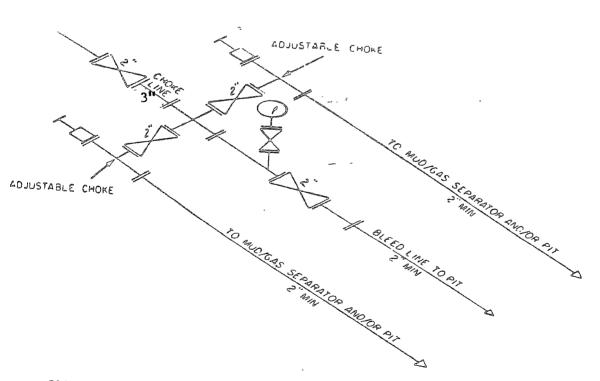
a. Road and location construction will begin after the BLM has approved the APD. Anticipated spud date will be as possible after BLM approval and as soon as a rig will be available. Move in operations and drilling is expected to take 15 days.

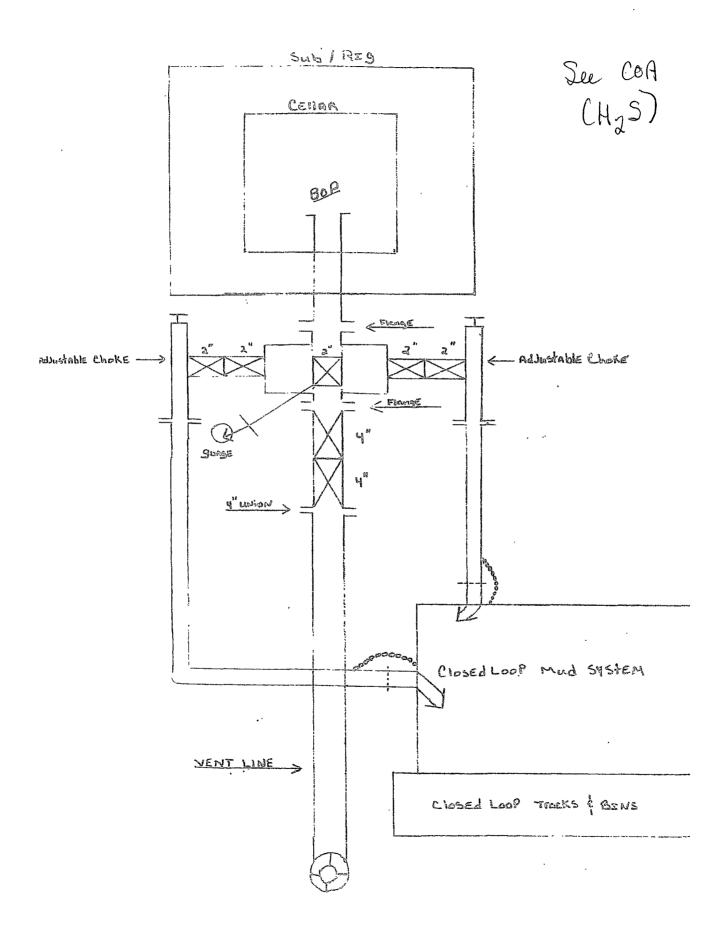


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# 2M SYSTEM







### MARBOB ENERGY CORPORATION

#### 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:

- A. The hazards and characteristics of hydrogen sulfide  $(H_2S)$ .
- B. The proper use and maintenance of personal protective equipment and life support systems.
- C. The proper use of H<sub>2</sub>S detectors, alarms, warning systems, briefing areas, evacuation procedures, and prevailing winds.
- D. The proper techniques for first aid and rescue procedures.

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

- A. 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.
- B. Corrective action and shut-in procedures when drilling or reworking a well and blowout prevention and well control procedures.
- C. 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

Note: All H<sub>2</sub>S safety equipment and systems will be installed, tested, and operational when drilling reaches a depth of 500 feet above, or three days prior to penetrating the first zone containing or reasonably expected to contain H<sub>2</sub>S.

# A. Well Control Equipment:

Flare line.

Choke manifold.

Blind rams and pipe rams to accommodate all pipe sizes with properly sized closing unit.

Auxiliary equipment to include: annular preventer, mud-gas separator, rotating head.

# B. Protective equipment for essential personnel:

Mark II Surviveair 30-minute units located in the dog house and at briefing areas.

# C. H<sub>2</sub>S detection and monitoring equipment:

2 - portable H<sub>2</sub>S monitor 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.

# D. Visual warning systems:

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. See example attached.

# E. Mud Program:

The mud program has been designed to minimize the volume of H<sub>2</sub>S circulated to the surface.

# F. Metallurgy:

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.

## G. Communication:

Company vehicles equipped with cellular telephone and 2-way radio.

Marbob Energy has conducted a review to determine if an H2S contingency plan is required for the above referenced well. We were able to conclude that any potential hazardous volume would be minimal. H2S concentrations of wells in this area from surface to TD are low enough; therefore we do not believe that an H2S Contingency Plan would be necessary.

# WARNING

# YOU ARE ENTERING AN H<sub>2</sub>S AREA AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY

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

MARBOB ENERGY CORPORATION

1-575-748-3303

# **EMERGENCY CALL LIST**

	<u>Office</u>	<u>Mobile</u>	<u>Home</u>
Marbob Energy Corp.	575-748-3303		
Sheryl Baker	575-748-3303	575-748-5489	575-748-2396
Johnny C. Gray	575-748-3303	575-748-5983	575-885-3879
Raye Miller	575-748-3303	575-513-0176	575-746-9577
Dean Chumbley	575-748-3303	575-748-5988	575-748-2426

# EMERGENCY RESPONSE NUMBERS Eddy County, New Mexico

State Police	575-748-9718
Eddy County Sheriff	575-746-2701
Emergency Medical Services (Ambulance)	911 or 575-746-2701
Eddy County Emergency Management (Harry Burgess)	575-887-9511
State Emergency Response Center (SERC)	575-476-9620
Carlsbad Police Department	575-885-2111
Carlsbad Fire Department	575-885-3125 <sup>-</sup>
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division	575-748-1283
Indian Fire & Safety	800-530-8693
Halliburton Services	800-844-8451

# MARBOB ENERGY CORPORATION MULTI-POINT SURFACE USE AND OPERATIONS PLAN

# NFE Federal #6 1650' FSL & 990' FEL Section 8, T17S – R31E Eddy County, New Mexico

This plan is submitted with Form 3160-3, Application for Permit to Drill, covering the above described well. The purpose of this plan is to describe the location of the proposed well, the proposed construction activities and operations plan, the magnitude of the surface disturbance involved and the procedures to be followed in rehabilitating the surface after completion of the operations, so that a complete appraisal can be made of the environmental effect associated with the operations.

#### 1. EXISTING ROADS:

- a. The well site and elevation plat for the proposed well are reflected on the well site layout; Form C-102. The well was staked by John West Surveying Company.
- b. Exhibit 2 is a portion of a topo map showing the well and roads in the vicinity of the proposed location. The proposed wellsite and the access route to the location are indicated in red on Exhibit 2.
- c. Routine grading and maintenance of existing roads will be conducted as necessary to maintain their condition as long as any operations continue on this lease.

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

From the intersection of U.S. Hwy #82 and Co. Rd. #221 (Skelly Road), go north on Co. Rd. #221 approx. 1.5 miles. Turn right and go northeast on lease road approx. 0.6 miles. Turn right and go east approx. 1.4 miles. Turn right and go southwest at lease road intersection approx. 200 feet. This location is east of lease road 30 feet.

#### 2. PLANNED ACCESS ROAD:

Marbob will use an existing access road. See directions above.

# 3. LOCATION OF EXISTING AND/OR PROPOSED FACILITIES:

- A. In the event the well is found productive, the tank battery NFE Federal #1 would be utilized and the necessary production equipment will be installed at the well site. A Site Facilities Diagram will be submitted upon completion of facility.
- B. All flowlines will adhere to API standards
- C. If electricity is needed, power will be obtained from Central Valley Electric. Central Valley Electric will apply for ROW for their power lines.
- D. If the well is productive, rehabilitation plans are as follows:

i. The original topsoil from the well site will be returned to the location. The drill site will then be contoured as close as possible to the original state.

#### 4. LOCATION AND TYPES OF WATER SUPPLY:

This location will be drilled using a combination of water mud systems (outlined in the Drilling Program). The water will be obtained from commercial water stations in the area and hauled to location by transport truck using the existing and proposed roads shown in Exhibit #2. On occasion, water will be obtained form a pre-existing water well, running a pump directly to the drill rig. In these cases where a poly pipeline is used to transport water for drilling purposes, the existing and proposed road shown in Exhibit "2" will be utilized.

#### 5. CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

All Caliche utilized for the drilling pad and proposed access road will be obtained from an existing BLM approved pit or from prevailing deposits found under the location. All roads will be constructed of 6" rolled and compacted caliche. Will use BLM recommended use of extra caliche from other locations close by for roads, if available.

## 6. METHODS OF HANDLING WASTE MATERIAL:

- a. All trash, junk and other waste material will be removed from the wellsite within 30 days after finishing drilling and/or completion operations. All waste material will be contained in trash cages or trash bins to prevent scattering. When the job is completed, all contents will be removed and disposed of in an approved sanitary landfill.
- b. The supplier, including broken sacks, will pick up slats remaining after completion of well.
- c. A porto-john will be provided for the rig crews. This equipment will be properly maintained during the drilling and completion operations and will be removed when all operations are complete.
- d. Disposal of fluids to be transported by an approved disposal company.

## 7. ANCILLARY FACILITIES:

No campsite or other facilities will be constructed as a result of this well.

#### 8. WELLSITE LAYOUT:

- a. Exhibit 3 shows the proposed well site layout with dimensions of the pad layout.
- b. This exhibit indicates proposed location of reserve and sump pits if utilized and living facilities.
- c. Mud pits in the active circulating system will be steel pits and a closed loop system will be utilized.

# 9. PLANS FOR SURFACE RECLAMATION:

- a. After finishing drilling and/or completion operations, if the well is found non-commercial, the caliche will be removed from the pad and transported to the original caliche pit or used for other drilling locations. The road will be reclaimed as directed by the BLM. The original top soil will again be returned to the pad and contoured, as close as possible, to the original state.
- b. The location and road will be rehabilitated as recommended by the BLM.
- c. If the well is deemed commercially productive, the reserve pit will be restored as described in 10(A) within 120 days subsequent to the completion date. Caliche from areas of the pad site not required for operations will be reclaimed. The original top soil will be returned to the area of the drill pad not necessary to operate the well. These unused areas of the drill pad will be contoured, as close as possible, to match the original topography.

#### 10. SURFACE OWNERSHIP:

The surface is owned by the US Government and is administered by the Bureau of Land Management. The surface is multiple use with the primary uses of the region for the grazing of livestock and the production of oil and gas. The proposed road routes and the surface location will be restored as directed by the BLM.

#### **11.OTHER INFORMATION:**

- a. The area surrounding the well site is grassland. The topsoil is very sandy in nature. The vegetation is moderately sparse with native prairie grass, some mesquite bushes and shinnery oak. No wildlife was observed but it is likely that deer, rabbits, coyotes, and rodents traverse the area.
- b. There is no permanent or live water in the general proximity of the location.
- c. There are no dwellings within 2 miles of location.
- d. A Cultural Resources Examination will be completed by Boone Archeological and forwarded to the BLM office in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

#### 12.OPERATOR'S REPRESENTATIVE:

A. Through A.P.D. Approval:

Dean Chumbley, Landman Marbob Energy Corporation P. O. Box 227 Artesia, NM 88211-0227 Phone (575)748-3303 Cell (575) 748-5988 B. Through Drilling Operations

Sheryl Baker, Drilling Supervisor Marbob Energy Corporation P. O. Box 227 Artesia, NM 88211-0227 Phone (575)748-3303 Cell (575)748-5489

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

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

Marbob Energy Corporation

Date<sup>'</sup>

William Miller

Land Department

# PECOS DISTRICT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

OPERATOR'S NAME:
LEASE NO.:
LC029435B
WELL NAME & NO.:
SURFACE HOLE FOOTAGE:
BOTTOM HOLE FOOTAGE
LOCATION:
COUNTY:
Marbob Energy Corp
LC029435B
6 NFE Federal
1650' FSL & 990' FEL
Section 8, T. 17 S., R 31 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)

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.

## 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 6 inches in depth. The topsoil shall not be used to backfill the reserve pit and will be used for interim and final reclamation.

#### C. CLOSED LOOP SYSTEM

Although this is a closed loop system and no reserve pits will be utilized, the v-door will be on the East side of the location.

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.

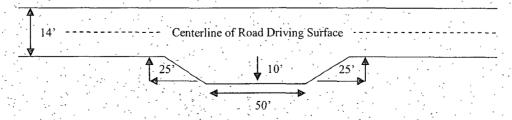
# Ditching

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

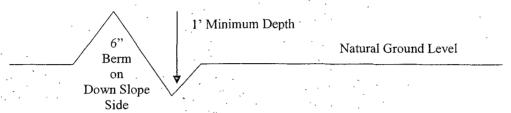


## Drainage

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

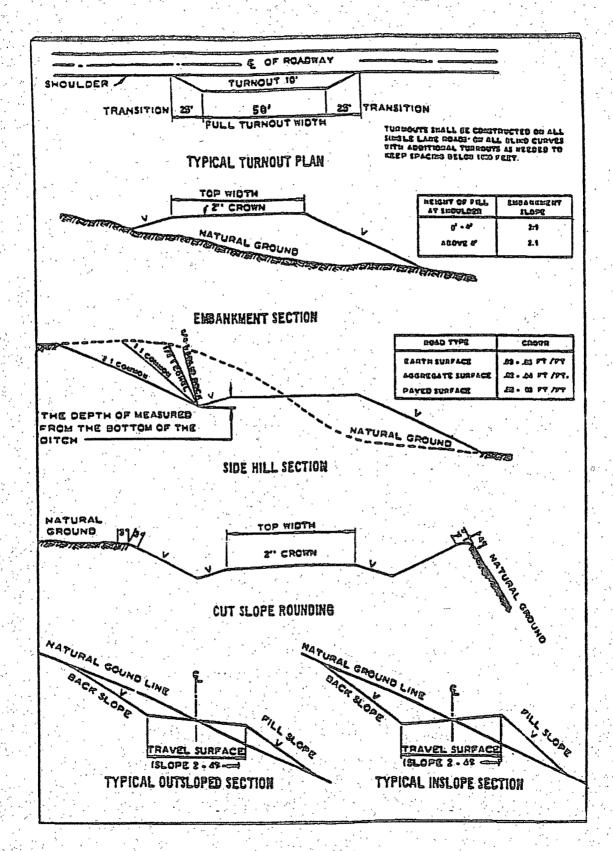
Where entry is required across a fence line, the fence shall be braced and tied off on both sides of the passageway prior to cutting.

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 Grayburg 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 cémented or the well has been properly plugged, the drilling rig shall not be removed from over the hole without prior approval.
- 3. 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. 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.

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 lost circulation in the Grayburg and San Andres formations. Possible water flows in the Salado and Artesia Groups.

- 1. The 13-3/8 inch surface casing shall be set at approximately 475 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 surface log readout will be used or a cement bond log shall be run to verify the top of the cement. Temperature survey is required since approval to use the 1 inch to tag is limited to a casing setting depth of 400 feet or less.
  - 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.
- The minimum required fill of cement behind the 8-5/8 inch intermediate casing is:
   Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate see B.1.a, c-d above. Casing to be set in the Tansill formation. Additional cement may be required as
- 3. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 5-1/2 inch production casing is:
  - a. First stage to DV tool, cement shall:
  - Cement to circulate. If cement does not circulate, contact the appropriate BLM office, before proceeding with second stage cement job.
  - b. Second stage above DV tool, cement shall:

the excess calculates to less than 25%.

Cement should tie-back at least 400 feet into previous casing string. Operator shall provide method of verification.

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. Variance approved to use flex line from BOP to choke manifold if Teaco rig is used. Check condition of 3 ½" flexible line from BOP to choke manifold, replace if exterior is damaged or if line fails test. Line to be as straight as possible with no hard bends.
- 3. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) required for drilling below the surface casing shoe shall be 2000 (2M) 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.

### D. 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

#### STANDARD STIPULATIONS FOR SURFACE INSTALLED PIPELINES

A copy of the APD and attachments, including stipulations, survey plat and/or map, will be on location during construction. BLM personnel may request to you a copy of your permit during construction to ensure compliance with all stipulations.

Holder agrees to comply with the following stipulations to the satisfaction of the Authorized Officer:

- 1. The holder shall indemnify the United States against any liability for damage to life or property arising from the occupancy or use of public lands under this grant.
- 2. The holder shall comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations existing or hereafter enacted or promulgated. In any event, the holder shall comply with the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976 as amended, 15 USC 2601 et seq. (1982) with regards to any toxic substances that are used, generated by or stored on the right-of-way or on facilities authorized under this right-of-way grant. (See 40 CFR, Part 702-799 and especially, provisions on polychlorinated biphenyls, 40 CFR 761.1-761.193.) Additionally, any release of toxic substances (leaks, spills, etc.) in excess of the reportable quantity established by 40 CFR, Part 117 shall be reported as required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, section 102b. A copy of any report required or requested by any Federal agency or State government as a result of a reportable release or spill of any toxic substances shall be furnished to the authorized officer concurrent with the filing of the reports to the involved Federal agency or State government.
- 3. The holder agrees to indemnify the United States against any liability arising from the

release of any hazardous substance or hazardous waste (as these terms are defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. 9601, et seq. or the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 6901, et seq.) on the Right-of-Way (unless the release or threatened release is wholly unrelated to activity of the Right-of-Way holder's activity on the Right-of-Way), or resulting from the activity of the Right-of-Way holder on the Right-of-Way. This agreement applies without regard to whether a release is caused by the holder, its agent, or unrelated third parties.

- 4. The holder shall be liable for damage or injury to the United States to the extent provided by 43 CFR Sec. 2883.1-4. The holder shall be held to a standard of strict liability for damage or injury to the United States resulting from pipe rupture, fire, or spills caused or substantially aggravated by any of the following within the right-of-way or permit area:
- a. Activities of the holder including, but not limited to construction, operation, maintenance, and termination of the facility.
- b. Activities of other parties including, but not limited to:
  - (1) Land clearing.
  - (2) Earth-disturbing and earth-moving work.
  - (3) Blasting.
  - (4) Vandalism and sabotage.
- c. Acts of God.

The maximum limitation for such strict liability damages shall not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for any one event, and any liability in excess of such amount shall be determined by the ordinary rules of negligence of the jurisdiction in which the damage or injury occurred.

This section shall not impose strict liability for damage or injury resulting primarily from an act of war or from the negligent acts or omissions of the United States.

5. If, during any phase of the construction, operation, maintenance, or termination of the pipeline, any oil, salt water, or other pollutant should be discharged from the pipeline system, impacting Federal lands, the control and total removal, disposal, and cleaning up of such oil, salt water, or other pollutant, wherever found, shall be the responsibility of the holder, regardless of fault. Upon failure of the holder to control, dispose of, or clean up such discharge on or affecting Federal lands, or to repair all damages resulting therefrom, on the Federal lands, the Authorized Officer may take such measures as he deems necessary to control and clean up the discharge and restore the area, including, where appropriate, the aquatic environment and fish and wildlife habitats, at the full expense of the holder. Such action by the Authorized Officer shall not relieve the holder of any responsibility as provided herein.

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11. In those areas where erosion control structures are required to stabilize soil conditions, the holder will install such structures as are suitable for the specific soil conditions being encountered and which are in accordance with sound resource management practices.

necessary to pass through a fence line, the fence shall be braced on both sides of the passageway prior to cutting of the fence. No permanent gates will be allowed unless

approved by the Authorized Officer.

- 12. Excluding the pipe, all above-ground structures not subject to safety requirement shall be painted by the holder to blend with the natural color of the landscape. The paint used shall be a color which simulates "Standard Environmental Colors" **Shale Green**, Munsell Soil Color No. 5Y 4/2; designated by the Rocky Mountain Five State Interagency Committee.
- 13. The pipeline will be identified by signs at the point of origin and completion of the right-of-way and at all road crossings. At a minimum, signs will state the holder's name, BLM serial number, and the product being transported. Signs will be maintained in a legible condition for the life of the pipeline.
- 14. The holder shall not use the pipeline route as a road for purposes other than routine maintenance as determined necessary by the Authorized Officer in consultation with the holder. The holder will take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the pipeline route is not used as a roadway.

15. Any cultural and/or paleontological resource (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by the holder, or any person working on his behalf, on public or Federal land shall be immediately reported to the authorized officer. Holder 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 will be made by the authorized officer to determine appropriate cultural or scientific values. The holder will be responsible for the cost of evaluation and any decision as to proper mitigation measures will be made by the authorized officer after consulting with the holder.

# IX. INTERIM RECLAMATION & RESEEDING PROCEDURE

#### 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.

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 have been 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 see 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 lb/acre

Sand dropseed (Sporobolus cryptandrus) 1.0 Sand love grass (Eragrostis trichodes) 1.0 Plains bristlegrass (Setaria macrostachya) 2.0

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

<sup>\*</sup>Pounds of 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.

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.