# LIMITED STATES

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1b. Type of Well 🖸 Oil Well 🗖 Gas Well 🗖 Other	s	ingle Zone	☐ Multip	le Zone	8 Lease Name and W Pine Box 17 G Fed		
2 Name of Operator					9. API Well No	270	177
Mewbourne Oil Company - 14744	21 71 37	( 1 1	7.		<u> </u>	» 37 <sup>V</sup>	1 1 0
3a Address	3b Phone No		<u> </u>		10 Field and Pool, or		
PO Box 5270 Hobbs, NM 88241	575-393-59		CEIV	ED-	Undesignated Yes		
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At surface 2135' FNL & 1650' FEL Unit G		DE	C 28 21	009			
At proposed prod. zone Same					Sec 17 - T20S - R25	5E	
14 Distance in miles and direction from nearest town or post office* 16 Miles NW of Carlsbad		NMO	CD AR		12 County or Parish Eddy	i	13 State
location to nearest property or lease line, ft (Also to nearest drig unit line, if any) 1650'	16. No. of A	Acres in leas		17 Spacing	Unit dedicated to this	well	
18 Distance from proposed location* to nearest well, drilling, completed, applied for, on this lease, ft.  1200'	19 Propose	d Depth		20. BLM/B	IA Bond No. on file  Nationwide		
21. Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB, RT, GL, etc )	22. Approx	imate date	work will sta	ırt*	23 Estimated duration	n	
3501' GL	ASAP				15		
	24. Atta	chments					
The following, completed in accordance with the requirements of Onsh	ore Oil and Gas	Order No.1	, shall be atta	iched to this	form.		
<ol> <li>Well plat certified by a registered surveyor.</li> <li>A Drilling Plan</li> <li>A Surface Use Plan (if the location is on National Forest System SUPO shall be filed with the appropriate Forest Service Office)</li> </ol>	n Lands, the	Item 5 Opera 6 Such	20 above) tor certifica	tion pecific info	unless covered by an		
25 Signature	Name	(Printed/Ty	ped)			Date	
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Title Hobbs Regulatory					v		
Approved by (Signature)  /s/ Don Peterson	Name	: (Printed/Ty	ped)	s/ Don f	Peterson	Date DE	C 2 4 2009
Title FIELD MANAGER	Offic	e C,AI	RLSBAD F	IELD OFF	ICE		

Application approval does not warrant or certify that the applicant holds legal or equitable title to those rights in the subject lease which would entitle the applicant to conduct operations thereon

Conditions of approval, if any, are attached

APPROVAL FOR TWO YEARS

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

\*(Instructions on reverse)

Roswell Controlled Water Basin

SEE ATTACHED FOR CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL Approval Subject to General Requirements & Special Stipulations Attached

DISTRICT I 1625 N. French Dr., Hobbe, NM 88240 DISTRICT II

1901 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210

DISTRICT III

Dedicated Acres

State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-102 Revised October 12, 2005

Submit to Appropriate District Office

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

State Lease - 4 Copies Fee Lease - 3 Copies

1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410 DISTRICT IV 1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

Joint or Infill

Consolidation Code

1220 South St. Francis Dr. Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

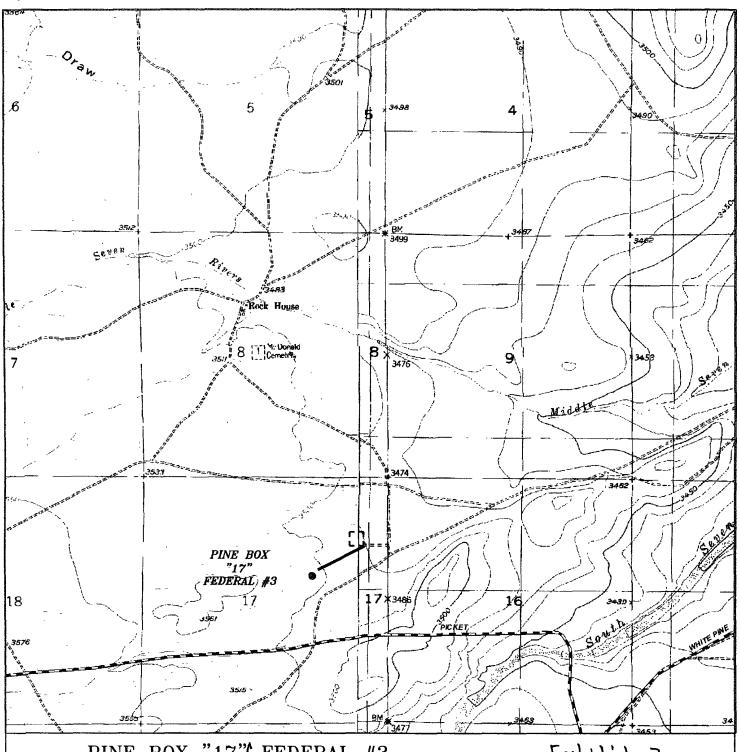
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Property 6	5 (a)			PINE	Property Nam BOX "17"	G Feder		Well No	ımber
OGRID No.		Operator Name Elevation MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY 3501'							
					Surface Loca	ation			
UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
G	17	20 S	25 E		2135	NORTH	1650	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

NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED

Order No.

OR A NON-STAN	DARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE	IE DIVISION
	2135*	OPERATOR CERTIFICATION  I hereby certify that the information contained 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 bettom hole location pursuant to a contract with an owner of such a mineral or working interest, or to a voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order heretofore entered by the division.
	3519.4' 3494.7' 1650' 1650' 3507.2' 3483.5'	Sinature Date  Dackie Lathan  Printed Name  SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION
	SURFACE LOCATION  Lat - N 32°34°29.84"  Long - W 104°30°11.37"  NMSPCE- N 572922.666  E 447686.195  (NAD-27)	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 supervison and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.  Special Company with the survey of the party of the best of the survey of the
		Certificate No. Gary L. Jones 7977  BASIN SURVEYS



PINE BOX "17" FEDERAL #3

Located 2135' FNL and 1650' FEL

Section 17, Township 20 South, Range 25 East,

N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico.



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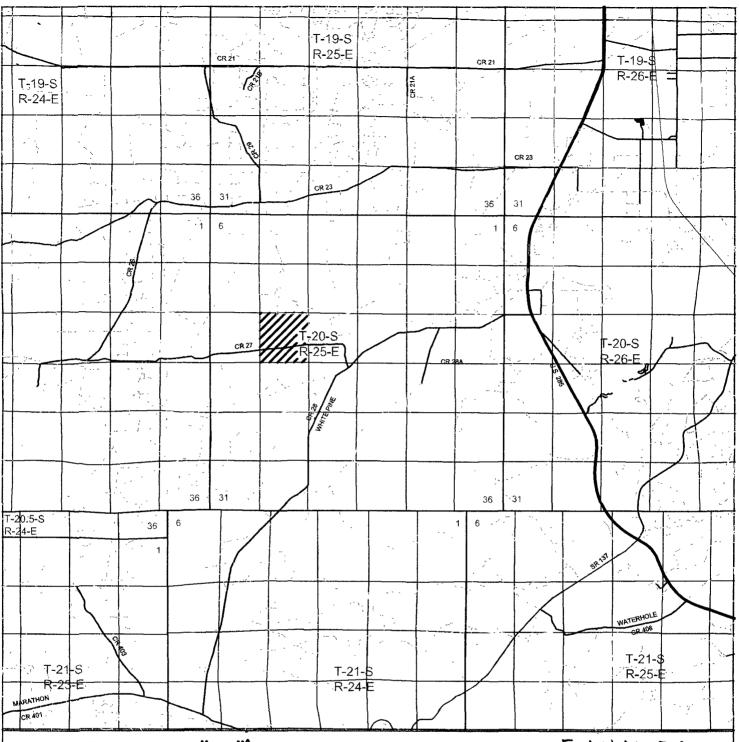
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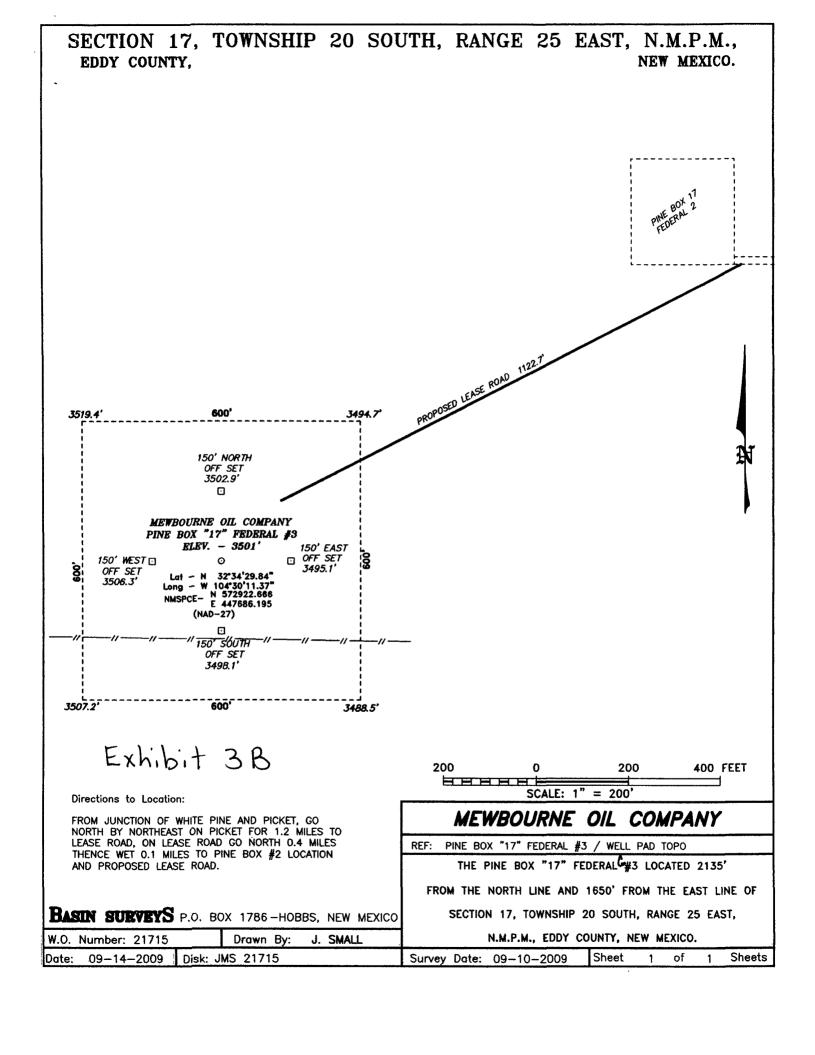
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# **Drilling Program** Mewbourne Oil Company

Pine Box 17 G Federal #3 2135' FNL & 1650' FEL Sec 17-T20S-R25E Eddy County, New Mexico

#### 1. The estimated top of geological markers by offset well data are as follows:

Queen 550' San Andres 715' \*Glorietta 2300' \*Yeso 2420'

#### 2. Estimated depths of anticipated fresh water, oil, or gas:

Water

Below 100'

Hydrocarbons

Oil and Gas are anticipated in the above (\*) formations. These zones will

be protected by casing and cementing as necessary.

#### 3. Pressure control equipment:

A 2000# WP annular BOP will be installed after running 8 %" casing. Pressure tests will be conducted:and:BORE:will:remain:in:use:until:completion:of-drilling:operations:= The BOP:will-be: inspected and operated daily to insure mechanical integrity and the inspection will be recorded on the daily\_drilling\_report.\_

Kelly cock and a sub equipped with a full opening valve sized to fit the drill pipe and collars will be available on the rig floor in the open position when the kelly is not in use.

#### 4. Proposed casing and cementing program:

#### A. **Casing Program:**

see CoA Wt/Ft. <u>Dep</u>th Hole Size Casing Grade Jt Type 11" 8 %" (new) 24# J55 0-725 ST&C 7 %" 4 ½" (new) 11.60# J55 0-3500' LT&C

Minimum casing design factors: Collapse 1.125, Burst 1.0, Tensile strength 1.8.

#### **B.** Cementing Program

- Surface Casing: 400 sks Class C cement with 2% CaCl. Yield at 1.34 cuft;/sk. i.
- ii. Production Casing: 300 sacks Class C light with additives. Yield at 2.71 cuft/sk. 350 Class H with additives. Yield at 1.28 cuft/sk. Circ to surface.

\*Mewbourne Oil Company reserves the right to change cement and casing designs as hole\_conditions\_may\_warrant.\_

#### 5. Mud Program:

interval	Type System	<u>vveignt</u>	Viscosity	<u>Fluid</u> Loss
0'-725' <b>750</b>	FW spud mud	8.4-9.0	28	NC
750'725'-3500'	FW & Sweeps	8.4-8.6	28	NC
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# 6. Evaluation Program: See CoA

Samples:

10' samples from intermediate casing to TD

Logging:

Compensated density and dual laterlog or a cased hole Gamma Ray

Neutron.

Coring:

As needed for evaluation

Drill Stem Tests: As needed for evaluation

## 7. Downhole Conditions

Zones of abnormal pressure:

None anticipated

Zones of lost circulation:

Anticipated in surface and intermediate holes

Maximum bottom hole temperature:

100 degree F

Maximum bottom hole pressure:

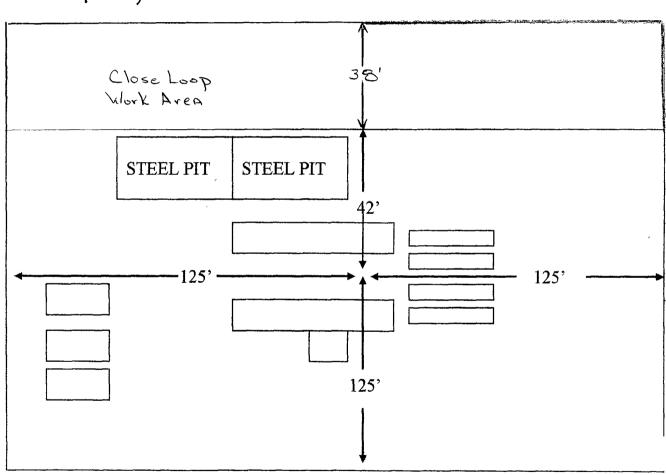
8.4 lbs/gal gradient or less

## 8. Anticipated Starting Date:

Mewbourne Oil Company intends to drill this well as soon as possible after receiving approval with approximately 10 days involved in drilling operations and an additional 5 days involved in completion operations on the project.

completion operations on the project.

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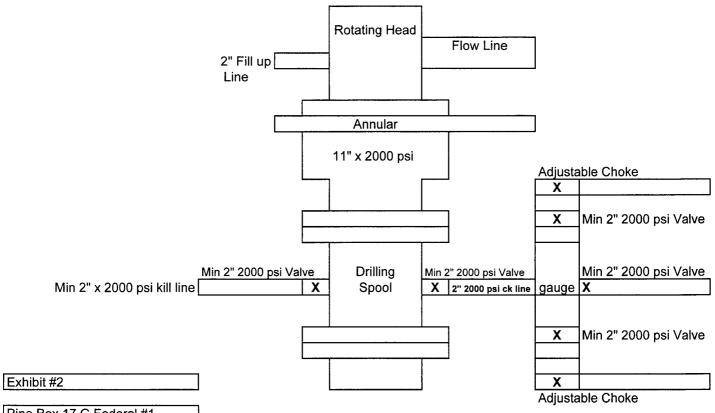


# Notes Regarding Blowout Preventer

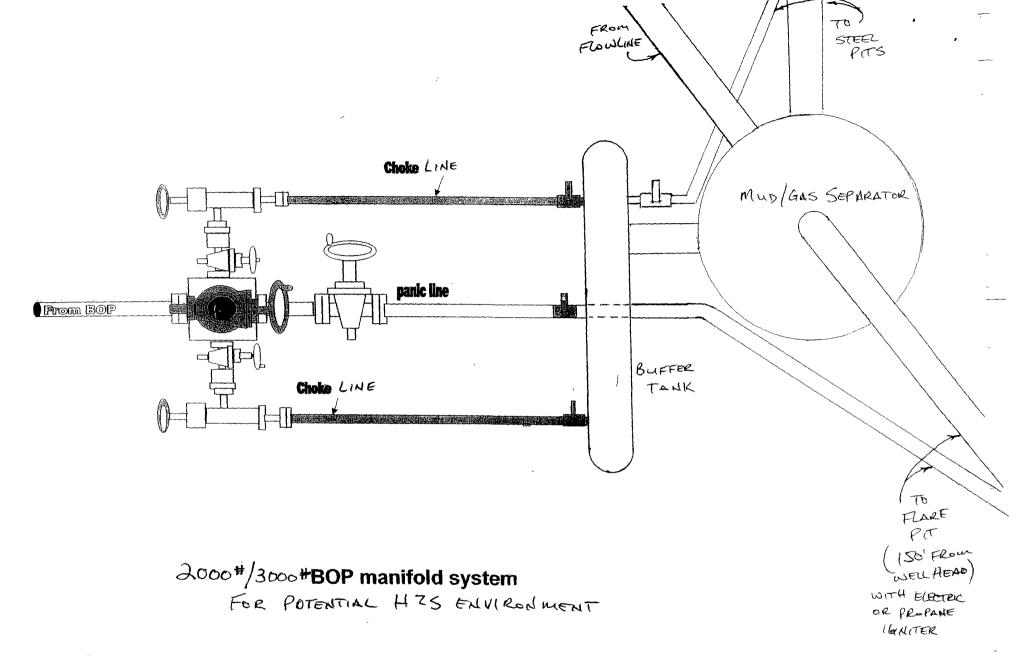
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- 1. Drilling nipple (bell nipple) to be constructed so that it can be removed without the use of a welder through the opening of the rotary table, with minimum internal diameter equal to blowout preventer bore.
- 2. Blowout preventer and all fittings must be in good condition with a minimum 2000 PSI working pressure on 8 5/8" csg.
- 3. Safety valve must be available on the rig floor at all times with proper connections to install in the drill string. Valve must be full bore with minimum 2000 PSI working pressure.
- 4. Equipment through which bit must pass shall be at least as large as internal diameter of the casing.
- 5. A kelly cock shall be installed on the kelly at all times.
- 6. Blowout preventer closing equipment to include and accumulator of at least 40 gallon capacity, two independent sources of pressure on closing unit, and meet all other API specifications.

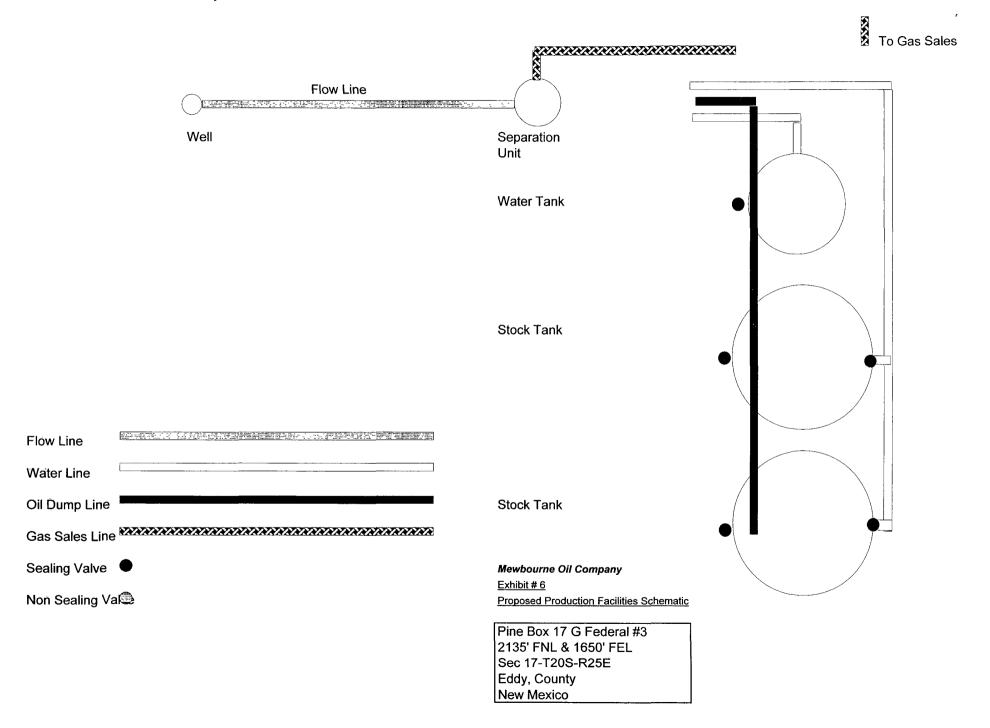


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Pine Box 17 G Fed #1 2135 FNL+ 1650 FEL Sec 17, T205, R25E Eddy Co., NM

# **Proposed Production Facilities Schematic**



## Hydrogen Sulfide Drilling Operations Plan

Mewbourne Oil Company
Pine Box 17 G Federal #3
2135' FNL & 1650' FEL
Sec 17-T20S-R25E
Eddy County, New Mexico

## 1. General Requirements

MOC will have on location and working all H2S safety equipment before spudding for purposes of safety and insurance requirements.

#### 2. Hydrogen Sulfide Training

All personnel, whether regularly assigned, contracted, or employed on an unscheduled basis, will have received training from a qualified instructor in the following areas prior to entering the drilling pad area of the well:

- 1. The hazards and characteristics of hydrogen sulfide gas.
- 2. The proper use of personal protective equipment and life support systems.
- 3. The proper use of hydrogen sulfide detectors, alarms, warning systems, briefing areas, evacuation procedures.
- 4. The proper techniques for first aid and rescue operations.

Additionally, supervisory personnel will be trained in the following areas:

- 1. The effects of hydrogen sulfide on metal components. If high tensile tubular systems are utilized, supervisory personnel will be trained in their special maintenance requirements.
- 2. Corrective action and shut in procedures, blowout prevention, and well control procedures while drilling a well.
- 3. The contents of the Hydrogen Sulfide Drilling Operations Plan.

There will be an initial training session prior to encountering a know hydrogen sulfide source. The initial training session shall include a review of the site specific Hydrogen Sulfide Drilling Operations Plan.

#### 3. Hydrogen Sulfide Safety Equipment and Systems

All hydrogen sulfide safety equipment and systems will be installed, tested, and operational prior to drilling below the intermediate casing.

#### 1. Well Control Equipment

- A. Choke manifold with minimum of one adjustable choke and flare line.
- B. Blowout preventers equipped with blind rams and pipe rams to accommodate all pipe sizes with properly sized closing unit

#### 2. Protective Equipment for Essential Personnel

Thirty minute self contained work unit located at briefing area as indicated on wellsite diagram.

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# 3. Hydrogen Sulfide Protection and Monitoring Equipment

Two portable hydrogen sulfide monitors positioned on location for optimum coverage and detection. The units shall have audible sirens to notify personnel when hydrogen sulfide levels exceed 20 PPM

#### 4. Visual Warning Systems

- A. Wind direction indicators as indicated on the wellsite diagram.
- B. Caution signs shall be posted on roads providing access to location. Signs shall be painted a high visibility color with lettering of sufficient size to be readable at reasonable distances from potentially contaminated areas.

#### 4. Mud Program

The mud program has been designed to minimize the amount of hydrogen sulfide entrained in the mud system. Proper mud weight, safe drilling practices, and the use of hydrogen sulfide scavengers will minimize hazards while drilling the well.

#### 5. Metallurgy

All tubular systems, wellheads, blowout preventers, drilling spools, kill lines, choke manifolds, and valves shall be suitable for service in a hydrogen sulfide environment when chemically treated.

#### 6. Communications

State & County Officials phone numbers are posted on rig floor and supervisors trailer. Communications in company vehicles and toolpushers are either two way radios or cellular phones.

# 7. Well Testing

Drill stem testing is not an anticipated requirement for evaluation of this well. A drill stem test is required, it will be conducted with a minimum number of personnel in the immediate vicinity. The test will be conducted during daylight hours only.

#### 8. Emergency Phone Numbers

Eddy County Sheriff's Office	911 or 575-887-7551
Ambulance Service	911 or 575-885-2111
Carlsbad Fire Dept	911 or 575-885-2111
Loco Hills Volunteer Fire Dept.	911 or 575-677-3266
Closest Medical Facility - Carlshad Medical Center	575-887-4100

Mewbourne Oil Company	<b>Hobbs District Office</b>	575-393-5905
- 1	Fax	575-397-6252
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fax	575-393-7259
District Manager	Micky Young	575-390-0999
Drilling Superintendent	Frosty Lathan	575-390-4103
Drilling Foreman	Wesley Noseff	575-441-0729

# MULTI-POINT SURFACE USE AND OPERATIONS PLAN MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY

Pine Box 17 G Federal #1 2135' FNL & 1650' FEL Sec 17-T20S-R25E 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 restoring the surface so that a complete appraisal can be made of the environmental impact associated with the proposed operations.

#### 1. Existing Roads:

- A. Exhibit #3 is a road map showing the location of the proposed well. Exhibit #3A is a topographic map showing the location of the proposed well and access road. Existing roads are highlighted in blue proposed roads are highlighted in red.
- B. Directions to location From Carlsbad: Go north from Carlsbad on Hwy 285 approx 15 miles. Turn left on Eddy County Road 28 (White Pine Rd). Go approx 4 miles to Junction of White Pine Rd & Picket Road (CR27). Turn right on Picket Rd (CR27) and go 0.4 miles north and road turns west. Continue 0.9 miles and turn right (north). Continue north 0.3 miles. Turn left (west) & continue west 0.3 miles to location.

#### 2. Proposed Access Road:

- A Approx 1125' of new road will be needed.
- B. The access to the location will be limited to 16' in width and will adequately drain runoff and control erosion as presently constructed.

#### 3. Location of Existing Wells:

Exhibit #4 shows the proposed well and existing wells within a one mile radius.

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

- A. There are no production facilities on this lease at the present time.
- B. In the event that the well is productive, production facilities will be on location.
- C. If needed, production vessels left on location will be painted to conform with BLM painting stipulations within 180 days of installation.

#### 5. Location and Type of Water Supply

The well will be drilled with fresh water and fresh water based mud systems. The water will be obtained from commercial suppliers in the area and/or hauled to the location by transport trucks over existing and proposed roads as indicated in Exhibit #3.

#### 6. Source of Construction Materials

All material required for construction of the drill pad and access roads will be obtained from private, state, or federal pits. The construction contractor will be solely responsible for securing construction materials required for this operation and paying any royalties that may be required on those materials.

#### 7. Methods of Handling Waste Disposal:

- A. Drill cuttings not retained for evaluation purposed will be disposed of in the closed loop system.
- B. Drilling fluids will be hauled off as needed.
- C. Water produced during operations will be disposed at an approved disposal.
- D. If any liquid hydrocarbons are produced during operations, those liquids will be stored in suitable tanks until sold.
- E. Current regulations regarding the proper disposal of human waste will be followed.
- F. All trash, junk, and other waste materials will be stored in proper containers to prevent dispersal and will be removed to an appropriate facility within one week of cessation of drilling and completion activities.

#### 8. Ancillary Facilities

There are no ancillary facilities within the immediate vicinity of the proposed well site.

#### 9. Well Site Layout

- A diagram of the drill pad is shown in Exhibit #5. Dimensions of the pad, pit area, and location of major rig components are shown.
- B. There will be no reserve pit. A closed loop mud system will be used while drilling this well.
- C. The pad dimension of 205' X 250' has been staked and flagged.
- D. An archaeological survey has been conducted on the proposed location pad & road.

#### 10. Plans for Restoration of Surface

- A. Upon cessation of the proposed operations, if the well is abandoned, the location and road will be ripped and re-seeded. The entire location will be restored to the original contour as much as reasonable possible. All trash & garbage will be hauled to an appropriate disposal site to assure the location is aesthetically pleasing as reasonably possible. All restoration work will be completed within 180 days of cessation of activities.
- B. The disturbed area will be restored by re-seeding during the proper growing season.
- C. Within 90 days of cessation of drilling and completion operations, all equipment not necessary for production operations will be removed. The location will be cleaned of all trash and junk to assure the well site is left as aesthetically pleasing as reasonably possible.

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## 11. Surface Ownership:

The surface is owned by:

BLM

## 12. Other Information:

A. Topography: Refer to the archaeological report for a detailed description of flora,

fauna, soil characteristics, dwellings, and historical or cultural sites.

B. The primary use of the surface at the location is for grazing of livestock.

## 13. Operator's Representative:

A. Through APD approval, drilling, completion and production operations:

N.M. Young, District Manager Mewbourne Oil Company PO Box 5270 Hobbs, NM 88241 575-393-5905

# Exhibit #4 Status of Wells in Immediate Vicinity

Mewbourne Oil Company Long Draw 17 G Federal #3 2135' FNL & 1650' FEL Sec 17-T20S-R25E Eddy County, New Mexico

# **Section 17-T20S-R25E**

Operator:

Oxy USA, Inc

Well Name:

Seven Rivers 17 Fed #1

Unit letter:

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Status:

**Producing** 

Field:

Morrow

Operator:

Mewbourne Oil Company

Well Name:

Pine Box 17 Fed #1

Unit letter:

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Status:

Producing

Field:

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Operator:

Mewbourne Oil Company

Well Name:

Pine Box 17 Fed #2

Unit letter:

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Status:

Flowing

Field:

Morrow

# United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management Carlsbad Field Office 1301 W Grand Avenue Carlsbad, New Mexico 88210

# Statement Accepting Responsibility for Operations

Operator Name:

Mewbourne Oil Company

Street or Box:

P.O. Box 5270

City, State:

Hobbs, New Mexico

Zip Code:

88241

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

Lease Number:

Lease Number NM 99014

Legal Description of Land:

Section 17, T20S, R25E Eddy County, New Mexico.

Location @ 2135' FNL & 1650' FEL.

Formation (if applicable):

Bond Coverage:

\$150,000

BLM Bond File:

NM1693, Nationwide

Authorized Signature:

Name: NM (Mickey) Young Title: District Manager Date: November 17, 2009

# Mewbourne Oil Company

PO Box 5270 Hobbs, NM 88241 (575) 393-5905

I hereby certify that I, or persons under my direct supervision, have inspected the proposed drill site and access route for the Pine Box 17 G Federal #3, 2135' FNL & 1650' FEL of Sec 17-T20S- R25E, Eddy County, New Mexico; that I am familiar with the conditions which currently exist; that the statements made in this plan are to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed by Mewbourne Oil Company, its contractors and subcontractors, in accordance 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.

Signature:		J.M. Ju	Date: 11 19 09
Print:	NM Young		

**Hobbs District Manager** 

# PECOS DISTRICT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

	OPERATOR'S NAME:	Mewbourne Oil Co
	LEASE NO.:	NM99014
	WELL NAME & NO.:	3 Pine Box 17 G Federal
	SURFACE HOLE FOOTAGE:	2135' FNL & 1650' FEL
İ	BOTTOM HOLE FOOTAGE	Same
	LOCATION:	Section 17, T. 20 S., R 25 E., NMPM
	COUNTY:	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.)

# HI. 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)

# **Conditions-of-Approval for Drilling in Aplomado Falcon Habitat:**

The following well pad construction and reclamation measures will be implemented to provide for minimal long-term disturbance:

No Yuccas or trees over 5 feet in height will be damaged by vehicular use or any other activity associated with this project.

All active raptor nests will be avoided by a minimum of 400 meters by all activities or curtail activities until fledging is complete.

All inactive raptor nests will be avoided by a minimum of 200 meters by all activities.

Remove all caliche from well pads and roads that are plugged and abandoned. Reclamation will consist of disking, mulching, seeding with a drill (See seed mixture below), and application of water to encourage seed germination.

Well pad size will not exceed 210 ft. x 255 ft. (unless multiple wells are drilled from the same well pad). All unused portions of the well pad associated with producing wells will be reclaimed using the seed mixture below:

Buffalograss (Buchloe dactyloides)	4 lbs/acre
Blue grama (Bouteloua gracilis)	1 lbs/acre
Cane bluestem (Bothriochloa barbinodis)	5 lbs/acre
Sideoats grama (Boutelou curtipendula)	5 lbs/acre
Plains bristlegrass (Setaria macrostachya)	6 lbs/acre

#### **Livestock Watering Requirement:**

Structures that provide water to livestock, such as windmills, pipelines, drinking troughs, and earthen reservoirs, will be avoided by construction machinery and company personnel.

#### **Protecting Water Quality:**

The entire well pad will be bermed to prevent oil, salt, and other chemical contaminants from leaving the pad. The uphill side(s) of the pad shall be constructed so that water flow can be diverted around the location. No water flow from the uphill side(s) of the pad shall be allowed to enter the well pad. The berm shall be maintained through the life of the well and after interim reclamation has been completed.

Top soil shall be stockpiled in a manner to prevent loss of soil due to water/wind erosion.

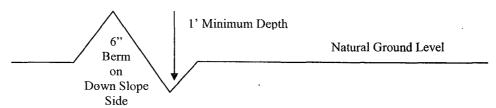
Tank battery locations will be lined and bermed. A 20 mil permanent liner will be installed with a 4 oz. felt backing to prevent tears or punctures. Tank battery berms must be large enough to contain 1 ½ times the content of the largest tank.

#### **Protecting Soils from Erosion:**

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

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

V-Door: North

# **Cave and Karst**

\*\* Depending on location, additional Drilling, Casing, and Cementing procedures may be required by engineering to protect critical karst groundwater recharge areas.

# **Cave/Karst Surface Mitigation**

The following stipulations will be applied to minimize impacts during construction, drilling and production.

#### **Construction:**

In the advent that any underground voids are opened up during construction activities, construction activities will be halted and the BLM will be notified immediately.

#### No Blasting:

No blasting will be utilized for pad construction. The pad will be constructed and leveled by adding the necessary fill and caliche.

#### **Tank Battery Liners and Berms:**

Tank battery locations will be lined and bermed. A 20 mil permanent liner will be installed with a 4 oz. felt backing to prevent tears or punctures. Tank battery berms must be large enough to contain 1 ½ times the content of the largest tank.

# **Leak Detection System:**

A method of detecting leaks is required. The method could incorporate gauges to measure loss, situating values and lines so they can be visually inspected, or installing electronic sensors to alarm when a leak is present. Leak detection plan will be submitted to BLM for approval.

## **Automatic Shut-off Systems:**

Automatic shut off, check values, or similar systems will be installed for pipelines and tanks to minimize the effects of catastrophic line failures used in production or drilling.

# Cave/Karst Subsurface Mitigation

The following stipulations will be applied to protect cave/karst and ground water concerns:

# **Rotary Drilling with Fresh Water:**

Fresh water will be used as a circulating medium in zones where caves or karst features are expected. SEE ALSO: Drilling COAs for this well.

#### **Directional Drilling:**

Kick off for directional drilling will occur at least 100 feet below the bottom of the cave occurrence zone. SEE ALSO: Drilling COAs for this well.

#### **Lost Circulation:**

ALL lost circulation zones from the surface to the base of the cave occurrence zone will be logged and reported in the drilling report.

Regardless of the type of drilling machinery used, if a void of four feet or more and circulation losses greater than 70 percent occur simultaneously while drilling in any cavebearing zone, the BLM will be notified immediately by the operator. The BLM will assess the situation and work with the operator on corrective actions to resolve the problem.

## **Abandonment Cementing:**

Upon well abandonment in high cave karst areas additional plugging conditions of approval may be required. The BLM will assess the situation and work with the operator to ensure proper plugging of the wellbore.

#### **Pressure Testing:**

Annual pressure monitoring will be performed by the operator on all casing annuli and . reported in a sundry notice. If the test results indicated a casing failure has occurred, remedial action will be undertaken to correct the problem to the BLM's approval.

## 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 shall be used for interim and final reclamation. Top soil shall be stockpiled in a manner to prevent loss of soil due to water/wind erosion.

#### C. CLOSED LOOP SYSTEM

V-Door: North

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.

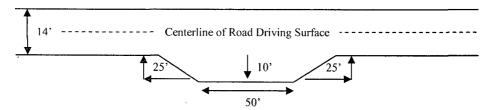
#### Ditching

Ditching shall be required on the uphill side 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



#### 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**

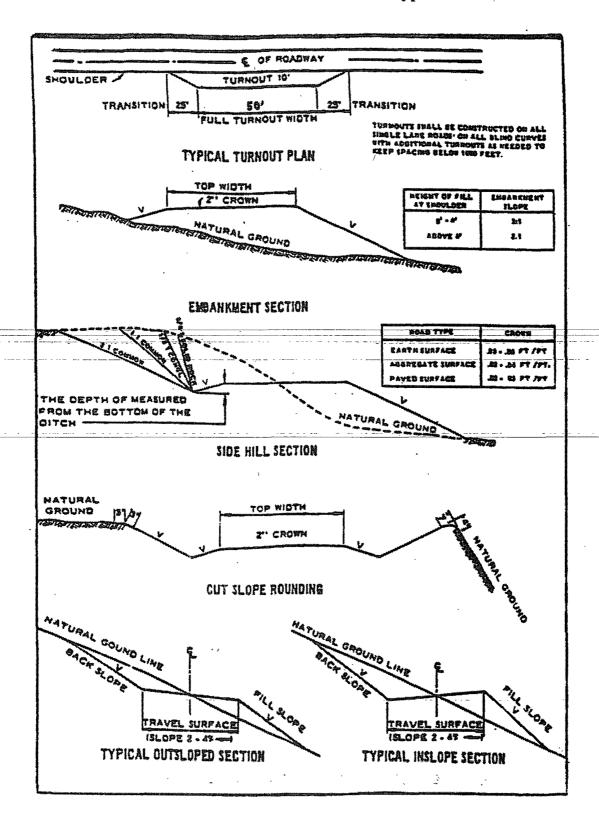
Where entry is required across a fence line, the fence shall be braced and tied off on both sides of the passageway prior to cutting.

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. Although Hydrogen Sulfide has not been reported in this section, it is always a potential hazard. If Hydrogen Sulfide is encountered, please report measured amounts and formations to the BLM.
- 2. Unless the production casing has been run and cemented or the well has been properly plugged, the drilling rig shall not be removed from over the hole without prior approval.
- 3. 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.

#### 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.

HIGH CAVE/KARST – CONTINGENCY CASING WILL BE REQUIRED IF LOST CIRCULATION OCCURS WHILE DRILLING THE SURFACE HOLE. THE SURFACE HOLE WILL HAVE TO BE REAMED AND A LARGER CASING INSTALLED. IF LOST CIRCULATION OCCURS WHILE DRILLING THE 7-7/8" HOLE, THE CEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE 4-1/2" CASING WILL NEED TO BE MODIFIED AND THE BLM IS TO BE CONTACTED PRIOR TO RUNNING THE CASING. A MINIMUM OF TWO CASING STRINGS CEMENTED TO SURFACE IS REQUIRED IN HIGH CAVE/KARST AREAS. THE CEMENT MUST BE IN A SOLID SHEATH THEREFORE, ONE INCH OPERATIONS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. A DV TOOL WILL BE REQUIRED.

Possible water flows in the Grayburg and San Andres Formations Possible lost circulation in the San Andres Formation.

- 1. The 8-5/8 inch surface casing shall be set at approximately 750 feet within the San Andres Formation 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. Temperature survey will be run a minimum of six hours after pumping cement and ideally between 8-10 hours after completing the cement job.
  - 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 4-1/2 inch production casing is:
  - Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate, contact the appropriate BLM office.
- 3. 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 2000 (2M) psi.
- 3. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness the tests.
  - a. Casing cut-off and BOP installation will not be initiated until the cement has had 4-6 hours of setup time in a water basin and 12 hours in the potash areas. This time will start after the cement plug is bumped.
  - b. Prior to testing a BOP/BOPE system against the casing; the wait on cement (WOC) time for that casing is to be met (see WOC statement at start of casing section). Testing the BOP/BOPE against a plug can commence after meeting the conditions in (a.) plus the BOP installation time.
  - c. The tests shall be done by an independent service company.
  - d. The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.
  - e. 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.
  - f. 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 will be placed in the best possible location 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

## 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 accomplished, and all trash and caliche removed, reseed the location and all surrounding disturbed areas as follows:

#### **Seed Mixture**

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:

Reclamation will consist of disking, mulching and drilling seed with the following seed mixture, and application of water to encourage seed germination:

Buffalograss (Buchloe dactyloides) 4 lbs/acre
Blue grama (Bouteloua gracilis) 1 lb/acre
Cane bluestem (Bothriochloa barbinodis) 5 lbs/acre
Sideoats grama (Bouteloua curtipendula) 5 lbs/acre
Plains bristlegrass (Setaria macrostachya) 6 lbs/acre

<sup>\*</sup>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.

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.