

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

OCD Artesia

FORM APPROVED  
OMB NO 1004-0135  
Expires July 31, 2010**SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS**  
*Do not use this form for proposals to drill or to re-enter an abandoned well. Use form 3160-3 (APD) for such proposals.*5. Lease Serial No  
NMLC028978B

6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name

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

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

1. Type of Well

☒ Oil Well ☐ Gas Well ☐ Other8. Well Name and No  
BENSON DEEP AAS FEDERAL 0012. Name of Operator  
LINN OPERATING, INC.Contact: NANCY S FITZWATER  
E-Mail: nfitzwat@linnenergy.com9. API Well No.  
30-015-233713a. Address  
600 TRAVIS ST., SUITE 5100  
HOUSTON, TX 770023b. Phone No. (include area code)  
Ph: 281-840-4266  
Fx: 281-840-400310. Field and Pool, or Exploratory  
NORTH BENSON DEEP

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

Sec 34 T18S R30E Mer NMP NESE FNL FWL

11. County or Parish, and State  
EDDY COUNTY, NM

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

## TYPE OF SUBMISSION

## TYPE OF ACTION

☒ Notice of Intent☐ Subsequent Report☐ Final Abandonment Notice☐ Acidize☐ Alter Casing☐ Casing Repair☐ Change Plans☐ Convert to Injection☐ Deepen☐ Fracture Treat☐ New Construction☐ Plug and Abandon☐ Plug Back☐ Production (Start/Resume)☐ Reclamation☐ Recomplete☐ Temporarily Abandon☐ Water Disposal☐ Water Shut-Off☐ Well Integrity☒ Other

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

LINN OPERATING, INC., RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS A CHANGE OF OPERATOR FROM SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC, TO LINN OPERATING, INC. FOR THE ABOVE REFERENCED WELL.

THE UNDERSIGNED ACCEPTS ALL APPLICABLE TERMS, CONDITIONS, STIPULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS CONCERNING OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE LEASED LAND OR PORTION THEREOF, AS DESCRIBED BELOW.

EFFECTIVE DATE: JUNE 1, 2011

LOCATION: EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO SEC 26, T17S, R31E

BLM BOND #: NMB000501**SEE ATTACHED FOR  
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

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14. Thereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct.

Electronic Submission #110459 verified by the BLM Well Information System  
For LINN OPERATING, INC., sent to the Carlsbad

Name (Printed/Typed) NANCY S FITZWATER

Title REGULATORY COMPLIANCE ADVISOR

Signature (Electronic Submission)

Date 06/13/2011

## THIS SPACE FOR FEDERAL OR STATE OFFICE USE

Approved By

Title CLET

Date 6/24/11

Conditions of approval, if any, are attached. Approval of this notice does not warrant or certify that the applicant holds legal or equitable title to those rights in the subject lease which would entitle the applicant to conduct operations thereon.

Office CFO

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

**\*\* OPERATOR-SUBMITTED \*\* OPERATOR-SUBMITTED \*\* OPERATOR-SUBMITTED \*\***

**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
Carlsbad Field Office  
620 East Greene Street  
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220  
575-234-5972**

**Conditions of Approval**

**Linn Operating, Inc.**

1. Tank battery must be bermed/diked (must be able to contain 1 1/2 times the volume of the largest tank).
2. All above ground structures and equipment on the lease shall be painted Shale Green (5Y 4/2). This is to be done within 90 days, if you have not already done so.
3. Submit for approval of water disposal method.
4. Submit updated facility diagrams as per Onshore Order #3
5. This agency shall be notified of any spill or discharge as required by NTL-3A.
6. All outstanding environmental issue must be addressed within 90 days. Contact Jim Amos for inspection and to resolve environmental issues. 575-234-5909
7. Install legible well sign on location with operator name, well name and number, lease number, unit number, 1/4 1/4, section, township, and range. NMOCD requires the API number on well signs.
8. Subject to like approval by NMOCD.