

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

NM OIL CONSERVATION  
ARTESIA DISTRICT

FORM APPROVED  
OMB NO. 1004-0135  
Expires: July 31, 2010

**SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS** JAN 13 2015  
*Do not use this form for proposals to drill or to re-enter an abandoned well. Use form 3160-3 (APD) for such proposals.*

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<b>SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE - Other instructions on reverse side.</b>		5. Lease Serial No. NMNM96208
		6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name
		7. If Unit or CA/Agreement, Name and/or No.
1. Type of Well <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oil Well <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Well <input type="checkbox"/> Other	8. Well Name and No. TAOS FEDERAL 5H	
2. Name of Operator CIMAREX ENERGY COMPANY OF CO	Contact: HOPE KNAULS E-Mail: hknauls@cimarex.com	9. API Well No. 30-015-41720-00-X1
3a. Address 600 NORTH MARIENFELD STREET SUITE 600 MIDLAND, TX 79701	3b. Phone No. (include area code) Ph: 918.295.1799	10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory WILDCAT
4. Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T., R., M., or Survey Description) Sec 31 T24S R27E Lot 4 0310FSL 0524FWL 32.100179 N Lat, 104.141075 W Lon		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			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Intent	<input type="checkbox"/> Acidize	<input type="checkbox"/> Deepen	<input type="checkbox"/> Production (Start/Resume)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Shut-Off
<input type="checkbox"/> Subsequent Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Alter Casing	<input type="checkbox"/> Fracture Treat	<input type="checkbox"/> Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/> Well Integrity
<input type="checkbox"/> Final Abandonment Notice	<input type="checkbox"/> Casing Repair	<input type="checkbox"/> New Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Recomplete	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Change to Original APD
	<input type="checkbox"/> Change Plans	<input type="checkbox"/> Plug and Abandon	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporarily Abandon	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Convert to Injection	<input type="checkbox"/> Plug Back	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Disposal	

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.)

CIMAREX ENERGY RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS APPROVAL TO CHANGE SURFACE CASING AND PRESSURE CONTROL EQUIPMENT SEE BELOW:

APPROVED:

13-3/8" 48# H-40 SURFACE CASING  
3M SYSTEM BELOW SURFACE AND 5M SYSTEM BELOW INTERMEDIATE

Accepted for record  
LED NMDCD 1/14/2015

PROPOSED:

STC

13-3/8" 48# J-55 HYBRID SURFACE CASING

SEE ATTACHED FOR  
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

14. I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct.

**Electronic Submission #278087 verified by the BLM Well Information System  
For CIMAREX ENERGY COMPANY OF CO, sent to the Carlsbad  
Committed to AFMSS for processing by CHRISTOPHER WALLS on 12/01/2014 (15CRW0033SE)**

Name (Printed/Typed)	HOPE KNAULS	Title	REGULATORY TECHNICIAN
Signature	(Electronic Submission)	Date	11/11/2014

APPROVED

THIS SPACE FOR FEDERAL OR STATE OFFICE USE

Approved By	Title	Date
		JAN 8 2015
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	
		/s/ Chris Walls BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE

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.

**Additional data for EC transaction #278087 that would not fit on the form**

**32. Additional remarks, continued**

2M SYSTEM BELOW SURFACE AND 3M BELOW INTERMEDIATE

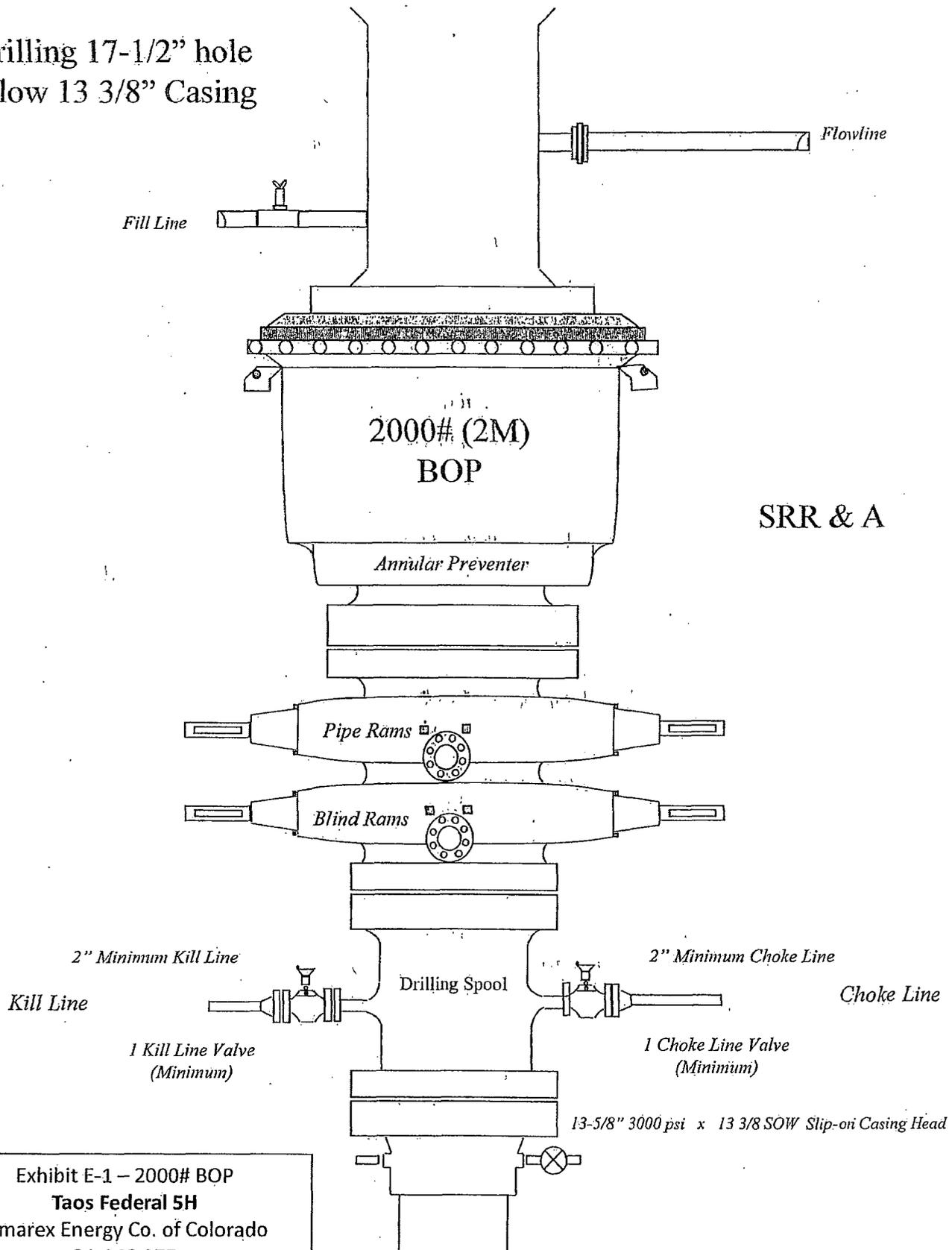
Calculations as below

Intermediate casing  $(2,078 \times 8.33 \text{ lb/gal} \times 0.052) - (0.22 \times 2078) = 443 \text{ psi}$

Production Casing  $(7362 \times 8.33 \text{ lb/gal} \times 0.052) - (0.22 \times 7362) = 1570 \text{ psi}$

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED REVISED BOP

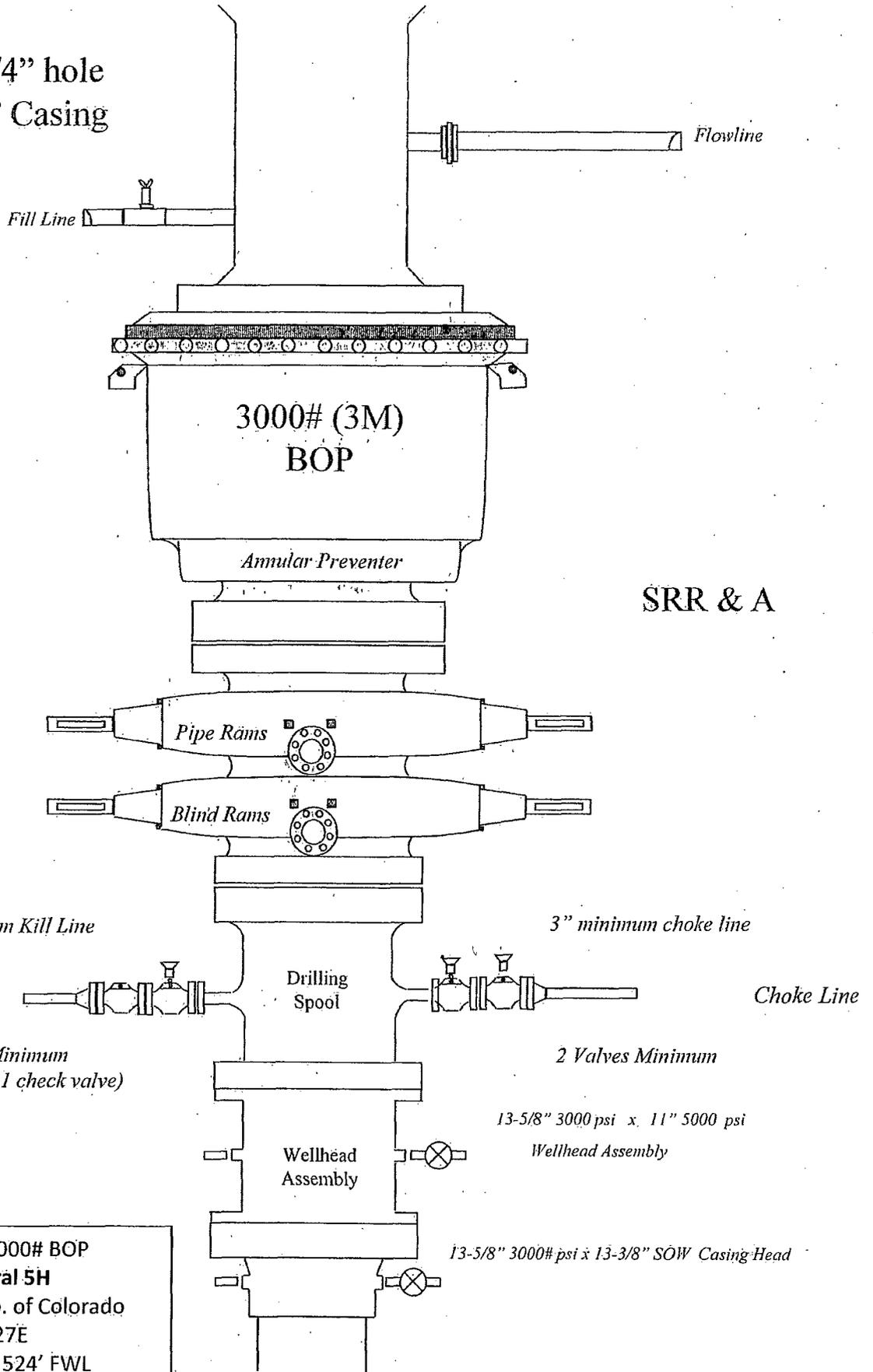
Drilling 17-1/2" hole  
below 13 3/8" Casing



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Exhibit E-1 – 2000# BOP  
**Taos Federal 5H**  
 Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado  
 31-24S-27E  
 SHL 310' FSL & 524' FWL  
 BHL 330' FNL & 500' FWL  
 Eddy County, NM

Drilling 8-3/4" hole  
below 9 5/8" Casing



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Taos Federal 5H  
Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado  
31-24S-27E  
SHL 310' FSL & 524' FWL  
BHL 330' FNL & 500' FWL  
Eddy County, NM

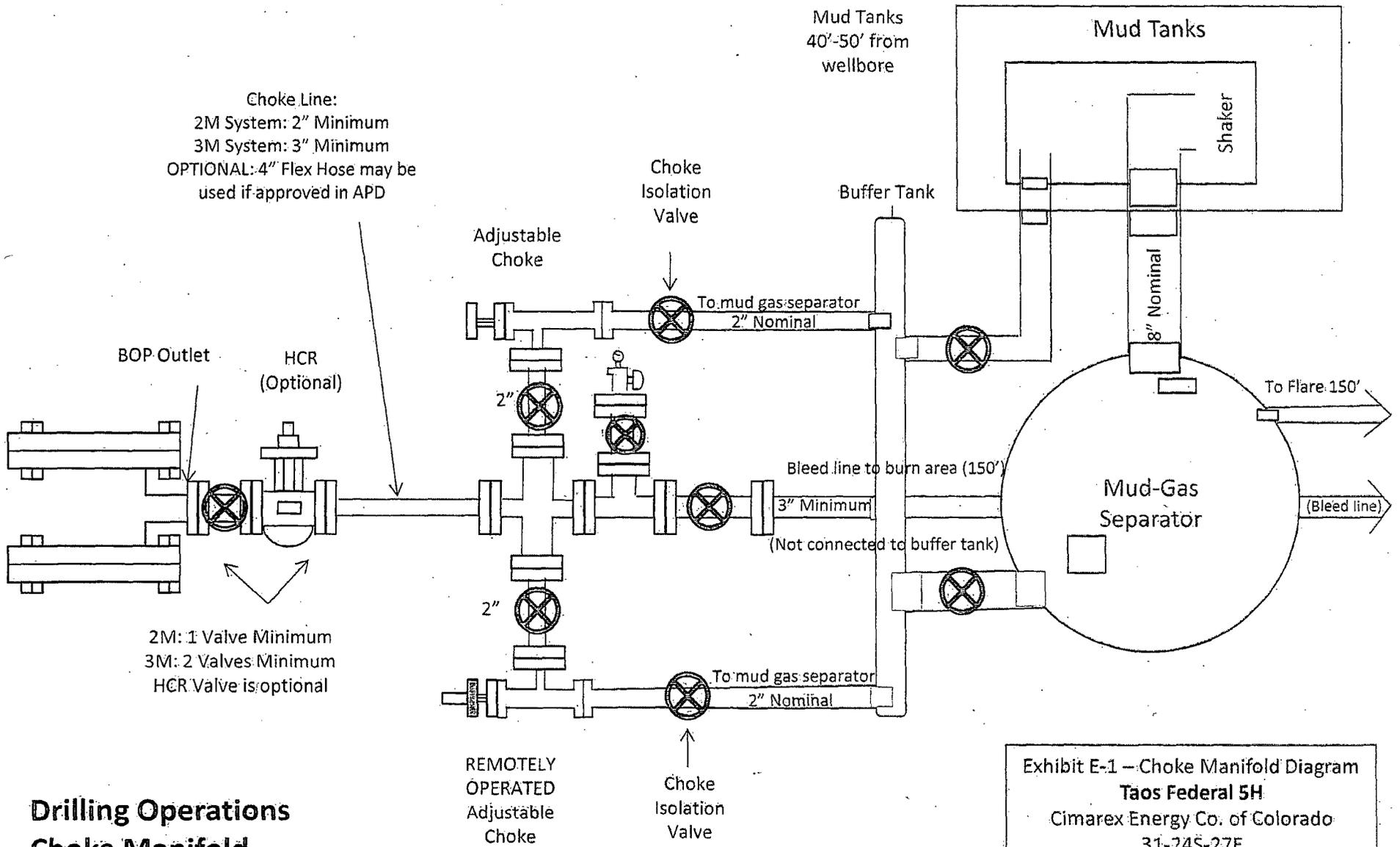


Exhibit E-1 – Choke Manifold Diagram  
**Taos Federal 5H**  
 Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado  
 31-245-27E  
 SHL 310' FSL & 524' FWL  
 BHL 330' FNL & 500' FWL  
 Eddy County, NM

**Drilling Operations**  
**Choke Manifold**  
**2M/3M Service**

JAN 13 2015

## CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

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OPERATOR'S NAME:	Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
LEASE NO.:	NMNM-96208
WELL NAME & NO.:	Taos Federal 5H
SURFACE HOLE FOOTAGE:	0310' FSL & 0524' FWL
BOTTOM HOLE FOOTAGE:	0330' FNL & 0500' FWL
LOCATION:	Section 31, T. 24 S., R 27 E., NMPM
COUNTY:	Eddy County, New Mexico

### A. 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. Check condition of 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 and is to be anchored according to Manufacturer's requirements. The flexible hose can be exchanged with a hose of equal size and equal or greater pressure rating. **Anchor requirements, specification sheet and hydrostatic pressure test certification matching the hose in service, to be onsite for review. These documents shall be posted in the company man's trailer and on the rig floor.** If the BLM inspector questions the straightness of the hose, a BLM engineer will be contacted and will review in the field or via picture supplied by inspector to determine if changes are required (operator shall expect delays if this occurs).
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. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) required for drilling below the **9-5/8** intermediate casing shoe shall be **3000 (3M)** psi.
5. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness the tests.
  - a. In a water basin, for all casing strings utilizing slips, these are to be set as soon as the crew and rig are ready and any fallback cement remediation has been done. The casing cut-off and BOP installation can be initiated four hours after installing the slips, which will be approximately six hours after bumping the plug. For those casing strings not using slips, the minimum wait time before cut-off is eight hours after bumping the plug. BOP/BOPE testing can begin after cut-off or once cement reaches 500 psi compressive strength (including

lead when specified), whichever is greater. However, if the float does not hold, cut-off cannot be initiated until cement reaches 500 psi compressive strength (including lead when specified).

- b. The tests shall be done by an independent service company utilizing a test plug **not a cup or J-packer**. The operator also has the option of utilizing an independent tester to test without a plug (i.e. against the casing) pursuant to Onshore Order 2 with the pressure not to exceed 70% of the burst rating for the casing. Any test against the casing must meet the WOC time for water basin (18 hours) or potash (24 hours) or 500 pounds compressive strength, whichever is greater, prior to initiating the test (see casing segment as lead cement may be critical item).
- c. The test shall be run on a 5000 psi chart for a 2-3M BOP/BOP, on a 10000 psi chart for a 5M BOP/BOPE and on a 15000 psi chart for a 10M BOP/BOPE. If a linear chart is used, it shall be a one hour chart. A circular chart shall have a maximum 2 hour clock. If a twelve hour or twenty-four hour chart is used, tester shall make a notation that it is run with a two hour clock.
- 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. This test shall be performed prior to the test at full stack pressure.

**CRW 010915**