

Carlsbad Field Office

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15-206

Form 3160-3
(March 2012)

OCT 27 2015

FORM APPROVED
OMB No. 1004-0137
Expires October 31, 2014

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL OR REENTER

1a. Type of work: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DRILL <input type="checkbox"/> REENTER		5. Lease Serial No. NMLC-029395B	
1b. Type of Well: <input type="checkbox"/> Oil Well <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Well <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single Zone <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Zone		6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name	
2. Name of Operator APACHE CORPORATION		7. If Unit or CA Agreement, Name and No.	
3a. Address 303 VETERANS AIRPARK LN #1000 MIDLAND, TX 79705		8. Lease Name and Well No. APACHE FEDERAL SWD #2 <315624>	
3b. Phone No. (include area code) 432-818-1167		9. API Well No. 43429	
4. Location of Well (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements. *) At surface 531' FNL & 850' FWL At proposed prod. zone SAME		10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory <98044> SWD;DEVONIAN-ELLENBURGER	
14. Distance in miles and direction from nearest town or post office* APPROX 5.3 MILES EAST OF LOCO HILLS, NM		11. Sec., T. R. M. or Blk. and Survey or Area SEC: 29 T17S R31E	
15. Distance from proposed* location to nearest property or lease line, ft. (Also to nearest drig. unit line, if any) 531'	16. No. of acres in lease 1786.15 ACRES	17. Spacing Unit dedicated to this well 40 ACRES	
18. Distance from proposed location* to nearest well, drilling, completed, applied for, on this lease, ft. 260'	19. Proposed Depth 13800'	20. BLM/BIA Bond No. on file BLM-CO-1463 NATIONWIDE / NMB000736	
21. Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB, RT, GL, etc.) GL: 3633'	22. Approximate date work will start* AS SOON AS APPROVED	23. Estimated duration ~ 30	
24. Attachments			

The following, completed in accordance with the requirements of Onshore Oil and Gas Order No.1, must be attached to this form:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Well plat certified by a registered surveyor. 2. A Drilling Plan. 3. A Surface Use Plan (if the location is on National Forest System Lands, the SUPO must be filed with the appropriate Forest Service Office). | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Bond to cover the operations unless covered by an existing bond on file (see Item 20 above). 5. Operator certification 6. Such other site specific information and/or plans as may be required by the BLM. |
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25. Signature <i>Sorina L. Flores</i>	Name (Printed/Typed) SORINA L. FLORES	Date 11/11/14
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Title SUPV OF DRILLING SERVICES

Approved by (Signature) IS/STEPHEN J. CAFFEY	Name (Printed/Typed)	Date OCT 20 2015
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Title **FIELD MANAGER** Office **BLM-CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE**

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.

(Continued on page 2) *(Instructions on page 2)

**APPROVAL SUBJECT TO
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND
SPECIAL STIPULATIONS
ATTACHED**

SEE ATTACHED FOR
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

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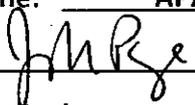
OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I, OR SOMEONE UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION, HAVE INSPECTED THE DRILL SITE AND ACCESS ROUTE PROPOSED HEREIN; THAT I AM FAMILIAR WITH THE CONDITIONS WHICH CURRENTLY EXIST; THAT I HAVE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF STATE AND FEDERAL laws applicable to this operation; that the statements made in the APD package are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed in conformity with this APD package and the terms and conditions under which it is approved. I also certify that I, or the company I represent, am responsible for the operations conducted under this application. These statements are subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001 for the filing of false statements.

Executed this 10 day of November 2014

Well: APACHE FEDERAL SWD #2

Operator Name: APACHE CORPORATION

Signature:  Printed Name: JOE PAYNE

Title: Drilling Engineer Date: _____

Email (optional): joe.payne@apachecorp.com

Street or Box: 303 Veterans Airpark Ln., Ste. 1000

City, State, Zip Code: Midland, TX 79705

Telephone: 432-818-1624

Field Representative (if not above signatory): _____

Address (if different from above): _____

Telephone (if different from above): _____

Email (optional): _____

Agents not directly employed by the operator must submit a letter from the operator authorizing that the agent to act or file this application on their behalf.

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STATEMENT ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATIONS

Operator Name: APACHE CORPORATION
Street or Box: 303 VETERANS AIRPARK LANE, STE. 1000
City, State: Midland, TX
Zip Code: 79705

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

Lease No: NMLC-029395B APACHE FEDERAL SWD #2

Legal Description of Land: 531' FNL & 850' FWL

Section: 29 Township: 17S Range: 31E

County: EDDY State: NM

Bond Coverage: \$150,000

Statewide Oil and Gas Surety Bond, APACHE CORPORATION.

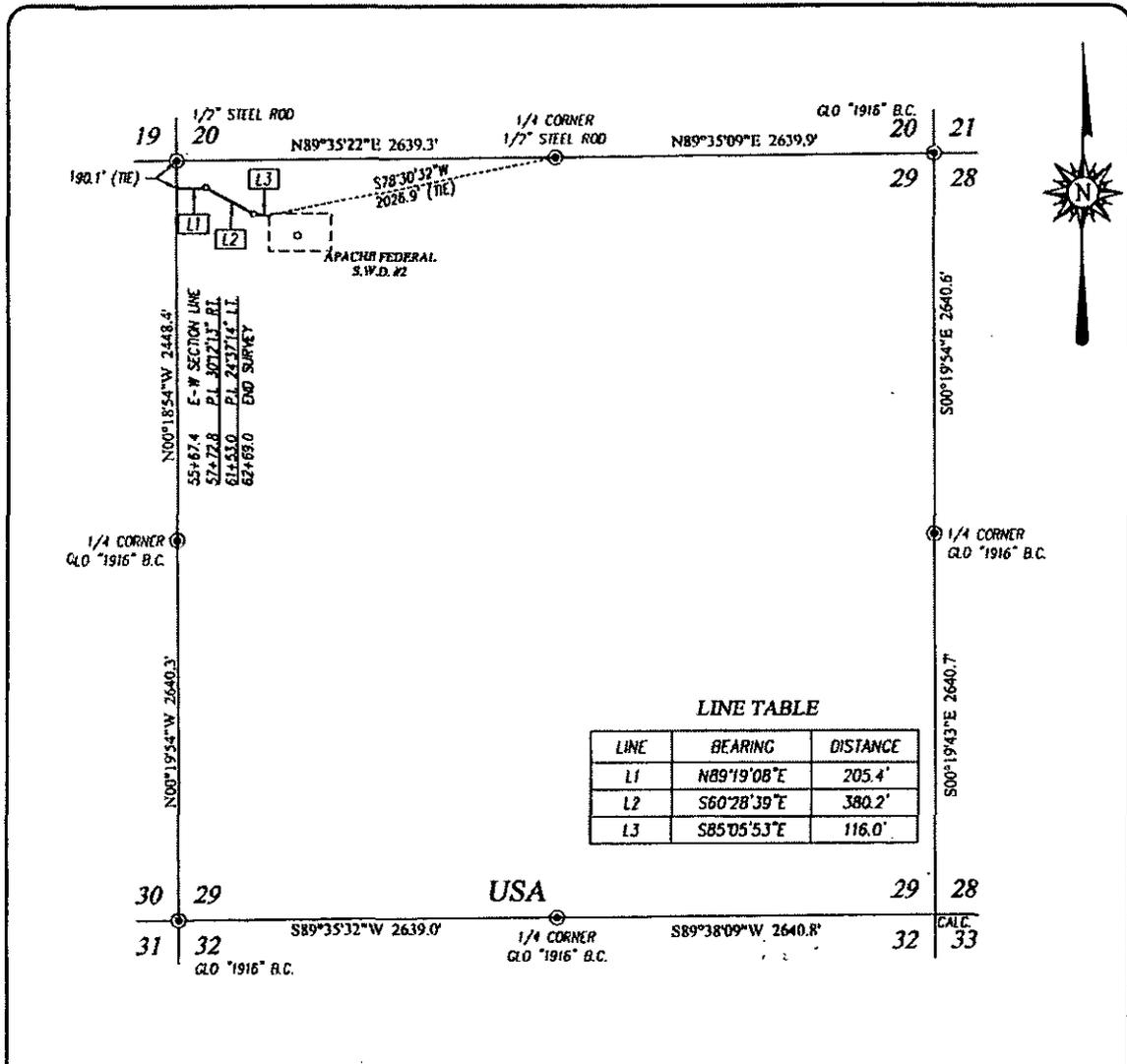
BLM Bond File No.: BLM-CO-1463 NATIONWIDE / NMB-000736

Signature: *Bobby L Smith* Printed Name: BOBBY L. SMITH

Title: DRILLING MANAGER, PERMIAN REGION

Date: 11/10/14

Exhibit # 1B



DESCRIPTION

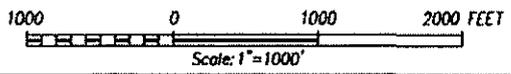
SURVEY FOR A STRIP OF LAND 50.0 FEET WIDE AND 701.6 FEET OR 0.133 MILES IN LENGTH CROSSING USA LAND IN SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, N.M.P.M., EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AND BEING 25.0 FEET LEFT AND 25.0 FEET RIGHT OF THE ABOVE PLATTED CENTERLINE SURVEY.

NOTE

BEARINGS SHOWN HEREON ARE MERCATOR GRID AND CONFORM TO THE NEW MEXICO COORDINATE SYSTEM "NEW MEXICO EAST ZONE" NORTH AMERICAN DATUM 1983. DISTANCES ARE SURFACE VALUES.

LEGEND

⊙ DENOTES FOUND CORNER AS NOTED



I, RONALD J. EIDSON, NEW MEXICO PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR No. 3239, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS SURVEY PLAT AND THE ACTUAL SURVEY ON THE GROUND UPON WHICH IT IS BASED, WERE PERFORMED BY ME OR UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION; THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS SURVEY; THAT THIS SURVEY MEETS THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR SURVEYING IN NEW MEXICO; AND THAT IT IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

RONALD J. EIDSON *Ronald J. Eidson*
DATE: 07/20/2015

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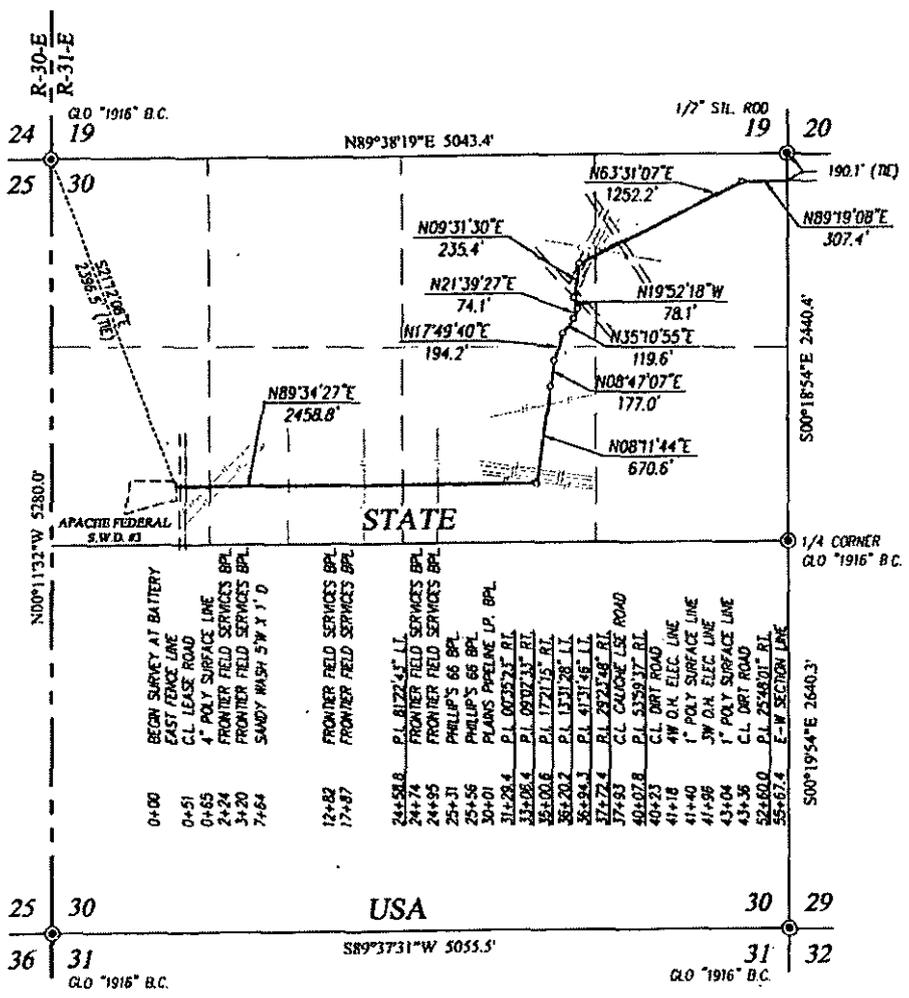
APACHE CORPORATION

SURVEY FOR A PIPELINE FROM THE APACHE FEDERAL S.W.D. #3 TO THE APACHE FEDERAL S.W.D. #2 CROSSING SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, N.M.P.M., EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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Exhibit #2B



DESCRIPTION

A STRIP OF LAND 30.0 FEET WIDE CROSSING STATE OF NEW MEXICO LAND IN SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, N.M.P.M., EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AND BEING 15.0 FEET LEFT AND 15.0 FEET RIGHT OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED CENTERLINE SURVEY:

BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, WHICH LIES S21°12'08"E 2386.5 FEET FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER; THEN N89°34'27"E 2458.8 FEET; THEN N08°11'44"E 670.6 FEET; THEN N08°47'07"E 177.0 FEET; THEN N17°49'40"E 194.2 FEET; THEN N35°10'55"E 119.6 FEET; THEN N21°39'27"E 74.1 FEET; THEN N19°52'18"W 78.1 FEET; THEN N09°31'30"E 235.4 FEET; THEN N63°31'07"E 1252.2 FEET; THEN N89°19'08"E 307.4 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE, WHICH LIES S00°18'54"E 190.1 FEET FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER.

SAID STRIP OF LAND BEING 5567.4 FEET OR 337.42 RODS IN LENGTH, CONTAINING 3.834 ACRES MORE OR LESS AND BEING ALLOCATED BY FORNES AS FOLLOWS:

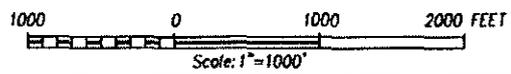
- SW/4 NW/4 13.88 RODS OR 0.158 ACRES
- SE/4 NW/4 80.00 RODS OR 0.909 ACRES
- SW/4 NE/4 111.59 RODS OR 1.268 ACRES
- NW/4 NE/4 44.94 RODS OR 0.510 ACRES
- NE/4 NE/4 87.01 RODS OR 0.989 ACRES

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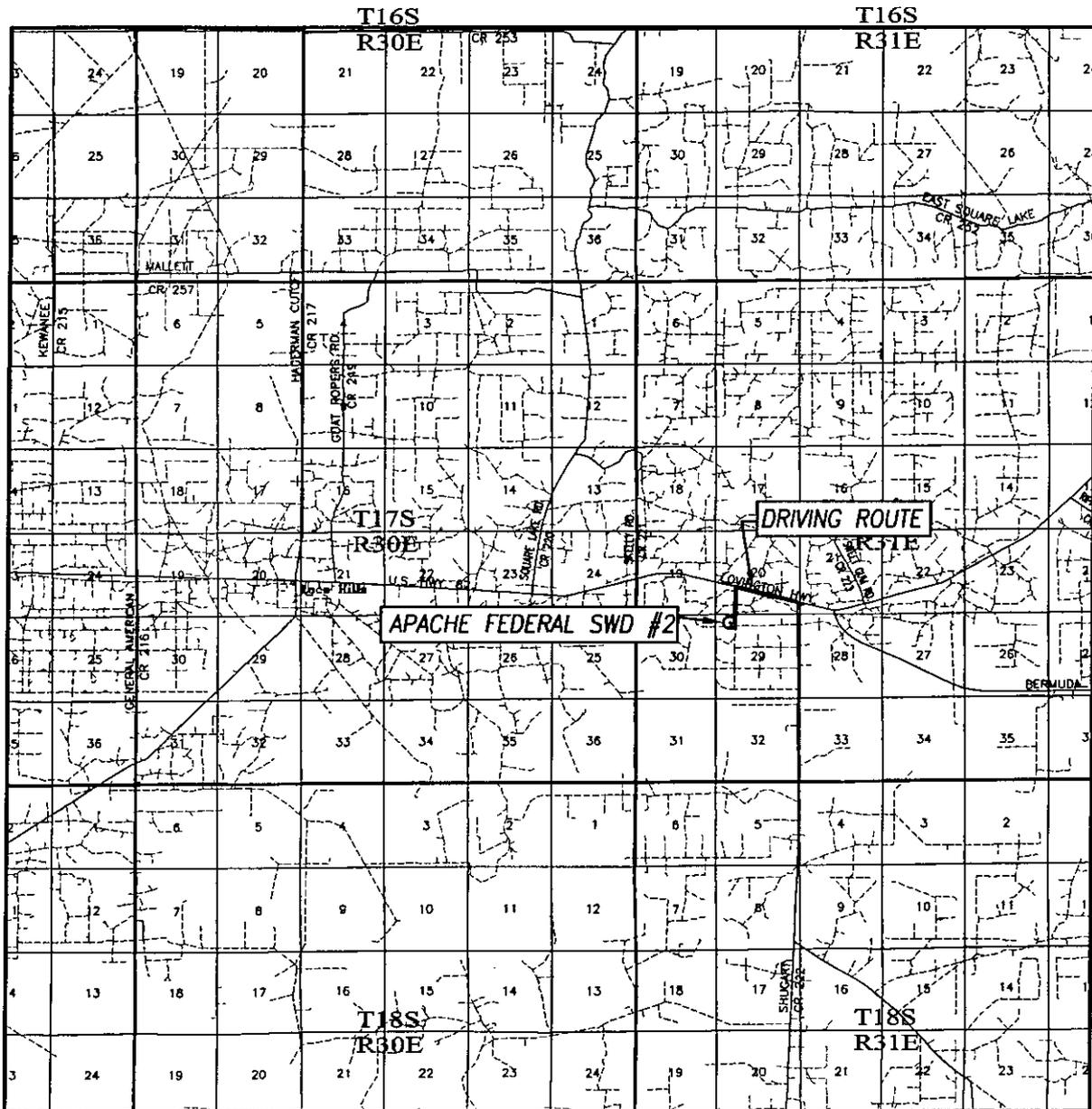
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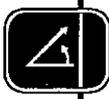
VICINITY MAP



SCALE: 1" = 2 MILES

DRIVING ROUTE: SEE LOCATION VERIFICATION MAP

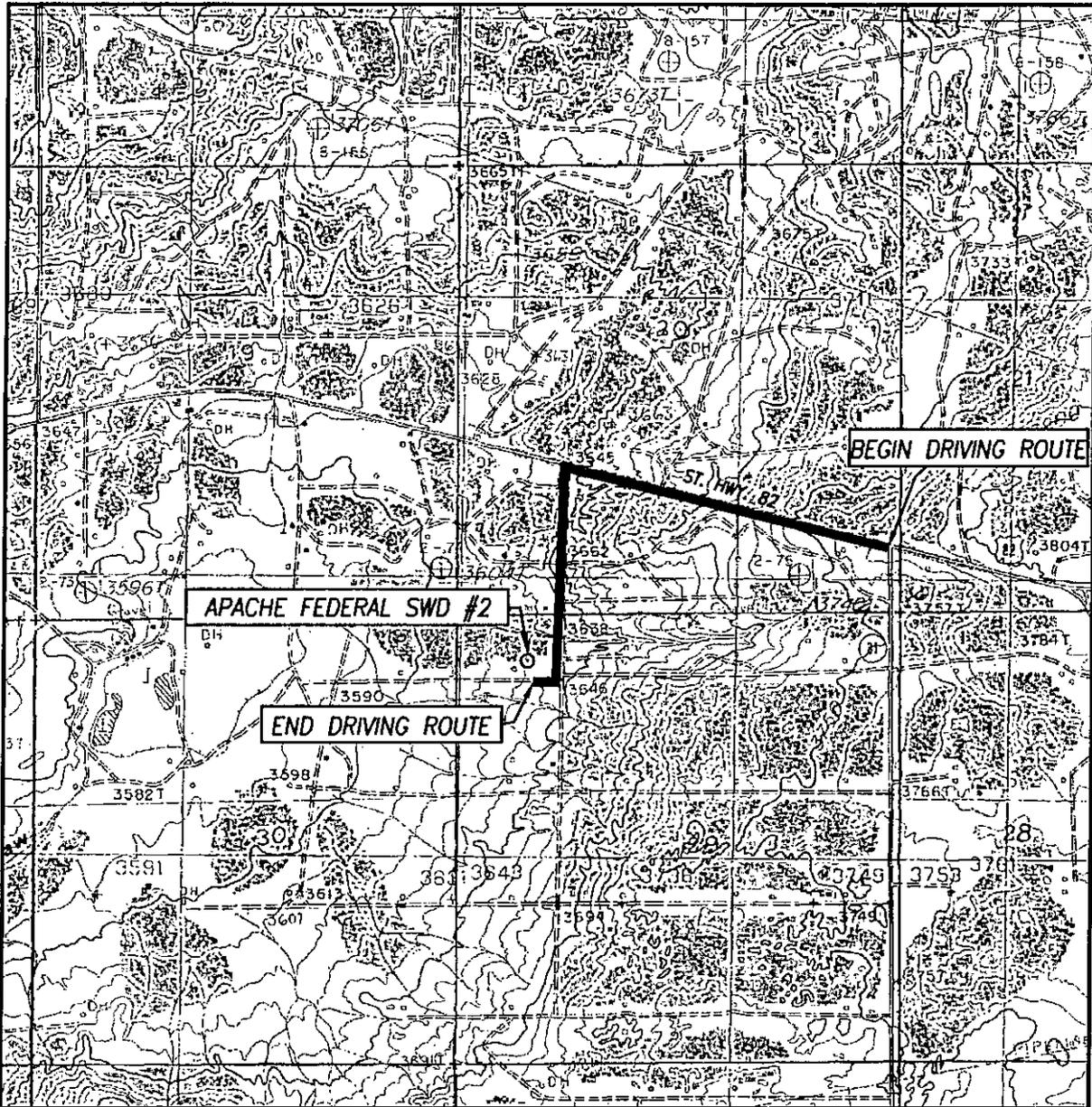
SEC. 29 TWP. 17-S RGE. 31-E
 SURVEY N.M.P.M.
 COUNTY EDDY STATE NEW MEXICO
 DESCRIPTION 531' FNL & 850' FWL
 ELEVATION 3632'
 OPERATOR APACHE CORPORATION
 LEASE APACHE FEDERAL SWD



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LOCATION VERIFICATION MAP



SCALE: 1" = 2000'

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

SEC. 29 TWP. 17-S RGE. 31-E
 SURVEY _____ N.M.P.M. _____
 COUNTY EDDY STATE NEW MEXICO
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DIRECTIONS TO APACHE FEDERAL SWD #2

FROM THE INTERSECTION OF US. HWY 82 AND CO. RD. 222(SHUGART RD.) GO WEST ON US. HWY. APPROX. 0.7 MILES, TURN LEFT AND GO SOUTH APPROX. 0.5 MILES, THEN TURN RIGHT AND GO WEST APPROX. 0.1 MILE, THE LOCATION STAKE IS NORTH OF THE ROAD 225 FEET.

OPERATOR APACHE CORPORATION
 LEASE APACHE FEDERAL SWD
 U.S.G.S. TOPOGRAPHIC MAP
 LOCO HILLS, N.M.



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APACHE FEDERAL SWD #2

531' FNL & 850' FWL

SEC 29 T17S R31E EDDY CO. NM

1 MILE RADIUS



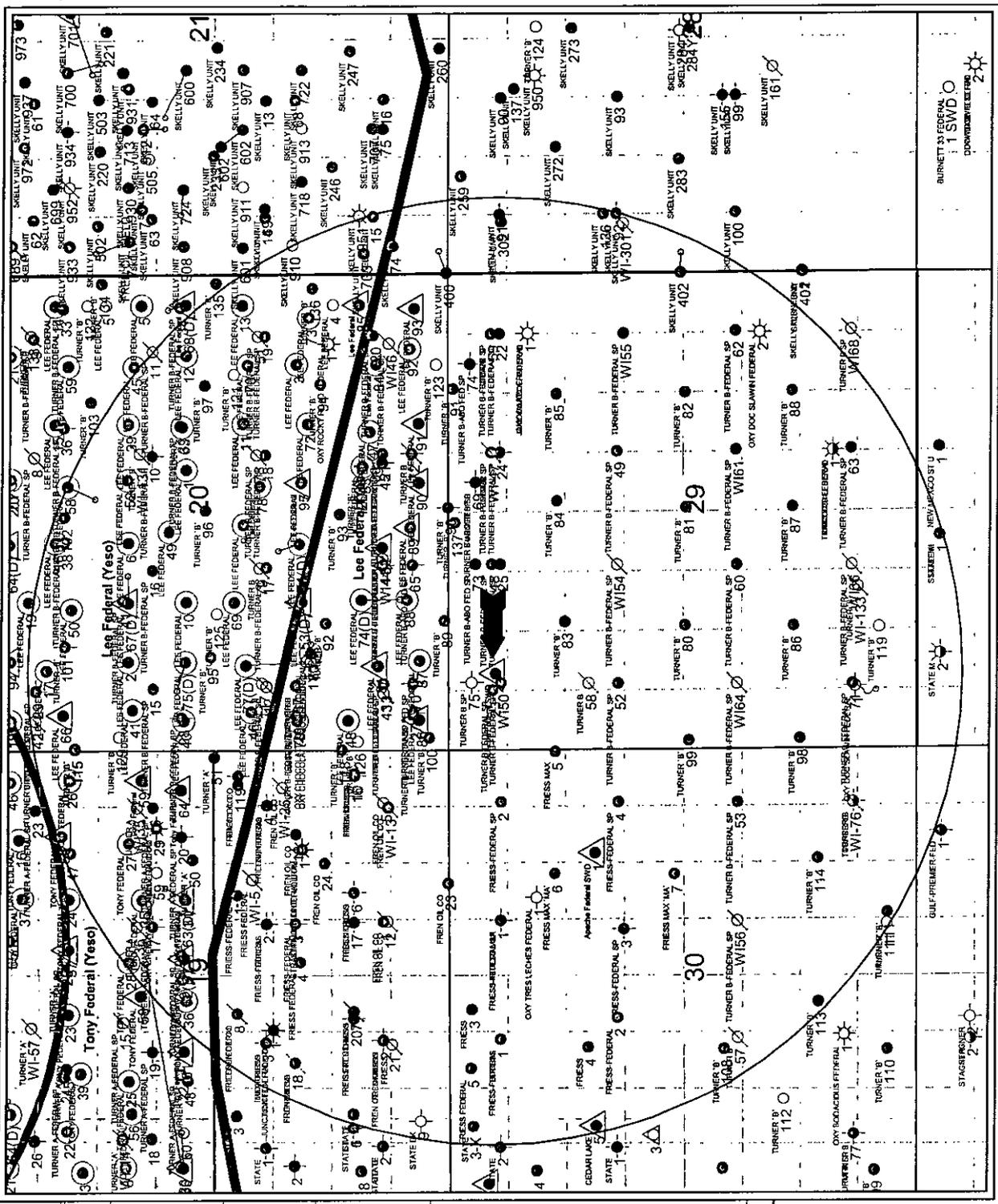
POSTED WELL DATA

Well Name
Well Number

WELL SYMBOLS

- ☉ Dry Hole, With Show of Gas
- ☉ Dry Hole, With Show of Oil & Gas
- ☉ Dry Hole, With Show of Oil
- ☉ Dry Hole
- ☉ Disposal
- ☉ Gas Well
- ☉ Injection Well
- ☉ Location
- ☉ Proposed Drilling Location
- ☉ Oil Well
- ☉ Active Producer
- ☉ T & A' D
- ☉ PERMIT
- ☉ P&A Oil

October 21, 2014



APACHE CORPORATION
APACHE FEDERAL SWD #2

1. Geologic Formations

TVD of target	13800'	Pilot hole depth	N/A
MD at TD:	13800'	Deepest expected fresh water:	91'

Back Reef

Formation	Depth (TVD) from KB	Water/Mineral Bearing/ Target Zone?	Hazards*
Quaternary	0'		
Rustler	389'	Water	
Top of Salt	1138'	Salt	
Tansill	1352'	Barren	
Yates	1492'	N/A	
Seven Rivers	1816'	N/A	
Queen	2448'	Oil	
San Andres	3258'	Oil/Gas/Water	
Glorieta	4801'	Oil/Gas/Water	
Yeso	4884'	Oil/Gas/Water	
Tubb	6190'	Oil/Gas/Water	
ABO	6996'	Oil/Gas/Water	
Wolfcamp	8262'	Oil/Gas/Water	
Strawn	10609'	Oil/Gas/Water	
Atoka	10516'	Oil/Gas/Water	
Morrow	11988'	Oil/Gas/Water	
Mississippian	11935'	Oil/Gas/Water	
Devonian	12334'	Oil/Gas/Water	
TD	13800'	Oil/Gas/Water	

*H2S, water flows, loss of circulation, abnormal pressures, etc.

2. Casing Program

Hole Size	Casing Interval		Csg. Size	Weight (lbs)	Grade	Conn.	SF Collapse	SF Burst	SF Tension
	From	To							
17-1/2"	0'	450' 400'	13-3/8"	48#	H-40	STC	3.59	8.40	14.91
12-1/4"	0'	4000'	9-5/8"	40#	J55	LTC	1.23	1.42	3.4
	4000'	4500'	9-5/8"	40#	HCK55	LTC	1.8	1.62	40.95
8-3/4"	0'	11700'	7"	29#	HCL-80	LTC	1.54	1.26	1.84
	11700'	13800'	7"	29#	P-110	LTC	1.22	1.67	16.15
BLM Minimum Safety Factor							1.125	1	1.6 Dry 1.8 Wet

All casing strings will be tested in accordance with Onshore Oil and Gas Order #2 III.B.1.h

	Y or N
Is casing new? If used, attach certification as required in Onshore Order #1	Y
Does casing meet API specifications? If no, attach casing specification sheet.	Y
Is premium or uncommon casing planned? If yes attach casing specification sheet.	N
Does the above casing design meet or exceed BLM's minimum standards? If not provide justification (loading assumptions, casing design criteria).	Y
Will the intermediate pipe be kept at a minimum 1/3 fluid filled to avoid approaching the collapse pressure rating of the casing?	Y

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Is well located within Capitan Reef?	N
If yes, does production casing cement tie back a minimum of 50' above the Reef?	
Is well within the designated 4 string boundary.	
Is well located in SOPA but not in R-111-P?	N
If yes, are the first 2 strings cemented to surface and 3 rd string cement tied back 500' into previous casing?	
Is well located in R-111-P and SOPA?	N
If yes, are the first three strings cemented to surface?	
Is 2 nd string set 100' to 600' below the base of salt?	
Is well located in high Cave/Karst?	N
If yes, are there two strings cemented to surface?	
(For 2 string wells) If yes, is there a contingency casing if lost circulation occurs?	
Is well located in critical Cave/Karst?	N
If yes, are there three strings cemented to surface?	

3. Cementing Program

Casing	# Sk	Wt. lb/ gal	Yld ft ³ / sack	H ₂ O gal/sk	500# Comp. Strength (hours)	Slurry Description
Surf.	500	14.8	1.34	6.32	8	Lead: CI C w/1% CaCL ₂
Inter.	1230	12.4	2.1	11.65	13	Lead: CI C 35/65 Poz W/6% Bentonite + 5% Salt
	270	14.8	1.33	6.31	8	Tail: Class C w/0.2 Retarder
Prod.	500	14.2	1.30	5.81	22	1 st Lead: CI H 50/50 Poz W/2% Bentonite + 5% Salt
	DV Tool 10600'					
	650	12.4	2.11	11.65	20	2 nd stage Lead: CI H 35/65 Poz w/6% Bentonite + 5% Salt
	160	14.2	1.30	5.81	10	2 nd stage Tail: CI H 50/50 Poz w/2% Bentonite + 5% Salt

DVT depth(s) will be adjusted based on hole conditions & cement volumes will be adjusted proportionally. DVT will be set a minimum of 50' below previous csg & minimum of 200' above current shoe. Lab reports with the 500 psi compressive strength time for the cmt will be onsite for review.

Casing String	TOC	% Excess
Surface	0'	100%
Intermediate	0'	100%
Production	3000'	35%

Include Pilot Hole Cementing specs:

Pilot hole depth: N/A

KOP: N/A

Plug top	Plug Bottom	% Excess	No. Sacks	Wt. lb/gal	Yld ft ³ /sack	Water gal/sk	Slurry Description and Cement Type

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4. Pressure Control Equipment

A variance is requested for the use of a diverter on the surface casing. See attached for schematic.
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BOP installed and tested before drilling which hole?	Size?	Min. Required WP	Type	✓	Tested to:
17-1/4" 12.25"	13-5/8"	5M	Annular	X	50% of working pressure 2M
			Blind Ram	X	
			Pipe Ram	X	
			Double Ram		
			Other*		
12-1/4" 8.3/4"	9-5/8"	5M	Annular	X	50% testing pressure 5M
			Blind Ram	X	
			Pipe Ram	X	
			Double Ram		
			Other*		

*Specify if additional ram is utilized.

BOP/BOPE will be tested by an independent service company to 250 psi low and the high pressure indicated above per Onshore Order 2 requirements. The System may be upgraded to a higher pressure but still tested to the working pressure listed in the table above. If the system is upgraded all the components installed will be functional and tested.

Pipe rams will be operationally checked each 24 hour period. Blind rams will be operationally checked on each trip out of the hole. These checks will be noted on the daily tour sheets. Other accessories to the BOP equipment will include a Kelly cock and floor safety valve (inside BOP) and choke lines and choke manifold. See attached schematics.

X	Formation integrity test will be performed per Onshore Order #2. On Exploratory wells or on that portion of any well approved for a 5M BOPE system or greater, a pressure integrity test of each casing shoe shall be performed. Will be tested in accordance with Onshore Oil and Gas Order #2 III.B.1.i.
	A variance is requested for the use of a flexible choke line from the BOP to Choke Manifold. See attached for specs and hydrostatic test chart.
No	Are anchors required by manufacturer?
	A multibowl wellhead is being used. The BOP will be tested per Onshore Order #2 after installation on the surface casing which will cover testing requirements for a maximum of 30 days. If any seal subject to test pressure is broken the system must be tested. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide description here See attached schematic.

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5. Mud Program

Depth		Type	Weight (ppg)	Viscosity	Water Loss
From	To				
0	Surf. shoe	FW	8.6-8.8	34-38	N/C
Surf csg	Int shoe	Brine	9.9-10.0	28-29	N/C
Int shoe	TD	Brine	9.5-10.2	28-29	N/C

Sufficient mud materials to maintain mud properties and meet minimum lost circulation and weight increase requirements will be kept on location at all times.

What will be used to monitor the loss or gain of fluid?	PVT/Pason/Visual Monitoring
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6. Logging and Testing Procedures

Logging, Coring and Testing.	
X	Will run GR/CNL from TD to surface (horizontal well – vertical portion of hole). Stated logs run will be in the Completion Report and submitted to the BLM.
	No Logs are planned based on well control or offset log information.
	Drill stem test? If yes, explain
	Coring? If yes, explain

Additional logs planned	Interval
X Resistivity	Int. shoe to TD
X Density	Int. shoe to TD
CBL	
X Mud log	Intermediate shoe to TD
PEX	

7. Drilling Conditions

Condition	Specify what type and where?
BH Pressure at deepest TVD	6072 psi
Abnormal Temperature	No

Mitigation measure for abnormal conditions. Describe:

Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) monitors will be installed prior to drilling out the surface shoe. If H2S is detected in concentrations greater than 100 ppm, the operator will comply with the provisions of Onshore Oil and Gas Order #6. If Hydrogen Sulfide is encountered, measured values and formations will be provided to the BLM.	
X	H2S is present
X	H2S Plan attached

8. Other facets of operation

Is this a walking operation? No
Will be pre-setting casing? No

Attachments

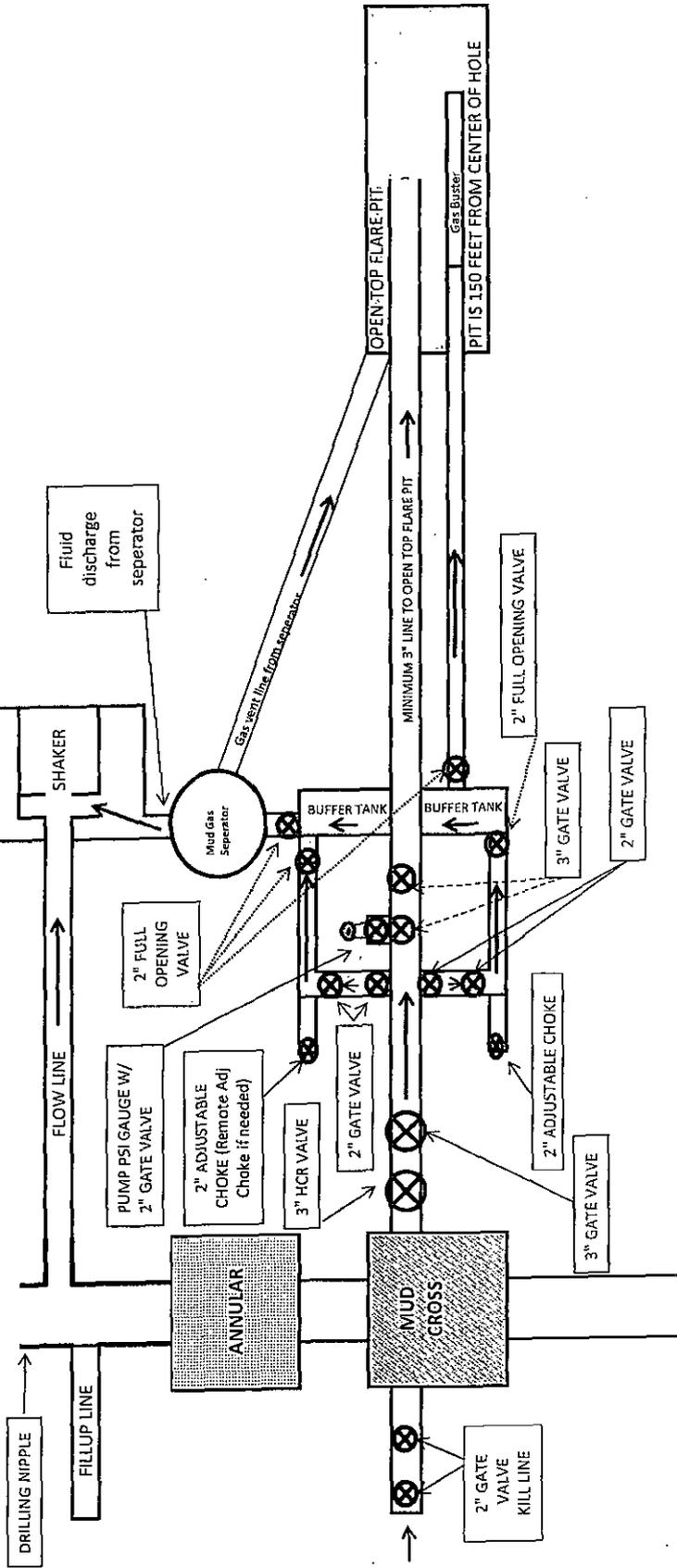
N/A Directional Plan
___ Other, describe

APACHE BOP AND CHOKE MANIFOLD SCHEMATIC

13-5/8" 5M PSI BOP (to be tested as a 2M)

EXHIBIT #3

All valves & lines on choke manifold are 2" unless noted
Exact manifold configuration may vary
(Installed on Surface Csg)



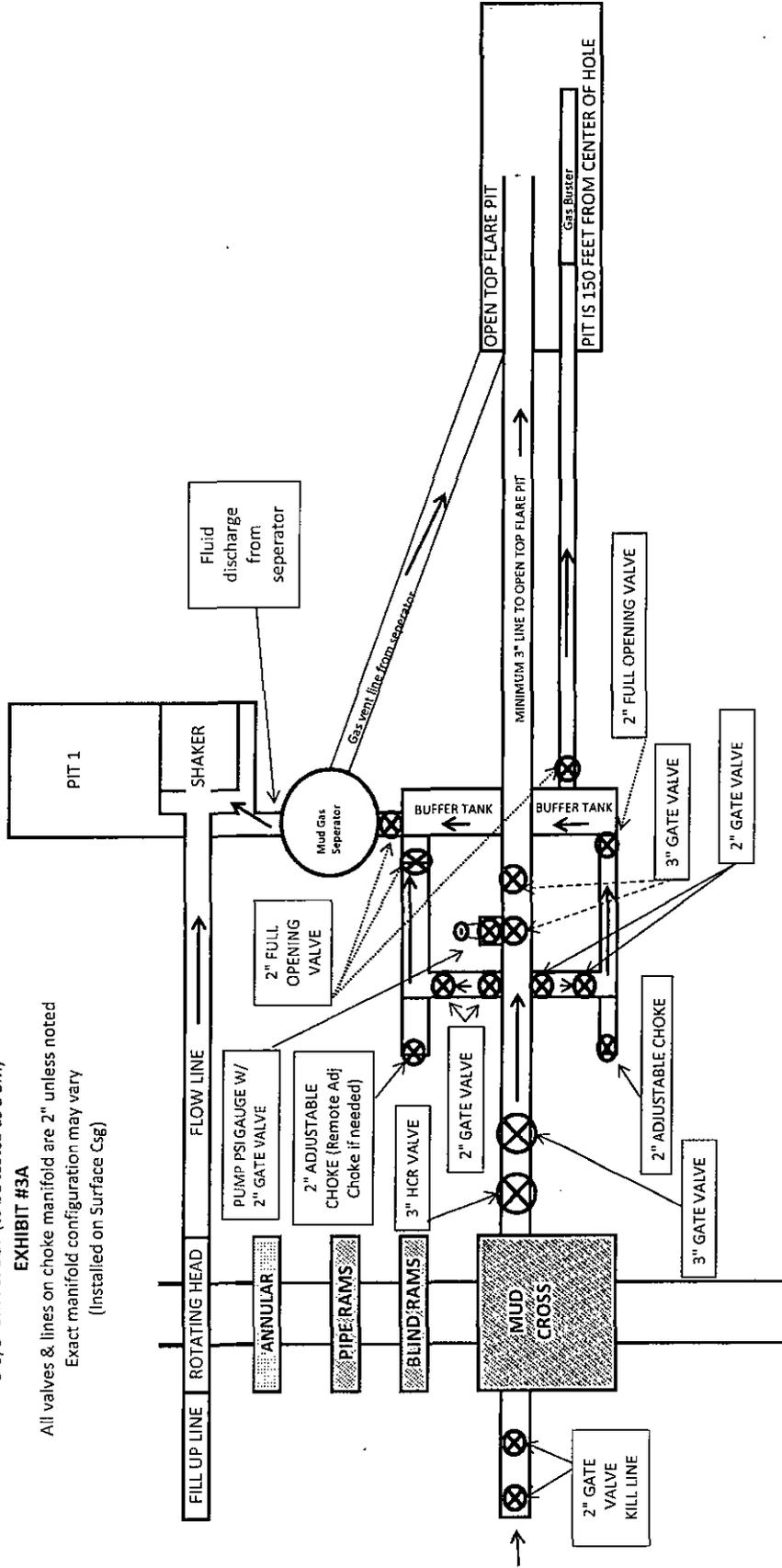
*** If H2S is encountered in quantities greater than 100ppm, Apache will shut in well & install a remote operated choke ***

APACHE BOP AND CHOKE MANIFOLD SCHEMATIC

9-5/8" 5M PSI BOP (to be tested as a 5M)

EXHIBIT #3A

All valves & lines on choke manifold are 2" unless noted
Exact manifold configuration may vary
(Installed on Surface Csg)



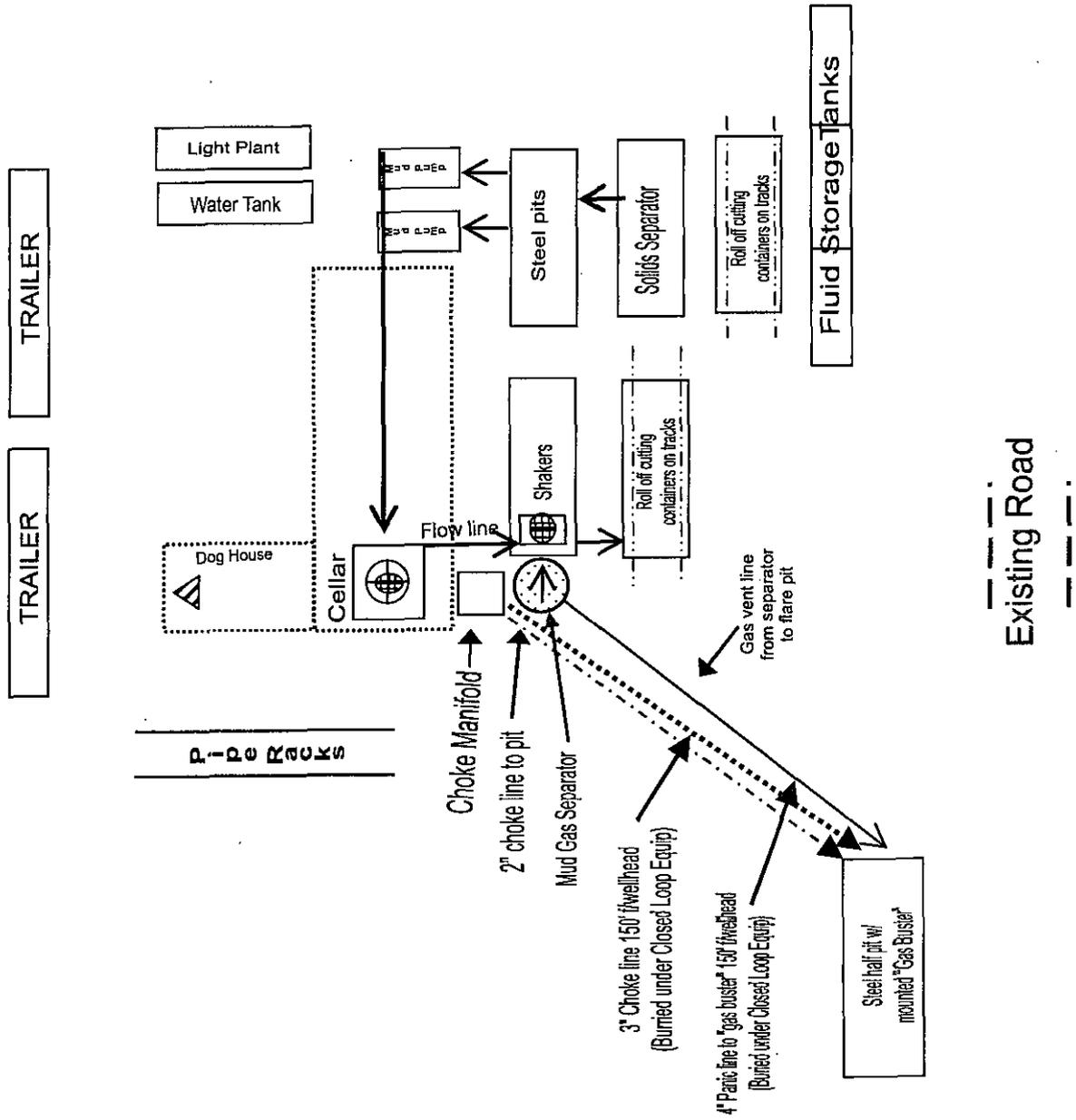
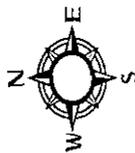
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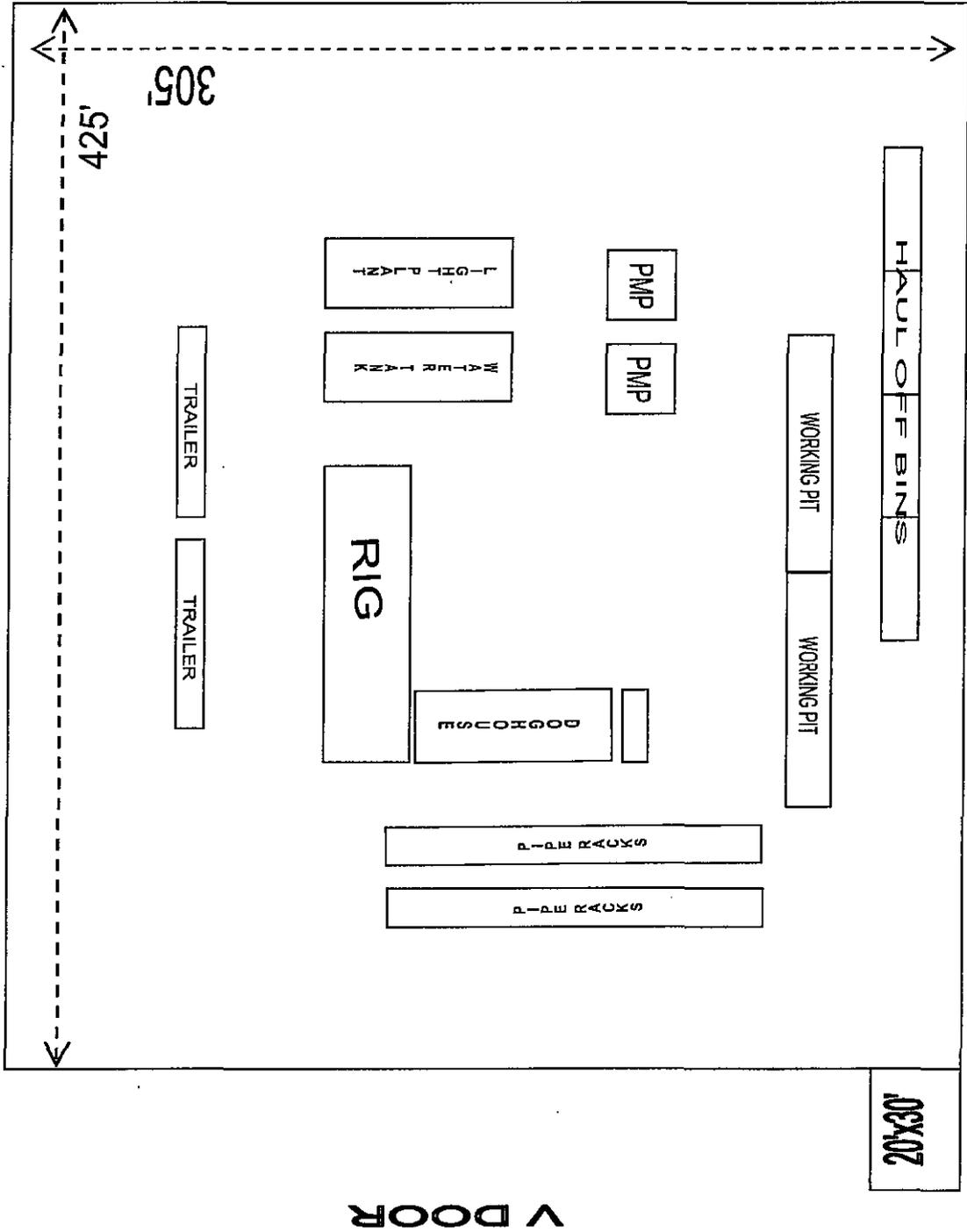
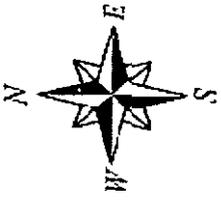
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Exhibit 4

APACHE FEDERAL SWD 2

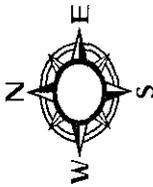


**RIG ORIENTATION & LAYOUT
 APACHE FEDERAL SWD #2
 EXHIBIT 5**

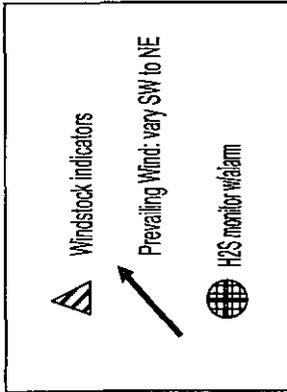




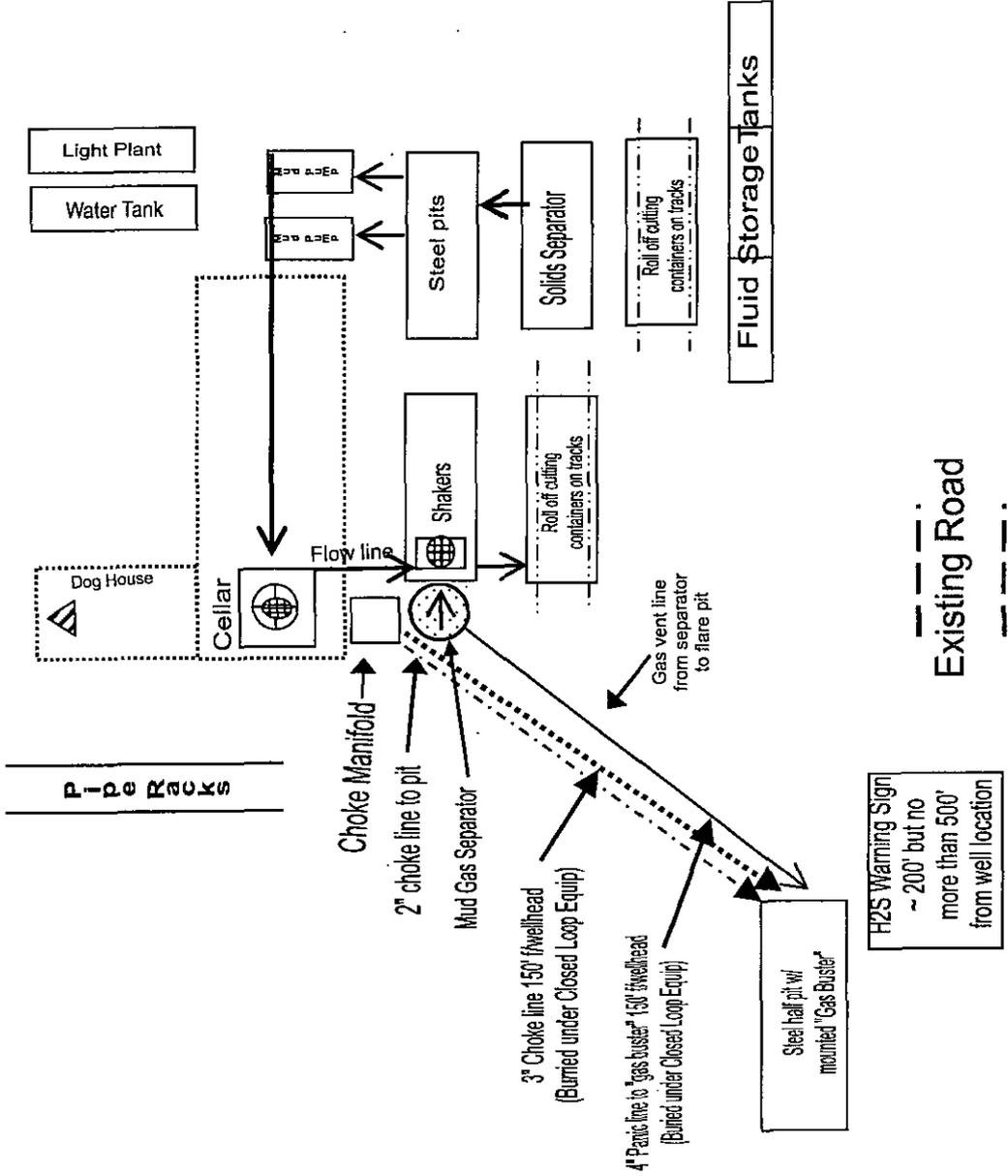
Drilling Location
H2S Safety Equipment Diagram
Exhibit 3A



APACHE FEDERAL SWID 2



Primary briefing area w/SCBA (smiley face icon) TRAILER TRAILER Secondary Egress (sad face icon)



H2S Warning Sign
~ 200' but no
more than 500'
from well location

HYDROGEN SULFIDE (H₂S) DRILLING OPERATIONS PLAN

Hydrogen Sulfide Training:

All regularly assigned personnel, contracted or employed by Apache Corporation will receive training from qualified instructor(s) in the following areas prior to commencing drilling possible hydrogen sulfide bearing formations in this well:

- The hazards and characteristics of hydrogen sulfide (H₂S)
- The proper use and maintenance of personal protective equipment and life support systems.
- The proper use of H₂S detectors, alarms, warning systems, briefing area, evacuation procedures & prevailing winds.
- The proper techniques for first aid and rescue procedures.

Supervisory personnel will be trained in the following areas:

- The effects of H₂S on metal components. If high tensile tubulars are to be utilized, personnel will be trained in their special maintenance requirements.
- Corrective action & shut-in procedures when drilling or reworking a well & blowout prevention / well control procedures.
- The contents and requirements of the H₂S Drilling Operations Plan

There will be an initial training session just prior to encountering a known or probable H₂S zone (within 3 days or 500') and weekly H₂S and well control drills for all personnel in each crew. The initial training session shall include a review of the site specific H₂S 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 proper training.

H₂S SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS:

Well Control Equipment that will be available & installed if H₂S is encountered:

- Flare Line with electronic igniter or continuous pilot.
- Choke manifold with a minimum of one remote choke.
- Blind rams & pipe rams to accommodate all pipe sizes with properly sized closing unit.
- Auxiliary equipment to include: annular preventer, mud-gas separator, rotating head & flare gun with flares

Protective Equipment for Essential Personnel:

- Mark II Survive-air 30 minute units located in dog house & at briefing areas, as indicated on wellsite diagram.

H₂S Detection and Monitoring Equipment:

- Two portable H₂S monitors positioned on location for best coverage & response. These units have warning lights & audible sirens when H₂S levels of 20 ppm are reached.
- One portable H₂S monitor positioned near flare line.

H₂S Visual Warning Systems:

- Wind direction indicators are shown on wellsite diagram.
- 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.

Mud Program:

- The Mud Program has been designed to minimize the volume of H₂S circulated to the surface. Proper mud weights, safe drilling practices & the use of H₂S scavengers will minimize hazards when penetrating H₂S bearing zones.
- A mud-gas separator and H₂S gas buster will be utilized as needed.

Metallurgy:

- All drill strings, casing, tubing, wellhead, blowout preventers, drilling spool, kill lines, choke manifold & lines, & valves will be suitable for H₂S service.
- All elastomers used for packing & seals shall be H₂S trim.

Communication:

- Cellular telephone and 2-way radio communications in company vehicles, rig floor and mud logging trailer.

HYDROGEN SULFIDE (H₂S) CONTINGENCY PLAN

Assumed 100 ppm ROE = 3000'

100 ppm H₂S concentration shall trigger activation of this plan.

Emergency Procedures

In the event of a release of gas containing H₂S, the first responder(s) must

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

Ignition of Gas source

Should control of the well be considered lost and ignition considered, take care to protect against exposure to Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂). Intentional ignition must be coordinated with the NMOC and local officials. Additionally the NM State Police may become involved. NM State Police shall be the Incident Command on scene of any major release. Take care to protect downwind whenever this is an ignition of the gas.

Characteristics of H₂S and SO₂

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

Contacting Authorities

Apache Corporation personnel must liaison with local and state agencies to ensure a proper response to a major release. Additionally, the OCD must be notified of the release as soon as possible but no later than 4 hours. Agencies will ask for information such as type and volume of release, wind direction, location of release, etc. Be prepared with all information available including directions to site. The following call list of essential and potential responders has been prepared for use during a release. Apache's response must be in coordination with the State of New Mexico's "Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan" (HMER).

WELL CONTROL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

I. GENERAL PHILOSOPHY

Our objective is to ensure that during an emergency, a predetermined procedure is followed so that prompt decisions can be made based on accurate information.

The best way to handle an emergency is with an experienced organization set up for the sole purpose of solving the problem. The *Well Control Emergency Response Team* was organized to handle dangerous & expensive well control problems. The *Team* is structured such that each individual can contribute the most from his area of expertise. Key decision-makers are determined prior to an emergency to avoid confusion about who is in charge.

If the well is flowing uncontrolled at the surface or subsurface, *The Emergency Response Team* will be mobilized. The *Team* is customized for the people currently on the Apache staff. Staff changes may require a change in the plan.

II. EMERGENCY PROCEDURE ON DRILLING OR COMPLETION OPERATIONS

- A. In the event of an emergency the *Drilling Foreman* or *Tool-Pusher* will immediately contact only one of the following starting with the first name listed:

Name	Office	Mobile	Home
Richard McKay – Drlg Superintendent	432-818-1628	432-234-7430	
Joe Payne – Drilling Engineer	432-818-1624	432-425-2195	
Bobby Smith – Drilling Manager	432-818-1020	432-556-7701	
Bill Jones – EH&S Coordinator		432-967-9576	

***This one phone call will free the Drilling Foreman to devote his full time to securing the safety of personnel & equipment. This call will initiate the process to mobilize the Well Control Emergency Response Team. Apache maintains an Emergency Telephone Conference Room in the Houston office. This room is available for us by the Permian Region. The room has 50 separate telephone lines.*

- B. The Apache employee contacted by the Drilling Foreman will begin contacting the rest of the *Team*. If **RICHARD MCKAY** is out of contact, **JOE PAYNE** will be notified.
- C. If a member of the *Emergency Response Team* is away from the job, he must be available for call back. Telephone numbers should be left with secretaries or a key decision-maker.
- D. Apache's reporting procedure for spills or releases of oil or hazardous materials will be implemented when spills or releases have occurred or are probable.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE NUMBERS:

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT	
Eddy County	575-887-7551
Lea County	575-396-3611
FIRE DEPARTMENT	
	911
Artesia	575-746-5050
Carlsbad	575-885-2111
Eunice	575-394-2111
Hobbs	575-397-9308
Jal	575-395-2221
Lovington	575-396-2359
HOSPITALS	
	911
Artesia Medical Emergency	575-746-5050
Carlsbad Medical Emergency	575-885-2111
Eunice Medical Emergency	575-394-2112
Hobbs Medical Emergency	575-397-9308
Jal Medical Emergency	575-395-2221
Lovington Medical Emergency	575-396-2359
AGENT NOTIFICATIONS	
Bureau of Land Management	575-393-3612
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division	575-393-6161

EXHIBIT #8

WARNING

**YOU ARE ENTERING AN H2S AREA
AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY**

- 1. BEARDS OR CONTACT LENSES NOT ALLOWED**
- 2. HARD HATS REQUIRED**
- 3. SMOKING DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY**
- 4. BE WIND CONSCIOUS AT ALL TIMES**
- 5. CHECK WITH APACHE CORPORATION**

**APACHE CORPORATION
1-888-257-6840**

INTERIM RECLAMATION LAYOUT
 APACHE FEDERAL SWD #2
 Exhibit #6

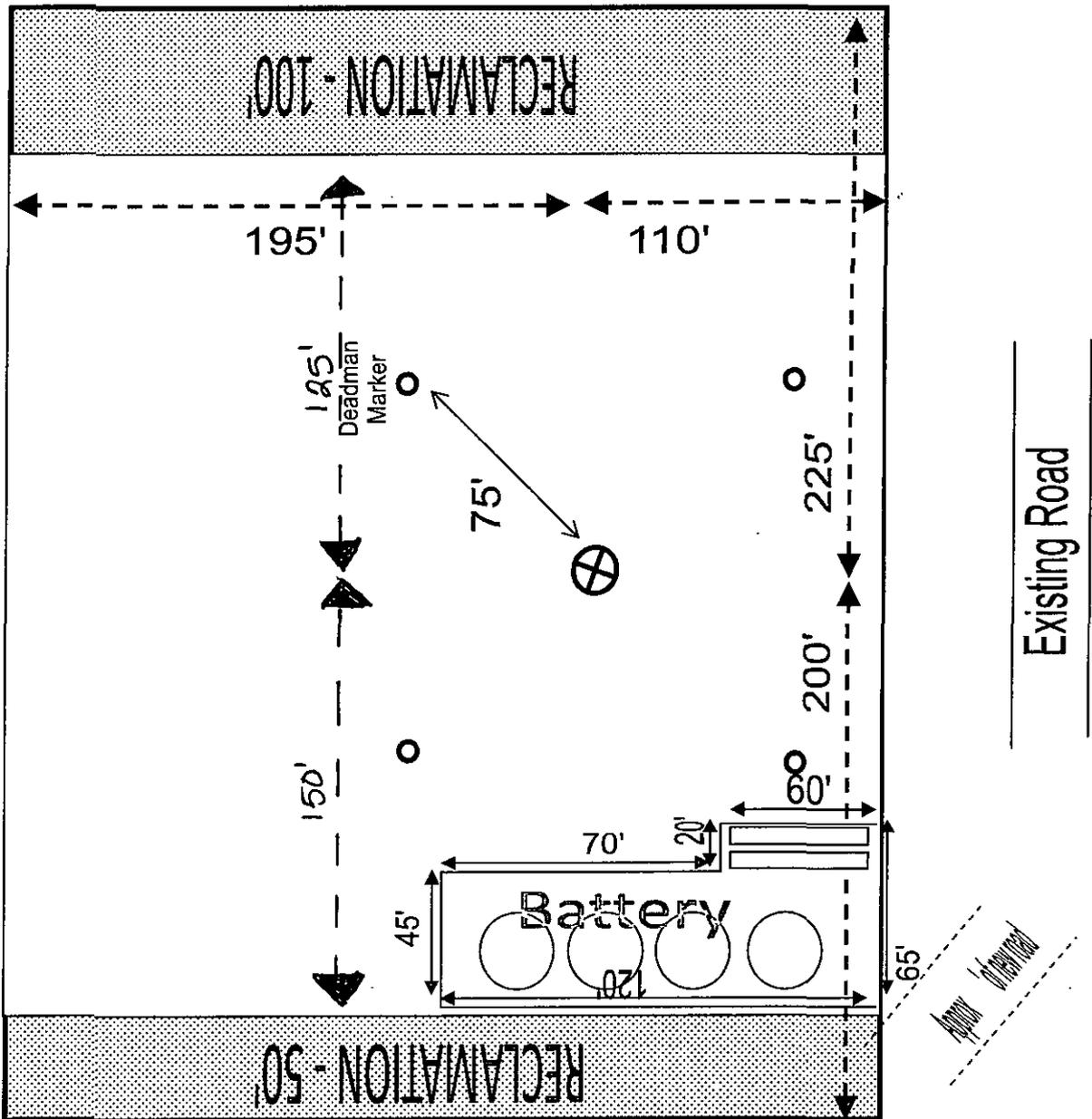
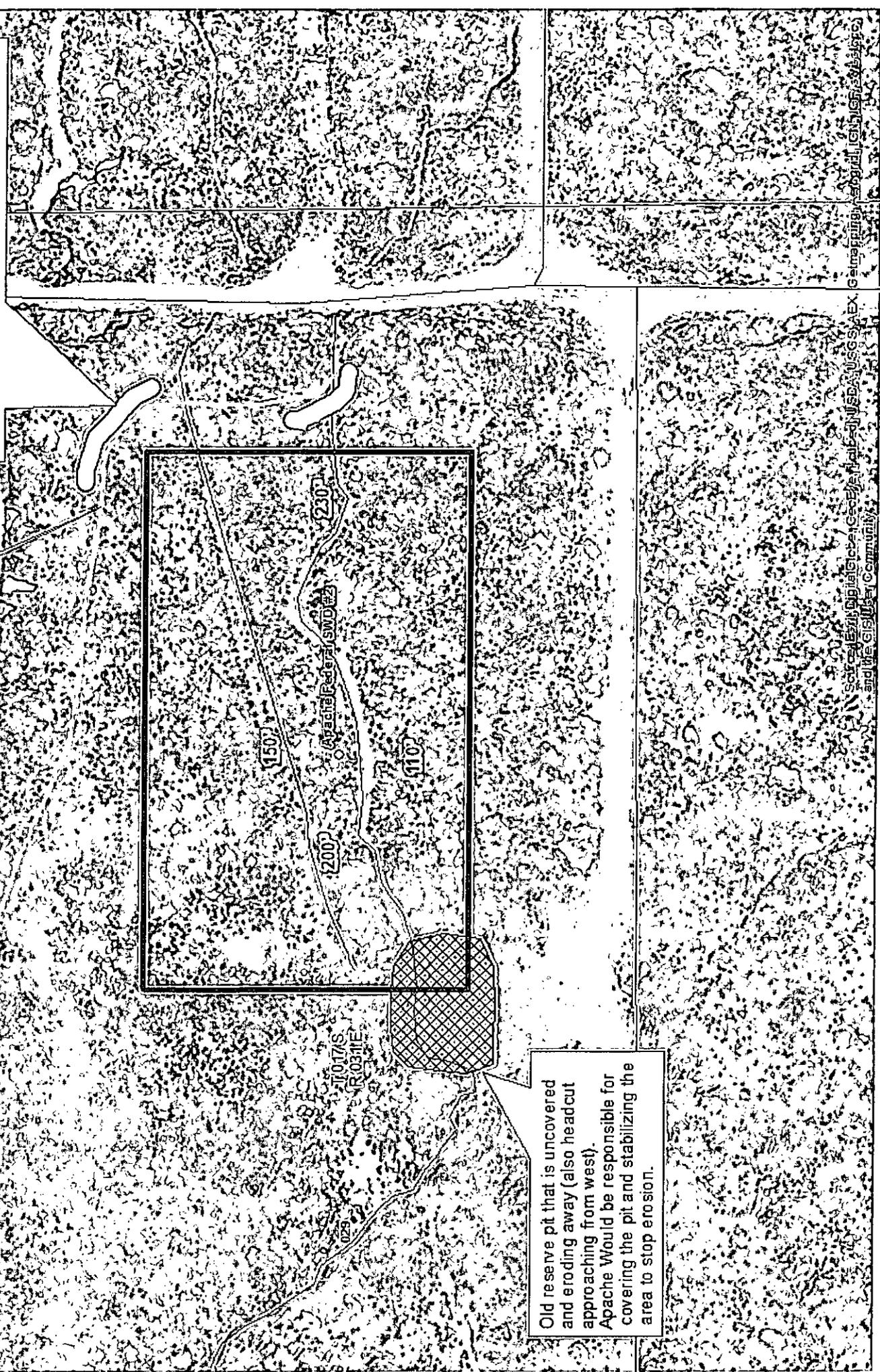


Exhibit #8

Apache Federal SWD #2

Drainage turns would be armored with rock gabions or similar structures to keep water eroding the outside corners and blasting out of the channel

Approximate route of new drainage.



Surface Use Plan of Operations

Introduction

The following surface use plan of operations will be followed and carried out once the APD is approved. No other disturbance will be created other than what was submitted in this surface use plan. If any other surface disturbance is needed after the APD is approved, a BLM approved sundry notice or right of way application will be acquired prior to any new surface disturbance.

Before any surface disturbance is created, stakes or flagging will be installed to mark boundaries of permitted areas of disturbance, including soils storage areas. As necessary, slope, grade, and other construction control stakes will be placed to ensure construction in accordance with the surface use plan. All boundary markers will be maintained in place until final construction cleanup is completed. If disturbance boundary markers are disturbed or knocked down, they will be replaced before construction proceeds.

If terms and conditions are attached to the approved APD and amend any of the proposed actions in this surface use plan, we will adhere to the terms and conditions.

1. Existing Roads

- a. The existing access road route to the proposed project is depicted on EXHIBIT 1A. Improvements to the driving surface will be done where necessary. No new surface disturbance will be done, unless otherwise noted in the New or Reconstructed Access Roads section of this surface use plan..
- b. The existing access road route to the proposed project does not cross lease or unit boundaries, so a BLM right-of-way grant will not be acquired for this proposed road route.
- c. The operator will improve or maintain existing roads in a condition the same as or better than before operations begin. The operator will repair pot holes, clear ditches, repair the crown, etc. All existing structures on the entire access route such as cattleguards, other range improvement projects, culverts, etc. will be properly repaired or replaced if they are damaged or have deteriorated beyond practical use.
- d. We will prevent and abate fugitive dust as needed, whether created by vehicular traffic, equipment operations, or wind events. BLM written approval will be acquired before application of surfactants, binding agents, or other dust suppression chemicals on roadways.

2. New or Reconstructed Access Roads

- a. No new road will be constructed for this project.

3. Location of Existing Wells

- a. EXHIBIT 2 of the APD depicts all known wells within a one mile radius of the proposed well.
- b. There is no other information regarding wells within a one mile radius.

4. Location of Existing and/or Proposed Production Facilities

- a. All permanent, lasting more than 6 months, above ground structures including but not limited to pumpjacks, storage tanks, barrels, pipeline risers, meter housing, etc. that are not subject to safety requirements will be painted a non-reflective paint color, Shale Green, from the BLM Standard Environmental Colors chart, unless another color is required in the APD Conditions of Approval.
- b. If any type of production facilities are located on the well pad, they will be strategically placed to allow for maximum interim reclamation, recontouring, and revegetation of the well location.
- c. A production facility is proposed to be installed on the proposed well location. Production from the well will be

processed on site in the production facility. EXHIBIT 6 depicts the location of the production facilities as they relate to the well and well pad.

d. The proposed production facility will have a secondary containment structure that is constructed to hold the capacity of 1-1/2 times the largest tank, plus freeboard to account for precipitation, unless more stringent protective requirements are deemed necessary.

e. There is no other diagram that depicts production facilities.

If any plans change regarding the production facility or other infrastructure (pipeline, electric line, etc.), we will submit a sundry notice or right of way (if applicable) prior to installation or construction.

Additional Pipeline(s)

We propose to install 1 additional pipeline(s):

1. Buried PRODUCED WATER pipeline:

a. We plan to install a 6 inch buried FIBERGLASS pipeline from THE PROPOSED WELL to APACHE FEDERAL SWD #3. The proposed length of the pipeline will be 701.6 feet on Federal land and 5567.4 feet on State land. The working pressure of the pipeline will be about 2500 psi. A 50 feet wide work area will be needed to install the buried pipeline. We will need an extra 10 foot wide area near corners to safely install the pipeline. In areas where blading is allowed, topsoil will be stockpiled and separated from the excavated trench mineral material. Final reclamation procedures will match the procedures in Plans for Surface Reclamation. When the excavated soil is backfilled, it will be compacted to prevent subsidence. No berm over the pipeline will be evident.

b. EXHIBIT #1B & Exhibit #2B depicts the proposed PRODUCED WATER pipeline route.

c. The proposed pipeline does not cross lease boundaries, so a right of way grant will not need to be acquired from the BLM.

Electric Line(s)

a. An electric line will be applied for through a sundry notice or BLM right of way at a later date.

5. Location and Types of Water

a. The source and location of the water supply are as follows: All water (fresh or otherwise) needed for the drilling & completion of this well will be purchased from a commercial source & trucked to the location via existing and or proposed access roads. No water source well will be drilled & no surface water will be utilized.

b. The operator will use established or constructed oil and gas roads to transport water to the well site. The operator will try to utilize the identified access route in the surface use plan.

6. Construction Material

a. On site caliche will be used for any required access road & or well site pad. If necessary, caliche will be hauled from the BLM approved pit. No surface materials will be distributed except those necessary for actual grading & construction of the drill site & access road.

7. Methods for Handling Waste

a. Drilling fluids and produced oil and water from the well during drilling and completion operations will be stored safely and disposed of properly in an NMOCD approved disposal facility.

- b. Garbage and trash produced during drilling and completion operations will be collected in a trash container and disposed of properly at a state approved disposal facility. All trash on and around the well site will be collected for disposal.
- c. Human waste and grey water will be properly contained and disposed of properly at a state approved disposal facility.
- d. After drilling and completion operations, trash, chemicals, salts, frac sand and other waste material will be removed and disposed of properly at a state approved disposal facility.
- e. The well will be drilled utilizing a closed loop system. Drill cutting will be properly disposed of into steel tanks and taken to an NMOCD approved disposal facility.

8. Ancillary Facilities

- a. No ancillary facilities will be needed for this proposed project.

9. Well Site Layout

- a. The following information is presented in the well site survey plat or diagram:
 - i. reasonable scale (near 1":50')
 - ii. well pad dimensions
 - iii. well pad orientation
 - iv. drilling rig components
 - v. proposed access road
 - vi. elevations of all points
 - vii. topsoil stockpile
 - viii. reserve pit location/dimensions if applicable
 - ix. other disturbances needed (flare pit, stinger, frac farm pad, etc.)
 - x. existing structures within the 600' x 600' archaeological surveyed area (pipelines, electric lines, well pads, etc.)
- b. The proposed drilling pad was staked and surveyed by a professional surveyor. The attached survey plat of the well site depicts the drilling pad layout as staked.
- c. A title of a well site diagram is EXHIBIT 5. This diagram depicts the RIG ORIENTATION & LAYOUT.
- d. Topsoil Salvaging
 - i. Grass, forbs, and small woody vegetation, such as mesquite will be excavated as the topsoil is removed. Large woody vegetation will be stripped and stored separately and respread evenly on the site following topsoil respreading. Topsoil depth is defined as the top layer of soil that contains 80% of the roots. In areas to be heavily disturbed, the top 6 inches of soil material, will be stripped and stockpiled on the perimeter of the well location and along the perimeter of the access road to control run-on and run-off, to keep topsoil viable, and to make redistribution of topsoil more efficient during interim reclamation. Stockpiled topsoil should include vegetative material. Topsoil will be clearly segregated and stored separately from subsoils. Contaminated soil will not be stockpiled, but properly treated and handled prior to topsoil salvaging.

10. Plans for Surface Reclamation

Reclamation Objectives

- i. The objective of interim reclamation is to restore vegetative cover and a portion of the landform sufficient to maintain healthy, biologically active topsoil; control erosion; and minimize habitat and forage loss, visual impact, and weed infestation, during the life of the well or facilities.
- ii. The long-term objective of final reclamation is to return the land to a condition similar to what existed prior to disturbance. This includes restoration of the landform and natural vegetative community, hydrologic systems, visual resources, and wildlife habitats. To ensure that the long-term objective will be reached through human and natural processes, actions will be taken to ensure standards are met for site stability, visual quality, hydrological functioning, and vegetative productivity.
- iii. The BLM will be notified at least 3 days prior to commencement of any reclamation procedures.
- iv. If circumstances allow, interim reclamation and/or final reclamation actions will be completed no later than 6 months from when the final well on the location has been completed or plugged. We will gain written permission from the BLM if more time is needed.
- v. Interim reclamation will be performed on the well site after the well is drilled and completed. EXHIBIT 6 depicts the location and dimensions of the planned interim reclamation for the well site.

Interim Reclamation Procedures (If performed)

1. Within 30 days of well completion, the well location and surrounding areas will be cleared of, and maintained free of, all materials, trash, and equipment not required for production.
2. In areas planned for interim reclamation, all the surfacing material will be removed and returned to the original mineral pit or recycled to repair or build roads and well pads.
3. The areas planned for interim reclamation will then be recontoured to the original contour if feasible, or if not feasible, to an interim contour that blends with the surrounding topography as much as possible. Where applicable, the fill material of the well pad will be backfilled into the cut to bring the area back to the original contour. The interim cut and fill slopes prior to re-seeding will not be steeper than a 3:1 ratio, unless the adjacent native topography is steeper. Note: Constructed slopes may be much steeper during drilling, but will be recontoured to the above ratios during interim reclamation.
4. Topsoil will be evenly respread and aggressively revegetated over the entire disturbed area not needed for all-weather operations including cuts & fills. To seed the area, the proper BLM seed mixture, free of noxious weeds, will be used. Final seedbed preparation will consist of contour cultivating to a depth of 4 to 6 inches within 24 hours prior to seeding, dozer tracking, or other imprinting in order to break the soil crust and create seed germination micro-sites.
5. Proper erosion control methods will be used on the area to control erosion, runoff and siltation of the surrounding area.
6. The interim reclamation will be monitored periodically to ensure that vegetation has reestablished and that erosion is controlled.

Final Reclamation (well pad, buried pipelines, etc.)

1. Prior to final reclamation procedures, the well pad, road, and surrounding area will be cleared of material, trash, and equipment.
2. All surfacing material will be removed and returned to the original mineral pit or recycled to repair or build roads and well pads.

3. All disturbed areas, including roads, pipelines, pads, production facilities, and interim reclaimed areas will be recontoured to the contour existing prior to initial construction or a contour that blends indistinguishably with the surrounding landscape. Topsoil that was spread over the interim reclamation areas will be stockpiled prior to recontouring. The topsoil will be redistributed evenly over the entire disturbed site to ensure successful revegetation.
4. After all the disturbed areas have been properly prepared, the areas will be seeded with the proper BLM seed mixture, free of noxious weeds. Final seedbed preparation will consist of contour cultivating to a depth of 4 to 6 inches within 24 hours prior to seeding, dozer tracking, or other imprinting in order to break the soil crust and create seed germination micro-sites.
5. Proper erosion control methods will be used on the entire area to control erosion, runoff and siltation of the surrounding area.
6. All unused equipment and structures including pipelines, electric line poles, tanks, etc. that serviced the well will be removed.
7. All reclaimed areas will be monitored periodically to ensure that revegetation occurs, that the area is not redisturbed, and that erosion is controlled.

11. Surface Ownership

- a. The surface ownership of the proposed project is FEDERAL.

12. Other Information

- a. Onsite by Jesse Rice on 5/12/2014. Per Jesse Rice & Steve Daly, Steve is OK with re-routing drainages to the North since they are impacting old reserve pit (EXHIBIT 8). Per Steve, armor bends in new channel to minimize erosion & not do any dirt work where new channel enters larger draw. Steve thinks that letting water find its own way into big draingage would reduce risk of headcut coming towards pad. Apache will be responsible for covering up exposed reserve pit Southwest corner of proposed pad. Apache will also need to stabilize area & stop headcut from cutting futher into reserve pit & pad for SWD well. Operator Rep: Richard McKay, Drlg Supt, 432-818-1628 or 432-234-7430; Operator Production Rep: Craig Maxwell, Prod Foreman, 575-393-7106 or 575-441-2568.

13. Maps and Diagrams

- EXHIBIT 1A - Existing Road
- EXHIBIT 2 - Wells Within One Mile
- EXHIBIT 6 - Production Facilities Diagram
- EXHIBIT #1B - PRODUCED WATER Pipeline
- EXHIBIT 5 - Well Site Diagram
- EXHIBIT 6 - Interim Reclamation

PECOS DISTRICT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

OPERATOR'S NAME:	Apache Corp
LEASE NO.:	LC029395B
WELL NAME & NO.:	2-Apache Federal SWD
SURFACE HOLE FOOTAGE:	531'N & 850'W
BOTTOM HOLE FOOTAGE:	531'N & 850'W
LOCATION:	Section 29, T. 17 S., R. 31 E., NMPM
COUNTY:	Eddy County, New Mexico

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

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- Interim Reclamation**
- Final Abandonment & Reclamation**

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, 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 feet 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.

This authorization is subject to your Certificate of Participation and/or Certificate of Inclusion under the New Mexico Candidate Conservation Agreement. Because it involves surface disturbing activities covered under your Certificate, your Habitat Conservation Fund Account with the Center of Excellence for Hazardous Materials Management (CEHMM) will be debited according to Exhibit B Part 2 of the Certificate of Participation.

Dunes Sagebrush Lizard Trenching Monitor Stipulation

- Pre-construction contact with a BLM wildlife biologist is required 5 days prior to any ground disturbing activities associated with the project occurs.
- Successful completion of the BLM Trench Stipulation Workshop is required for a non-agency person to be approved as a monitor.
- Any trench left open for (8) hours or less is not required to have escape ramps; however, before the trench is backfilled, an agency approved monitor shall walk the entire length of the open trench and remove all trapped vertebrates. The bottom surface of the trench will be disturbed a minimum of 2 inches in order to arouse any buried vertebrates. All vertebrates will be released a minimum of 100 yards from the trench.
- For trenches left open for eight (8) hours or more the following requirements apply:

- Earthen escape ramps and/or structures (built at no more than a 30 degree slope and spaced no more than 500 feet apart) shall be placed in the trench. Metal structures will not be authorized. Options will be discussed in detail at the required Trench Stipulation Workshop.
 - One approved monitor shall be required to survey up to three miles of trench between the hours of 11 AM-2 PM. A daily report (consolidate if there is more than one monitor) on the vertebrates found and removed from the trench shall be provided to the BLM (email/fax is acceptable) the following morning.
 - Prior to backfilling of the trench all structures used as escape ramps will be removed and the bottom surface of the trench will be disturbed a minimum of 2 inches in order to arouse any buried vertebrates. All vertebrates will be released a minimum of 100 yards from the trench.
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- This stipulation shall apply to the entire length of the project in the DSL habitat polygon regardless of land ownership or CCA/CCAA enrollment status.
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 - A project closeout will be required within three business days of the completion of the project.

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) 234-5909 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 strip the top portion of the soil (root zone) from the entire well pad area and stockpile the topsoil along the edge of the well pad as depicted in the APD. The root zone is typically six (6) inches in depth. All the stockpiled topsoil will be redistributed over the interim reclamation areas. Topsoil shall not be used for berming the pad or facilities. For final reclamation, the topsoil shall be spread over the entire pad area for seeding preparation.

Other subsoil (below six inches) stockpiles must be completely segregated from the topsoil stockpile. Large rocks or subsoil clods (not evident in the surrounding terrain) must be buried within the approved area for interim and final reclamation.

C. CLOSED LOOP SYSTEM

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

Payment shall be made to the BLM prior to removal of any federal mineral materials. 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. EXCLOSURE FENCING (CELLARS & PITS)

Exclosure Fencing

The operator will install and maintain exclosure fencing for all open well cellars to prevent access to public, livestock, and large forms of wildlife before and after drilling operations until the pit is free of fluids and the operator initiates backfilling. (For examples of exclosure fencing design, refer to BLM's Oil and Gas Gold Book, Exclosure Fence Illustrations, Figure 1, Page 18.)

G. 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 twenty-five (25) 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

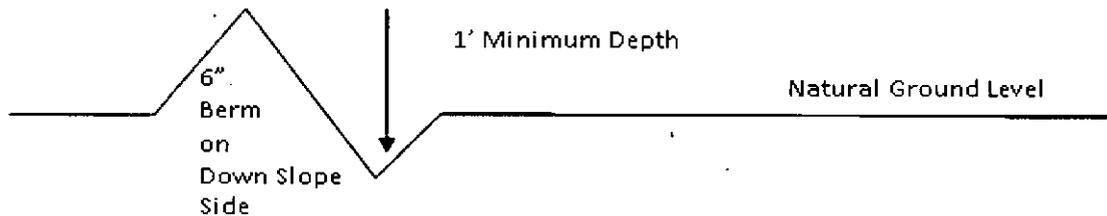
Vehicle turnouts shall be constructed on the road. Turnouts shall be intervisible with interval spacing distance less than 1000 feet. Turnouts shall conform to Figure 1; cross section and plans for typical road construction.

Drainage

Drainage control systems shall be constructed on the entire length of road (e.g. ditches, sidehill out sloping 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:

$$400 \text{ foot road with } 4\% \text{ road slope: } \frac{400'}{4\%} + 100' = 200' \text{ lead-off ditch interval}$$

Cattleguards

An appropriately sized cattleguard sufficient to carry out the project shall be installed and maintained at fence/road crossings. Any existing cattleguards on the access road route 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 cattleguards that are in place and are utilized during lease operations.

Fence Requirement

Where entry is granted 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 fences.

Public Access

Public access on this road shall not be restricted by the operator without specific written approval granted by the Authorized Officer.

Construction Steps

1. Salvage topsoil
2. Construct road

3. Redistribute topsoil
4. Revegetate slopes

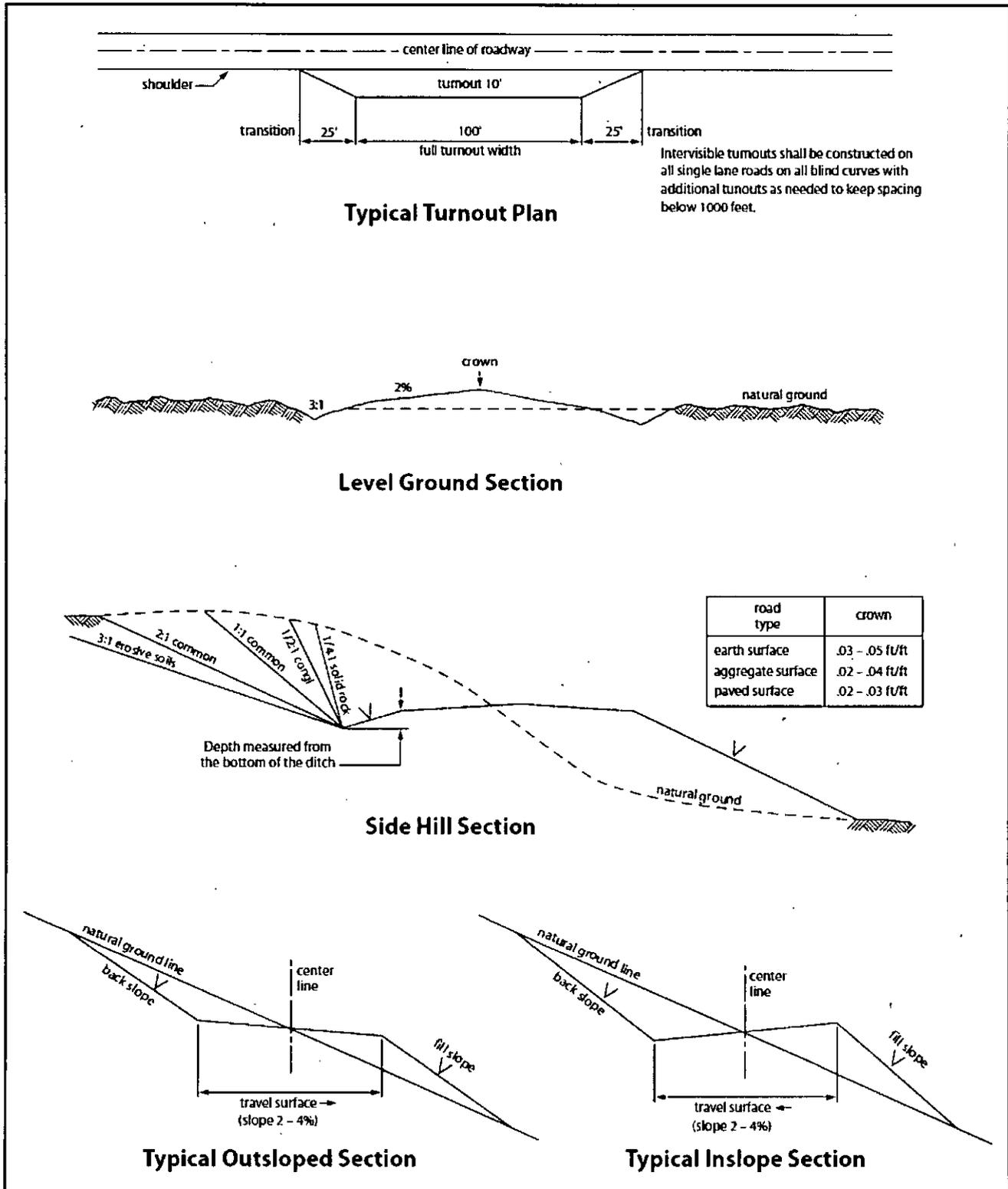


Figure 1. Cross-sections and plans for typical road sections representative of BLM resource or FS local and higher-class roads.

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,
(505) 361-2822

1. A Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S) Drilling Plan should be activated 500 feet prior to drilling into the **Seven Rivers** formation. **As a result, the Hydrogen Sulfide area must meet Onshore Order 6 requirements, which includes equipment and personnel/public protection items. If Hydrogen Sulfide is encountered, please provide measured values and formations to the BLM.**
2. Unless the production casing has been run and cemented or the well has been properly plugged, the drilling rig shall not be removed from over the hole without prior approval. **If the drilling rig is removed without approval – an Incident of Non-Compliance will be written and will be a “Major” violation.**
3. When floor controls are required, (3M or Greater) controls will be on the rig floor, unobstructed, readily accessible to the driller and will be operational at all times during drilling and/or completion activities. Rig floor is defined as the area immediately around the rotary table; the area immediately above the substructure on which the draw works are located, this does not include the dog house or stairway area.
4. **The record of the drilling rate along with the GR/N well log run from TD to surface (horizontal well – vertical portion of hole) shall be submitted to the BLM office as well as all other logs run on the borehole 30 days from completion. If available, a digital copy of the logs is to be submitted in addition to the paper copies. The Rustler top and top and bottom of Salt are to be recorded on the Completion Report. Resistivity and induction logs shall be run and submitted to the BLM to verify that the Ellenburger has no hydrocarbon production.**

B. CASING

Changes to the approved APD casing program need prior approval if the items substituted are of lesser grade or different casing size or are Non-API. The Operator can exchange the components of the proposal with that of superior strength (i.e. changing from J-55 to N-80, or from 36# to 40#). Changes to the approved cement program need prior approval if the altered cement plan has less volume or strength or if the changes are substantial (i.e. Multistage tool, ECP, etc.). The initial wellhead installed on the well will remain on the well with spools used as needed.

Centralizers required on surface casing per Onshore Order 2.III.B.1.f.

Wait on cement (WOC) for Water Basin:

After cementing but before commencing any tests, the casing string shall stand cemented under pressure until both of the following conditions have been met: 1) cement reaches a minimum compressive strength of 500 psi at the shoe, 2) until cement has been in place at least 8 hours. WOC time will be recorded in the driller's log. See individual casing strings for details regarding lead cement slurry requirements. During this WOC time, no drill pipe, etc. Shall be run in the hole.

Provide compressive strengths including hours to reach required 500 pounds compressive strength prior to cementing each casing string. Have well specific cement details onsite prior to pumping the cement for each casing string.

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

Possible water flows in Queen and Salado. Possible loss circulation in Rustler, San Andres, Grayburg and Artesia Group.

Possible abnormal high pressure possible within the Wolfcamp Formation.

1. The 13 3/8 inch surface casing shall be set at approximately 400 feet (a minimum of 25 feet into the Rustler Anhydrite and above the salt) and cemented to the surface.
 - a. If cement does not circulate to the surface, the appropriate BLM office shall be notified and a temperature survey utilizing an electronic type temperature survey with a surface log readout will be used or a cement bond log shall be run to verify the top of the cement. 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 will be a minimum 18 hours for a water basin, 24 hours in the potash area, or 500 pounds compressive strength, whichever is greater. (This is to include the lead

cement).

- 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 action will be done prior to drilling out that string.
2. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 9 5/8 inch intermediate casing, which shall set at approximately San Andres formation is:

Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate see B.1.a-d above.

3. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 7 inch production casing is:

Operator has proposed DV tool at depth of 10600', but will adjust cement proportionately if moved. DV tool shall be set a minimum of 50' below previous shoe and a minimum of 200' above current shoe. Operator shall submit sundry if DV tool depth cannot be set in this range.

- a. First stage to DV tool:

Cement to circulate. If cement does not circulate, contact the appropriate BLM office before proceeding with second stage cement job. Operator should have plans as to how they will achieve approved top of cement on the next stage.

- b. Second stage above DV tool:

Cement as proposed by operator. 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. 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. Operator installing 5M testing as a 2M system.
 - a. **For surface casing only:** If the BOP/BOPE is to be tested against casing, the wait on cement (WOC) time for that casing is to be met (see WOC statement at start of casing section). Independent service company required.
3. 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 5000 (5M) psi. **5M system requires an HCR valve, remote kill line and annular to match. The remote kill line is to be installed prior to testing the system and tested to stack pressure.**
4. 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. In potash areas, 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. For all casing strings, casing cut-off and BOP installation can be initiated at twelve hours after bumping the plug. However, **no tests** shall commence until the cement has had a minimum of 24 hours setup time.
 - c. 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 (8 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).
 - d. 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.

- e. The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.
- f. 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.**
- g. 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.
- h. BOP/BOPE must be tested by an independent service company within 500 feet of the top of the **Wolfcamp** formation if the time between the setting of the intermediate casing and reaching this depth exceeds 20 days. This test does not exclude the test prior to drilling out the casing shoe as per Onshore Order No. 2.

D. DRILLING MUD

Mud system monitoring equipment, with derrick floor indicators and visual and audio alarms, shall be operating before drilling into the Wolfcamp formation, and shall be used until production casing is run and cemented.

Proposed mud weight may not be adequate for drilling through Wolfcamp.

E. DRILL STEM TEST

If drill stem tests are performed, Onshore Order 2.III.D shall be followed.

F. WASTE MATERIAL AND FLUIDS

All waste (i.e. drilling fluids, trash, salts, chemicals, sewage, gray water, etc.) created as a result of drilling operations and completion operations shall be safely contained and disposed of properly at a waste disposal facility. No waste material or fluid shall be disposed of on the well location or surrounding area.

G. WELL COMPLETION

A NOI sundry with the completion procedure for this well shall be submitted and

approved prior to commencing completion work. The procedure will be reviewed to verify that the completion proposal will allow the operator to:

1. Properly evaluate the injection zone utilizing open hole logs, swab testing and/or any other method to confirm that hydrocarbons cannot be produced in paying quantities. This evaluation shall be reviewed by the BLM prior to injection commencing.
2. Restrict the injection fluid to the approved formation.

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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.

Exclosure Netting (Open-top Tanks)

Immediately following active drilling or completion operations, the operator will take actions necessary to prevent wildlife and livestock access, including avian wildlife, to all open-topped tanks that contain or have the potential to contain salinity sufficient to cause harm to wildlife or livestock, hydrocarbons, or Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976-exempt hazardous substances. At a minimum, the operator will net, screen, or cover open-topped tanks to exclude wildlife and livestock and prevent mortality. If the operator uses netting, the operator will cover and secure the open portion of the tank to prevent wildlife entry. The operator will net, screen, or cover the tanks until the operator removes the tanks from the location or the tanks no longer contain substances that could be harmful to wildlife or livestock. Use a maximum netting mesh size of 1 ½ inches. The netting must not be in contact with fluids and must not have holes or gaps.

Chemical and Fuel Secondary Containment and Exclosure Screening

The operator will prevent all hazardous, poisonous, flammable, and toxic substances from coming into contact with soil and water. At a minimum, the operator will install and maintain an impervious secondary containment system for any tank or barrel containing hazardous, poisonous, flammable, or toxic substances sufficient to contain the contents of the tank or barrel and any drips, leaks, and anticipated precipitation. The operator will dispose of fluids within the containment system that do not meet applicable state or U. S. Environmental Protection Agency livestock water standards in accordance with state law; the operator must not drain the fluids to the soil or ground. The operator will design, construct, and maintain all secondary containment systems to prevent wildlife and livestock exposure to harmful substances. At a minimum, the operator will install

effective wildlife and livestock enclosure systems such as fencing, netting, expanded metal mesh, lids, and grate covers. Use a maximum netting mesh size of 1 ½ inches.

Open-Vent Exhaust Stack Enclosures

The operator will construct, modify, equip, and maintain all open-vent exhaust stacks on production equipment to prevent birds and bats from entering, and to discourage perching, roosting, and nesting. (*Recommended enclosure structures on open-vent exhaust stacks are in the shape of a cone.*) Production equipment includes, but may not be limited to, tanks, heater-treaters, separators, dehydrators, flare stacks, in-line units, and compressor mufflers.

Containment Structures

Proposed production facilities such as storage tanks and other vessels will have a secondary containment structure that is constructed to hold the capacity of 1.5 times the largest tank, plus freeboard to account for precipitation, unless more stringent protective requirements are deemed necessary.

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** from the BLM Standard Environmental Color Chart (CC-001: June 2008).

B. PIPELINES

BURIED PIPELINE STIPULATIONS

A copy of the application (Grant, APD, or Sundry Notice) and attachments, including conditions of approval, 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 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. If, during any phase of the construction, operation, maintenance, or termination of the pipeline, any oil 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 or other pollutant, wherever found, shall be the responsibility of holder, regardless of fault. Upon failure of 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 holder of any responsibility as provided herein.

5. All construction and maintenance activity will be confined to the authorized right-of-way.

6. The pipeline will be buried with a minimum cover of 36 inches between the top of the pipe and ground level.

7. The maximum allowable disturbance for construction in this right-of-way will be 30 feet:

- Blading of vegetation within the right-of-way will be allowed: maximum width of blading operations will not exceed 20 feet. The trench is included in this area. (*Blading is defined as the complete removal of brush and ground vegetation.*)
- Clearing of brush species within the right-of-way will be allowed: maximum width of clearing operations will not exceed 30 feet. The trench and bladed area are included in this area. (*Clearing is defined as the removal of brush while leaving ground vegetation (grasses, weeds, etc.) intact. Clearing is best accomplished by holding the blade 4 to 6 inches above the ground surface.*)
- The remaining area of the right-of-way (if any) shall only be disturbed by compressing the vegetation. (*Compressing can be caused by vehicle tires, placement of equipment, etc.*)

8. The holder shall stockpile an adequate amount of topsoil where blading is allowed. The topsoil to be stripped is approximately 6 inches in depth. The topsoil will be segregated from other spoil piles from trench construction. The topsoil will be evenly distributed over the bladed area for the preparation of seeding.

9. The holder shall minimize disturbance to existing fences and other improvements on public lands. The holder is required to promptly repair improvements to at least their former state. Functional use of these improvements will be maintained at all times. The holder will contact the owner of any improvements prior to disturbing them. When 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.

10. Vegetation, soil, and rocks left as a result of construction or maintenance activity will be randomly scattered on this right-of-way and will not be left in rows, piles, or berms, unless otherwise approved by the Authorized Officer. The entire right-of-way shall be recontoured to match the surrounding landscape. The backfilled soil shall be compacted and a 6 inch berm will be left over the ditch line to allow for settling back to grade.

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.

12. The holder will reseed all disturbed areas. Seeding will be done according to the attached seeding requirements, using the following seed mix.

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13. All above-ground structures not subject to safety requirements shall be painted by the holder to blend with the natural color of the landscape. The paint used shall be color which simulates "Standard Environmental Colors" – **Shale Green**, Munsell Soil Color No. 5Y 4/2.

14. 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. All signs and information thereon will be posted in a permanent, conspicuous manner, and will be maintained in a legible condition for the life of the pipeline.

15. 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 before maintenance begins. The holder will take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the

pipeline route is not used as a roadway. As determined necessary during the life of the pipeline, the Authorized Officer may ask the holder to construct temporary deterrence structures.

16. Any cultural and/or paleontological resources (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 actions to prevent the loss of significant 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.

17. 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 associated roads, 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.

18. Escape Ramps - The operator will construct and maintain pipeline/utility trenches that are not otherwise fenced, screened, or netted to prevent livestock, wildlife, and humans from becoming entrapped. At a minimum, the operator will construct and maintain escape ramps, ladders, or other methods of avian and terrestrial wildlife escape in the trenches according to the following criteria:

- a. Any trench left open for eight (8) hours or less is not required to have escape ramps; however, before the trench is backfilled, the contractor/operator shall inspect the trench for wildlife, remove all trapped wildlife, and release them at least 100 yards from the trench.
- b. For trenches left open for eight (8) hours or more, earthen escape ramps (built at no more than a 30 degree slope and spaced no more than 500 feet apart) shall be placed in the trench.

19. The period of time that any trenches or other excavations are kept open will be held to the minimum compatible with construction requirements. The holder shall not leave more than one-half mile of trench open overnight or otherwise unattended. Open trenches will have ramps, bridges, or earthen plugs, at least six feet wide, every one-quarter mile to pass livestock and wildlife.

20. Special Stipulations:

Lesser Prairie-Chicken

Oil and gas activities 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. 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

This authorization is subject to your Certificate of Participation and/or Certificate of Inclusion under the New Mexico Candidate Conservation Agreement. Because it involves surface disturbing activities covered under your Certificate, your Habitat Conservation Fund Account with the Center of Excellence for Hazardous Materials Management (CEHMM) will be debited according to Exhibit B Part 2 of the Certificate of Participation.

IX. 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.

Within six (6) months of well completion, operators should work with BLM surface management specialists (Jim Amos: 575-234-5909) to devise the best strategies to reduce the size of the location. Interim reclamation 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 that is free of contaminants 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.

All disturbed areas after they have been satisfactorily prepared need to be reseeded with the seed mixture provided below.

Upon completion of interim reclamation, the operator shall submit a Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells, Subsequent Report of Reclamation (Form 3160-5).

X. FINAL ABANDONMENT & RECLAMATION

At final abandonment, well locations, production facilities, and access roads must undergo "final" reclamation so that the character and productivity of the land are restored.

Earthwork for final reclamation must be completed within six (6) months of well plugging. All pads, pits, facility locations and roads must be reclaimed to a satisfactory

revegetated, safe, and stable condition, unless an agreement is made with the landowner or BLM to keep the road and/or pad intact.

After all disturbed areas have been satisfactorily prepared, these areas need to be revegetated with the seed mixture provided below. Seeding should be accomplished by drilling on the contour whenever practical or by other approved methods. Seeding may need to be repeated until revegetation is successful, as determined by the BLM.

Operators shall contact a BLM surface protection specialist prior to surface abandonment operations for site specific objectives (Jim Amos: 575-234-5909).

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.

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acre. There shall be no 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 months prior to purchase. Commercial seed will be certified or registered seed. The seed container will be tagged in accordance with State law(s) and available for inspection by the authorized officer.

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. 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 to 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 double the amounts listed below. 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 (note: if broadcasting seed, amounts are to be doubled):

Species	Pound/acre
Plains Bristlegrass (<i>Setaria macrostachya</i>)	5
Sand Bluestem (<i>Andropogon hallii</i>)	5
Little Bluestem (<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>)	3
Big Bluestem (<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>)	6
Plains Coreopsis (<i>Coreopsis tinctoria</i>)	2
Sand Dropseed (<i>Sporobolus cryptandrus</i>)	1
Four-winged Saltbush** (<i>Atriplex canescens</i>)	5

** Four-winged Saltbush can be used around well pads and other areas where caliche cannot be removed

* Pounds of pure live seed = (Pounds of seed) x (Percent purity) x (Percent germination)