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This Gas Capture Plan outlines actions to be taken by the Operator to reduce well/production facility flaring/venting for new completion (new drill, recomplete to new zone, re-frac) activity.

Note: A C-129 must be submitted and approved prior to exceeding 60 days allowed by Rule 19.15.18.12.A

## Well(s)/Production Facility - Name of facility

The well(s) that will be located at the production facility are shown in the table below.

Well Name	API	Well Location (ULSTR)	Footages	Expected MCF/D	Flared or Vented	Comments
Palmillo 21 State Com 227H		Sec 21 T19S R28E	1715' FNL & 370' FWL	1400	Flared	Flared only in emergency
Palmillo 21 State Com 228H		Sec 21 T19S R28E	755' FNL & 360' FWL	1400	Flared	Flared only in emergency
Palmillo 21 State Com 324H		Sec 21 T19S R28E	1755' FNL & 370' FWL	1400	Flared	Flare only in emergency
Palmillo 21 State Com 325H		Sec 21 T19S R28E	1675' FNL & 370' FWL	1400	Flared	Flared only in emergency
Palmillo 21 State Com 326H	30-015	Sec 21 T19S R28E	715' FNL & 360' FWL	1400	Flared	Flared only in emergency

# Gathering System and Pipeline Notification

Well(s) will be connected to a production facility after flowback operations are complete if gas transporter system is in place. The gas produced from production facility is dedicated to **SUMMIT MIDSTREAM PARTNERS, LP** and will be connected to **SUMMIT** MIDSTREAM'S LOW pressure gathering system located in EDDY County, New Mexico. It will require 15000 ft of pipeline to connect the facility to LOW pressure gathering system. Apache Corporation provides (periodically) to SUMMIT MIDSTREAM PARTNERS, LP a drilling, completion and estimated first production date for wells that are scheduled to be drilled in the foreseeable future. In addition, Apache Corporation and SUMMIT MIDSTREAM PARTNERS, LP have periodic conference calls to discuss changes to drilling and completion schedules. Gas from these wells will be processed at SUMMIT LANE Processing Plant located in Sec. 36, Twp 20S, Rng 31E, EDDY County, New Mexico. The actual flow of the gas will be based on compression operating parameters and gathering system pressures.

#### Flowback Strategy

After the fracture treatment/completion operations, well(s) will be produced to temporary production tanks and gas will be flared or vented. During flowback, the fluids and sand content will be monitored. When the produced fluids contain minimal sand, the wells will be turned to production facilities. Gas sales should start as soon as the wells start flowing through the production facilities, unless there are operational issues on SUMMIT MIDSTREAM PARTNERS, LP system at that time. Based on current information, it is Apache Corporation's belief the system can take this gas upon completion of the well(s).

Safety requirements during cleanout operations from the use of underbalanced air cleanout systems may necessitate that sand and nonpipeline quality gas be vented and/or flared rather than sold on a temporary basis.

### Alternatives to Reduce Flaring

Below are alternatives considered from a conceptual standpoint to reduce the amount of gas flared.

- Power Generation On lease
  - Only a portion of gas is consumed operating the generator, remainder of gas will be flared
- Compressed Natural Gas On lease
  - Gas flared would be minimal, but might be uneconomical to operate when gas volume declines
- NGL Removal On lease
  - Plants are expensive, residue gas is still flared, and uneconomical to operate when gas volume declines

