

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

OCD-ARTESIA

FORM APPROVED  
OMB No. 1004-0137  
Expires July 31, 2010**SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS**  
**Do not use this form for proposals to drill or to re-enter an abandoned well. Use Form 3160-3 (APD) for such proposals.**5. Lease Serial No  
NMNM033775

6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name

SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE - Other instructions on page 2

7. If Unit of CA/Agreement, Name and/or No  
NMNM70993X

1. Type of Well

☒ Oil Well☐ Gas Well☐ Other

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8. Well Name and No.  
North Benson Queen Unit #46

2. Name of Operator

Arena Resources Inc

OCD-ARTESIA

9. API Well No.  
30-015-26345

3a. Address

2130 W Bender Hobbs, NM 88240

3b. Phone No. (include area code)

575-738-1739

10. Field and Pool or Exploratory Area

Benson; Queen-Grayburg, North

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

Sec 28 T18S R30E 1310' FSL 2310' FEL

11. Country or Parish, State

Eddy

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

TYPE OF SUBMISSION	TYPE OF ACTION			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Intent	<input type="checkbox"/> Acidize	<input type="checkbox"/> Deepen	<input type="checkbox"/> Production (Start/Resume)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Shut-Off
<input type="checkbox"/> Subsequent Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Alter Casing	<input type="checkbox"/> Fracture Treat	<input type="checkbox"/> Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/> Well Integrity
<input type="checkbox"/> Final Abandonment Notice	<input type="checkbox"/> Casing Repair	<input type="checkbox"/> New Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Recomplete	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
	<input type="checkbox"/> Change Plans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plug and Abandon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temporarily Abandon	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Convert to Injection	<input type="checkbox"/> Plug Back	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Disposal	

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

Arena Resources is providing notice of intent to temporarily abandon the North Benson Queen Unit #46. Due to the waterflood at adjacent injection wells, this well bore is currently producing only water. Arena believes there is strong potential to make a producing well and doesn't believe that wasting the existing well bore by permanently abandoning it is in the best interest of the Unit once the waterflood in this area is discontinued in October - November of 2009.

Arena's procedure is as follows:

- 1) Set CIBP at 2000', dump bail 20' cement
- 2) Circulate Inhibitor Fluid. Perform casing integrity test.
- 3) Shut in well

*Approval For  
MIT Test only*SEE ATTACHED FOR  
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

ACCEPTED FOR RECORD

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Gerry Guye, Deputy Field Inspector  
NMOC-District II ARTESIA

14. I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Name (Printed/Typed)

Colleen Robinson

Title Compliance Analyst

Signature

*Colleen Robinson*

Date 12/29/2008

## THIS SPACE FOR FEDERAL OR STATE OFFICE USE

Approved by

/s/ JD Whitlock Jr

Title

LRET

Date

1/8/09

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

Office

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

(Instructions on page 2)

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

**Temporary Abandonment of Wells on Federal Lands  
Conditions of Approval**

A temporarily abandoned well is defined as a completion that is not capable of production in paying quantities but which may have value as a service well. Pursuant to 43 CFR 3162.3-4 (c), no well may be temporarily abandoned for more than 30 days without the prior approval of the authorized officer.

Temporary Abandonment (TA) status approval requires a successful mechanical or casing integrity test as follows:

1. A Notice of Intent (NOI) Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5) requesting approval to run a mechanical integrity test (MIT) or casing integrity test (CIT).
2. A description of the temporary abandonment procedure.
  - a. A bridge plug or packer must be installed as close to 50 feet above any open perforations or open hole as possible. If a cement plug is used, the top of the cement must be verified by tagging.
  - b. The wellbore must be filled with corrosion inhibited fluid and pressure tested to 500 psi. The casing shall be capable of holding this pressure for at least 30 minutes with a 10% allowable leakoff.
  - c. All downhole production/injection equipment (tubing, rods, etc.) shall be removed from the casing if they are not isolated by a packer.
  - d. A bradenhead test must be conducted. If the test indicates a problem exists, a remedial plan and time frame for remediation shall be submitted within ninety (90) days of the test.
  - e. Contact the appropriate BLM office at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled Casing Integrity Test. For wells in Eddy County, 575-361-2822; Lea County 575-393-3612.
3. Provides justification why the well should be temporarily abandoned rather than permanently plugged and abandoned and an estimated date that the well will be returned to beneficial use or plugged and abandoned.

Wells that successfully pass the casing integrity test may be approved for Temporary Abandonment (TA) status provided that the operator:

1. Submits a subsequent Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5) requesting TA approval.
2. Describes the temporary abandonment procedure.
3. Attaches a clear copy or the original of the pressure test chart.

The TA status could be extended for an additional period without another casing integrity test provided there was no leak-off during the test and the test was witnessed by a BLM representative. The operator must submit a sundry notice requesting an extension of TA status 30 days prior to expiration of the previous approval and appropriate justification for extending the TA status is included.

If the well does not pass the casing integrity test, then the operator shall within 30 days submit to BLM for approval one of the following:

1. A procedure to repair the casing so that a TA approval can be granted.
2. A procedure to plug and abandon the well.

**Submit Subsequent Report and well bore diagram with all Perforations and CIBP with tops of cement. Well will be approved after successful MIT and subsequent report is submitted. Approve will be for one year only.  
Submit Plans to recomplete, produce or P&A by January 7, 2010**