

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL - DRILLING

Operator's Name: OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership
Well Name & No. OXY Freddie Federal #1
Location: 1650' FNL, 1980' FWL, Section 26, T. 18 S., R. 30 E., Eddy County, New Mexico
Lease: NM-27278

I. DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS:

1. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is to be notified at the Carlsbad Field Office, 620 East Greene St., Carlsbad, NM 88220, (505) 361-2822 for wells in Eddy County in sufficient time for a representative to witness:
 - A. Spudding
 - B. Cementing casing: 13-3/8 inch 9-5/8 inch 5-1/2 inch
 - C. BOP tests
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.
3. Submit a Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5, one original and five copies) for each casing string, describing the casing and cementing operations. Include pertinent information such as; spud date, hole size, casing (size, weight, grade and thread type), cement (type, quantity and top), water zones and problems or hazards encountered. The Sundry shall be submitted within 15 days of completion of each casing string. The reports may be combined into the same Sundry if they fall within the same 15 day time frame.
4. The API No. assigned to the well by NMOCD shall be included on the subsequent report of setting the first casing string.
5. A Communitization Agreement covering the acreage dedicated to this well must be filed for approval with the BLM. The effective date of the agreement shall be prior to any sales.
6. Gamma-Ray/Neutron logs shall be run from the base of the Salado formation to the surface; cable speed not to exceed 30 feet per minute.

II. CASING:

1. The 13-3/8 inch surface casing shall be set at approximately 625 feet and cement circulated to the surface. If cement does not circulate to the surface the appropriate BLM office shall be notified and a temperature survey or cement bond log shall be run to verify the top of the cement. Remedial cementing shall be completed prior to drilling out that string.
2. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 9-5/8 inch intermediate casing is to be circulated to the surface.
3. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 5-1/2 inch production casing is to be circulated to the surface.
4. Whenever a casing string is cemented in the R-111-P Potash Area, cement shall be allowed to stand a minimum of twelve (12) hours under pressure and a total of twenty-four (24) hours before drilling the plug or initiating tests.

III. PRESSURE CONTROL:

1. All BOP systems and related equipment shall comply with well control requirements as described in Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 2. The BOP and related equipment shall be installed and operational before drilling below

the 13-3/8 inch casing shoe and shall be tested as described in Onshore Order No. 2. Any equipment failing to test satisfactorily shall be repaired or replaced.

2. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer and related equipment (BOPE) **below the 13-3/8 inch surface casing** shall be 2000 psi.

3. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer and related equipment (BOPE) **below the 9-5/8 inch intermediate casing** shall be 5000 psi.

4. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified in sufficient time for a representative to witness the tests.

- The tests shall be done by an independent service company.
- The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.
- Testing fluid must be water or an appropriate clear liquid suitable for sub-freezing temperatures. Use of drilling mud for testing is not permitted since it can mask small leaks.
- Testing must be done in a safe workman-like manner. Hard line connections shall be required.

IV. 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. Monitoring equipment shall consist of the following:

- Recording pit level indicator to indicate volume gains and losses.
- Mud measuring device for accurately determining the mud volumes necessary to fill the hole during trips.
- Flow-sensor on the flow-line to warn of abnormal mud returns from the well.

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SPECIAL DRILLING STIPULATIONS

THE FOLLOWING DATA IS REQUIRED ON THE WELL SIGN

Operator's Name OXY USA WTP LP Well Name & No. -OXY Freddie Federal
 Location 1650 F N L & 1980 FW L Sec. 26, T. 18S, R. 30E.
 Lease No. NM-27278 County Eddy State New Mexico

The Special stipulations check marked below are applicable to the above described well and approval of this application to drill is conditioned upon compliance with such stipulations in addition to the General Requirements. The permittee should be familiar with the General Requirements, a copy of which is available from a Bureau of Land Management office. EACH PERMITTEE HAS THE RIGHT OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL TO THESE STIPULATIONS PURSUANT TO TITLE 43 CFR 3165.3 AND 3165.4.

This permit is valid for a period of one year from the date of approval or until lease expiration or termination whichever is shorter.

I. SPECIAL ENVIRONMENT REQUIREMENTS

- ☒ Lesser Prairie Chicken (stips attached) ☐ Floodplain (stips attached)
☐ San Simon Swale (stips attached) ☐ Other

II. ON LEASE - SURFACE REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO DRILLING

☒ The BLM will monitor construction of this drill site. Notify the ☒ Carlsbad Field Office at (505) 234-5972 ☐ Hobbs Office (505) 393-3812, at least 3 working days prior to commencing construction.

☒ Roads and the drill pad for this well must be surfaced with 6 inches of compacted caliche.

☐ All topsoil and vegetation encountered during the construction of the drill site area will be stockpiled and made available for resurfacing of the disturbed area after completion of the drilling operation. Topsoil on the subject location is approximately _____ inches in depth. Approximately _____ cubic yards of topsoil material will be stockpiled for reclamation.

☐ Other.

III. WELL COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

☐ A communitization Agreement covering the acreage dedicated to the well must be filed for approval with the BLM. The effective date of the agreement must be prior to any sales.

☒ Surface Restoration: If the well is a producer, the reserve pit(s) will be backfilled when dry, and cut-and-fill slopes will be reduced to a slope of 3:1 or less. All areas of the pad not necessary for production must be re-contoured to resemble the original contours of the surrounding terrain, and topsoil must be re-distributed and re-seeded with a drill equipped with a depth indicator (set at a depth of 1/2 inch) with the following seed mixture, in pounds of Pure Live Seed (PLS), per acre.

☐ A. Seed Mixture 1 (Loamy Sites)
 Side Oats Grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*) 5.0
 Sand Dropseed (*Sporobolus cryptandrus*) 1.0

☒ B. Seed Mixture 2 (Sandy Sites)
 Sand Dropseed (*Sporobolus cryptandrus*) 1.0
 Sand Lovegrass (*Eragrostis trichodes*) 1.0
 Plains Bristlegrass (*Setaria macrostachya*) 2.0

☐ C. Seed Mixture 3 (Shallow Sites)
 Sideoats Grama (*Boute curtipendula*) 1.0

☐ D. Seed Mixture 4 (Gypsum Sites)
 Alkali Sacaton (*Sporobolus airoides*) 1.0
 Four-Wing Saltbush (*Atriplex canescens*) 5.0

Seeding should be done either late in the fall (September 15 - November 15, before freeze up, or early as possible the following spring to take advantage of available ground moisture.

☐ Other.

RESERVE PIT CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

The reserve pit shall be constructed entirely in cut material and lined with 6 mil plastic.

Mineral material extracted during construction of the reserve pit may be used for development of the pad and access road as needed. Removal of any additional material on location must be purchased from BLM.

Reclamation: Reclamation of this type of deep pit will consist of pushing the pit walls into the pit when sufficiently dry to support track equipment. The pit liner is **NOT TO BE RUPTURED** to facilitate drying; a ten month period after completion of the well is allowed for drying of the pit contents.

The pit area must be contoured to the natural terrain with all contaminated drilling mud buried with at least 3 feet of clean soil. The reclaimed area will then be seeded as specified in this permit.

OPTIONAL PIT CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

The reserve pit may be constructed in predominantly fill material if:

- (1) Lined as specified above and
- (2) A borrow/caliche/gravel pit can be constructed immediately adjacent to the reserve pit and it capable of containing all reserve pit contents. The mineral material removed in the process can be used for pad and access road construction. However, a material sales contract must be purchased from the BLM prior to removal of the material.

Reclamation of the reserve pit consists of bulldozing all reserve pit contents and contaminants into the borrow pit and covering with a minimum of 3 feet of clean soil material. The entire area must be recontoured, all trash removed, and reseeded as specified in this permit.

CULTURAL

Whether or not an archaeological survey has been completed and notwithstanding that operations are being conducted as approved, the lessee/operator/grantee shall notify the BLM immediately if previously unidentified cultural resources are observed during surface disturbing operations. From the time of the observation, the lessee/operator/grantee shall avoid operations that will result in disturbance to these cultural resources until directed to proceed by BLM.

TRASH PIT STIPS

All trash, junk, and other waste material shall be contained in trash cages or bins to prevent scattering and will be removed and deposited in an approved sanitary landfill. Burial on site is not permitted.

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PRAIRIE CHICKENS

No surface use is allowed during the following time periods; unless otherwise specified, this stipulation does not apply to operation and maintenance of production facilities.

On the lands described below:

T. 18S, R. 30E
Sec. 26-4Y2

For the purpose of: Protecting Prairie Chickens:

Drilling for oil and gas, and 3-D geophysical exploration operations will not be allowed in Lesser Prairie Chicken Habitat during the period of March 15 through June 15, each year. 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 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. The 3:00a.m. and 9:00a.m. restriction will not apply to normal, around-the-clock operations, such as venting, flaring, or pumping, which do not require a human presence during the period. Additionally, no new drilling will be allowed within up to 200 meters of leaks 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.

Bureau of Land Management
Roswell/Carlsbad Field Offices

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EXHIBIT A

BLM Lease Number: NM-27278

Company Reference: 1-OXY Freddie Fed.

OXY USA WTP LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

STANDARD STIPULATIONS FOR PERMANENT RESOURCE ROADS
THE CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE AREA, BLM

The Holder/grantee/permittee shall hereafter be identified as the Holder in these stipulations. The Authorized Officer is the person who approves the Application for Permit to Drill (APD) and/or Right-of-Way (ROW). The Holder shall ensure that a copy of the grant and attachments, including stipulations and map, will be on location during construction. BLM personnel may request to view a copy of your permit during construction to ensure compliance with all stipulations.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. 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.
- B. 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 U.S.C. 2601, *et. seq.*) with regard to any toxic substances that are used, generated by or stored on the right-of-way or on facilities authorized by this 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.
- C. 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). This agreement applies without regard to whether a release is caused by the Holder, its agent, or unrelated third parties.
- D. If, during any phase of the construction, operation, maintenance, or termination of the road, any oil or other pollutant should be discharged, 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 the Holder, regardless of fault. Upon failure of the Holder to control, dispose of, or clean up such discharge on or affecting Federal lands, or to repair all damages to Federal lands resulting therefrom, the Authorized Officer may take such measures as deemed necessary to control and cleanup 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 the Holder of any liability or responsibility.
- E. The Holder shall minimize disturbance to existing fences and other improvements on public domain surface. The Holder is required to promptly repair improvements to at least their former state. Functional use of these

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improvements will be maintained at all times. The Holder will make a documented good-faith effort to 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.

F. The Holder shall ensure that the entire right-of-way, including the driving surface, ditching and drainage control structures, road verges and any construction sites or zones, will be kept free of the following plant species: Malta starthistle, African rue, Scotch thistle and salt cedar.

Holder agrees to comply with the following stipulations:

1. ROAD WIDTH AND GRADE

The road will have a driving surface of 14 feet (all roads shall have a minimum driving surface of 12 feet, unless local conditions dictate a different width). The maximum grade is 10 percent unless the box below is checked. Maximum width of surface disturbance from construction will be 30 feet.

☐ Those segments of road where grade is in excess of 10% for more than 300 feet shall be designed by a professional engineer.

2. CROWNING AND DITCHING

Crowning with materials on site and ditching on one side of the road on the uphill side will be required. The road cross-section will conform to the cross section diagrams in Figure 1. If conditions dictate, ditching may be required for both sides of the road; if local conditions permit, a flat-bladed road may be considered (if these conditions exist, check the appropriate box below). The crown shall have a grade of approximately 2% (i.e., 1" crown on a 12' wide road).

☒ Ditching will be required on both sides of the roadway as shown on the attached map or as staked in the field.

☐ Flat-blading is authorized on segment(s) delineated on the attached map.

3. DRAINAGE

Drainage control shall be ensured over the entire road through the use of borrow ditches, outslowing, insloping, natural rolling topography, lead-off (turnout) ditches, culverts, and/or drainage dips.

A. All lead-off ditches shall be graded to drain water with a 1 percent minimum to 3 percent maximum ditch slope. The spacing interval for lead-off ditches shall be determined according to the following table, but may be amended depending upon existing soil types and centerline road slope (in %):

SPACING INTERVAL FOR TURNOUT DITCHES

Percent slope	Spacing interval
0% - 4%	400' - 150'
4% - 6%	250' - 125'
6% - 8%	200' - 100'
8% - 10%	150' - 75'

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A typical lead-off ditch has a minimum depth of 1 foot below and a berm 6 inches above natural ground level. The berm will be on the down-slope side of the lead-off ditch. The ditch end will tie into vegetation whenever possible. For this road the spacing interval for lead-off ditches shall be at:

- ☒ 400 foot intervals.
- ☐ _____ foot intervals.
- ☐ locations staked in the field as per spacing intervals above.
- ☐ locations delineated on the attached map.

B. Culvert pipes shall be used for cross drains where drainage dips or low water crossings are not feasible. The minimum culvert diameter must be 18 inches. Any culvert pipe installed shall be of sufficient diameter to pass the anticipated flow of water. Culvert location and required diameter are shown on the attached map (Further details can be obtained from the Roswell District Office or the appropriate Resource Area Office).

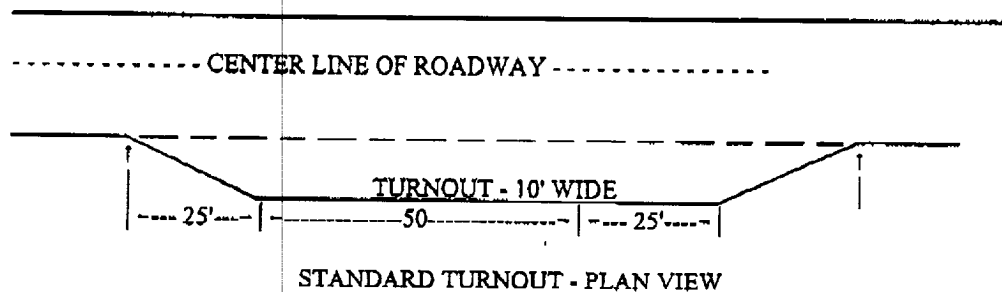
C. On road slopes exceeding 2%, drainage dips shall drain water into an adjacent lead-off ditch. Drainage dip location and spacing shall be determined by the formula:

$$\text{spacing interval} = \frac{400'}{\text{road slope in \%}} + 100'$$

$$\text{Example: } 4\% \text{ road slope: spacing interval} = \frac{400}{4} + 100 = 200 \text{ feet}$$

4. TURNOUTS

Unless otherwise approved by the Authorized Officer, vehicle turnouts will be required. Turnouts will be located at 2000-foot intervals, or the turnouts will be intervisible, whichever is less. Turnouts will conform to the following diagram:



5. SURFACING

Surfacing of the road or those portions identified on the attached map with caliche or other surfacing material may, at the direction of the Authorized Officer, be required if necessary to maintain traffic within the right-of-way. When surfacing is required, surfacing materials will be compacted to a minimum thickness of six inches with caliche material. The width of surfacing shall be no less than the driving surface.

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A sales contract for the removal of mineral materials (caliche, sand, gravel, fill dirt, etc.) from an authorized pit, site, or on location must be obtained from the BLM prior to using any such mineral material from public lands. Contact the BLM solid minerals staff for the various options to purchase mineral material.

6. CATTLEGUARDS

Where used, all cattleguard grids and foundation designs and construction shall meet the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Load Rating H-20, although AASHTO U-80 rated grids shall be required where heavy loads (exceeding H-20 loading), are anticipated (See BLM standard drawings for cattleguards). Cattleguard grid length shall not be less than 8 feet and width of not less than 14 feet. A wire gate (16-foot minimum width) will be provided on one side of the cattleguard unless requested otherwise by the surface user.

7. MAINTENANCE

The Holder shall maintain the road in a safe, usable condition. A maintenance program shall include, but not be limited to blading, ditching, culvert installation, culvert cleaning, drainage installation, cattleguard maintenance, and surfacing.

8. PUBLIC ACCESS

Public access along this road will not be restricted by the Holder without specific written approval being granted by the Authorized Officer. Gates or cattleguards on public lands will not be locked or closed to public use unless closure is specifically determined to be necessary and is authorized in writing by the Authorized Officer.

9. CULTURAL RESOURCES

Any cultural and/or paleontological resource (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by the Holder, or any person working on the Holder's behalf, on public or Federal land shall be immediately reported to the authorized officer. The 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 the proper mitigation measures will be made by the authorized officer after consulting with the Holder.

10. SPECIAL STIPULATIONS: None