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Bureau of Land Management
Roswell District Office
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Roswell, New Mexico 88201



Re: Application for Permit to Drill
OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership
OXY Big Hoss Federal #2
Eddy County, New Mexico
Lease No. NM0455265

Gentlemen:

OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership respectfully requests permission to drill our OXY Big Hoss Federal #2 located 1700 FNL and 1650 FEL of Section 21, T20S, R27E, Eddy County, New Mexico, Federal Lease No. NM0455265. The proposed well will be drilled to a TD of approximately 11000' (TVD). The location and work area has been staked. It is approximately 7 miles northwest of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

In accordance with requirements stipulated in Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 1 under 43 CFR 3162.1, our Application for Permission to Drill and supporting evidence is hereby submitted.

I. Application for Permit to Drill:

1. Form 3160.3, Application for Permit to Drill.
2. Form C-102 Location and Acreage Dedication Plat certified by Gary L. Jones, Registered Land Surveyor No. 7977 in the State of New Mexico, dated July 17, 2002.
3. The elevation of the unprepared ground is 3266 feet above sea level.
4. The geologic name of the surface formation is Permian Rustler.
5. Rotary drilling equipment will be utilized to drill the well to TD 11000' (TVD), and run casing. This equipment will then be rigged down and the well will be completed with a pulling unit.
6. Proposed total depth is 11000' TVD.
7. Estimated tops of important geologic markers.

Wolfcamp	8350' TVD
Strawn	9780' TVD
Atoka	10000' TVD
Morrow	10375' TVD

8. Estimated depths at which anticipated water, oil, gas or other mineral bearing formations are expected to be encountered:

Primary Objective:	Morrow	10375' TVD
Secondary Objective:	Atoka	10000' TVD