Form 3160-3. (April 2004)

# N.M. Oil Cons. DIV-Dist. 2 UNITED STATES 1 NA Grand Avenue DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR GRAND AVENUE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, NM 88210

FORM APPROVED OMB NO. 1004-0137 Expires March 31, 2007

1b. Type of Well Oil Well X Gas Well Other Single Zone Multiple Zone  2. Name of Operator  Nearburg Producing Company  3a. Address  3300 N A St., Bldg 2, Suite 120, Midland, TX 79705  432/686-8235	6. If Indian, Allotee or Tribe Name 7. Unit or CA Agreement Name and No. 8. Lease Name and Well No. McKittrick 24 Federal #3 9. API Well No.
2. Name of Operator Nearburg Producing Company 3a. Address 3300 N A St., Bldg 2, Suite 120, Midland, TX 79705 432/686-8235	8. Lease Name and Well No.  McKittrick 24 Federal #3
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5500 H 71 50:1 5:43 21 32 2	70 0711700
4. Location of Well (Report location clearly and in accordance with any state equirements).	30-015-34322
At surface 290 FNL and 1480 FEL	0. Field and Pool, or Exploratory  McKittrick Hills; Upper Pen  1. Sec., T., R., M., or Blk. and Survey or Are
At proposed prod. zone 1980 FSL and 660 FEL APPROVAL BY STATE	Sec 24, 22S, 24E
14. Distance in times and direction non-nearest town of post office	2. County or Parish 13. State
	Eddy NM
	cing Unit dedicated to this well
location to nearest property or lease line, ft.  (Also to nearest drg. unit line, if any)  660  840	S/2 of Section 24
100 PV	M/BIA Bond No. on file
18. Distance from proposed location* to nearest well, drilling, completed,	
applied for, on this lease, ft. 2640	NM1307
21. Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB, RT, GL, etc. 22. Approximate date work will start*	23. Estimated duration
3960 8/1/05	30 days
<ol> <li>A Drilling Plan</li> <li>A Surface Use Plan (if the location is on National Forest System Lands, the</li> <li>Operator certification.</li> </ol>	ess covered by an existing bond on file (see on and/or plans as may be required by the
25. Signuature Name (Printed/Typed)	Date
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Title Production Analyst	
Approved by (Signautre) /S/ Joe G. Lara Name (Printed/Typed)	Date 410 1 0 200
/s/ Joe G. Lar	$\mathbf{a}$   $\mathbf{AUG}$ 1 6 200
Title ACTING FIELD MANAGER Office CARLSBAI	D FIELD OFFICE
Application approval does not warrant or certify that the applicant holds legal or equitable title to those rights in the subj	ect lease which would entitle the applicant to OVAL FOR 1 YEAR
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AND SPECIAL STIPULATIONS **ATTACHED** 

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No Earther Pets Allowed

### State of New Mexico

DISTRICT I

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-102

Revised JUNE 10, 2003 Submit to Appropriate District Office

DISTRICT II
1301 W. GRAND AVENUE, ARTESIA, NW 88210

### OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 1220 SOUTH ST. FRANCIS DR. Santa Fe. New Mexico 87505

State Lease - 4 Copies

Pee Lease - 3 Copies

1000 Kio Brazos Kd., Azuec,

DISTRICT III 1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

1220 S. ST. FRANCIS DR., SANTA FE, NW 8750		ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT	□ AMENDED REPORT
API Number	Pool Code	MCKethick Hels W	per Pennas
Property Code		operty Name CK 24 FEDERAL	Well Number
OIS HA		erator Name RODUCING COMPANY	Elevation 3960'

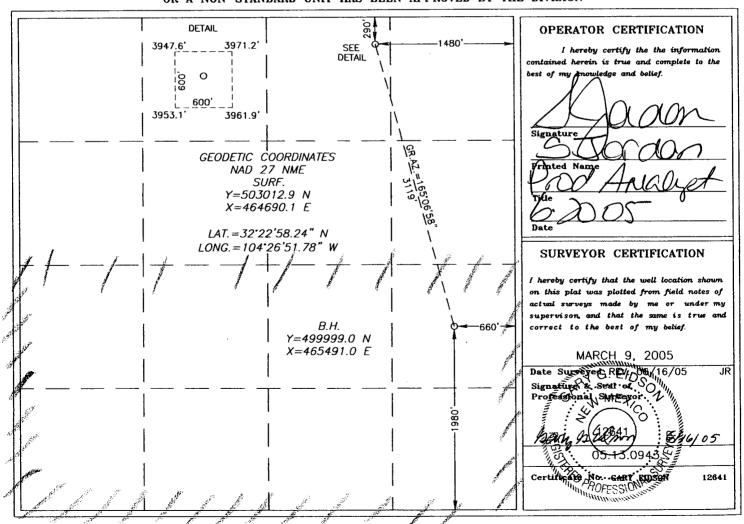
#### Surface Location

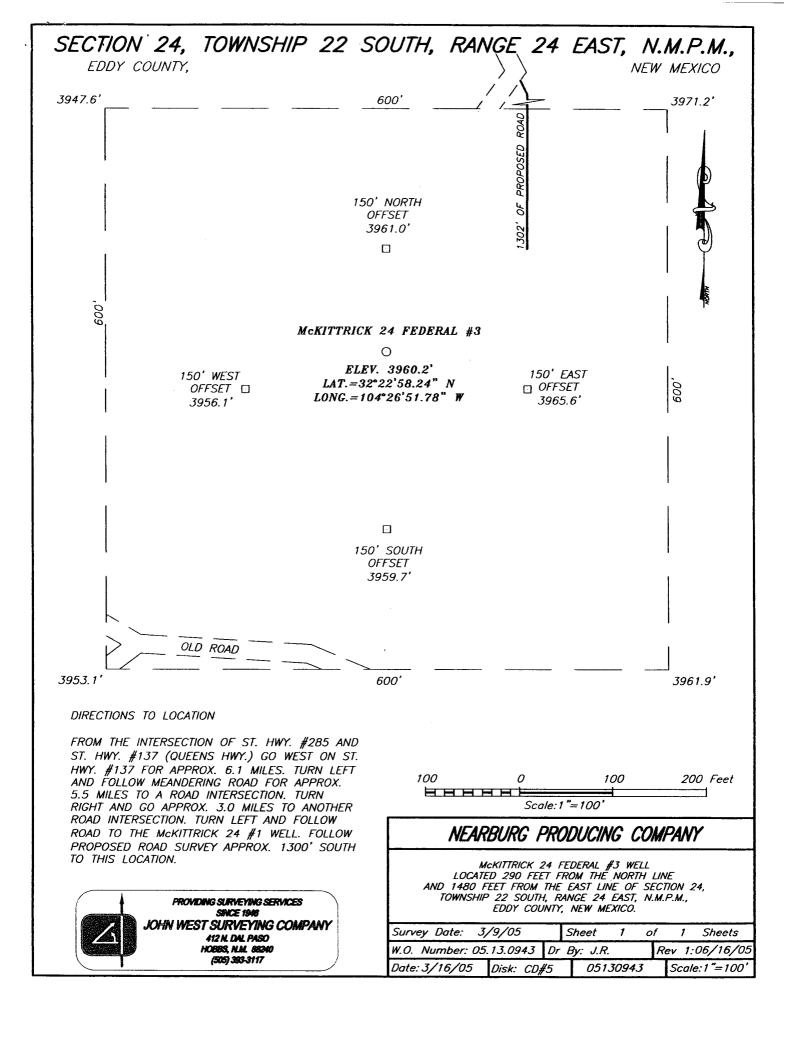
ſ	UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
	В	24	22-S	24-E		290	NORTH	1480	EAST	EDDY

### Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
1	24	22-S	24-E		1980	SOUTH	660	EAST	EDDY
Dedicated Acre	s Joint o	r Infili Co	nsolidation (	Code Or	der No.				

# NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION





# ATTACHMENT TO FORM 3160-3 MCKITTRICK 24 FEDERAL #3

SHL: 290 FNL AND 1480 FEL, SEC 24, 22S, 24E BHL: 1980 FSL AND 660 FEL, SEC 24, 22S, 24E EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

## **DRILLING PROGRAM**

## 1. GEOLOGIC NAME OF SURFACE FORMATION

Artesia GP

# 2. ESTIMATED TOPS OF IMPORTANT GEOLOGIC MARKERS

3rd Bone Spring

7350

Wolfcamp Shale

7750

## 3. ESTIMATED DEPTHS OF ANTICIPATED FRESH WATER, OIL, OR GAS

Cisco/ Canyon

8150

## 4. CASING AND CEMENTING PROGRAM

Casing Size	From To	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Joint</u>
9-5/8"	0' - 1,500'	36#	J55	STC
7"	0' - 8,600'	23 & 26#	K55, N80	LTC & BTC

Equivalent or adequate grades and weights of casing may be substituted at time casing is run, depending on availability.

We plan to drill a 14-3/4" hole to equal 1500'. 9-5/8" casing will be cemented with 700 sxs Class "C" or volume necessary to bring cement back to surface.

8-3/4" hole will be drilled to 8,600' and 7" production casing will be cemented with approximately 1000 sxs of Class "H" cement circulated to surface.

### **MCKITTRICK 24 FEDERAL #3**

## Page 2

## 5. MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS FOR PRESSURE CONTROL

The BOP stack will consist of a 3,000 psi working pressure, dual ram type preventer and annular.

A BOP sketch is attached.

## 6. TYPES AND CHARACTERTICS OF THE PROPOSED MUD SYSTEM

Spud and drill to 1,500' with fresh water mud for surface string. The production section from 1,600' to 8,600' will be 8.3 ppg Fresh Water system with mud weight sufficient to control formation pressures.

## 7. AUXILLARY WELL CONTROL AND MONITORING EQUIPMENT

None required.

## 8. LOGGING, TESTING, AND CORING PROGRAM

DLL/CNL/LDT/CAL/GR logging is planned. Drill stem tests, cores and sidewall cores are possible.

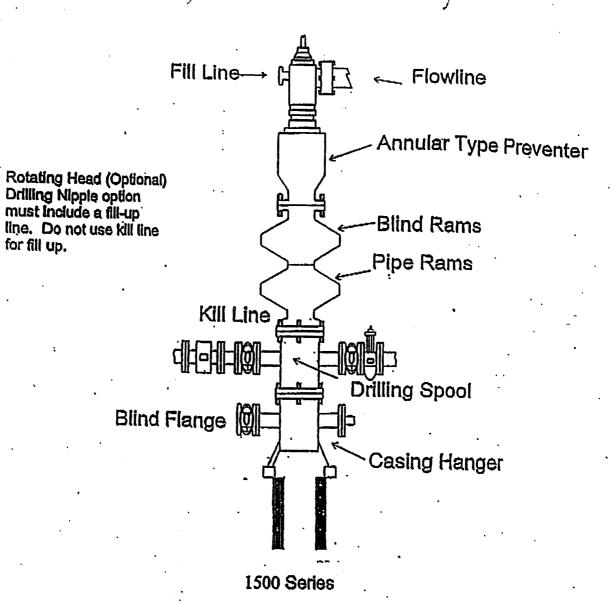
# 9. <u>ABNORMAL CONDITIONS, PRESSURES, TEMPERATURES & POTENTIAL</u> HAZARDS

None anticipated.

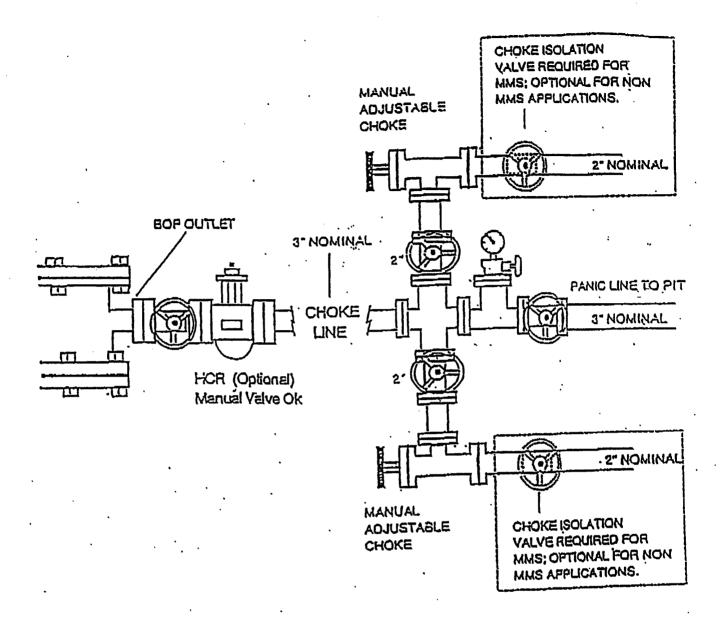
BHP expected to be 1,100 psi.

### 10. ANTICAPATED STARTING DATE:

Is planned that operations will commence on August 1, 2005 with drilling and completion operation lasting about 30 days.



# CHOKE MANIFOLD 5M SERVICE



# HYDROGEN SULFIDE DRILLING OPERATIONS PLANS NEARBURG PRODUCING COMPANY MCKITTRICK 24 FEDERAL #3

### 1. HYDROGEN SULFIDE TRAINING

- A. All regularly assigned personnel, contracted or employed by Nearburg Producing Company, will receive training from a qualified instructor in the following areas prior to commencing drilling potential hydrogen sulfide bearing formations in this well:
  - 1. The hazards and characteristics of hydrogen sulfide (H2S).
  - 2. The proper use and maintenance of personal protective equipment and life support systems.
  - 3. The proper use of H2S detectors, alarms, warning systems, briefing areas, evacuation procedures and prevailing winds.
  - 4. The proper techniques for first aid and rescue procedures.
- B. In addition, supervisory personnel will be trained in the following areas:
  - 1. The effects of H2S on metal components. If high tensile tubulars are to be used, personnel will be trained in their special maintenance requirements.
  - 2. Corrective action and shut-in procedures when drilling or reworking a well and blowout prevention and well control procedures.
  - 3. The contents and requirements of the H2S Drilling Operations Plan.
- C. There will be an initial training session just prior to encountering a known or probable H2S zone (within 3 days or 500 feet) 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. This plan shall be available at the well site. All personnel will be required to carry documentation that they have received the proper training.

# HYDROGEN SULFIDE DRILLING OPERATIONS PLANS PAGE 2

# 2. H2S SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS

Note: All H2S safety equipment and systems will be installed, tested and operational when drilling reaches a depth of 500 feet above, or three days prior to penetrating the first zone containing or reasonably expected to contain H2S.

# A. Well Control Equipment:

- 1. Flare line with continuous pilot.
- 2. Choke manifold with a minimum of one remote choke.
- 3. Blind rams and pipe rams to accommodate all sizes with properly sized closing unit.
- 4. Auxiliary equipment to include: annular preventer, mud-gas separator, rotating head and flare gun with flares as needed.

## B. Protective Equipment for Essential Personnel:

Mark II Surviveair 30-minute units located in the dog house and at briefing areas, as indicated on well site diagram.

# C. H2S Detection and Monitoring Equipment:

- 1. Two portable H2S monitors positioned and location for best coverage and response. These units have warning lights and audible sirens when H2S levels of 20 ppm are reached.
- 2. One portable SO2 monitor positioned near flare line.

## D. Visual Warning systems:

- 1. Wind direction indicators as shown on well site diagram.
- 2. 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. See example attached.

# HYDROGEN SULFIDE DRILLING OPERATIONS PLANS PAGE 3

## E. Mud Program

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

## F. Metallurgy

All drill strings, casing, tubing, wellhead, blowout preventers, drilling spool, kill lines, choke manifold and line and valves shall be suitable for H2S service.

## G. Communication

- 1. Cellular telephone communications in company vehicles and mud logging trailer.
- 2. Land line (telephone) communications at area office.

## H. Well Testing

Drill stem testing will be performed with a minimum number of personnel in the immediate vicinity, which are necessary to safely and adequately conduct the test. The drill stem testing in an H2S environment will be conducted during the daylight hours.

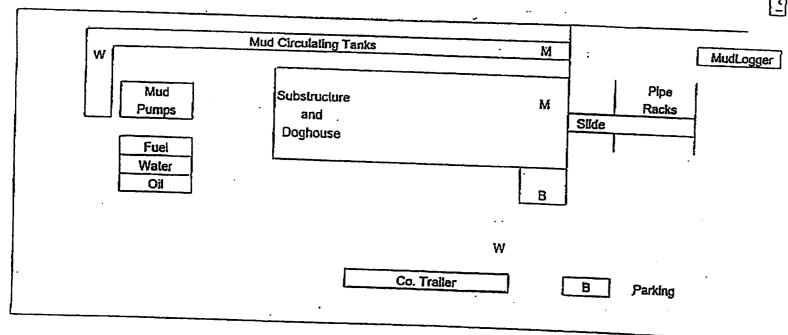
# WARNING

YOU ARE ENTERING A H2S AREA AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY

- 1. BEARDS OR CONTACT LENSES NOT ALLOWED
- 2. HARD HATS REQUIRED
- 3. SMOKING IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY
- 4. BE WIND CONSCIOUS AT ALL TIMES
- 5. CHECK WITH NEARBURG SUPERINTENDENT AT MAIN OFFICE

# **NEARBURG PRODUCING COMPANY**

(432) 686-8235



- M H2S Monitors with alarms at bell nipple and shale shaker
- W Wind Direction Indicators
- B Sale Briefing areas with caution signs and protective breathing equipment. Minimum 150' from wellhead.

Prevailing Wind Directions: Summer - South/Southwest

Winter - North/Northwest

# Conditions of Approval for Cave/Karst Resources and Visual on Nearburg Producing Company Lease #'s NM 97855

McKittrick 24 Fed #3 Surface Hole: 290 FNL & 1480 FEL, Section 24, T. 22 S., R. 24 E.

## **Surface Mitigation**

The following stipulations will apply to minimize impacts during construction, drilling and production.

- 1. No earthen pits will be allowed. All cuttings and fluids will be held in steel tanks and hauled off site for proper disposal in an approved location.
- 2. Cuttings will be hauled to BLM approved location.
- 3. Pad size will be limited to a maximum size of 220' X 350' for a double well location and 220'X 310' for a single well location.
- 4. Upon completion of the well(s) the location will be reclaimed to the minimal size necessary for production operations.
- 5. All above ground facilities, structures, appurtenances, and pipelines will be low profile (less than 8 feet in height)
- 6. All above ground facilities, structures, appurtenances, and pipelines will be painted a non-reflective (Flat) Juniper Green.

## **Subsurface Mitigation**

The following stipulations will be applied to protect cave/karst resources and ground water concerns.

- 1. Rotary drilling techniques in cave or karst areas will include the use of fresh water as a circulating medium in zones where caves or karst are expected. Below those zones, the operator may use whatever drilling fluid is approved in the drilling plan.
- 2. All casing will meet or exceed National Association of Corrosion Engineers specifications pertaining to the geology of the location and be run to American Petroleum Institute and BLM standards.
- 3. A cave protection casing will be required. The cave-protection casing string would be set at the base of the Capitan or at the deepest known cave-bearing zone as determined by drilling at approximately 1,500 feet. See attached diagram as an example.
- 4. All casing strings will be cemented to the surface.
- 5. Regardless of the type of drilling machinery used, if a bit drops of four feet or more and circulation losses greater than 75 percent occur simultaneously while drilling in any cave-bearing zone, drilling operations will immediately stop and the BLM will be notified by the Operator. In the event that such an incident occurs contact Jim Goodbar at 505 234-5929 or 505 236-1016 after hours and Jim Amos at (505) 234-5909 or 706-2775. The BLM will assess the consequences of the situation and work with Operator on corrective actions to resolve the problem. If corrective actions fail, the well will be plugged.

Any corrective actions proposed to resolve problems related to bit drops or lost circulation will require BLM concurrence prior to implementation. A decision on how to proceed will be reached within 24 hours of notification.

6. Any blasting will be a phased and time delayed.

7. Upon well abandonment the well bore will be cemented completely from the base of the cave bearing zone to the surface.

## **Monitoring Production Operations**

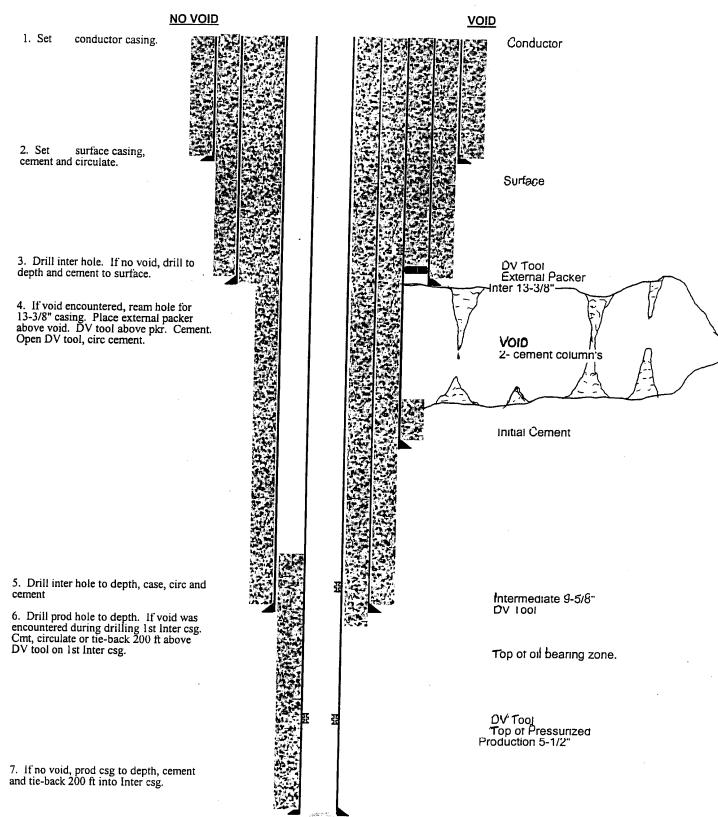
1. Annual pressure tests will be performed by the Operator on all casing annuli. If the test results indicated a casing failure, remedial actions approved by the BLM will be undertaken to correct the problem.

### Record Keeping

- 1. The Operator will track customary drilling activities, including the rate of penetration, pump pressure, weight on bit, bit drops, percent of mud returns, and presence of absence of cuttings returning to the surface. As part of customary record keeping, each detectable void or sudden increase in the rate of penetration not attributable to a change in the formation type should be documented and evaluated as it is encountered.
- 2. The BLM may review data held by companies on wells drilled in cave or karst areas, to gain information about impacts to caves and karst. This information will be used to categorize lost-circulation zones on the basis of depth, relative volume, and severity, and to evaluate and compare the relative success or failure of different remedies attempted to combat lost-circulation problems while drilling and cementing casing in these zones. This information also will be used to update information about the occurrence of cave and karst features. Information concerning cave resources gathered during drilling will be submitted and be retained by the BLM in accordance with The Carlsbad Field Office Cave Management Plan and the regulations implementing the Federal Cave Resources Protection Act.

# **WELLBORE SCHEMATIC**

### "CAVE PROTECTION"



### CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL - DRILLING

Operator's Name: Nearburg Producing Company Well Name & No: McKittrick 24 Fed Com No. 03 Location: Surface: 290' FNL & 1480' FEL, Bottom Location: 1980' FSL & 660' FEL

Sec.24, T. 22 S. R. 24 E. Lease: NMNM 97855 Lea County, New Mexico

Eddy

#### I. DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is to be notified at the Roswell Field Office, 2909 West Second St., Roswell, NM 88201, (505) 627-0272 for wells in Chaves and Roosevelt Counties; the Carlsbad Field Office, 620 East Greene St., Carlsbad, NM 88220, (505) 361-2822 for wells in Eddy County; and the Hobbs Field Station, 414 West Taylor, Hobbs NM 88240, (505) 393-3612 for wells in Lea County, in sufficient time for a representative to witness:
- A. Spudding
- B. Cementing casing: 9 1/2 inch; 7 inch;
- C. BOP Tests
- 2. A Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) Drilling Plan shall be in operations 500 ft or three days prior to drilling into the Top of the Upper Penn formation at about 7900 ft.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. The API No. assigned to the well by NMOCD shall be included on the subsequent report of setting the first casing string.
- 6. A Communitization Agreement shall be approved by this office prior to any sales from this office.

### II. CASING:

- 1. The 9 % inch shall be set at 1500 Feet with 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.
- 3. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 7 inch Production casing is to circulate to surface.

### **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 9 % 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) shall be 2 M psi.

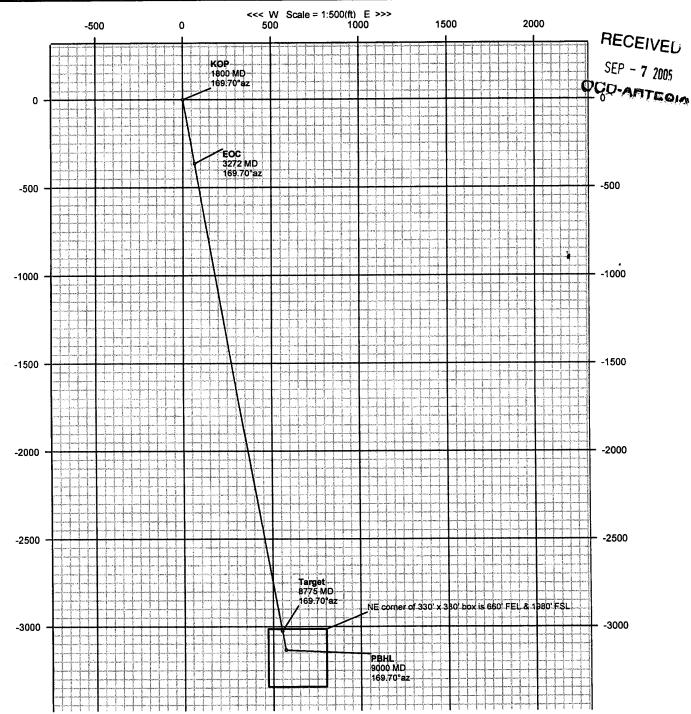
## III. Pressure Control (continued):

- 3. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified in sufficient time for a representative to witness the test.
- -The test 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 safe workman-like manner. Hard line connections shall be required.
- -Both low pressure and high pressure testing of BOPE is required.

# **Nearburg Producing Company**

Mckittrck 24 Fed #3

| FIELD | Eddy County, NM | | STRUCTURE | Mckittrck 24 Fed #3 | | Mckitrck 24 Fed #3 | Mckittrck 24 Fed #3 | Mckittrck 24 Fed #3 | Mckittrck 24



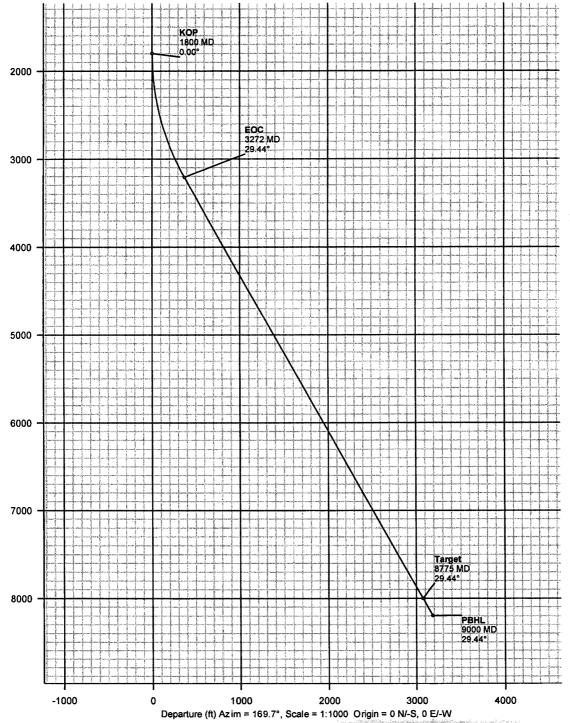




# **Nearburg Producing Company**

Mckittrck 24 Fed #3 Eddy County, NM STRUCTURE Mckittrck 24 Fed #3

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# **Proposal**

Report Date: September 1, 2005

Client: Nearburg Producing Company

Field: Eddy County, NM

Structure / Slot: Mckittrck 24 Fed #3 / Mckittrck 24 Fed #3

Well: Mckittrck 24 Fed #3

Borehole: Mckittrck 24 Fed #3

UWI/AP#:

Survey Name / Date: Mckittrick 24-3\_r1 / September 1, 2005 Tort / AHD / DDI / ERD ratio: 29.441° / 3185.42 ft / 5.013 / 0.389

Grid Coordinate System: NAD27 New Mexico State Planes, Eastern Zone, US Feet

Location Lat/Long: N 32 22 58.243, W 104 26 51.777
Location Grid N/E Y/X: N 503012.900 ftUS, E 464690.100 ftUS

Grid Convergence Angle: -0.06126042° Grid Scale Factor: 0.99991052 Survey / DLS Computation Method: Minimum Curvature / Lubinski

Vertical Section Azimuth: 169.700°

Vertical Section Origin: N 0.000 ft, E 0.000 ft

TVD Reference Datum: RKB

TVD Reference Elevation: 0.0 ft relative to Sea Bed / Ground Level Elevation: 0.000 ft relative to

I / Ground Level Elevation: 0.000 f Magnetic Declination: 8.668°

Total Field Strength: 49226.534 nT Magnetic Dip: 60.316°

Declination Date: September 01, 2005
Magnetic Declination Model: IGRF 2005

North Reference: Grid North

Total Corr Mag North -> Grid North: +8.729°
Local Coordinates Referenced To: Well Head

Comments	Measured Depth	Inclination	Azimuth	TVD	Vertical Section	NS	EW	Closure	Closure Azimuth	DLS	Tool Face
	(ft)	(deg)	( deg )	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	( deg )	( deg/100 ft )	( deg )
Tie-In	0.00	0.00	169.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	169.70M
KOP	1800.00	0.00	169.70	1800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	169.70M
	1900.00	2.00	169.70	1899.98	1.75	-1.72	0.31	1.75	169.70	2.00	169.70M
	2000.00	4.00	169.70	1999.84	6.98	-6.87	1.25	6.98	169.70	2.00	
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	2400.00	12.00	169.70	2395.62	62.60	-61.59	11.20	62.60	169.70	2.00	0.00G
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	2800.00	20.00	169.70	2779.82	172.77	-169.98	30.91	172.77	169.70	2.00	0.00G
	2900.00	22.00	169.70	2873.17	208.60	-205.24	37.32	208.60	169.70	2.00	0.00G
	3000.00	24.00	169.70	2965.21	247.67	-243.68	44.31	247.67	169.70	2.00	0.00G
	3100.00	26.00	169.70	3055.84	289.93	-285.26	51.86	289.93	169.70	2.00	0.00G
	3200.00	28.00	169.70	3144.94	335.33	-329.92	59.99	335.33	169.70	2.00	0.00G
EOC	3272.07		169.70	3208.14	369.96	-363.99	66.18	369.96	169.70	2.00	0.00G
Target	8774.52		169.70	8000.00	3074.59	-3025.00	550.00	3074.59	169.70	0.00	0.00G
PBHL	9000.00		169.70	8196.36	3185.42	-3134.04	569.83	3185.42	169.70	0.00	0.00G

District I
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240
District II
1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210
District III
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410
District IV

1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

# State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources

Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis Dr. Santa Fe, NM 87505

For drilling and production facilities, submit to appropriate NMOCD District Office.

For downstream facilities, submit to Santa Fe

# Pit or Below-Grade Tank Registration or Closure

Is pit or below-grade tank covered by a "general plan"? Yes \( \square\) No \( \text{X} \) Type of action: Registration of a pit or below-grade tank X Closure of a pit or below-grade tank Operator: Nearburg Producing Company Telephone: 686-8235 e-mail address: sjordan@nearburg.com Address: 3300 N A St., Bldg 2, Ste 120, Midland, TX 79705 Facility or well name: McKittrick 24 Fed #3 API #: U/L or Qtr/Qtr B Sec 24 T225 R 24E Longitude \_\_\_\_\_NAD: 1927 X 1983 Surface Owner Federal X State Private Indian County: Latitude Below-grade tank Type: Drilling X Production Disposal Volume: \_\_\_\_bbl Type of fluid: \_\_\_ Workover | Emergency | Construction material: \_ Double-walled, with leak detection? Yes  $\prod$  If not, explain why not. Lined X Unlimited Liner type: Synthetic X Thickness \_\_12mil Clay Volume bbl (20 points) Less than 50 feet Depth to ground water (vertical distance from bottom of pit to seasonal high 50 feet or more, but less than 100 feet (10 points) water elevation of ground water.) 100 feet or more (0 points) X Yes (20 points) Wellhead protection area. (Less than 200 feet from a private domestic water source, or less than 1000 feet from all other water sources.) No (0 points) X (20 points) Less than 200 feet Distance to surface water: (horizontal distance to all wetlands, playas, 200 feet or more, but less than 1000 feet (10 points) irrigation canals, ditches, and perennial and ephemeral watercourses.) 1000 feet or more (0 points) **Ranking Score (Total Points)** 0 If this is a pit closure: (1) attach a diagram of the facility showing the pit's relationship to other equipment and tanks. (2) Indicate disposal location: onsite offsite If offsite, name of facility \_\_\_\_\_(3) Attach a general description of remedial action taken including remediation start date and end date. (4) Groundwater encountered: No Yes If yes, show depth below ground surface ft. and attach sample results. (5) Attach soil sample results and a diagram of sample locations and excavations. I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that the above-described pit or below-grade tank has been/will be constructed or closed according to NMOCD guidelines XI, a general permit I, or an (attached) alternative OCD-approved plan I. Printed Name/Title: Sarah Jordan, Production Analyst Your certification and NMOCD approval of this application/closure does not relieve the operator of liability should the contents of the pit or tank contaminate ground water or otherwise endanger public health or the environment. Nor does it relieve the operator of its responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations. Approval: Printed Name/Title: \_\_\_\_ \_\_ Signature: \_

Form C-144 March 12, 2004

# Nearburg Producing Company 3300 N A St., Bldg 2, Suite 120

Midland, TX 79705

# Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) Contingency Plan

For

McKittrick 24 Federal #3

SHL: 290 FNL and 1480 FEL

BHL: 1980 FSL and 660 FEL

Sec 24, 22S, 24E

**Eddy County, New Mexico** 

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### 1. PURPOSE

This plan is intended to protect the health and safety of the public, contractors and Nearburg Producing Company (NPC) personnel should an unanticipated release of a potentially hazardous volume of Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) occur.

#### Further to:

- Comply with the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Onshore Oil and Gas Operations Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 6, Hydrogen Sulfide Operations (43 CFR Part 3160).
- Comply with the State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Division's (NMOCD) rule 19 NMAC 15.C 118.
- Assure proper notification of the appropriate parties and agencies.

### 2. SCOPE

The provisions of this document are intended to address Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) releases and H2S emergencies at Nearburg Producing Companies production batteries and all surrounding operated field locations in the McKittrick Hills Field. Facilities for which calculations indicate a potential hazardous volume of H2S could occur have additional site specific response information and radius of exposure drawn on the attached plat map. The field is located approximately 20 miles west of Carlsbad, New Mexico (Eddy County).

This plan is intended to be used in conjuction with the Emergency Response plan that is available at the Artesia Field Office and applies to RMS Level 1 incidents.

#### 3. **DEFINITIONS**

All Clear - Notification of effected personnel, by the response leader, that the incident has ended and the area is safe to re-enter.

A Potentially Hazardous Volume - a volume of Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) gas of such concentrate that:

- The 100-ppm ROE includes any public area.
- The 500-ppm ROE includes any public road.
- The 100-ppm ROE exceeds 3,000 feet.

Facility – Equipment involved in producing, processing, or transporting natural gas and/or crude oil, including the property to the edge of the pad or fence.

Hydrogen Sulfide Gas (H2S) — is extremely flammable, colorless, poisonous gas that may occur naturally as a component of production streams, such as crude oil, produced water and natural gas. At low concentrations it has a rotten egg odor, but at higher concentrations deadens the sense of smell. Its specific gravity is heavier than air giving it a tendency to collect in low-lying areas on still days. The permissible exposure limit is 10 ppm and the short term exposure limit is 15 ppm. It is considered to be immediately dangerous to life and health at 300 ppm. H2S is readily dispersed in air and is water soluble.

ICS (Incident Command System) – A team based concept for emergency response in which roles and responsibilities are predetermined.

**Incident Commander (IC)** – Senior Nearburg Producing Company employee in charge of an emergency response.

Incipient Stage Fire - A fire in the beginning or very early stages of development, which can be effectively extinguished by one or more persons with portable fire fighting equipment.

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Muster Site - A pre-defined staging or meeting area.

RMS Level I – an emergency that can be reasonably addressed by Artesia Area Office in which the incident occurs and that can be resolved in approximately two days or less.

**ROE** (Radius of Exposure) – The radius constructed with the point of escape (of gas) as its starting point and its length calculated using the Pasquill-Gifford derived equation or computer modeling where the H2S concentration is greater than 10%.

PPM - Parts per Million

Public Area – Any building or structure that is not associated with the well, facility or operation for which the ROE is being calculated and that is used as a dwelling, office, place of business, church, school, hospital or government building, or any portion of a park, city, town, village, or designated school bus stop or other similar area where members of the public may reasonably be expected o be present.

Public Road - Any federal, state, municipal or county road or highway.

Serious Incident – An event which results or has the potential to result in severe personal injury and/or significant equipment damage.

Sulfur Dioxide (SO2) – A heavy colorless toxic gas that is formed when hydrogen sulfide is burned. It has a pungent odor and is a respiratory irritant. The permissible exposure limit is 2 ppm, the short rem exposure limit is 5 ppm. It is considered to be immediately dangerous to life and health at 100 ppm. SO2 is readily dispersed in air and is water soluble.

Total Personnel Evacuation – An evacuation of all persons (contract employees, or visitors) from the emergency area to a muster area.

#### 4. THE PLAN

### **Training:**

All personnel (company, contractors and sub-contractors) working in the field for NPC are required to complete hydrogen sulfide training before beginning work and annually thereafter.

Training on the contents of this plan shall be provided to all NPC and appropriate contract personnel working for NPC:

• whenever the employees' responsibilities or designated actions under the plan change,

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- whenever the contents of the plan are changed/revised
- whenever a new employee begins employment, and
- periodically as needed for all employees.

Nearburg Producing Company supervision is responsible for this training.

### Orientation:

All persons visiting or working at Indian Basin shall receive an orientation covering the following minimum items:

What types of emergencies are possible,
What the emergency evacuation alarm sounds like in the gas plant,
How to report an incident/emergency,
Who will be in charge during an emergency,
How to safely evacuate the plant, and
Where to assemble so that all persons can be accounted for.

The NPC representative responsible for the contractors or visitors shall conduct the orientations and shall document attendees and dates.

### **H2S Monitors:**

All personnel working at the Indian Basin are required to wear personal H2S monitor at all times when working in the plant or field. Monitors should have a vibrating alarm if used in high noise areas.

### **Activation:**

Phase I - activated when:

- 1. Sustained H2S concentration reaches 10 parts per million (ppm) in any work area and the source is not readily identified and/or controllable.
- 2. Continuous H2S levels are detected at 10 ppm (or greater) at any public road, near an occupied residence or bus stop, and the source is not readily identified and/or immediately controlled.

### Phase II – activated when:

- 1. A potentially hazardous volume of H2S is detected.
- 2. When sustained H2S concentrations exceed 50 ppm at any facility boundary.

## Phase I:

Upon discov	ery	on-site personnel should:
		Make others on-site aware of the presence of H2S and leave the area upwind or
		crosswind to a safe location. (Pre-determine if a pre-job tailgate meeting was conducted).
		Prevent unauthorized persons from entering the area. Request assistance if needed.
		If a residence or other public area is in the vicinity, monitor for H2S to ensure exposure is
		less than 10 ppm. Notify supervisor if higher exposures are noted or if any other
		questions arise about steps necessary to protect these sensitive areas.
		If considering re-entering the area to assess the H2S source, ensure you have been
		properly trained to respond. Use an H2S monitor with digital display (preferably a multi-
		gas monitor) and have a supplied air respirator (SAR) and back up person with SAR
		readily available. Consider notification of supervisor if appropriate.
		Proceed with caution. If H2S concentration reaches 10 ppm in your breathing zone, back
		out and use SAR to re-enter. If H2S concentration reaches 50 ppm at the facility
		boundary, immediately notify supervision.
		If source can be safely controlled, monitor area to ensure H2S levels are below 10 ppm.
		End response here and sound all clear to allow others to re-enter the area. Report length
		of release and volume to supervisor.
		If the source of H2S cannot be identified and/or controlled, or if you cannot do so with
	_	out exposing yourself to danger, leave the area to a safe distance.
		Notify supervision.
		Continue to monitor for H2S and maintain site security until instructed be supervision to
		do otherwise.
Supervision	:	
<b>F</b>		Gather necessary information to determine the course of action and level of response.
		Mobilize any additional man power or equipment necessary.
		Ensure Phase II measures are implemented if appropriate.
		Continue to monitor situation until incident is over.
		Make notifications if required.
		Complete reports if required.
		Investigate as indicated.
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		crosswind to a safe location. (Pre-determined if a pre-job tailgate meeting was
		conducted).
		Prevent authorized persons from entering the area.
		Notify Supervisor.
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Supervision	ı:	
		Initiate the Incident Command System as deemed appropriate.
		Mobilize the resources necessary to maintain site security and provide for the protection
		of personnel and the public.
		Issue warnings to all NPC personnel by radio and/or phone (IB Contact List) to make
		them aware of the incident and its location. Have non-essential personnel leave the area.
		If deemed necessary, order a total personnel evacuation of the area.

	]	Notify non-company personnel known to work or reside in the area (IB Contact List). If necessary to ensure their safety, dispatch NPC personnel with the appropriate monitor, supplied air respirators and means of communication to these locations. (Appendix B)
C		Have NPC personnel set up road blocks to prevent unauthorized entry into impacted areas until relieved by law enforcement or other authorized personnel.
		Make all appropriate notifications to NPC, Federal, State and local authorities.
		When the release has been contained and monitoring indicates the area is safe to re-enter, terminate operations and sound the all clear.
	)	Complete records if required.
[		Investigate as indicated.
	]	For spills, well blowouts, fires, natural disasters and terrorist or bomb threats
All other perso	onr	nel not involved in the immediate response:
All other perso	onr	If a total evacuation is ordered, report to the incident command center or nearest muster
-		If a total evacuation is ordered, report to the incident command center or nearest muster site to which you have safe access. (See Appendix A for muster site locations)  Ensure all contract personnel working for you (or in your area) are accounted for and have them report to a safe muster site.
- [		If a total evacuation is ordered, report to the incident command center or nearest muster site to which you have safe access. (See Appendix A for muster site locations)  Ensure all contract personnel working for you (or in your area) are accounted for and

## **Ignition of H2S:**

While no uncontrollable release of H2S is anticipated, should ignition of gas be necessary for the protection of personnel or the public, the determination would be made by the NPC Incident Commander. The method of ignition will maintain the safety of the person performing this task as the primary concern. The most likely method would be the use of a flare gun from a safe distance.

If this becomes necessary, monitoring will include sulfur dioxide (SO2) in addition to H2S.

6. APPROVALS

Approved by:

Name: Hulling SJ Date: 6. 30. 05

Title: Drilling Manager

# NEARBURG PRODUCING COMPANY REGULATORY CONTACTS

	Contact Name					
Agency	First	Last	Division/Area	Main Phone#	Cell Phone	Home Phone #
NMOCD	Emergency Number		District 2	505-748-1283		
NMOCD	Field Rep On-Call		District 2	505-939-8622		
NMOCD	Tim	Gum	District 2	505-748-1283	505-626-0824	505-324-1387
NMOCD	Mike	Stubblefield	District 2	505-748-1283	505-626-0831	505-746-6422
NMOCD	Gerry	Guye	District 2	505-748-1283	505-626-0843	505-887-3254
NMOCD	Phil	Hawkins	District 2	505-748-1283	505-626-0836	505-746-9272
		Arrant	District 2	505-748-1283	505-626-0830	505-748-2092
NMOCD		Wortenberhy	Santa Fe Division Ofc.	505-827-7131	505-476-3460	505-466-0134
NMOCD	Ed	Martin	Santa Fe Division Ofc.	505-827-7131	505-476-3492	505-685-4056
NMOCD	Roger	Anderson	Santa Fe Division Ofc.	505-827-7131	505-476-3490	505-471-2017
NM State Police			District 3, Roswell	505-827-9312		
NM State Police			Sub-District 3, Roswell	505-622-7200 (ca	all this # for dispa	tch to our area)
BLM			Carlsbad	505-887-6544		
US Coast Guard			National Response Center	800-424-8802		
NMED			Air Quality Bureau	505-827-1494		
	State Emergency Re	esponse Cen	ter	505-827-9126		
LEPC	Local Emerg. Plann			505-885-2111		
NM OSHA	New Mexico OSHA			505-827-2850		

# **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

		Web Charles	
Service Provider	Description	Main Phone	
General Emergency	Police, Fire, Ambulance	911	
Carlsbad Police, Fire, Ambulance Service		505-885-2111	
Artesia General Hospital	Medical Services	505-748-3333	
Carlsbad Fire Dept.	Fire Control	505-885-3124	
Artesia Fire Dept.	Fire Control	505-746-2701	
Happy Valley Fire Dept.	Fire Control	505-885-1982	
NM State Police	Sub-District 3, Carlsbad		
NM State Police (Dispatcher)	District 3, Roswell	505-622-7200	
Eddy County Sheriff	Law Enforcement	505-887-7551	

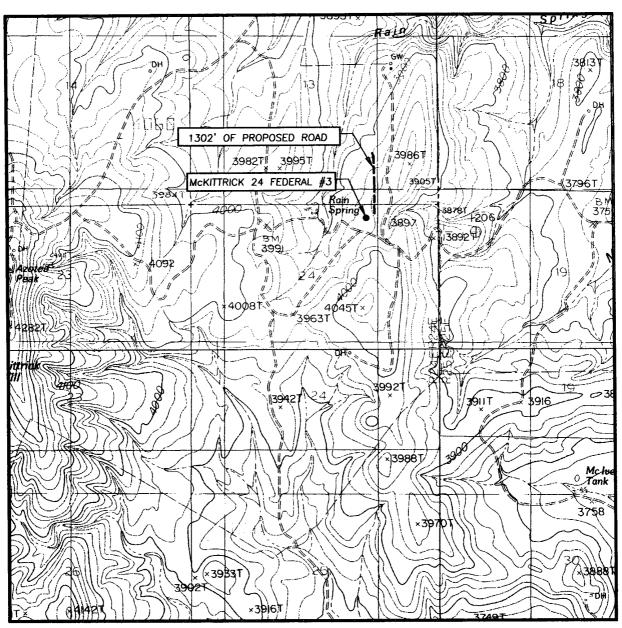
# NEARBURG PRODUCING COMPANY EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

Position	Office Phone	Cell Phone #	Home Phone #
Drilling Superintendent	NEWWY N		MATE AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY O
Butch Willis	432-686-8235 (223)		
Production Superintendent			To the second se
Matt Lee	505-746-0422	505-365-6662	505-746-0932
Operations			
Roger King	505-746-0422	505-361-3605	505-885-3605
Rick Foutch	505-746-0422	505-361-4211	505-887-7844
Jerry Stark	505-746-0422	505-365-4672	505-746-3862
Planning Section			35 Jan 25
Fred White	214-739-1778	469-644-1326	972-931-8845k
Bob Shelton	432-686-8235 (214)	432-682-3100	432-528-6134
Public Affairs	1.00	4	
Bob Shelton	432-686-8235 (214)	432-682-3100	432-528-6134

# AREA RESIDENTS AND OFFSET OPERATIONS

Location Desciption	Contact	Title	Address	City/ST/Zip	Phone 1	Cell	Location Info.
4TK + (Boles)	Wilkie, Mark & Sandi		1073 Marathon Rd.	Carlsbad, NM 88220	505-457-2022		
Foster Ranch	Foster, John	<u> </u>	P.O. Box 103	Artesia, NM 88211-0103	505-457-2165		
Forrest Lee Ranch	Lee, Dean		P.O. Box 89	Lakewood, NM 88254	505-457-2301		Trailer house near NIBU 24
Gissler Ranch	Cox, Billy		344 Pinderosa Pine	Carlsbad, NM 88220	505-457-2397		
Gregory's	Gregory, Wayne		617 Queens Hwy.	Carlsbad, NM 88220	505-457-2245		
HH Ranch	Houchtaling, Harold		P.O. Box 234	Artesia, NM 88211-0234	505-457-2245		
Howell Ranch	Howell, Richard		P.O. Box 94	Lakewood, NM 88254	505-457-2602		
Kincaid Ranch	Kincaid, Gene		2913 Octotilly Canyon Dr.	Carlsbad, NM 88220	505-887-6918		
Kincaid Ranch	Kincaid, Hugh		2911 Octotilly Canyon Dr.	Carlsbad, NM 88220	505-885-9458		
Kincaid Ranch	Marbauch, Jim		1762 Qureen Hwy.	Carlsbad, NM 88220	505-457-2233		Lives at ranch house just E o Hwy 137 About 2 miles past mile marker 42 towrds Queens.
Old Jones Ranch	Lasiter, Rick	-			505-457-2108		
Old Collect Hallott							House near low water
Schafer Ranch	Biebelle, Stacey		646 Qureen Hwy.	Carlsbad, NM 88220	505-457-2360		crossing on Hwy 137
Patsy's old house	DeMoss, Neil				none		
Chevron Oil	Boles, Randy					505-390-7232	
Chevron Oil	Angel, Kenneth					505-390-1540	
Devon	Daniel				505-390-5850		
Devon	Crosbey, Owen				505-748-7749		
Devon	Huber, Mark				505-748-5502		
Devon	Canada, Don				505-748-5503		
Devon	Brady				505-390-5431		
Devon	Huber, Joe	Superintendent			505-390-5438		
Devon	"Doghouse"				505-457-2613		
Duke Energy	Lamb, Johnny	Foreman			505-390-2791		
Duke Energy	Main Office		Carlsbad		505-628-0282		
Duke Energy	Valenzuela, Oscar				505-910-4675		
El Paso	Jacquez, David	Gas Measurement			505-857-2158		
KMG (Kerr McGee)	Deese, Tommy	Superintendent			505-234-2703	505-706-3423	
KMG (Kerr McGee)	Chalker, Andy	Prod. Foreman			505-234-2703	505-910-0342	
KMG (Kerr McGee)	Hess, Bobby	Team Leader			505-234-2703	505-706-3543	
KMG (Kerr McGee)	Wilson, James		<del>                                     </del>				
KMG (Kerr McGee)	Brannon, Steve				505-390-1540	505-706-3669	
Yates Petroleum (Agave)	Main Office				505-784-1471		
Yates Petroleum (Agave)	Johnson, Bill	Foreman			505-748-6816	505-365-4615	
Yates Petroleum (Agave)	Moorehead, Robert	- Croman	1	*	505-748-6815	505-365-4840	

# LOCATION VERIFICATION MAP



SCALE: 1" = 2000'

SEC. 24 TWP. 22-S RGE. 24-E

SURVEY N.M.P.M.

EDDY COUNTY\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION 290' FNL & 1480' FEL

ELEVATION\_\_\_\_ 3960'

**NEARBURG** OPERATOR PRODUCING COMPANY

LEASE MCKITTRICK 24 FEDERAL

U.S.G.S. TOPOGRAPHIC MAP

AZOTEA PEAK, N.M.

CONTOUR INTERVAL: AZOTEA PEAK, N.M. - 20' CARNERO PEAK, N.M. - 20'





# PREPARED FOR:

# Mr. Butch Willis NEARBURG PRODUCING CORPORATION Midland, Texas

McKittrick 24 Federal # 3
Section 24
T-22-S
R-24-E
Eddy County, New Mexico

Prepared by: Randy Auburg March 22, 2005 March 22, 2005

Mr. Butch Willis Nearburg Producing Corporation 3300 N. A St. Suite 2120 Midland, Texas 79705-5402

Dear Mr. Willis.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our drilling fluid recommendations for McKittrick 24 Federal # 3 in Eddy County, New Mexico. These recommendations are based on information from your office, offset well data, and our knowledge of the area.

Of particular concern in this area is the potential for lost circulation and differential sticking in the surface hole and the Upper Penn formation.  $H_2S$  may be present in the Bone Springs and Upper Pennsylvanian. Potential problems are discussed in the "Drilling Fluid Program" section of this proposal.

We estimate drilling time for this well to be 14 days at an estimated no service cost of \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00 if severe lost circulation is not encountered. All support services for this well, including engineering, warehousing and trucking, is in Hobbs, New Mexico.

Sincerely,

Randy Auburg Technical Services Manager Permian Basin

# **DRILLING FLUID SYNOPSIS**

# **NEARBURG PRODUCING CORPORATION**

MCKITTRICK 24 FEDERAL # 3 Section 24 T-22-S R-24-E Eddy County, New Mexico

## **CASING**

9 5/8" at 1,500'

5 1/2" at 8,600'

DEPTH	MUD WEIGHT	VISCOSITY	FLUID LOSS	DRILL SOLIDS	COMMENTS
0-1,500'	8.4 to 8.5	28 to 29	No Control	<1%	Fresh Water, Fresh Gel Sweeps, Lime, Paper
1,500'-8,600'	8.4 to 8.5	28 to 29	No Control	<1%	Fresh Water, Star NP-110, Paper, Lime Starch if needed

# **ESTIMATED FORMATION TOPS**

495' **SAN ANDRES** 2,018' **GLORIETA** 2,110 **YESO** 4,600' **BONE SPRINGS WOLFCAMP** 7,548' 7,775 **PENN (CISCO)** 7,895' **CANYON** 8,600' TD

# RECOMMENDED CASING PROGRAM

9 5/8"

at

1,600'

8,600'

5 1/2"

at

RECOMMENDED DRILLING FLUID PROGRAM

DEPTH	WEIGHT	VISCOSITY	FILTRATE	
0-1.500'	8.4-8.5	28-29	No Control	

Spud with Fresh Water circulating the working pits. Sweep the hole with Amgel flocculated with Lime, mixed at a 10 to 1 ratio. Use Paper for seepage control and for sweeps. There is a potential for lost returns in this interval. If lost returns are encountered and circulation cannot be regained after pumping several viscous LCM pills, you should consider dry drilling to casing point. While dry drilling, we recommend periodically pumping viscous LCM sweeps to prevent solid accumulation in annulus.

DEPTH	WEIGHT	VISCOSITY	FILTRATE ,
1.500'-8.600'	8.4-8.5	28-29	No Control

Drill out from surface with Fresh Water circulating the reserve pit. Use Star NP-110 for sweeps and for solids control. Maintain a 9.0 to 10.0 pH with Lime. Paper should be used for seepage control and for sweeps. Sweep the hole every 200', or as needed, with pre-hydrated Amgel in order to minimize solids buildup in the annulus and to reduce the possibility of lost circulation while drilling the Upper Pennsylvanian and other sub-normally pressured formations. There is a potential for lost returns in this interval. If lost returns are encountered and circulation cannot be regained after pumping several viscous LCM pills, you should consider dry drilling to casing point. While dry drilling, we recommend periodically pumping viscous LCM sweeps, to prevent solid accumulation in annulus. There is a possibility of encountering H<sub>2</sub>S from the Bone Springs and the Upper Pennsylvanian. If H<sub>2</sub>S is encountered, we recommend additions of an H<sub>2</sub>S Scavenger for personnel safety and a Filming Amine to protect the drill string. We recommend utilizing a ±200 bbl premix pit for sweeps and LCM pills.

Note: we recommend use of an LCM blend of Fiber Plug, Nut Shell, Maxi-Seal (Chem-Seal), and Mica in this interval.

If a drilling fluid is desired for evaluation of this interval, we recommend returning to the working pits and mudding up with a Star NP-110/Starch system. Reduce the API fluid loss too less than 15cc with Starch. Maintain a 9.0 to 10.0 pH with Lime. Use Amgel if additional viscosity is required.

Estimated Drilling Fluid Cost: \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00 Estimated Drilling Days: 13 to 16

Estimates are based on a 1,000 bbl system and do not reflect lost circulation, abnormal pressure, H<sub>2</sub>S, unstable hole conditions requiring elevated viscosities or mud in production interval.

# AMBAR LONE STAR FLUID SERVICES LOST CIRCULATION PROCEDURES

Loss of circulation is a possibility on this well. Although each well is different, there are some basic procedures and drilling practices that can aid in reducing the severity or, in some cases, prevent lost circulation. Below is a list, which may prove helpful.

- 1. Maintain viscosities as low as possible and still clean the hole. We recommend a viscosity of 28 to 29 on this well.
- 2. Maintain mud weights as low as possible without jeopardizing safety.
- 3. Use slow trip speeds to prevent swabbing and surging.
- 4. Break circulation in stages with reduced pump strokes while tripping in the hole.
- 5. Rotate pipe prior to and while tripping in the hole.
- 6. Use an optimum hydraulics program.

Severe seepage to total loss of circulation may occur even when the above procedures are followed. For severe seepage, we recommend circulating pills (50-100 bbls. depending oh hole size) containing 10-30 ppb of various (fibrous and flake) lost circulation material. It would be helpful to reduce pump rates until full returns are established. Once full returns are regained, normal pump rates should be returned to in stages. The inclusion of lost circulation material in the entire system is recommended only if the above procedures do not adequately seal off the loss zone.

For total loss of circulation, we recommend pulling enough stands to place the bit above the loss zone. A viscous pill containing the appropriate type of loss circulation material should be spotted. The size of the pill should be determined by hole size and should contain at <u>least</u> 30 ppb lost circulation material. Several attempts should be made before considering other alternatives. After returns are regained, we recommend staging back to bottom using the procedure outlined above.

If returns are not fully re-established, consideration should be given to dry drilling while pumping periodic sweeps to ensure hole cleaning.

# PERMIAN BASIN REGION PERSONNEL

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800-669-7146

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Regional Manager Permian/MidCon

**Carlton Crownover** 

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Sales and Service Engineer

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Sales and Service Engineer