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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Pecos District 2909 West Second Street Roswell, New Mexico 88201-2019



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In Reply To: 3160 NMP0130 NMNM-0145685 Order No. 12TBS6W

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EOR Operating Co. 200 N. Loraine, Suite 1440 Midland, TX 79701

NOTICE OF ORDERS OF THE BLM AUTHORIZED OFFICER

Gentlemen:

A site inspection was conducted on Federal Lease NMNM-0145685, Horton Federal #5. API-#30-041-10127, 1650 FNL & 2244 FEL, sec. 30, T. 8 S., R. 35 E., Roosevelt County, New Mexico, on 12 October 2011 by Beth Skaggs, Environmental Protection Specialist. It was found that operations were not being conducted in a manner designed to protect the mineral resources, other natural resources, and environmental quality (43 CFR 3162.5).

BLM is in receipt of your Final Abandonment Notice, dated 30 June 2011, including the letter executed by the surface owner accepting the current condition of this, and other Plugged and Abandoned Well pads and roads. After further monitoring it appears the location has not been reclaimed to the satisfaction of the authorized officer.

ORDERS OF THE AUTHORIZED OFFICER ·

The following environmental compliance problems, pursuant to 43 CFR 3162.5-1(b), which states, "... Upon the conclusion of operations, the operator shall reclaim the disturbed surface in a manner approved or reasonably prescribed by the authorized officer ..." The following environmental compliance problems were identified during the latest site inspection of the subject location. Specific environmental compliance problems:

• Environmental Problem No. 1: Location needs further reclamation.

<u>Corrective Action</u>: Submit a new reclamation plan for the Horton Federal #5 location. You may consider the following Best Management Practices in your plan: Remove caliche, rip and contour surface to resemble surrounding landscape; seed using BLM's recommended seed mix for Sandy Plains HP-3, dated 4 April 2006, Enclosure #1.

• Environmental Problem No. 2: Saturated soil.

Historic saturated soil is present at well head.

<u>Corrective Action</u>: All stained soil on the location shall be excavated and disposed of at an authorized disposal facility. Excavated areas shall be backfilled with clean earthen material and recontoured to mirror the contours of the surrounding terrain.

• Environmental Problem No. 3. Oil pipeline crosses access road.

Active pipeline crosses access road.

<u>Corrective Action</u>: Protect pipeline by digging it under the access road. Access road restoration is addressed in Environmental Problem No. 1, above.

• Stipulation. Lesser Prairie Chicken Management Area

Please see Enclosure #2, BLM Lesser Prairie Chicken Management Stipulations.

Report your compliance to this Written Order on a Subsequent Sundry Notice on Form 3160-5 (Sundry Notice and Reports on Wells) stating the above problems have been corrected and are ready for inspection; an original and five (5) copies are required. Your liability under bond is retained until surface reclamation is complete and approved by the Authorized Officer.

In accordance with 43 CFR 3163.1(a), please comply with the corrective action(s) for the identified environmental problems no later than **8 December 2011.**

If you fail to comply within the time frame specified, you will be subject to further enforcement action as may be deemed necessary.

WARNING

Orders of the Authorized Officer or Incidents of Non Compliance and reporting time frames begin upon receipt of the Notice or 7 business days after the date it is mailed, whichever is earlier. Each problem or violation must be corrected within the prescribed time from receipt of this Notice, and reported to the Bureau of Land Management office at the address shown above.

For Incidents of Non Compliance, please note you already may have been assessed for noncompliance (see amount under "Assessed for Noncompliance"). If you do not comply as noted above under "Corrective Action to Be Completed By," you may incur additional assessment under (43 CFR 3163.1) and may also incur Civil Penalties (CFR 3163.2). All self-

certified corrections must be postmarked no later than the next business day after the prescribed time for correction.

Section 109(d)(1) of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982, as implemented by the applicable provisions of the operating regulations at Title 43 CFR 3163.2(f) (1), provides that any person who "knowingly or willfully" prepares, maintains, or submits false, inaccurate or misleading reports, notices, affidavits, records, data, or other written information required by this part shall be liable for a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 per violation for each day such violation continues, not to exceed a maximum of 20 days.

REVIEW AND APPEAL RIGHTS

A person contesting an order of the authorized office or violation must request a State Director Review of the Order or Incident of Noncompliance. This request must be filed within 20 working days of receipt of the Order or Incident of Noncompliance with the appropriate State Director at P. O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115 (see 43 CFR 3165.3). The State Director review decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Lands Appeals, 801 North Quincy Street, MS 300-QC, Arlington, Virginia 22203 (see 43 CFR 3165.4). Contact the above listed Bureau of Land Management office for further information.

Should you have any questions concerning our Written Orders for the **Horton Federal #5** location, please contact Beth Skaggs, Environmental Protection Specialist at the Roswell Field Office, 575-627-0210.

Sincerely,

ISI Angel Mayes

Angel Mayes Assistant Field Manager, Lands and Minerals

Cc: Occidental Permian LP 5 East Greenway Plaza #110 Houston, TX 77046-0521

Enclosures (3):

1 - Pecos District Desired Plant Community seed mixture for Horton Federal #5, API #30-041-10127. 1650 FNL & 2244 FEL, sec. 30, T. 8 S., R. 35 E., Roosevelt County, New Mexico.(2 pp.)
2- Lesser Prairie Chicken Stipulations (1 p.)

3 – Photographs of Horton Federal #5 location, 12 October 2011 (3 pp.).

Enclosure #1

Desired Plant Community Seed Mixture

Seed the **Horton Federal #5** location, API **#30-041-10127**, 1650 FNL & 2244 FEL, sec. 30, T. 8 S., R. 35 E. Roosevelt County, New Mexico, with the Pecos District Desired Plant Community seed mixture for Range Site: Sandy Plains HP-3, dated April 4, 2006.

Use a certified noxious weed free seed mixture. Use seed tested for viability and purity in accordance with State law(s) within nine months prior to purchase. Use a commercial seed mixture certified or registered and tagged in accordance with State law(s). Make the seed mixture labels available for BLM inspection.

Contact Beth Skaggs, Environmental Protection Specialist of the Roswell Field Office at 575-627-0210 at least three (3) working days before seeding, and should you have any questions.

PECOS DISTRICT, BLM SEED MIX FOR

The following Soils or Soil Associations may represent these ecological sites: Amarillo loamy fine sand Amarillo loamy fine sand eroded Arvana loamy fine sand Patricia fine sand Gomez loamy fine sand Clovis fine sandy loam Drake loamy fine sand

> Range Site: Sandy Plains HP-3 April 4, 2006

Common Name and Preferred Variety	Scientific Name	Pounds of Pure Live Seed Per Acre	
Sideoats grama var, Vaughn or El Reno	(Bouteloua curtipendula)	2.0	
Little bluestem	(Andropogon scoparium)	2.5	
Sand bluestem	(Andropogon halli)	1.5	
Sand dropseed	(Sporobolus cryptandrus)	1.0	
Bush penstemon	(Penstemon ambiguous)	1.0	
Desert or Scarlet Globemallow	(Sphaeralcea ambigua) or S. coccinea)	1.0	

TOTAL POUNDS PURE LIVE SEED (pls)PER ACRE Certified Weed Free Seed

IF ONE SPECIES IS NOT AVAILABLE. (INCREASE ALL OTHERS PROPORTIONATELY Mix must include a minimum of 4 species, including one forb species.

9.0

No less than 9.0 pounds pls per acre shall be applied

APPROVED: 38 Douglas J. Burger

District Manager, Pecos District

Enclosure #2

Lesser Prairie Chicken Stipulations

The actions required for the remediation, reclamation and abandonment of the wells listed below, are subject to Lesser Prairie Chicken Management stipulations from March 1st through June 15th. Reclamation work may be conducted from March 1st through June 15th, but **not** between the hours of 3:00 AM and 9:00 AM.

Deviation from these stipulations requires written authorization from the authorized officer. Outside of this March 1st through June 15th window these time of day constraints do not apply. (BLM, 2008. Special Status Species Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment pages 8-9, United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management. 32+ pp. Appendices



Horton Federal #5 12 Oct 2011 1/3 Enclosure #3







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3a Address 3b Phone No (include area code) 200 N. Loraine, Suite 1440 Midland, TX 79701 432-687-0303 4 Location of Well (Footage, Sec, T, R, M, or Survey Description) 1650'FNL & 2244' FEL, SWNE Sec. 30, T8S-R35E, NMPM, Roosevelt Co., NM					
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Subsequent Report	Change Plans	Plug and Abandon	Temporarily	Abandon	
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