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## PECOS DISTRICT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

OPERATOR'S NAME:	Devon Energy Prod Co
LEASE NO.:	NM114990
WELL NAME & NO.:	1 NE Salado draw Deep Federal Unit
SURFACE HOLE FOOTAGE:	1980' NFL & 660' FWL
BOTTOM HOLE FOOTAGE:	' FL & ' FL
LOCATION:	Section 6, T.26 S., R.34 E., NMPM
COUNTY:	Lea County, New Mexico

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## **I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

The approval of the Application For Permit To Drill (APD) is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations: 43 Code of Federal Regulations 3160, the lease terms, Onshore Oil and Gas Orders, Notices To Lessees, New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) Rules, National Historical Preservation Act As Amended, and instructions and orders of the Authorized Officer. Any request for a variance shall be submitted to the Authorized Officer on Form 3160-5, Sundry Notices and Report on Wells.

## **II. PERMIT EXPIRATION**

If the permit terminates prior to drilling and drilling cannot be commenced within 60 days after expiration, an operator is required to submit Form 3160-5, Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells, requesting surface reclamation requirements for any surface disturbance. However, if the operator will be able to initiate drilling within 60 days after the expiration of the permit, the operator must have set the conductor pipe in order to allow for an extension of 60 days beyond the expiration date of the APD. (Filing of a Sundry Notice is required for this 60 day extension.)

## **III. ARCHAEOLOGICAL, PALEONTOLOGY & HISTORICAL SITES**

Any cultural and/or paleontological resource discovered by the operator or by any person working on the operator's behalf shall immediately report such findings to the Authorized Officer. The operator is fully accountable for the actions of their contractors and subcontractors. The operator 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 shall be made by the Authorized Officer to determine the appropriate actions that shall be required to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values of the discovery. The operator shall be held responsible for the cost of the proper mitigation measures that the Authorized Officer assesses after consultation with the operator on the evaluation and decisions of the discovery. Any unauthorized collection or disturbance of cultural or paleontological resources may result in a shutdown order by the Authorized Officer.

## **IV. NOXIOUS WEEDS**

The operator shall be held responsible if noxious weeds become established within the areas of operations. Weed control shall be required on the disturbed land where noxious weeds exist, which includes the roads, pads, associated pipeline corridor, and adjacent land affected by the establishment of weeds due to this action. The operator shall consult with the Authorized Officer for acceptable weed control methods, which include following EPA and BLM requirements and policies.

## **V. SPECIAL REQUIREMENT(S)**

### **COMPLETION OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS**

1. The operator is required to tag the 324,000 lbs of sand, White 16/30 (1-8 ppg) with a tracer and run a tracer survey to ensure the injected Prop is not placed out of zone. Report results to BLM.
2. After well has been fracture stimulated; properly evaluate the injection zone utilizing open hole logs and swab testing to confirm that hydrocarbons cannot be produced in paying quantities. This evaluation shall be reviewed by the BLM prior to injection commencing.

## **VI. CONSTRUCTION**

### **A. NOTIFICATION**

The BLM shall administer compliance and monitor construction of the access road and well pad. Notify the Hobbs Field Station at (575) 393-3612 at least 3 working days prior to commencing construction of the access road and/or well pad.

When construction operations are being conducted on this well, the operator shall have the approved APD and Conditions of Approval (COA) on the well site and they shall be made available upon request by the Authorized Officer.

### **B. TOPSOIL**

There is no measurable soil on this well pad to stockpile. No topsoil stockpile is required.

### **C. CLOSED LOOP SYSTEM**

Tanks are required for drilling operations: No Pits.

The operator shall properly dispose of drilling contents at an authorized disposal site.

### **D. FEDERAL MINERAL MATERIALS PIT**

Payment shall be made to the BLM prior to removal of any federal mineral materials. Call the Carlsbad Field Office at (575) 234-5972.

### **E. WELL PAD SURFACING**

Surfacing of the well pad is not required.

If the operator elects to surface the well pad, the surfacing material may be required to be removed at the time of reclamation.

The well pad shall be constructed in a manner which creates the smallest possible surface disturbance, consistent with safety and operational needs.

## **F. ON LEASE ACCESS ROADS**

### **Road Width**

The access road shall have a driving surface that creates the smallest possible surface disturbance and does not exceed fourteen (14) feet in width. The maximum width of surface disturbance, when constructing the access road, shall not exceed twenty (20) feet.

### **Surfacing**

Surfacing material is not required on the new access road driving surface. If the operator elects to surface the new access road or pad, the surfacing material may be required to be removed at the time of reclamation.

Where possible, no improvements should be made on the unsurfaced access road other than to remove vegetation as necessary, road irregularities, safety issues, or to fill low areas that may sustain standing water.

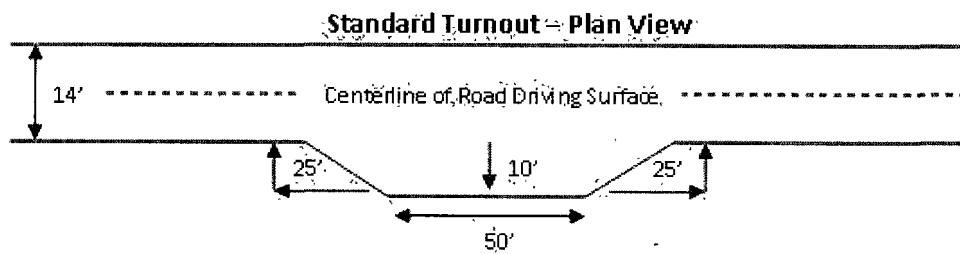
The Authorized Officer reserves the right to require surfacing of any portion of the access road at any time deemed necessary. Surfacing may be required in the event the road deteriorates, erodes, road traffic increases, or it is determined to be beneficial for future field development. The surfacing depth and type of material will be determined at the time of notification.

### **Crowning**

Crowning shall be done on the access road driving surface. The road crown shall have a grade of approximately 2% (i.e., a 1" crown on a 14' wide road). The road shall conform to Figure 1; cross section and plans for typical road construction.

### **Turnouts**

Vehicle turnouts shall be constructed on the road. Turnouts shall be intervisible with interval spacing distance less than 1000 feet. Turnouts shall be constructed on all blind curves. Turnouts shall conform to the following diagram:

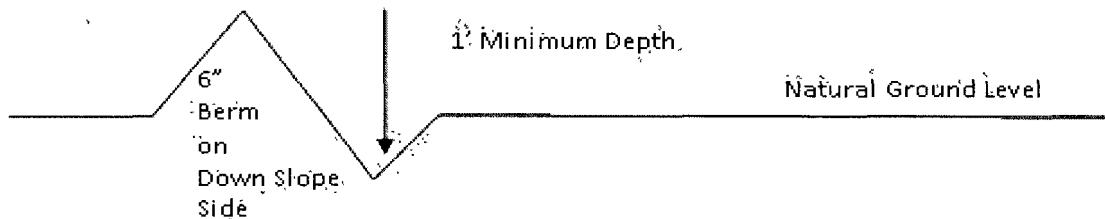


## **Drainage**

Drainage control systems shall be constructed on the entire length of road (e.g. ditches, sidehill outsloping and insloping, lead-off ditches, culvert installation, and low water crossings).

A typical lead-off ditch has a minimum depth of 1 foot below and a berm of 6 inches above natural ground level. The berm shall be on the down-slope side of the lead-off ditch.

### **Cross Section of a Typical Lead-off Ditch**



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

### **Formula for Spacing Interval of Lead-off Ditches**

Example - On a 4% road slope that is 400 feet long, the water flow shall drain water into a lead-off ditch. Spacing interval shall be determined by the following formula:

$$400 \text{ foot road with } 4\% \text{ road slope: } \frac{400'}{4\%} + 100' = 200' \text{ lead-off ditch interval}$$

## **Culvert Installations**

Appropriately sized culvert(s) shall be installed at the deep waterway channel flow crossing.

## **Cattleguards**

An appropriately sized cattleguard(s) sufficient to carry out the project shall be installed and maintained at fence crossing(s).

Any existing cattleguard(s) on the access road shall be repaired or replaced if they are damaged or have deteriorated beyond practical use. The operator shall be responsible for the condition of the existing cattleguard(s) that are in place and are utilized during lease operations.

A gate shall be constructed and fastened securely to H-braces.

## Fence Requirement

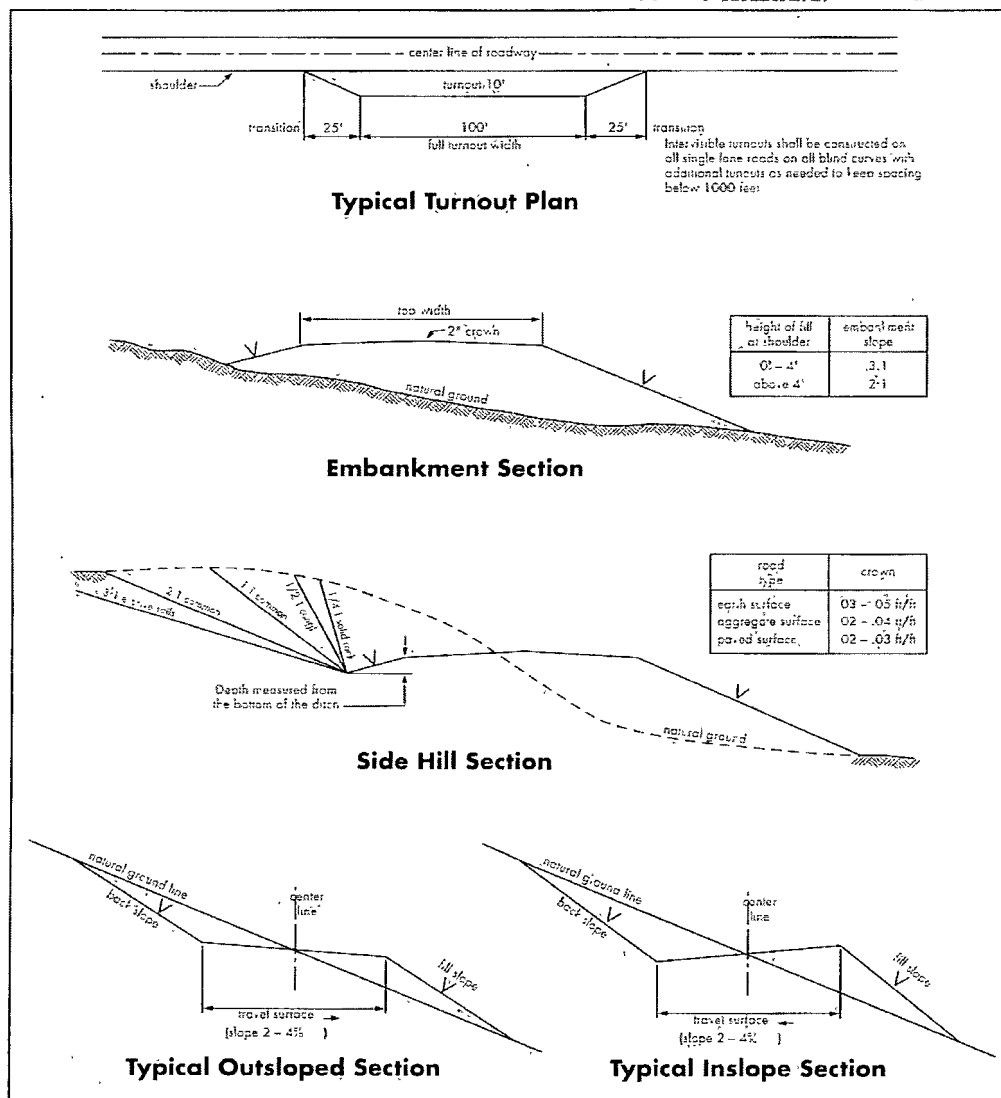
Where entry is required across a fence line, the fence shall be braced and tied off on both sides of the passageway prior to cutting.

The operator shall notify the private surface landowner or the grazing allotment holder prior to crossing any fence(s).

## Public Access

Public access on this road shall not be restricted by the operator without specific written approval granted by the Authorized Officer.

Figure 1 – Cross Sections and Plans For Typical Road Sections



## VII. DRILLING

### A. DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS

The BLM is to be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness:

- a. Spudding well
- b. CIT
- c. BOPE tests

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Call the Hobbs Field Station, 414 West Taylor, Hobbs NM 88240,  
(575) 393-3612

1. **Hydrogen Sulfide has been reported as a hazard in formations deeper than the proposed depth. It is recommended that monitoring equipment be onsite for potential Hydrogen Sulfide. If Hydrogen Sulfide is encountered, please report measurements and formations to the BLM.**
2. Unless well has been properly plugged, the drilling rig shall not be removed from over the hole without prior approval. **If the drilling rig is removed without approval – an Incident of Non-Compliance will be written and will be a “Major” violation.**
3. Floor controls are required for 3M or Greater systems. These controls will be on the rig floor, unobstructed, readily accessible to the driller and will be operational at all times during drilling and/or completion activities. Rig floor is defined as the area immediately around the rotary table; the area immediately above the substructure on which the draw works is located, this does not include the dog house or stairway area.
4. **The record of the drilling rate along with the GR/N well log run from TD to surface shall be submitted to the BLM office as well as all other logs run on the borehole 30 days from completion. If available, a digital copy of the logs is to be submitted in addition to the paper copies. The Rustler top and top and bottom of Salt are to be recorded on the Completion Report.**
5. A closed loop system is required. The operator shall properly dispose of drilling/circulating contents at an authorized disposal site. Tanks are required for all operations, no excavated pits.

## B. CASING

Changes to the approved APD casing and cement program require submitting a sundry and receiving approval prior to work. Failure to obtain approval prior to work will result in an Incident of Non-Compliance being issued.

A CIT is to be performed on 13-3/8 inch and 9-5/8 inch casing per Onshore Oil and Gas Order 2.III.B.1.h; after well has been drilled and clean out to PBTD of approximately 6800'. Test pressure to be 1200 psi. Document the pressure test on a calibrated recorder chart and report to BLM.

If the CIT fails, the operator shall provide a NOI Sundry with plans on how they plan on repairing the casing to pass a CIT

If hardband drill pipe is rotated inside casing, returns will be monitored for metal. If metal is found in samples, drill pipe will be pulled and rubber protectors which have a larger diameter than the tool joints of the drill pipe will be installed prior to continuing drilling operations.

Operator shall provide a Cement Bond Log (CBL) from TD to surface to BLM for approval prior to perforating the Delaware. (Prefer an electronic copy - Adobe Acrobat Document)

## C. PRESSURE CONTROL

1. All blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) shall comply with well control requirements as described in Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 2 and API RP 53 Sec. 17.
2. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) required for drilling shall be **5000 (5M) psi.** After drilling out surface plugs and prior to drilling out the plug at approximately 1890 feet a BOP test will be required.
3. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness the tests.
  - a. The tests shall be done by an independent service company utilizing a test plug **not a cup or J-packer.** The operator also has the option of utilizing an independent tester to test without a plug (i.e. against the casing) pursuant to Onshore Order 2 with the pressure not to exceed 70% of the burst rating for the casing.
  - b. The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.



- c. All tests are required to be recorded on a calibrated test chart. **A copy of the BOP/BOPE test chart and a copy of independent service company test will be submitted to the appropriate BLM office.**
- d. The BOP/BOPE test shall include a low pressure test from 250 to 300 psi. The test will be held for a minimum of 10 minutes if test is done with a test plug and 30 minutes without a test plug.

#### **D. WASTE MATERIAL AND FLUIDS**

All waste (i.e. drilling fluids, trash, salts, chemicals, sewage, gray water, etc.) created as a result of drilling operations and completion operations shall be safely contained and disposed of properly at a waste disposal facility. No waste material or fluid shall be disposed of on the well location or surrounding area.

Porto-johns and trash containers will be on-location during fracturing operations or any other crew-intensive operations.

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### **VIII. Well Completion**

#### **A. COMPLETION OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS**

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- 4. **After well has been fracture stimulated; properly evaluate the injection zone utilizing open hole logs and swab testing to confirm that hydrocarbons cannot be produced in paying quantities.** This evaluation shall be reviewed by the BLM prior to injection commencing.
- 5. Subsequent sundry required with and attach a copy of service company job report.
- 6. If off-lease water will be disposed in this well, the operator shall provide proof of right-of-way approval.
- 7. Restrict the injection fluid to the approved formation
- 8. Operator to run a SWD tracer survey one year after completion of fracture stimulation and report results to BLM

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### Well with a Packer - Operations

- 1) Conduct a Mechanical Integrity Test of the tubing/casing annulus after a tubing, packer or casing seal is established. Repair that seal any time more than five barrels of packer fluid is replaced within 30 days.
- 2) The minimum test pressure should be 500 psig for 30 minutes or 300 psig for 60 minutes, with 200 psig differentials between tubing and casing pressure (at test time) but no more than 70% of casing burst pressure as described by Onshore Order 2.III.B.1.h. (The tubing or reservoir pressure may need to be reduced). An alternate method for a BLM approved MIT is to have the fluid filled system open to atmospheric pressure and have a loss of less than five barrels in 30 days witnessed by a BLM authorized officer.
- 3) Document the pressure test on a calibrated recorder chart registering within 25 to 85 per cent of its full range. Greater than 10% pressure leakoff will be viewed as a failed MIT. Less than 10% pressure leakoff will be evaluated site specifically and may restrict injection approval.
- 4) At least 24 hours before the test: In Eddy County 575-361-2822, if there is no response email Paul R. Swartz [pswartz@blm.gov](mailto:pswartz@blm.gov) phone 575-200-7902. In Lea County email Andy Cortez [acortez@blm.gov](mailto:acortez@blm.gov), (phone 575-393-3612 or 575-631-5801). Note the contact notification method, time, & date in your subsequent report.
- 5) Submit a subsequent Sundry Form 3160-5 relating the MIT activity. Include a copy of the recorded MIT pressure chart. List the name of the BLM witness, or the notified person and date of notification. NMOCD is to retain the original recorded MIT chart.
- 6) Use of tubing internal protection, tubing on/off equipment just above the packer, a profile nipple, and an in line tubing check valve below the packer or between the on/off tool and packer is a "Best Management Practice". The setting depths and descriptions of each are to be included in the subsequent sundry. List (by date) descriptions of daily activity of any previously unreported wellbore workover.
- 7) **Submit the original subsequent sundry with three copies to BLM Carlsbad.**
- 8) Compliance with a NMOCD Administrative Order is required, submit documentation of that authorization.
  - a) Approved injection pressure compliance is required.
  - b) If injection pressure exceeds the approved pressure you are required to reduce that pressure and notify the BLM within 24 hours.
  - c) When injection pressure is within 50 psig of the maximum pressure, install automation equipment that will prevent exceeding that maximum. Submit a subsequent report (Sundry Form 3160-5) describing the installed automation equipment within 30 days.

- 9) Unexplained significant variations of rate or pressure to be reported within 5 days of notice.
- 10) The casing/tubing annulus is required to be monitored for communication with injection fluid or loss of casing integrity. A BLM inspector may request verification of the annular fluid level at any time.
- 11) A "Best Management Practice" is to maintain the annulus full of packer fluid at atmospheric pressure. Equipment that will display on site, continuous open to the air fluid level is necessary to achieve this goal.
- 12) Loss of packer fluid above five barrels per month indicates a developing problem. Notify BLM Carlsbad Field Office, Petroleum Engineering within 5 days.
- 13) A suggested format for monthly records documenting that the casing annulus is fluid filled is available from the BLM Carlsbad Field Office.
- 14) Gain of annular fluid requires notification within 24 hours. Cease injection and maintain a production casing pressure of 0 psia. Notify the BLM's authorized officer ("Paul R. Swartz" <[pswartz@blm.gov](mailto:pswartz@blm.gov)>, cell phone 575-200-7902). If there is no response phone 575-361-2822.
- 15) Submit a (Sundry Form 3160-5) subsequent report (daily reports) describing all wellbore activity and Mechanical Integrity Test as per item 1) above. Include the date(s) of the well work, and the setting depths of equipment: internally corrosive protected tubing, tubing on/off equipment just above the packer, and an in-line tubing check valve below the packer or between the on/off tool and packer. The setting depths and descriptions of each are to be included in the subsequent sundry. List (by date) descriptions of daily activity of any previously unreported wellbore workover.

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## **IX. PRODUCTION (POST DRILLING)**

### **A. WELL STRUCTURES & FACILITIES**

#### **Placement of Production Facilities**

Production facilities should be placed on the well pad to allow for maximum interim recontouring and revegetation of the well location.

#### **Containment Structures**

The containment structure shall be constructed to hold the capacity of the entire contents of the largest tank, plus 24 hour production, unless more stringent protective requirements are deemed necessary by the Authorized Officer.

#### **Painting Requirement**

All above-ground structures including meter housing that are not subject to safety requirements shall be painted a flat non-reflective paint color  
Shale Green, Munsell Soil Color Chart # 5Y 4/2

## **X. INTERIM RECLAMATION**

During the life of the development, all disturbed areas not needed for active support of production operations should undergo interim reclamation in order to minimize the environmental impacts of development on other resources and uses.

Within six (6) months of well completion, operators should work with BLM surface management specialists (Jim Amos: 575-234-5909) to devise the best strategies to reduce the size of the location. Interim reclamation should allow for remedial well operations, as well as safe and efficient removal of oil and gas.

During reclamation, the removal of caliche is important to increasing the success of revegetating the site. Removed caliche that is free of contaminants may be used for road repairs, fire walls or for building other roads and locations. In order to operate the well or complete workover operations, it may be necessary to drive, park and operate on restored interim vegetation within the previously disturbed area. Disturbing revegetated areas for production or workover operations will be allowed. If there is significant disturbance and loss of vegetation, the area will need to be revegetated. Communicate with the appropriate BLM office for any exceptions/exemptions if needed.

All disturbed areas after they have been satisfactorily prepared need to be reseeded with the seed mixture provided below.

Upon completion of interim reclamation, the operator shall submit a Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells, Subsequent Report of Reclamation (Form 3160-5).

## **X. FINAL ABANDONMENT & RECLAMATION**

At final abandonment, well locations, production facilities, and access roads must undergo "final" reclamation so that the character and productivity of the land are restored.

Earthwork for final reclamation must be completed within six (6) months of well plugging. All pads, pits, facility locations and roads must be reclaimed to a satisfactory revegetated, safe, and stable condition, unless an agreement is made with the landowner or BLM to keep the road and/or pad intact.

After all disturbed areas have been satisfactorily prepared, these areas need to be revegetated with the seed mixture provided below. Seeding should be accomplished by drilling on the contour whenever practical or by other approved methods. Seeding may need to be repeated until revegetation is successful, as determined by the BLM.

Operators shall contact a BLM surface protection specialist prior to surface abandonment operations for site specific objectives (Jim Amos: 575-234-5909).

### **Seed Mixture 2, for Sandy Sites**

The holder shall seed all disturbed areas with the seed mixture listed below. The seed mixture shall be planted in the amounts specified in pounds of pure live seed (PLS)\* per acre. There shall be no primary or secondary noxious weeds in the seed mixture. Seed will be tested and the viability testing of seed will be done in accordance with State law (s) and within nine (9) months prior to purchase. Commercial seed will be either certified or registered seed. The seed container will be tagged in accordance with State law(s) and available for inspection by the authorized officer.

Seed will be planted using a drill equipped with a depth regulator to ensure proper depth of planting where drilling is possible. The seed mixture will be evenly and uniformly planted over the disturbed area (smaller/heavier seeds have a tendency to drop the bottom of the drill and are planted first). The holder shall take appropriate measures to ensure this does not occur. Where drilling is not possible, seed will be broadcast and the area shall be raked or chained to cover the seed. When broadcasting the seed, the pounds per acre are to be doubled. The seeding will be repeated until a satisfactory stand is established as determined by the authorized officer. Evaluation of growth will not be made before completion of at least one full growing season after seeding.

Species to be planted in pounds of pure live seed\* per acre:

<u>Species</u>	<u>lb/acre</u>
Sand dropseed ( <i>Sporobolus cryptandrus</i> )	1.0
Sand love grass ( <i>Eragrostis trichodes</i> )	1.0
Plains bristlegrass ( <i>Setaria macrostachya</i> )	2.0

\*Pounds of pure live seed: Pounds of seed x percent purity x percent germination = pounds pure live seed