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Production Analyst				
Approved by (Signautre)	Name (Printed/Typed)		Date NOV 2 2 2005	
/s/ Joe G. Lara	/s/ Joe G. I	Lara		
Title FIELD MANAGER	Office CARLSBAD	FIELD OFF	ICE	
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STATEMENT ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATIONS

Nearburg Producing Company 3300 North "A" Street, Building 2, Suite 120 Midland, Texas 77905

The undersigned accepts all applicable terms, conditions, stipulations and restrictions covering operations conducted on the leased land or portion thereof, as described below:

Lease No:

NMNM4314

Legal Description of Land:

660 FNL and 1980 FWL

Sec. 6, T19S, R34E

Lea County, New Mexico

Formation(s) (if applicable): E-K; Bone Spring

Bond Coverage:

\$25,000 statewide bond of Nearburg Producing Company

BLM Bond File No:

NMB000153

Drilling Manager

State of New Mexico

DISTRICT I 1626 N. FRENCH DR., BOBBS, NM 86240

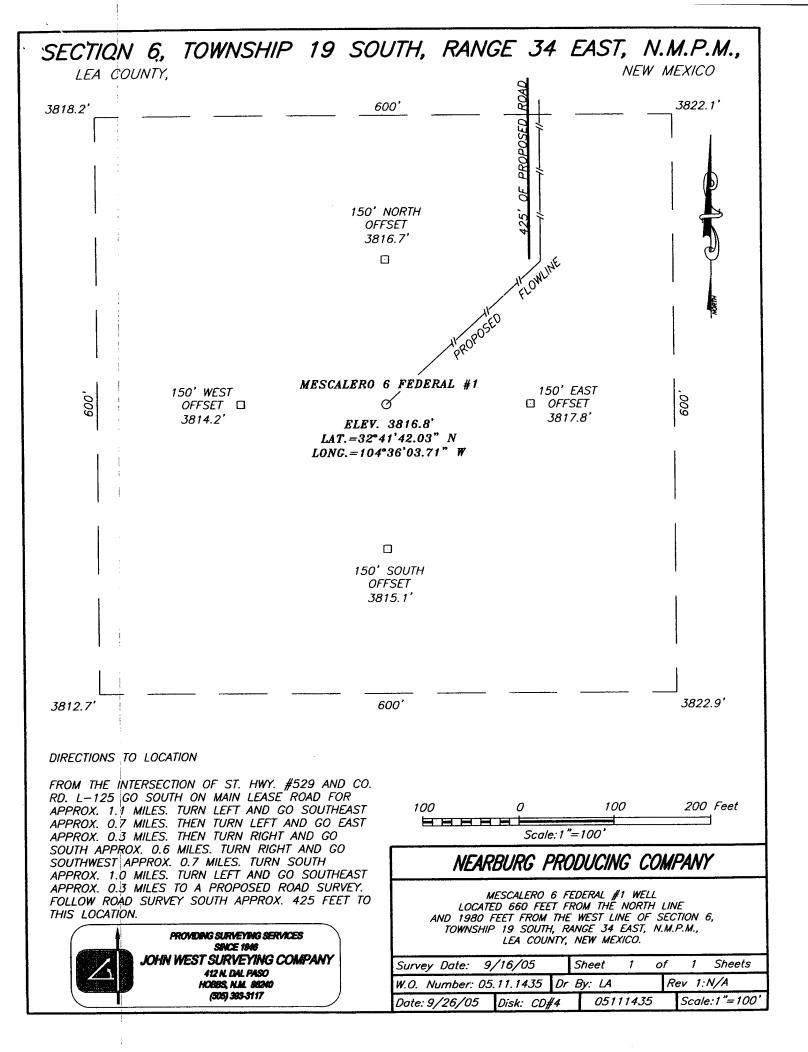
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 1220 SOUTH ST. FRANCIS DR.

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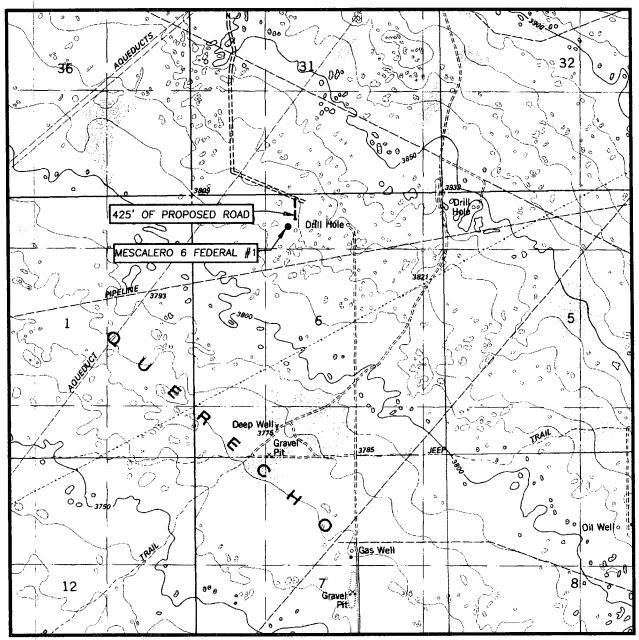
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ATTACHMENT TO FORM 3160-3 MESCALERO 6 FEDERAL #1 SECTION 6, T19S, R34E LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

DRILLING PROGRAM

1. GEOLOGIC NAME OF SURFACE FORMATION

Quaternary Alluvium

2. ESTIMATED TOPS OF IMPORTANT GEOLOGIC MARKERS

Yates	3150	Delaware	5600
Queen	4400	Bone Spring	7795
San Andres	5000	1st Bone Spring	9000
		2nd Bone Spring	9550

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

Bone Spring Oil

4. CASING AND CEMENTING PROGRAM

Casing Size	From To	Weight	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Joint</u>
13-3/8"	0' - 450'	48#	NA	NA
8-5/8"	0' - 5000'	36#	NA	NA
5-1/2"	4500'-10,000'	17# & 20#	N-80	LT&C

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

We plan to drill a 17-1/2" hole to equal 450'. 13-3/8" casing will be cemented with 500 sxs or volume necessary to bring cement back to surface.

11" hole will be drilled to 5,000' and 8-5/8" casing will be cemented with 1500 sxs 35/64 Poz "C" or volume based on fluid caliper necessary to bring cement back to surface.

7-7/8" hole will be drilled to 10,000' and 5-1/2" production casing will be cemented with approximately 800 sxs of 50/50 and 35/64 Poz "H" cement or volume necessary to tie back to 8-5/8" casing.

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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

Re-entry will be drilled with fresh water gelled mud system.

7. AUXILLARY WELL CONTROL AND MONITORING EQUIPMENT

None required.

8. LOGGING, TESTING, AND CORING PROGRAM

None

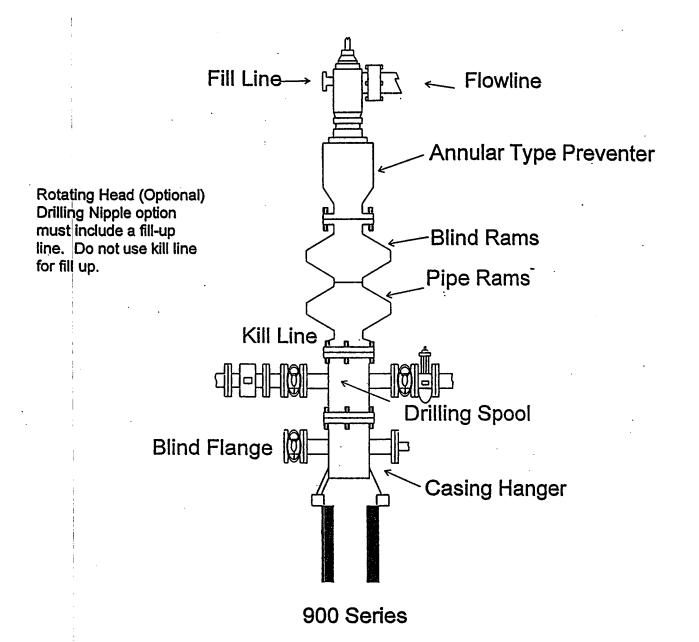
9. <u>ABNORMAL CONDITIONS</u>, <u>PRESSURES</u>, <u>TEMPERATURES</u> & <u>POTENTIAL</u> <u>HAZARDS</u>

None anticipated.

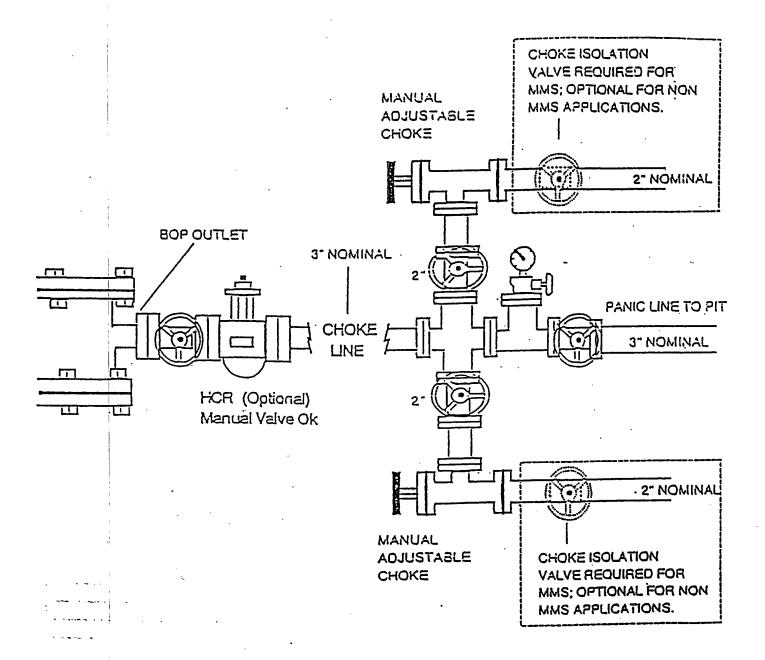
10. ANTICAPATED STARTING DATE:

Is planned that operations will commence on November 15, 2005 with drilling and completion operation lasting about 45 days.

NEARBURG PRODUCING COMPANY BOPE SCHEMATIC



NEARBURG PRODUCING COMPANY CHOKE MANIFOLD 2M AND 3M SERVICE



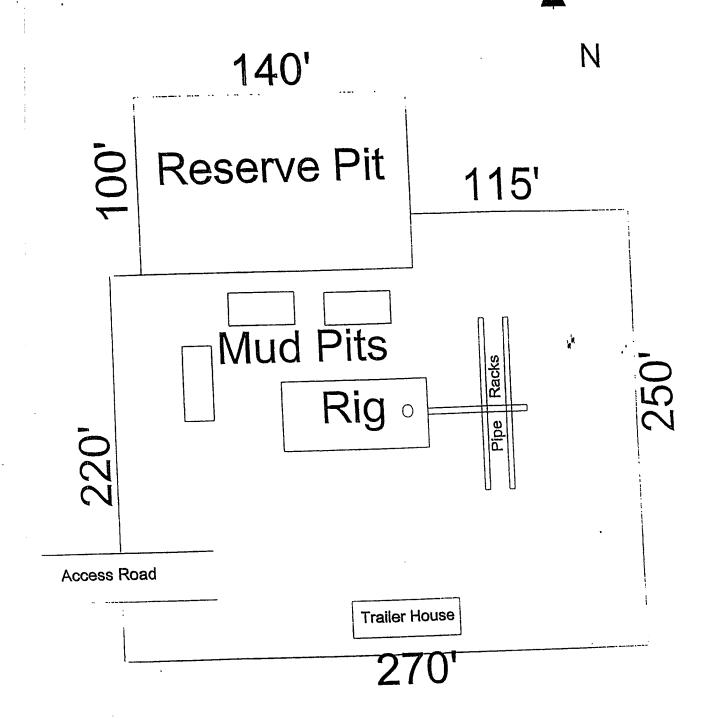


EXHIBIT B
DRILLING RIG LAYOUT
NEARBURG PRODUCING COMPANY

SCALE 1" = 50'

SURFACE USE AND OPERATIONS PLAN FOR

DRILLING, COMPLETION, AND PRODUCING

NEARBURG PRODUCING COMPANY MESCALERO 6 FEDERAL #1 SECTION 6, T19S, R34E LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

LOCATED

9 miles NE of Halfway, NM

OIL & GAS LEASE

NMNM4314

RECORD LESSEE

Cimarex Energy Company

BOND COVERAGE

\$25,000 statewide bond of Nearburg Producing Company

ACRES IN LEASE

1114.36

GRAZING LEASE

Kenneth Smith, Inc.

POOL

E-K; Bone Spring

EXHIBITS

- A. Area Road Map
- B. Drilling Rig Layout
- C. Vicinity Oil & Gas Map
- D. Topographic & Location Verification Map
- E. Well Location & Acreage Dedication Map

This well will be drilled down to a depth of approximately 10,000'.

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1. EXISTING ROADS

A. Exhibit A is a portion of a section map showing the location of the proposed well as staked.

B. Exhibit C is a plat showing existing roads in the vicinity of the proposed well site.

2. ACCESS ROADS

A. Length and Width

The access road will be built and is shown on Exhibit D.

B. Surface Material

Existing.

C. Maximum Grade

Less than five percent

D. Turnouts

None necessary.

E. Drainage Design

Existing.

F. <u>Culverts</u>

None necessary.

G. Gates and Cattle Guards

None needed.

3. LOCATION OF EXISTING WELLS

Existing wells in the immediate area are shown in Exhibit C.

4. LOCATION OF EXISTING AND/OR PROPOSED FACILITIES

Necessary production facilities for this well will be located on the well pad.

5. LOCATION AND TYPE OF WATER SUPPLY

It is not contemplated that a water well will be drilled. Water necessary for drilling will be purchased and hauled to the site over existing roads shown on Exhibit D.

6. METHODS OF HANDLING WASTE DISPOSAL

- A. Drilling fluids will be allowed to evaporate in the drilling pits until the pits are dry.
- B. Water produced during tests will be disposed of in the drilling pits.
- C. Oil produced during tests will be stored in test tanks.
- D. Trash will be contained in a trash trailer and removed from well site.
- E. All trash and debris will be removed from the well site within 30 days after finishing drilling and/or completion operations.

7. ANCILLARY FACILITIES

None required.

8. WELL SITE LAYOUT

Exhibit B shows the relative location and dimensions of the well pad, mud pits, reserve pit, and trash pit, and the location of major rig components.

9. PLANS FOR RESTORATION OF THE SURFACE

- A. After completion of drilling and/or completion operations, all equipment and other material not needed for operations will be removed. The well site will be cleaned of all trash and junk to leave the site in an as aesthetically pleasing condition as possible.
- B. After abandonment, all equipment, trash, and junk will be removed and the site will be clean.

10. OTHER INFORMATION

A. Topography

The land surface at the well site is rolling native grass with a regional slope being to the east.

B. Soil

Topsoil at the well site is sandy soil.

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C. Flora and Fauna

The location is in an area sparsely covered with mesquite and range grasses.

D. Ponds and Streams

There are no rivers, lakes, ponds, or streams in the area.

E. Residences and Other Structures

There are no residences within a mile of the proposed well site.

F. Archaeological, Historical, and Cultural Sites

None observed on this area.

G. Land Use

Grazing

H. Surface Ownership

Bureau of Land Management

11. OPERATOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

H. R. Willis 3300 North "A" Street, Bldg 2, Suite 120 Midland, Texas 79705

Office: (432) 686-8235 Home: (432) 697-2484

12. <u>CERTIFICATION</u>

I hereby certify that I, or persons under my direct supervision, have inspected the proposed drill site and access route; that I am familiar with the conditions which presently exist; that the statements made in this plan are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and, that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed by Nearburg Producing Company and its contractors and subcontractors in conformity with this plan and the terms and conditions under which it is approved.

Date

| Date | H. R. Willis | Drilling Manager

HYDROGEN SULFIDE DRILLING OPERATIONS PLANS NEARBURG PRODUCING COMPANY MESCALERO 6 FEDERAL #1

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.

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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.

SPECIAL DRILLING STIPULATIONS

THE FOLLOWING DATA IS REQUIRED ON THE WELL SIGN

() Other.

THE FOLLOWING DATA IS REQUIRED ON THE WELL SIGN	
Operator's Name Nearburg Producing Company Well No	ame & No. Mescalero 6 Federal #1
Operator's Name Nearburg Producing Company Well No. Location 660 FNL & 1980 FWL Sec. Lease No. NM-4314 County Lea	, T. <u>19</u> S, R <u>34</u> E.
Location 660 FNL & 1980 County Lea	State New Mexico
The Special stipulations check marked below are applicable to the a drill is conditioned upon compliance with such stipulations in addit be familiar with the General Requirements, a copy of which is available EACH PERMITTEE HAS THE RIGHT OF ADMINISTRATIVE TO TITLE 43 CRF 3165.3 AND 3165.4.	above described well and approval of this application to ion to the General Requirements. The permittee should lable from a Bureau of Land Management office. APPEAL TO THESE STIPULATIONS PURSUANT
This permit is valid for a period of one year from the date of approximately.	val or until lease expiration or termination whichever is
I. SPECIAL ENVIRONMENT REQUIREMENTS	
(X) Lesser Prairie Chicken (stips attached) () Flood pl () San Simon Swale (stips attached) () Other	ain (stips attached)
II. ON LEASE - SURFACE REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO	DRILLING
(X) The BLM will monitor construction of this drill site. Notify Hobbs Office (505) 393-3612, at least 3 working days prior to con	anionomy -
(X) 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 available for resurfacing of the disturbed area after completion of approximatelyinches in depth. Approximatelycubic reclamation.	of the drill site area will be stockpiled and made the drilling operation. Topsoil on the subject location is yards of topsoil material will be stockpiled for
() Other.	
III. WELL COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS	and the RIM
() A Communitization Agreement covering the acreage dedicate. The effective date of the agreement must be prior to any sales.	
(X) Surface Restoration: If the well is a producer, the reserve p will be reduced to a slope of 3:1 or less. All areas of the pad not the original contours of the surrounding terrain, and topsoil must a depth indicator (set at depth of ½ inch) with the following seed	be re distributed and re-seeded with a drill equipped with
Side Oats Grama (Bounelous curtipendula) 5.0 Sand D	X) B. Seed Mixture 2 (Sandy Sites) Dropseed (Sporobolus crptandrus) 1.0 Sand Lovegrass (Eragostis trichodes) 1.0 Bristlegrass (Setaria magrostachya) 2.0
() C. Seed Mixture 5 (Shahow Sheet)) D. Seed Mixture 4 (Gypsum Sites) Alkali Sacaton (<i>Sporobollud airoides</i>) Ning Saltbush (<i>Atriplex canescens</i>) 5.0
() OTHER SEE ATTACHED SEED MIXTURE	
Seeding should be done either late in the fall (September 15 - No following spring to take advantage of available ground moisture	ovember 15, before freeze up, or early as possible the

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.

<u>Reclamation</u>: 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 processed 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.

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 following lands: All of section 6, T. 19 S., R. 34 E.

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 3:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.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 leks know 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 Carlsbad Field Office SENM-S-22 December 1997

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL - DRILLING

Operator's Name: Nearburg Producing Company Well No. 1 - Mescalero 6 Federal

Location: 660' FNL & 1980' FWL sec. 6, T. 19 S., R. 34 E.

Lease: NM-4314

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I. DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is to be notified at (505) 393-3612 in sufficient time for a representative to witness:
- A. Spudding
- B. Cementing casing: <u>13-3/8</u> inch <u>8-5/8</u> inch <u>5-1/2</u> 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 of this office
- 3. Include the API No. assigned to well by NMOCD on the subsequent report of setting the first casing string.
- 4. A Hydrogen Sulfide Contingency Plan should be activated prior to drilling in the <u>Delaware</u> formation. A copy of the plan shall be posted at the drilling site.

II. CASING:

- 1. 13-3/8 inch surface casing should be set <u>at approximately 1600 feet in the top of the Rustler Anhydrite or per the</u>

 attached ALTERNATIVE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL DRILLING, below usable water and circulate cement to the surface. If cement does not circulate to the surface this 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. Minimum required fill of cement behind the <u>8-5/8</u> inch intermediate casing is <u>sufficient to circulate to surface per the</u> <u>attached ALTERNATIVE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL DRILLING.</u> If cement does not circulate to the surface this 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. Minimum required fill of cement behind the <u>5-1/2</u> inch production casing is <u>sufficient to tie back 500 feet above the</u> <u>uppermost perforation in the pay zone.</u>

III. PRESSURE CONTROL:

- 1. Before drilling below the 13-3/8 inch surface casing, the blowout preventer assembly shall consist of a minimum of One Annular Preventer or Two Ram-Type Preventers and a Kelly Cock/Stabbing Valve. Before drilling below the 8-5/8 inch intermediate casing, the blowout preventer assembly shall consist of a minimum of One Annular Preventer, Two Ram-Type Preventers, and a Kelly Cock/Stabbing Valve.
- 2. Before drilling below the quipment (BOPE) shall be 2000 psi. Before drilling below the 8-5/8 inch intermediate casing, minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer and related equipment (BOPE) shall be 3000 psi.
- 3. After setting the <u>8-5/8</u> inch intermediate casing string and before drilling into the <u>Wolfcamp</u> formation, the BOPE shall be tested as described in Onshore Order No. 2. Any equipment failing to test satisfactorily shall be repaired or replaced.
- A. The BLM office shall be notified at (505) 393-3612 in sufficient time for a representative to witness the tests.
- B. The tests shall be done by an independent service company.
- C. The results of the test shall be reported to the BLM Hobbs Office at 414 West Taylor, Hobbs, New Mexico 88240.
- D. 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.
- E. Testing must be done in a safe workman like manner. Hard line connections shall be required.

ALTERNATIVE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL - DRILLING

Drilling Fluids, Casing and Cementing Requirements for Most of Lea County:

Casing and Cementing

Surface casing is to be set at a sufficient depth to protect useable water zones and cement circulated to surface. In areas where the salt section (Salado) is present, surface casing should be set at least 25 feet into the top of the Rustler Anhydrite and cement circulated to the surface.

As an alternative, surface casing may be set through the Santa Rosa Formation or other potable water bearing zones and circulate cement to surface. For wells requiring an intermediate casing string, such string shall be cemented to the ground surface. In the case where intermediate casing is not required the operator shall case and cement the production hole to the ground surface.

While drilling from the surface casing to the Rustler formation it is recommended that operators periodically sweep the hole with viscous low water loss pills to help build a filter cake across useable water zones in the redbeds.

Drilling Fluid

Fresh water or fresh water spud mud shall be used to drill to surface casing depth. If surface casing is set at a lesser depth than the top of the Rustler formation, fresh water spud mud may be used to drill down to the first salt in the Rustler Formation. after which brine or fresh water may be used.

Non-toxic or biodegradable water based polymers, drilling paper, starch and gels may be used in the mud system in order to retard seepage into the redbeds.

Two to five percent diesel or crude oil may be used in the redbed section in order to control heaving shales and mudstones.

Caustics and Lime shall not be used in the red beds but may be added when the Rustler formation is reached. However, sodium carbonate maybe used for alkalinity or ph control while drilling the redbeds above the Rustler formation.

Additionally, questions of whether an additive may be used should be referred to the Roswell Field office.

BLM Serial Number: NM4314

Company Reference: Nearburg Producing Co. Well No. & Name: Mescalero 6 Federal #1

STANDARD STIPULATIONS FOR PERMANENT RESOURCE ROADS CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE

A copy of the grant and attachments, including stipulations, survey plat and/or map, will be on location during construction. BLM personnel may request to you a copy of your permit during construction to ensure compliance with all stipulations.

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).

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 of 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 there from, 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 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:

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.

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).

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3.	DRAINAGE
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Drainage control shall be ensured over the entire road through the use of borrow ditches, outsloping, 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

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Percent slope	Spacing interval
0% - 4%	400' - 150'
4% - 6%	250' - 125'
6% - 8%	200' - 100'
•	150' - 75'
8% - 10%	130 - 73

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

- /_x_/ 400 foot intervals.

 _____ foot intervals.

 _____ locations staked in the field as per spacing intervals above.

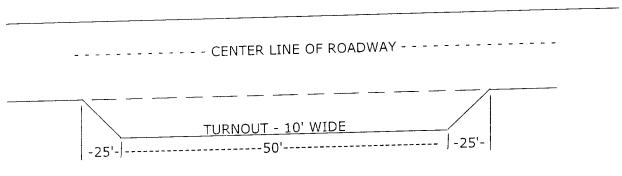
 _____ locations delineated on the attached map.
- B. Culvert pipes shall be used for cross drains where drainage dips or low water crossings are not feasible. The minimum culvert diameter must be 18 inches. Any culvert pipe installed shall be of sufficient diameter to pass the anticipated flow of water. 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:

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

Example: 4% slope: spacing interval = 400 + 100 = 200 feet 4

TURNOUTS 4.

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:



STANDARD TURNOUT - PLAN VIEW

SURFACING 5.

Surfacing of the road or those portions identified on the attached map may, at the direction of the Authorized Officer, be required, if necessary, to maintain traffic within the right-ofway with caliche, gravel, or other surfacing material which shall be approved by the Authorized Officer. 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. Prior to using any mineral materials from an existing or proposed Federal source, authorization must be obtained from the Authorized Officer.

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.

CATTLEGUARDS 6.

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:

BLM Serial Number: NM-4314

Company Reference: Nearburg Producing Co. Well No. & Name: Mescalero 6 Federal #1

STANDARD STIPULATIONS FOR SURFACE INSTALLED PIPELINES

A copy of the grant and attachments, including stipulations, survey plat and/or map, will be on location during construction. BLM personnel may request to you a copy of your permit during construction to ensure compliance with all stipulations.

Holder agrees to comply with the following stipulations to the satisfaction of the Authorized Officer:

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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 USC 2601 et seq. (1982) with regards to any toxic substances that are used, generated by or stored on the right-of-way or on facilities authorized under this rightof-way 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.
 - 3. 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 activity of the Right-of-Way holder's activity on the Right-of-Way), or resulting from the activity of the Right-of-Way holder 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.
 - 4. The holder shall be liable for damage or injury to the United States to the extent provided by 43 CFR Sec. 2883.1-4. The holder shall be held to a standard of strict liability for damage or injury to the United States resulting from pipe rupture, fire, or spills caused or substantially aggravated by any of the following within the right-of-way or permit area:
 - Activities of the holder including, but not limited to construction, operation, maintenance, and termination of the facility. a.
 - Activities of other parties including, but not limited to: b.

- (1) Land clearing.
- (2) Earth-disturbing and earth-moving work.
- (3) Blasting.
- (4) Vandalism and sabotage.

Acts of God. c.

The maximum limitation for such strict liability damages shall not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for any one event, and any liability in excess of such amount shall be determined by the ordinary rules of negligence of the jurisdiction in which the damage or injury occurred.

This section shall not impose strict liability for damage or injury resulting primarily from an act of war or from the negligent acts or omissions of the United States.

- 5. If, during any phase of the construction, operation, maintenance, or termination of the pipeline, any oil, salt water, or other pollutant should be discharged from the pipeline system, impacting Federal lands, the control and total removal, disposal, and cleaning up of such oil, salt water, 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 resulting therefrom, on the Federal lands, the Authorized Officer may take such measures as he deems necessary to control and clean up 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 responsibility as provided herein.
- 6. All construction and maintenance activity will be confined to the authorized right-of-way 10 __ feet. width of
- 7. No blading or clearing of any vegetation will be allowed unless approved in writing by the Authorized Officer.
- 8. The holder shall install the pipeline on the surface in such a manner that will minimize suspension of the pipeline across low areas in the terrain. In hummocky of duney areas, the pipeline will be "snaked" around hummocks and dunes rather then suspended across these features.
- 9. The pipeline shall be buried with a minimum of 36 inches under all roads, "twotracks," and trails. Burial of the pipe will continue for 20 feet on each side of each crossing. The condition of the road, upon completion of construction, shall be returned to at least its former state with no bumps or dips remaining in the road surface.
- 10. The holder shall minimize disturbance to existing fences and other improvements on public lands. The holder is required to prompily repair improvements to at least their former state. Functional use of these improvements will be maintained at all times. The holder will 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. No permanent gates will be allowed unless approved by the Authorized Officer.

- 11. In those areas where erosion control structures are required to stabilize soil conditions, the holder will install such structures as are suitable for the specific soil conditions being encountered and which are in accordance with sound resource management practices.
- 12. Excluding the pipe, all above-ground structures not subject to safety requirement shall be painted by the holder to blend with the natural color of the landscape. The paint used shall be a color which simulates "Standard Environmental Colors" **Shale Green**, Munsell Soil Color No. 5Y 4/2; designated by the Rocky Mountain Five State Interagency Committee.
- 13. The pipeline will be identified by signs at the point of origin and completion of the right-of-way and at all road crossings. At a minimum, signs will state the holder's name, BLM serial number, and the product being transported. Signs will be maintained in a legible condition for the life of the pipeline.
- 14. The holder shall not use the pipeline route as a road for purposes other than routine maintenance as determined necessary by the Authorized Officer in consultation with the holder. The holder will take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the pipeline route is not used as a roadway.
- 15. Any cultural and/or paleontological resource (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by the holder, or any person working on his hehalf, on public or Federal land shall be immediately reported to the authorized officer. 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 cultural or scientific values. The holder will be responsible for the cost of evaluation and any decision as to proper mitigation measures will be made by the authorized officer after consulting with the holder.
- 16. Special Stipulations:

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 Form C-144
June 1, 2004
For drilling and production facilities, submit to appropriate NMOCD District Office.

Santa Fe, NM 87505

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Santa Fe office.

Pit or Below-Grade Tank Registration or Closure

Is pit or below-grade tank of Type of action: Registration of a pit or b	covered by a "general plan"? Yes No [below-grade tank Closure of a pit or below-grade	X c tank				
Operator: Nearburg Producing Company Telephone: 68	66-8235 e-mail address: sjordan@n	earburg.com				
Address:	NAD: 1927 X 1983 Surface Own	ner Federal X State Private Indian				
Pit Type: Drilling X Production Disposal Workover Benergency Lined X Unlimited Liner type: Synthetic X Thickness 12 mil Clay Pit Volume bbl	Helow-grade tank Volume:bbl Type of fluid: Construction material: Double-walled, with leak detection? Yes If ne					
Depth to ground water (vertical distance from bottom of pit to seasonal high water elevation of ground water.)	Less than 50 feet 50 feet or more, but less than 100 feet 100 feet or more	(20 points) (10 points) (0 points)				
Wellhead protection area. (Less than 200 feet from a private domestic water source, or less than 1000 feet from all other water sources.)	Yes No	(20 points) (0 points)				
Distance to surface water: (horizontal distance to all wetlands, playas, irrigation canals, ditches, and perennial and ephemeral watercourses.)	Less than 200 feet 200 feet or more, but less than 1000 feet 1000 feet or more	(20 points) (10 points) (0 points)				
you are burying in place) onsite offsite If offsite, name of facility						
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 he been/will be constructed or closed according to NMOCD guidelines [X], a general permit [], or an (attached) alternative OCD-approved plan []. Date:						
Approval: Date: Printed Name/Tifle: V 2 5 2005 PETROL FUM ENGINEER	Signature					