

## Surface Use Plan of Operations

### CONOCOPHILLIPS COMPANY

#### SEMU #185

#### 415' FNL & 2215' FWL of Section 14-20S-37E

#### Federal Lease No: NM 0557686

#### Lea County, New Mexico

This location was finalized during an onsite visit conducted in October of 2012 with BLM representatives.

#### 1. Access Road - Existing

- A. From mile marker 103 of Highway 8, go south 0.3 miles to Billy Walker. Go east on Billy Walker for 3.1 miles to lease road. Go southwest 0.5 miles to a "T", go west 0.1 miles turning south 0.7 miles thence east 0.2 miles to proposed lease road.
- B. Proposed route to location - **See enclosed Aerial Map (county map) & Vicinity Map.**
- C. The existing access road will be maintained by crowning, fixing potholes, etc. and dust suppression, according to BLM specifications, until final location reclamation is complete.

#### 2. Access Road - Planned

- A. Approximately 194.1' of new access road is needed. The access point is on the location's southwest corner. A 25' construction right of way will be needed and all access road is on federal surface.
- B. The maximum width of the driving surface will be 20'. The road will be crowned and ditched to BLM specifications. Caliche from an approved source will be used and compacted for the driving surface.
- C. No turnouts will be needed.
- D. The road will be maintained, including dust suppression, and said maintenance will continue until final abandonment and reclamation of this location.

#### 3. Location of Existing Wells within a One-Mile Radius.

- A. There are no water wells within a one-mile radius
- B. There are at least 1 dry holes located within a one-mile radius.
- C. There are at least 24 plugged and abandoned wells within a one-mile radius.
- D. There are no saltwater disposal wells within a one-mile radius.
- E. There are no proposed drill wells within a one-mile radius.
- F. There are at least 37 producing/recently drilled wells within a one-mile radius.
- G. There is at least one shut-in well within a one-mile radius.
- H. There are at least 2 injection wells within a one-mile radius.
- I. There are no monitoring or observation wells within a one-mile radius.
- J. There is no water source well within a one-mile radius.

#### 4. Location of existing and/or Proposed Facilities

- A. Proposed Well Pad
  - 1. A well pad will be constructed to accommodate the new well and associated production equipment. Planned dimensions are approximately 260 feet by 260 feet

of working surface. Our intent is to perform interim reclamation to reduce the pad footprint after initial development phase is complete. Interim reclamation will be performed on the southwest, northeast, and southeast sides of the pad. **See map titled "Interim Reclamation"**.

2. Topsoil will be stored to the southeast in a manner that avoids sand dunes. Sec. 14, T20S, R37E
3. About 281' of above ground new power line will be installed to connect to existing power source southwest of our location. There will also be approximately 150' of new power line buried in the well pad. **See enclosed "Electric Line Crossing" survey.**
4. This well will be placed on production. Produced fluid will utilize a flow line to the SEMU Battery. Facility located in the NE Qtr of the SE Qtr (Unit I) of Sec. 15, T20S, R37E. Approximately 5892' of flow line will be installed between the well head and the facility. The flow line will be <4" tubing operated at less than 125 psi. Construction disturbance width will not exceed 20'. **See enclosed "Pipeline Crossing" survey.**

B. Facilities Paint Color

1. All above ground existing facilities are painted an earth tone color that blends with the surrounding area. Any proposed new facilities, not including flow and power lines, will be painted Shale Green.

5. Location and Type of Water Supply

- A. Fresh water will be obtained from an approved source.
- B. No water well will be drilled on this location.

6. Source of Construction Materials

- A. Any materials needed in addition to what can be used from location and access road will be hauled in from a supplier having a permitted source of materials.
- B. If production is established, any additional construction materials required for the surfacing of the access road and for installation of the production facilities will be purchased from a supplier having a permitted source of materials.
- C. No construction materials will be taken from Federal lands without a prior approval from the appropriate Surface Management Agency.

7. Methods for Handling Waste Disposal

- A. A closed-loop system will be used for handling and containing drilling wastes. These materials will be disposed of in an approved facility.
- B. Hazardous substances as listed as hazardous under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq. and the regulations issued under CERCLA, will be disposed of in an appropriate permitted facility.
- C. Any spills of oil or any other potentially hazardous material will be cleaned up and removed immediately to an approved disposal site.
- D. Sewage will be disposed of according to county and state requirements in a portable chemical toilet(s). Other waste and chemicals may not be disposed of on location. Waste will not be burned on location.

- E. Garbage and trash will be contained in portable trash cages. The contents of trash cages will be disposed of according to county and state regulations at an approved facility. Disposal or burning it will not be allowed on the well location.
- F. After drilling rig has moved out of area, any scattered trash and litter will be removed from site.
- G. All potentially hazardous areas will be fenced and will remain in this condition until entire area can be rehabilitated.

8. Ancillary Facilities

The production facilities are discussed under Item 4.

9. Well Site Layout

- A. **See Enclosed Well Location Plat.**
- B. Well Site Layout – **See Enclosed Well Pad Detail.**
- C. Topsoil will be stripped from the location and access roads to be stockpiled, on the southeast side of the new location, and deposited apart from other excavated material.
- D. There will be no reserve pit on location.

10. Plans for Reclamation of the Surface

A. Interim Reclamation

- 1. Interim reclamation will be completed on the southwest, northeast, and southeast sides. **See map titled "Interim Reclamation" (page 4 of 10 of plat package).**
- 2. If this well is a producer, all site rehabilitation shall be completed within six months. Under normal weather conditions, the timetable for rehab will allow two months for backfill settling and two months to complete final re-contouring, and top-soiling. In the event of winter freeze-up, reclamation will be put on hold as determined by the BLM.
- 3. Interim reclamation is to be performed according to BLM standards and currently consists of removing excess caliche (for re-use or disposal at an approved facility), turning the sides to be reclaimed so that sand and topsoil are on the surface. The sides to be reclaimed will be re-contoured, if necessary, prior to replacing the topsoil. The soil-banked material will be spread over the area. Reseeding will be performed according to BLM specifications (see 10.B.3).

B. Final Reclamation

- 1. At such time as the well is abandoned, ConocoPhillips Company will contact the BLM for development of the final rehabilitation plan. Upon abandonment, an erect dry hole marker welded to surface casing four feet below ground level will be installed. It will contain the same information as the well sign as directed by 43 CFR 3162.6 (30 CFR 221.22). The dry hole marker sealing the casing will have an 1/8" to 1/4" weep hole which will allow pressure to dissipate and make detection of any fluid seepage easier.
- 2. Caliche will be removed and disposed of in an approved facility. Re-contouring will be performed prior to topsoil being spread over location.
- 3. Reseeding will be an approved mixture by the BLM. If the broadcast method is utilized, the seed mixture shall be doubled.
- 4. There shall be no primary or secondary noxious weed seed in the native seed mixture.

5. The entire disturbed location shall be fenced after seeding. When the location has been rehabilitated and vegetation re-established, the fence shall be removed or fenced area reduced as required by the landowner or BLM.
6. Weeds will be controlled on disturbed areas within the exterior limits of the well pad. The control methods will be in accordance with guidelines established by EPA, BLM, state, and local authorities.

C. Other Reclamation Information

1. If this well site is constructed and not drilled, the site and access road will be reclaimed or BLM approved special erosion control measures implemented within 90 days of site construction unless otherwise approved in writing by sundry notice.
2. A pre-work onsite with the BLM and ConocoPhillips Company may be held for all phases of reclamation.

11. Surface Ownership  
Bureau of Land Management  
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12. Other Information

- A. ConocoPhillips Company may request that this well location be covered under the BLM MOA NM-930-2008-003. This request will be submitted under separate cover.
- B. ConocoPhillips Company will be responsible for informing all persons in the area who are associated with this project that they will be subject to prosecution for knowingly disturbing historic or archaeological sites or for collecting artifacts. If historic or archaeological materials are uncovered, ConocoPhillips Company will suspend all operations that might further disturb such materials and immediately contact the Authorized Officer, Bureau of Land Management.

Within five (5) working days the Authorized Officer will inform ConocoPhillips Company as to whether the materials appear eligible for the National Register of Historic Places; the mitigation measures the operator will likely have to undertake before the site can be used (assuming in site preservation is not necessary); and a time frame for the Authorized.

Officer to complete an expedited review under 36 CFR 800.11 to confirm, through the State Historic Preservation Officer, that the findings of the Authorized Officer are correct and that mitigation is appropriate.

- C. ConocoPhillips Company will protect, in place, all public land survey monuments, private property corner, and Forest service boundary markers. In the event that any such land markers or monuments are destroyed in the exercise of their rights, depending on the type of monument destroyed, the operator shall see that they are reestablished or referenced in accordance with (1) the procedures outlined in the "Manual of Instructions for the Survey of the Public Land of the United States", (2) the specifications of the county surveyor, or (3) the specification of the BLM.
- D. ConocoPhillips Company will comply with additional Conditions of Approval provided by BLM.

## Operator Certification

CONOCOPHILLIPS COMPANY

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that I, or persons under my direct supervision, have inspected the proposed drill site and access route proposed herein; that I am familiar with the conditions which currently exist; that I have full knowledge of State and Federal laws applicable to this operation; that the statements made in this APD package are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed in conformity with this APD package and the terms and conditions under which it is approved. I also certify that I, or the company I represent, am responsible for the operations conducted under this application with bond coverage provided by Nationwide Bond ES0085. These statements are subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001 for the filing of false statements.



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