

Form 3180-3  
(July 1992)

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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(Other instructions on  
reverse side)

FORM APPROVED  
OMB NO. 1004-0136

Expires: February 28, 1995

5. LEASE DESIGNATION AND SERIAL NO.

NM-51837

6. IF INDIAN, ALLOTTEE OR TRIBE NAME

7. UNIT AGREEMENT NAME

8. FARM OR LEASE NAME, WELL NO. (36249)

Kinahan 20 Federal No. 3

9. API WELL NO.

30-005- 27955

10. FIELD AND POOL, OR WILDCAT

Little Lucky Lake; Morrow (80285)

11. SEC. T.R.M. BLOCK AND SURVEY

OR AREA

Section 20-T15S-R30E

12. COUNTY OR PARISH

Chaves

13. STATE

NM

1a. TYPE OF WORK

DRILL ☒

DEEPEN ☐

1b. TYPE OF WELL

OIL ☐  
WELL

GAS ☒  
WELL

SINGLE ☒  
OTHER ZONE

MULTIPLE ☐  
ZONE

2. NAME OF OPERATOR

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado

3. ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NO.

P.O. Box 140907 Irving TX 75014 972-401-3111

4. LOCATION OF WELL (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements.)

660' FSL & 1650' FWL

14. DISTANCE IN MILES AND DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN OR POST OFFICE\*

13 miles NE of Loco Hills, NM

15. DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED\*  
LOCATION TO NEAREST  
PROPERTY OR LEASE LINE, T.O.  
(Also to nearest drlg. unit line, if any)

660'

16. NO. OF ACRES IN LEASE

640

17. NO. OF ACRES ASSIGNED  
TO THIS WELL

W/2 320

18. DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED LOCATION\*  
TO NEAREST WELL, DRILLING COMPLETED,  
OR APPLIED FOR, ON THIS LEASE, FT.

N/A

10900'

APPROVAL SUBJECT TO  
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND  
SPECIAL STIPULATIONS ATTACHED

21. ELEVATIONS (Show whether DF, RT, GR, etc.)

3966' GR

22. APPROX. DATE WORK WILL START

12-01-06

PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENTING PROGRAM

SIZE OF HOLE	GRADE, SIZE OF CASING	WEIGHT PER FOOT	SETTING DEPTH	QUANTITY OF CEMENT
17-1/2"	H-40 13 3/8"	48 #	500'	490 sx circulate
12-1/4"	J-55 9 5/8"	40 #	3000'	1200 sx circulate
8-3/4"	P-110 5 1/2"	17 #	10900'	1620 sx TOC 7550' *

\*If the Queen interval looks productive (2175'), will change TOC to 1675' (500' above top of Queen).

From the base of the surface pipe through the running of production casing, the well will be equipped with a 5000# psi BOP system.

We are requesting a variance for the 13-3/8" surface casing and BOP testing from Onshore Order No. 2, which states all casing strings below the conductor shall be pressure tested to 0.22 psi per foot or 1500# psi, whichever is greater, but not to exceed 70% of the manufacturer's stated maximum internal yield. During the running of the surface pipe and the drilling of the intermediate hole we do not anticipate any pressures greater than 1000# psi, and we are requesting a variance to test the 13-3/8" casing and BOP system to 1000# psi and use rig pumps instead of an independent service company.

IN ABOVE SPACE, DESCRIBE PROPOSED PROGRAM: If proposal is to deepen, give data on present productive zone and proposed new productive zone.  
If proposal is to drill or deepen directionally, give pertinent data on subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths. Give blowout preventer program, if any.

SIGNED

Zeno Farris

TITLE

Mgr. Ops. Admin

DATE

10-25-06

(This space for Federal or State office use)

PERMIT No.

APPROVAL DATE

Application approval does not warrant or certify that the applicant holds legal or equitable title to those rights in the subject lease which would entitle the applicant to conduct operations thereon.  
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY:

APPROVED BY

/S/LARRY D. BRAY

TITLE

Assistant Field Manager  
Lands and Minerals

JAN 04 2007

APPROVED FOR 1 YEAR

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, makes it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.



**Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado**

5215 North O'Connor Blvd. □ Suite 1500 □ Irving, TX 75039 □ (972) 401-3111 □ Fax (972) 443-6486

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 140907 □ Irving, TX 75014-0907

*A wholly-owned subsidiary of Cimarex Energy Co., a NYSE Listed Company, "XEC"*

**STATEMENT ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATIONS**

Bureau of Land Management  
2909 West Second Street  
Roswell, New Mexico 88201  
Attn: Ms. Linda Askwig

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado accepts all applicable terms, conditions, stipulations and restrictions concerning operations conducted on the leased land, or portion thereof, as described below:

Lease No.: NM-51837 – All Section 20-T15S-R30E

County: Chaves County, New Mexico

Formation (S): Morrow

Bond Coverage: Statewide BLM Bond

BLM Bond File No.: NM 2575

Authorized Signature: Zeno Farris  
Representing Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado

Name: Zeno Farris

Title: Manager, Operations Administration

Date: October 25, 2006

## Application to Drill

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado  
Kinahan 20 Federal No. 3  
Unit N Section 20  
T15S-R30E Chaves County, NM

In response to questions asked under Section II B of Bulletin NTL-6 the following information is provided for your consideration:

1 Location: 660' FSL & 1650' FWL

2 Elevation above sea level: GR 3966'

3 Geologic name of surface formation: Quaternary Alluvium Deposits

4 Drilling tools and associated equipment: Conventional rotary drilling rig using fluid as a circulating medium for solids removal.

5 Proposed drilling depth: 10900'

6 Estimated tops of geological markers:

Yates	1430'	Wolfcamp	8000'
Queen	2175'	Atoka Clastics	9950'
Abo Shale	6450'	Morrow Clastics	10350'
Hueco	7700'	Miss Unconformity	10425'

7 Possible mineral bearing formation:

Queen	Oil
Wolfcamp	Oil
Atoka B SS	Gas
Morrow	Gas

8 Casing program:

Hole Size	Interval	Casing OD	Weight	Thread	Collar	Grade
17-1/2"	0-500'	13-3/8"	48	8-R	ST&C	H-40
12-1/4"	0-3000'	9-5/8"	40	8-R	LT&C	J-55
8-3/4"	0-10900'	5-1/2"	17	8-R	LT&C	P-110

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### 9 Cementing & Setting Depth:

13-3/8"	Surface	Set 500' of 13-3/8" H-40 48 # ST&C casing. Cement with 490 Sx. Of Class "C" cement + additives, circulate cement to surface.
9-5/8"	Intermediate	Set 3000' of 9-5/8" J-55 40# LT&C casing. Lead with 1000 Sx. Of Class POZ/C Cement + additives, tail with 200 Sx. Of Class "C" + additives, circulate cement to surface.
5-1/2"	Production	Set 10900' of 5-1/2" P-110 17# LT&C casing. Cement with 1620 Sx. Super H + additives. TOC 7550'. *

\* If Queen interval looks productive (2175'), will change TOC to 1675' (500' above top of Queen).

### 10 Pressure control Equipment:

Exhibit "E". A 13 3/8" 5000 PSI working pressure B.O.P. consisting of one set of blind rams and one set of pipe rams and a 5000 # annular type preventer. A choke manifold and 120 gallon accumulator with floor and remote operating stations and auxiliary power system. Rotating head below 6000'. A kelly cock will be installed and maintained in operable condition and a drill string safety valve in the open position will be available on the rig floor. BOP unit will be hydraulically operated. BOP will be nipped up on the 9 5/8" casing and will be operated at least once a day while drilling and the blind rams will be operated when out of hole during trips. No abnormal pressure or temperature is expected while drilling.

### 11 Proposed Mud Circulating System:

Depth	Mud Wt	Viscosity	Fluid Loss	Type Mud
0 - 500'	8.4 - 8.6	30 - 32	May lose circ.	Fresh water spud mud. Add paper to control seepage and high viscosity sweeps to clean hole.
500' - 3000'	9.7 - 10.0	28 - 29	May lose circ.	Brine water. Add paper as needed to control seepage and add lime to control pH (9-10). Use high viscosity sweeps to clean hole.
3000' - 8300'	8.4 - 9.9	28 - 29	NC	Brine water. Paper for seepage. Lime for PH (9 - 9.5)
8300' - 10000'	8.45 - 8.9	28 - 29	NC	Cut brine. Caustic for pH control.
10000' - 10900'	8.9 - 9.7	29 - 45	NC	XCD Polymer mud system.

Sufficient mud materials will be kept on location at all times in order to combat lost circulation, or unexpected kicks. In order to run DSTs, open hole logs, and casing, the viscosity and water loss may have to be adjusted in order to meet these needs. Mud system monitoring equipment with derrick floor indicators and visual/audio alarms shall be installed and operative prior to drilling into the Wolfcamp formation. This equipment will remain in use until production casing is run and cemented.

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12 Testing, Logging and Coring Program:

- A. Mud logging program: Two-man unit from 1000' to TD
- B. Electric logging program: CNL / LDT / CAL / GR, DLL / CAL / GR
- C. No DSTs or cores are planned at this time.

13 Potential Hazards:

No abnormal pressures or temperatures are expected. The area has a potential H<sub>2</sub>S hazard. An H<sub>2</sub>S drilling plan is attached. Adequate flare lines will be installed off the mud / gas separator where gas may be flared safely. All personnel will be familiar with all aspects of safe operation of equipment being used. Estimated BHP 6000 PSI, estimated BHT 175.

14 Anticipated Starting Date and Duration of Operations:

Road and location construction will begin after BLM approval of APD. Anticipated spud date as soon as approved. Drilling expected to take 35-45 days. If production casing is run an additional 30 days will be required to complete and construct surface facilities.

15 Other Facets of Operations:

After running casing, cased hole gamma ray neutron collar logs will be run from total depth over possible pay intervals. The Morrow pay will be perforated and stimulated. The well will be tested and potentialized as a gas well.

## Hydrogen Sulfide Drilling Operations Plan

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- 1 All Company and Contract personnel admitted on location must be trained by a qualified H2S safety instructor to the following:
  - A. Characteristics of H2S
  - B. Physical effects and hazards
  - C. Proper use of safety equipment and life support systems.
  - D. Principle and operation of H2S detectors, warning system and briefing areas.
  - E. Evacuation procedure, routes and first aid.
  - F. Proper use of 30 minute pressure demand air pack.
- 2 H2S Detection and Alarm Systems
  - A. H2S detectors and audio alarm system to be located at bell nipple, end of flow line (mud pit) and on derrick floor or doghouse.
- 3 Windsock and/or wind streamers
  - A. Windsock at mudpit area should be high enough to be visible.
  - B. Windsock at briefing area should be high enough to be visible.
- 4 Condition Flags and Signs
  - A. Warning sign on access road to location.
  - B. Flags to be displayed on sign at entrance to location. Green flag indicates normal safe condition. Yellow flag indicates potential pressure and danger. Red flag indicates danger (H2S present in dangerous concentration). Only emergency personnel admitted to location.
- 5 Well control equipment
  - A. See exhibit "E"
- 6 Communication
  - A. While working under masks chalkboards will be used for communication.
  - B. Hand signals will be used where chalk board is inappropriate.
  - C. Two way radio will be used to communicate off location in case of emergency help is required. In most cases cellular telephones will be available at most drilling foreman's trailer or living quarters.
- 7 Drillstem Testing not anticipated.

## **Hydrogen Sulfide Drilling Operations Plan**

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- 8 Drilling contractor supervisor will be required to be familiar with the effects H<sub>2</sub>S has on tubular goods and other mechanical equipment.
  
- 9 If H<sub>2</sub>S is encountered, mud system will be altered if necessary to maintain control of formation. A mud gas separator will be brought into service along with H<sub>2</sub>S scavengers if necessary.

☐ AMENDED REPORT

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### OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this organization either owns a working interest or unleased mineral interest in the land including the proposed bottom hole location pursuant to a contract with an owner of such a mineral or working interest, or to a voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order heretofore entered by the division.

Zeno Farris

Signature

10-25-06

Date

Zeno Farris

Printed Name

### SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.

OCTOBER 16, 2006

Date Surveyed

Signature

Professional Seal of

Certificate No. Gary L. Jones 7977

BASIN SURVEYS



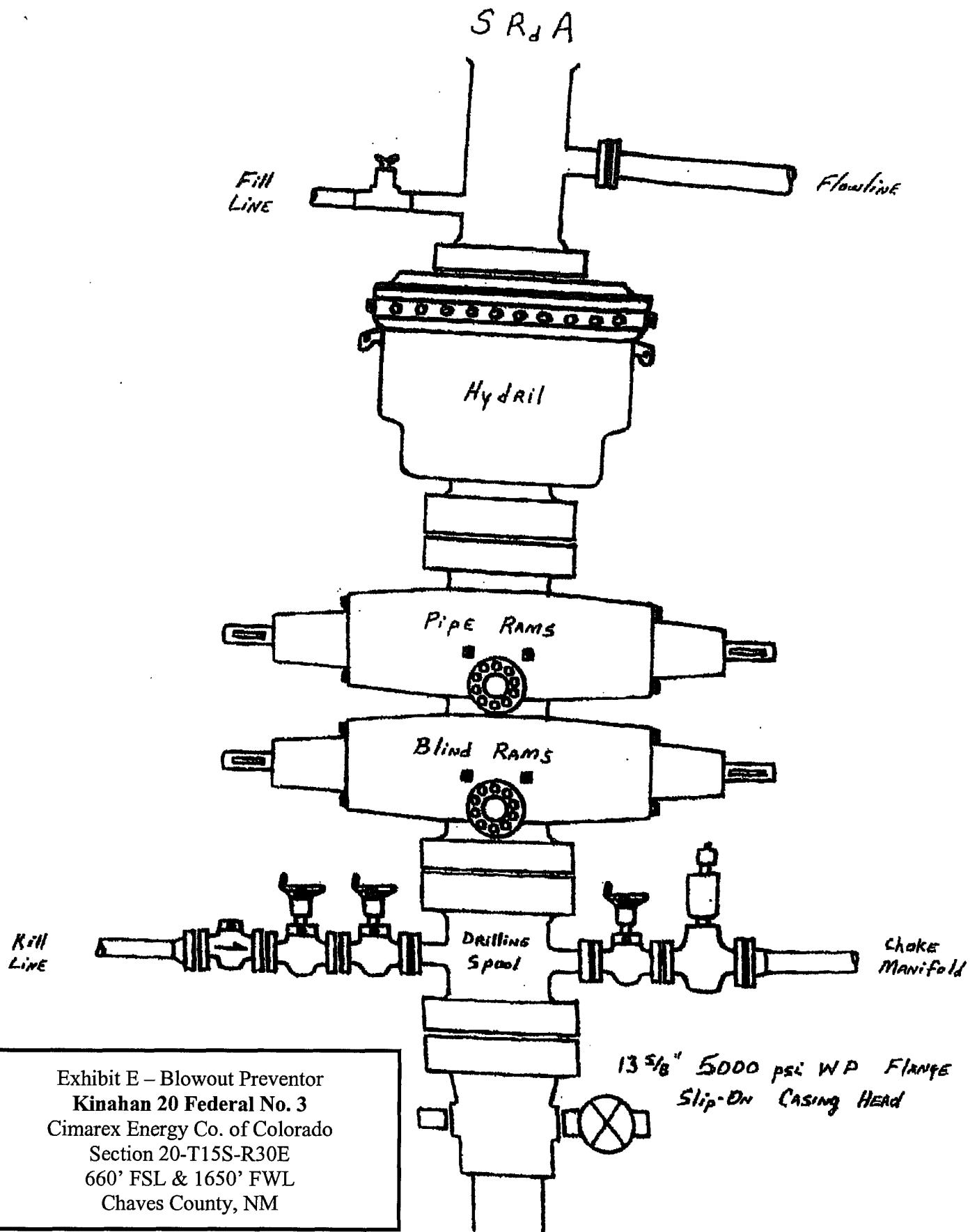


Exhibit E - Blowout Preventor  
 Kinahan 20 Federal No. 3  
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DRILLING OPERATIONS  
CHOKE MANIFOLD  
5M SERVICE

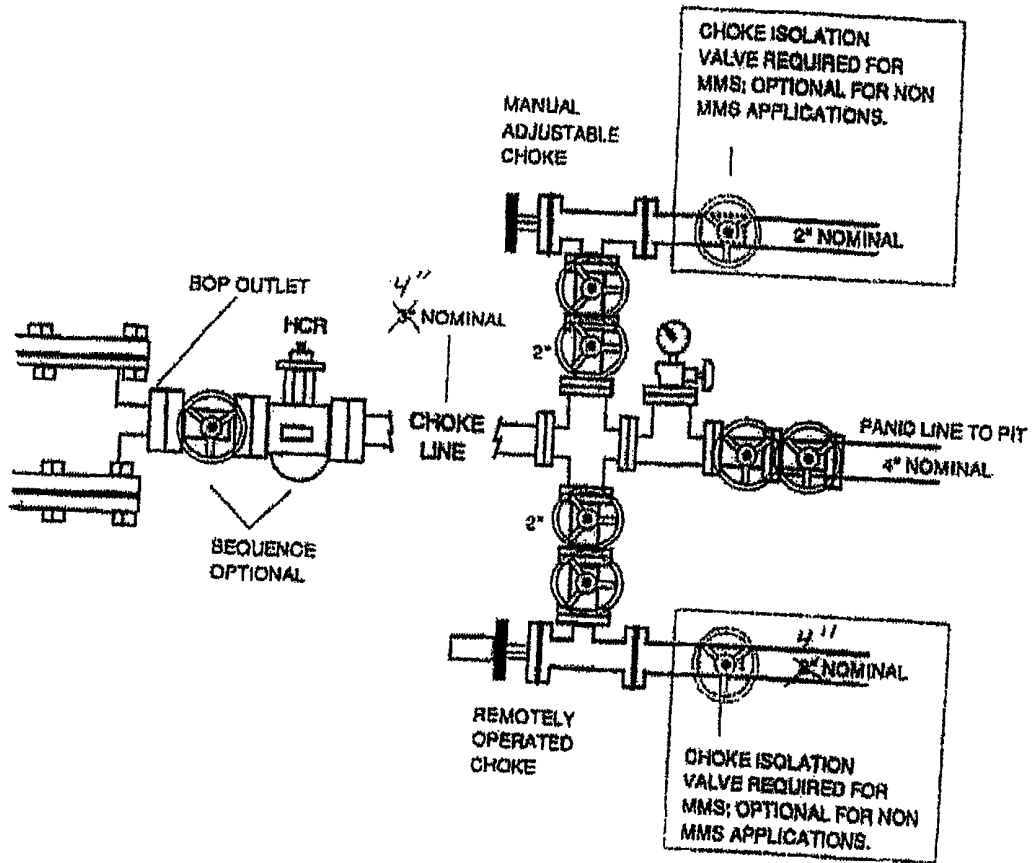


Exhibit E Cont'd – Choke Manifold  
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# EXHIBIT A

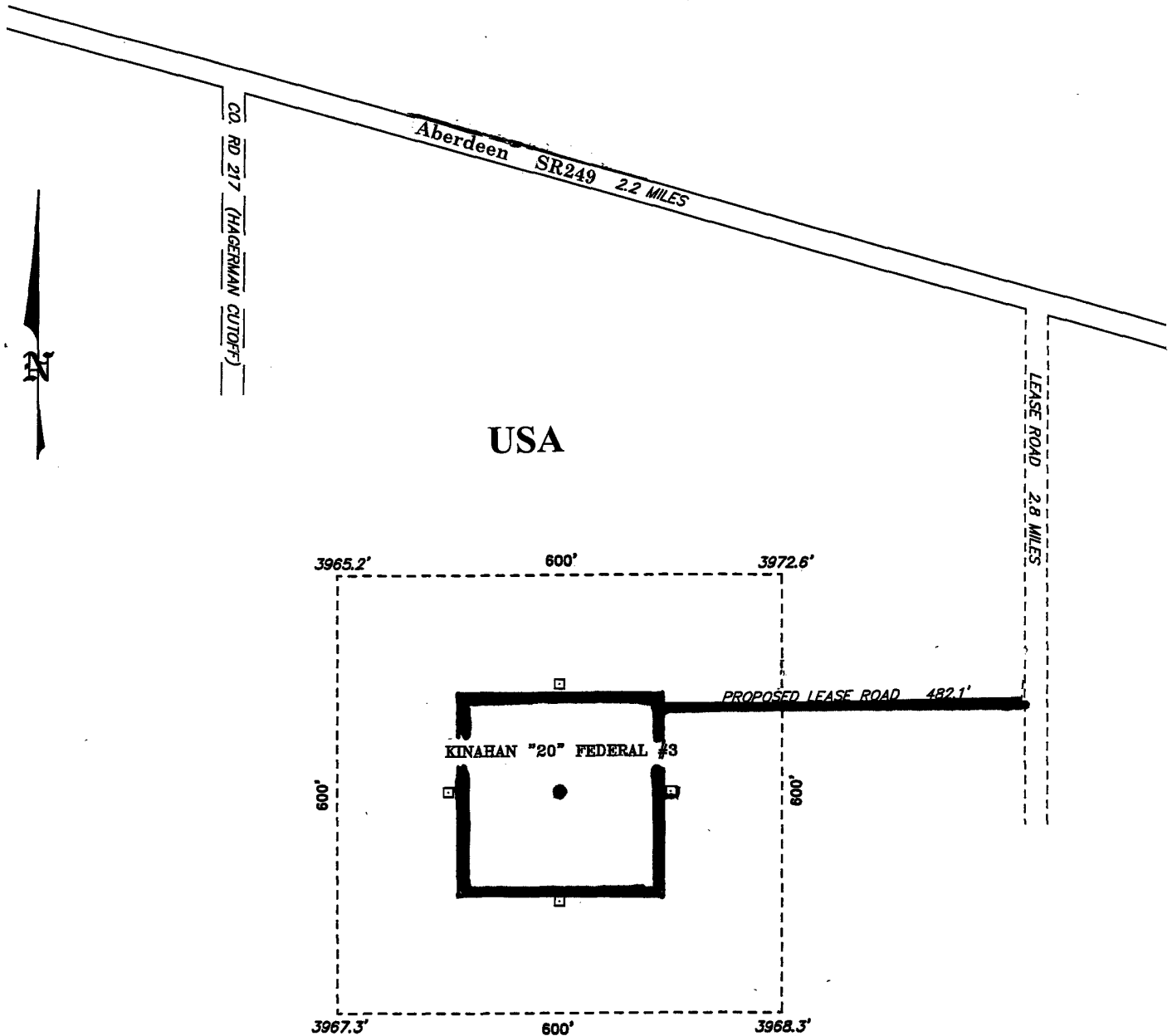
OPERATORS NAME: Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado LEASE NO.: NM-51837

WELL NAME & NO: Kinahan "20" Federal #3

QUARTER/QUARTER & FOOTAGE: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ /SW $\frac{1}{4}$  - 660' FSL & 1650' FWL

LOCATION: Section 20, T. 15 S., R. 30 E.

COUNTY: Chaves County, New Mexico, NMPM





United States Department of the Interior  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
Roswell Field Office  
2909 West Second Street  
Roswell, New Mexico 88201

## EXHIBIT B

### WELL DRILLING REQUIREMENTS

1 of 6 pages

OPERATORS NAME: Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado LEASE NO.: NM-51837  
WELL NAME & NO: Kinahan "20" Federal #3  
QUARTER/QUARTER & FOOTAGE: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  - 660' FSL & 1650' FWL  
LOCATION: Section 20, T. 15 S., R. 30 E.  
COUNTY: Chaves County, New Mexico, NMPM

#### I. GENERAL PROVISIONS:

- A. The operator has the right of administrative review of these requirements pursuant to 43 CFR 3165.1(a).
- B. The operator shall hereafter be identified as the holder in these requirements. The Authorized Officer is the person who approves the Well Drilling Requirements.

#### II. WELL PAD CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS:

- A. The BLM shall administer compliance and monitor construction of the access road and well pad. Notify Richard G. Hill at least 3 working days (72 Hours) prior to commencing construction of the access road and/or well pad. Roswell Field Office number (505) 627-0247.
- B. Prior to commencing construction of the access road, well pad, or other associated developments, the holder shall provide the dirt contractor with a copy of the approved APD signature page, a copy of the location map (EXHIBIT A), a copy of pages 1 & 2 from the Well Drilling Requirements (EXHIBIT B), and a copy of the Permanent Resource Road Requirements (EXHIBIT D).
- C. The holder shall stockpile the topsoil from the surface of the well pad. The topsoil on the Kinahan "20" Federal #3 well pad is approximate 6 inches in depth. Approximately 800 cubic yards of topsoil shall be stockpiled on the Southeast corner of the well pad.
- D. **Steel Tank Requirements: NO RESERVE PITS -Operator opted to use an enclosed mud system.**
  - 1. **The holder shall use steel tanks for drilling the well in lieu of reserve pits.** Steel tanks will help prevent the possibility of the drilling fluid leaching into the underground aquifers and reduce soil disturbance.
  - 2. The steel tanks shall be constructed so as not to leak, break, or allow discharge of drilling muds. Under no circumstances shall the steel tanks be opened and allowed to drain drilling muds on the ground.

3. The steel tanks shall be equipped to deter entry by birds, bats, and other wildlife.
4. The holder shall dispose of drilling muds and cuttings at an authorized disposal site. No drilling muds and/or cuttings shall be dumped on location.

**E. Federal Mineral Materials Pit Requirements:**

1. Caliche, gravel, or other related materials from new or existing pits on Federal mineral estate shall not be taken without prior approval from the authorized officer. Contact Jerry Dutchover at (505) 627 -0236.
2. Payment for any Federal mineral materials that will be used to surface the access road and the well pad is required prior to removal of the mineral materials.
3. Mineral Materials extracted during construction of the reserve pit may be used for development of the pad and access road as needed, for the Kinahan "20" Federal #3 gas well only. Removal of any additional material on location must be purchased from BLM prior to removal of any material.
  - a. An optional mineral material pit may be constructed within the archaeologically cleared area. The mineral material removed in the process can be used for pad and access road construction. However, a mineral material sales contract must be purchased from the BLM prior to removal of any material.

**F. Well Pad Surfacing Requirement:**

The well pad shall be surfaced with 6 inches of compacted caliche, gravel, or other approved surfacing material. The well pad shall be surfaced prior to drilling operations. See Permanent Resource Road Requirements - EXHIBIT D - requirement #4, for road surfacing.

**G. Cave Requirements:**

1. If, during any construction activities any sinkholes or cave openings are discovered, all construction activities shall immediately cease. Contact Bill Murry at (505) 627-0220.
2. The BLM Authorized Officer will, within 24 hours of notification in "A" above, conduct an on-the-ground field inspection for karst. At the field inspection the authorized field inspector will authorize or suggest mitigating measures to lessen the damage to the karst environment. A verbal order to proceed or stop the operation will be issued at that time.

**III. WELL SUBSURFACE REQUIREMENTS:****A. GENERAL DRILLING REQUIREMENTS:**

1. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is to be notified at the Roswell Field Office, 2909 West Second St., Roswell, NM 88201, (505) 627-0272 for wells in Chaves and Roosevelt Counties, in sufficient time for a representative to witness:

A. Spudding    B. Cementing casing: 13 3/8 inch; 9 5/8 inch; 5 1/2 inch.                      C. BOP Tests

2. A Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) Drilling Plan is not required for this wellbore.

3. Unless the production casing has been run and cemented or the well has been properly plugged, the drilling rig shall not be removed from over the hole without prior approval.

4. Submit a Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5, one original and five copies) for each casing string, describing the casing and cementing operations. Include pertinent information such as; spud date, hole size, casing (size, weight, grade and thread type), cement (type, quantity and top), water zones and problems or hazards encountered. The Sundry shall be submitted within 15 days of completion of each casing string. The reports may be combined into the same Sundry if they fall within the same 15 day time frame.

5. The API No. assigned to the well by NMOCD shall be included on the subsequent report of setting the first casing string.

**B. CASING:**

1. The 13 3/8 inch shall be set at **500 Feet** with cement circulated to the surface. If cement does not circulate to the surface the appropriate BLM office shall be notified and a temperature survey or cement bond log shall be run to verify the top of the cement. Remedial cementing shall be completed prior to drilling out that string.

2. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 9 5/8 inch Intermediate casing is to **3,000**.

3. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 5 1/2 inch Production casing is to **10,900**.

**C. PRESSURE CONTROL:**

1. All BOP systems and related equipment shall comply with well control requirements as described in Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 2. The BOP and related equipment shall be installed and operational before drilling below the 13 3/8 inch casing shoe and shall be tested as described in Onshore Order No. 2. Any equipment failing to test satisfactorily shall be repaired or replaced.

2. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer and related equipment (BOPE) shall be **3 M psi**.

3. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified in sufficient time for a representative to witness the test.

-The test shall be done by an independent service company

-The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.

-Testing fluid must be water or an appropriate clear liquid suitable for sub-freezing temperatures.

-Use of drilling mud for testing is not permitted since it can mask small leaks.

-Testing must be done in safe workman-like manner. Hard line connections shall be required.

-Both low pressure and high pressure testing of BOPE is required.

**IV. ON LEASE - WELL REQUIREMENTS:**

A. The holder shall post signs identifying the location permitted herein with the requirements contained in Onshore Oil and Gas Order #1 and 43 CFR 3162.6.

B. The following data is required on the well sign that shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the well pad. The sign shall be kept up with current identification and shall be legible for as long as the well is in existence:

Operator Name: Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado

Well Name & No.: Kinahan "20" Federal #3

Lease No.: NM-51837

Footage: 660' FSL & 1650' FWL

Location: Section 20, T. 15 S., R. 30 E.

C. UPON ABANDONMENT OF THE WELL, THE SAME INFORMATION SHALL BE INSCRIBED ON THE DRY HOLE MARKER WITH A BEADED WELD.

D. The approval of the APD does not in any way imply or grant approval of any on-lease, off-lease, or off-unit action(s). It is the responsibility of the holder to obtain other approval(s) such as rights-of-way from the Roswell Field Office or other agencies, including private surface landowner(s).

E. All vehicles, including caterpillar track-type tractors, motor graders, off-highway trucks and any other type of motorized equipment that is used in the construction of the access road and well pad shall be confined to the area(s) herein approved. The drilling rig that is used to drill the well shall also be confined to the approved area(s).

**F. Containment Structure Requirement:**

1. A containment structure or earthen dike shall be constructed and maintained around all storage facilities/batteries. The containment structure or earthen dike shall surround the storage facilities/batteries.

2. The containment structure or earthen dike shall be constructed two (2) feet high around the facilities/batteries (the containment structure or earthen dike can be constructed higher than the two (2) feet high minimum).

3. The perimeter of the containment structure or earthen dike can be constructed substantial larger for greater holding capacity of the contents of the largest tank.

4. The containment structure or earthen dike shall be constructed so that in case of a spill the structure can contain the entire contents of the largest tank, plus 24 hour production, within the containment structure or earthen dike, unless more stringent protective requirements are deemed necessary by the Authorized Officer.

**G. Painting Requirement:**

All above-ground structures (e.g.: meter houses, tanks, above ground pipelines, and related appurtenance, etc.) not subject to safety requirements 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" designated by the Rocky Mountain Five-State Interagency Committee. The color selected for painting all the well facilities is Olive Drab 18-0622 TPX., Supplemental Environmental Colors

**H. Fence Requirement:**

The holder shall minimize disturbance to existing fences and other improvements on public lands. The holder is required to promptly repair impacted improvements to at least their former state. On private surface the holder shall 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 shall be allowed unless approved by the Authorized Officer.

**I. Open-vent Exhaust Stack Requirements:**

1. All open-vent exhaust stacks associated with heater-treater, separators and dehydrator units shall be modified to prevent birds and bats from entering them and to the extent practical to discourage perching and nesting.
2. New production equipment installed on federal leases after November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1993, shall have the open-vent exhaust stacks constructed to prevent the entry of birds and bats and to the extent practical, to discourage perching, and nesting.

**V. Invasive and Noxious Weeds Requirement:**

A. The holder shall be held responsible if noxious weeds become established within the area. Evaluation of the growth of noxious weeds shall be made upon discovery. Weed control will be required on the disturbed land where noxious weeds exist, which includes the roads, pads, associated pipelines, and adjacent land affected by the establishment of weeds due to this action. The holder is responsible for consultation with the Authorized Officer for acceptable weed control methods, which include following EPA and BLM requirements and policy.

B. The holder shall insure that the equipment and or vehicles that will be used to construct, maintain and administer the access roads, well pad and resulting well are not polluted with invasive and noxious weed seed. Transporting of invasive and noxious weed seed could occur if the equipment and vehicles were previously used in noxious weed infested areas. In order to prevent the spread of noxious weeds, the Authorized Officer shall require that the equipment and vehicles be cleaned with either high pressure water or air prior to construction, maintenance and administration of the access roads, well pad, and resulting well.



VI. SPECIAL REQUIREMENT(S):

A. **Lesser Prairie Chicken Stipulation:**

The Roswell Approved Resource Management Plan and Record Of Decision addresses the preservation of the Lesser prairie chicken wildlife habitat.

1. There shall be no earthmoving construction activities, well exploratory and/or developmental drilling, well completion, plugging and abandonment activities, **between March 15<sup>th</sup> through June 15<sup>th</sup>**, of each year. During that period, other activities, including the operation and maintenance of oil and gas facilities, will not be allowed between **3:00 a.m.** and **9:00 a.m.**. To the extent practicable, activities occurring for a short period of time may be conducted so long as they do not commence until after **9:00 A.M.**. Any deviation from this stipulation must be approved in writing by the Roswell Field Office Manager or the appropriate Authorized Officer.
2. All motors or engines that produce high noise levels shall have mufflers installed that effectively reduce excessive noise levels within prairie chicken habitat. High noise levels produced by motors or engines shall be reduced and muffled so as not to exceed 75 db measured at 30 feet from the source of the noise.
3. Upon abandonment of the well, reclamation activities can be conducted between March 15<sup>th</sup> through June 15<sup>th</sup>, so long as reclamation work shall not be conducted between the hours of **3:00 AM** to **9:00 AM**. Any deviation from this requirement shall require prior approval by the Authorized Officer.
4. In an emergency situation, the Authorized Officer can allow a pit to be constructed for the purpose of collecting crude oil for removal. To prevent wildlife from entering the pit, netting of adequate size to deter access by wildlife shall cover the pit until it is no longer a threat to wildlife, and the pit is reclaimed.

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  
March 12, 2004

For drilling and production facilities, submit to appropriate NMOCD District Office.  
For downstream facilities, submit to Santa Fe office

**Pit or Below-Grade Tank Registration or Closure**

Is pit or below-grade tank covered by a "general plan"? Yes ☐ No ☒

Type of action: Registration of a pit or below-grade tank ☐ Closure of a pit or below-grade tank ☒

Operator: Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado Telephone: 972-443-6489 e-mail address: zfarris@cimarex.com

Address: P.O. Box 140907, Irving, Tx 75014-0907

Facility or well name: Kinahan 20 Federal No. 3 API #: 30-005-27455 U/L or Qtr/Qtr<sup>N</sup> Sec 20 T 15S R 30E

County: Chaves Latitude 325945.8 N Longitude 1035702.2 W NAD: 1927 ☐ 1983 ☒ Surface Owner Federal ☒ State ☐ Private ☐ Indian ☐

**Pit**

Type: Drilling ☒ Production ☐ Disposal ☐

Workover ☐ Emergency ☐

Lined ☒ Unlined ☐

Liner type: Synthetic ☒ Thickness 12 mil Clay ☐ Volume

\_\_\_\_\_ bbl Closed system, cuttings to be buried

**Below-grade tank**

Volume: \_\_\_\_\_ bbl Type of fluid: \_\_\_\_\_

Construction material: \_\_\_\_\_

Double-walled, with leak detection? Yes ☐ If not, explain why not.

Depth to ground water (vertical distance from bottom of pit to seasonal high water elevation of ground water.)

Less than 50 feet	(20 points)
50 feet or more, but less than 100 feet	(10 points)
100 feet or more	(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	(20 points)
No	(0 points)

Distance to surface water: (horizontal distance to all wetlands, playas, irrigation canals, ditches, and perennial and ephemeral watercourses.)

Less than 200 feet	(20 points)
200 feet or more, but less than 1000 feet	(10 points)
1000 feet or more	(0 points)

Ranking Score (Total Points)

0

**If this is a pit closure:** (1) attach a diagram of the facility showing the pit's relationship to other equipment and tanks. (2) Indicate disposal location:

onsite ☐ offsite ☐ If offsite, name of facility \_\_\_\_\_ (3) Attach a general description of remedial action taken including remediation start date and end date. (4) Groundwater encountered: No ☐ Yes ☐ If yes, show depth below ground surface \_\_\_\_\_ ft. and attach sample results. (5) Attach soil sample results and a diagram of sample locations and excavations.

I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that the above-described pit or below-grade tank has been/will be constructed or closed according to NMOCD guidelines ☒, a general permit ☐, or an (attached) alternative OCD-approved plan ☐.

Date: 10-25-06

Printed Name/Title Zeno Farris Manager Operations Administration

Signature

*Zeno Farris*

Your certification and NMOCD approval of this application/closure does not relieve the operator of liability should the contents of the pit or tank contaminate ground water or otherwise endanger public health or the environment. Nor does it relieve the operator of its responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

Approval:

Date:

*1/9/07*

Printed Name/Title CHRIS WILLIAMS / DIST. JAPU

Signature

*Chris Williams*