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Form 3160-3
(April 2004)

FORM APPROVED
OMB No. 1004-0137
Expires March 31, 2007

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL OR REENTER

5. Lease Serial No. **LC032573B**

6. If Indian, Allotee or Tribe Name

1a. Type of work: ☑ DRILL ☐ REENTER

7. If Unit or CA Agreement, Name and No.

1b. Type of Well: ☑ Oil Well ☐ Gas Well ☐ Other ☐ Single Zone ☐ Multiple Zone

8. Lease Name and Well No. **Elliott B Federal #18** (301545)

2. Name of Operator **Range Operating New Mexico, Inc.** (227588)

9. API Well No. 30-025-38353

3a. Address **777 Main St., Ste. 800 Fort Worth, TX 76102**

3b. Phone No. *(include area code)* **817/810-1916**

10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory (24180) **Eunice; San Andres, Southwest**

4. Location of Well *(Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements.*)*
At surface **330' FSL & 1650' FEL**
At proposed prod. zone **330' FSL & 1650' FEL**
CAPITAN CONTROLLED WATER BASIN
Unit O

11. Sec., T. R. M. or Blk. and Survey or Area **Unit O, Sec. 6, T22S, R37E**

14. Distance in miles and direction from nearest town or post office*
2 miles SE of Eunice, New Mexico

12. County or Parish **Lea**

13. State **NM**

15. Distance from proposed* location to nearest property or lease line, ft. (Also to nearest drig. unit line, if any)	16. No. of acres in lease	17. Spacing Unit dedicated to this well
330	**40**	**40**
18. Distance from proposed location* to nearest well, drilling, completed, applied for, on this lease, ft.	19. Proposed Depth	20. BLM/BIA Bond No. on file
	4300	**NM2399**
21. Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB, RT, GL, etc.)	22. Approximate date work will start*	23. Estimated duration
3440	**03/01/2007**	**9 days**

24. Attachments

The following, completed in accordance with the requirements of Onshore Oil and Gas Order No.1, shall be attached to this form:

1. Well plat certified by a registered surveyor.
2. A Drilling Plan.
3. A Surface Use Plan (if the location is on National Forest System Lands, the SUPO shall be filed with the appropriate Forest Service Office).
4. Bond to cover the operations unless covered by an existing bond on file (see Item 20 above).
5. Operator certification
6. Such other site specific information and/or plans as may be required by the authorized officer.

25. Signature	Name *(Printed/Typed)*	Date
	Paula Hale	**02/09/2007**

Title **Sr. Reg. Sp.**

Approved by *(Signature)*	Name *(Printed/Typed)*	Date MAR -7 2007
Title ACTING FIELD MANAGER	Office **BLM-CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE**	

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, are attached.

APPROVAL FOR 1 YEAR

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and Title 43 U.S.C. Section 1212, make 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.

**(Instructions on page 2)*

APPROVAL SUBJECT TO
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS
AND SPECIAL STIPULATIONS
ATTACHED

SEE ATTACHED FOR
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

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DISTRICT II
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DISTRICT III
1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

DISTRICT IV
1220 S. ST. FRANCIS DR., SANTA FE, NM 87505

State of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
1220 SOUTH ST. FRANCIS DR.
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Form C-102
Revised October 12, 2005
Submit to Appropriate District Office
State Lease - 4 Copies
Fee Lease - 3 Copies

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

☐ AMENDED REPORT

API Number	Pool Code	Pool Name
30-025-38353	24180	Eunice; San Andres, Southwest

Property Code	Property Name	Well Number
301545	ELLIOTT "B" FEDERAL	18

OGRID No.	Operator Name	Elevation
227588	RANGE OPERATING NEW MEXICO, INC.	3440'

Surface Location

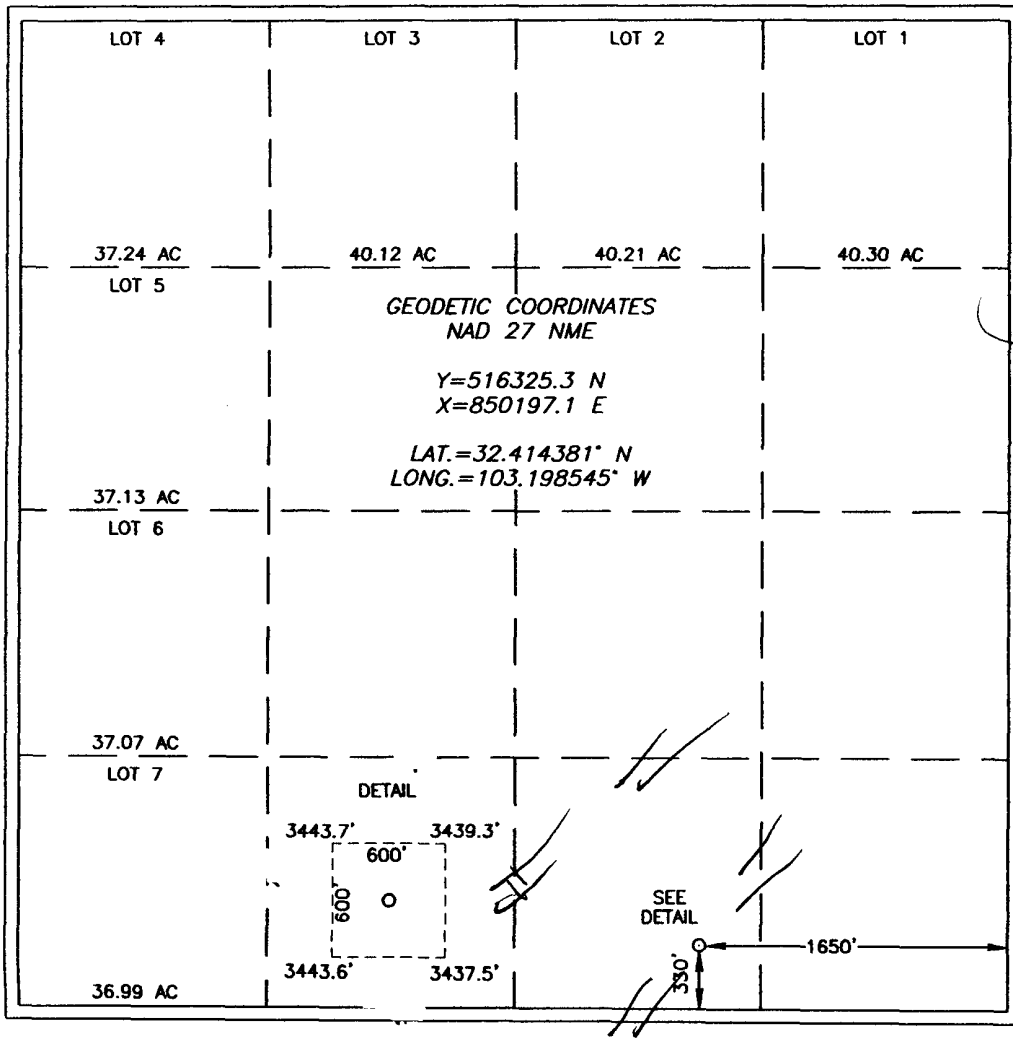
UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
O	6	22-S	37-E		330	SOUTH	1650	EAST	LEA

Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County

Dedicated Acres	Joint or Infill	Consolidation Code	Order No.
40			

NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION



OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information 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 or has a right to drill this well at this location pursuant to a contract with an owner of such mineral or working interest, or to a voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order heretofore entered by the division.

Signature 2-09-07 Date

Paula Hale
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 27, 2006

Date Surveyed JMD

Signature & Seal of Professional Surveyor

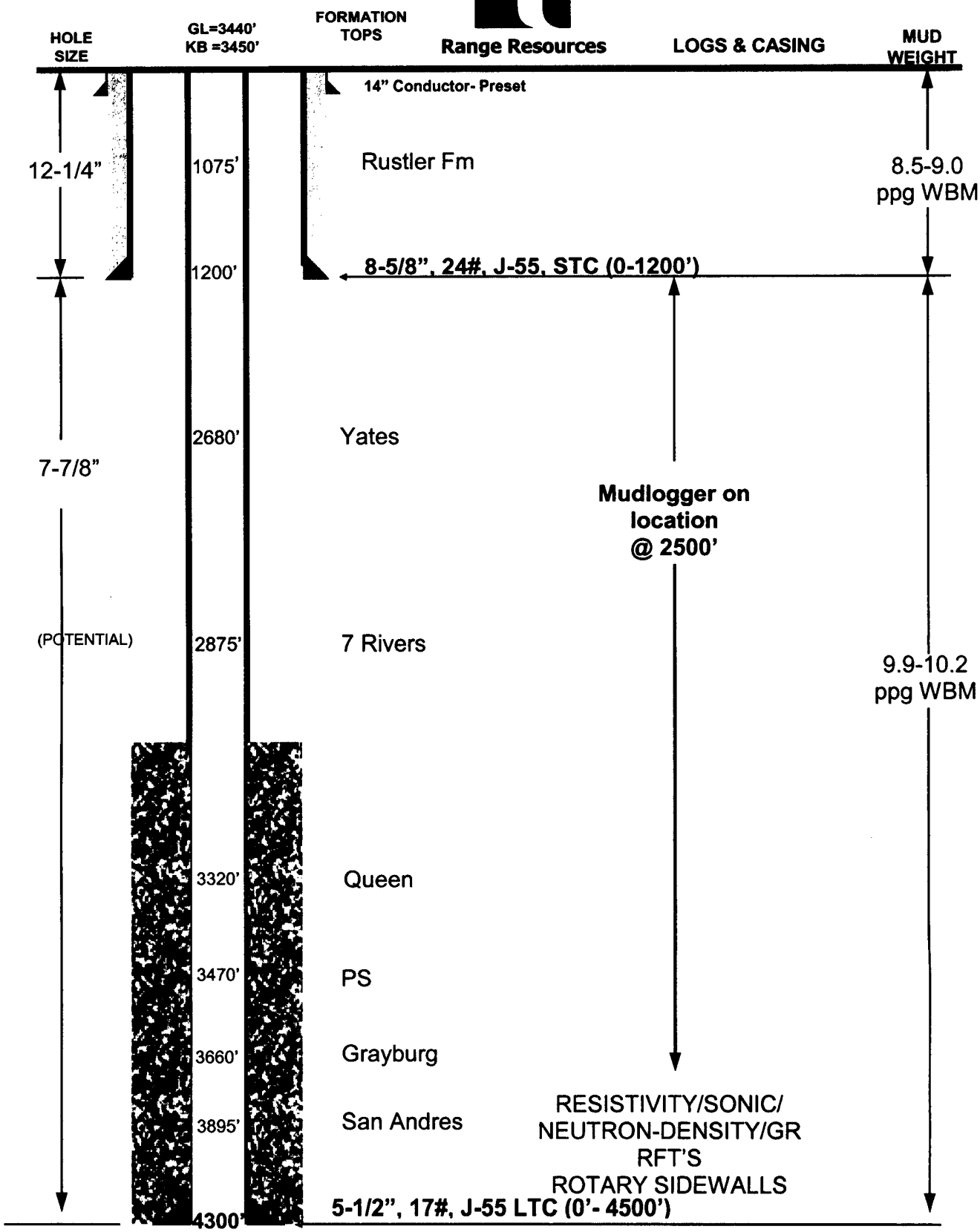
GARY G. EIDSON NEW MEXICO 12641 PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR

Gary G. Eidson 11/16/06

06.11.1701

Certificate No. GARY EIDSON 12641

WELL : **Elliott B Federal #18**
SL : **330' FSL & 1650' FEL, Sec 06-T22S-R37E** **FIELD:Eunice San AndresSW**
COUNTY : **Lea County** **OBJECTIVE TD: 4300'**
STATE : **New Mexico**



Range Operating New Mexico

Elliott B Federal #18
Lea County, NM
Drilling Program

Prepared 2/08/07

PROPOSED DEPTH: 4,300' MD / 4,300' TVD
GROUND ELEVATION: **3,440'**
KB: **17'**

LOCATION: 330' FSL & 1650' FEL, Section 06-T22S-R37E, Lea County, NM

ANTICIPATED PRODUCTIVE FORMATION: San Andres

API NO:

GENERAL:
The Elliott B Federal #18 will be a 4,300' San Andres test in Lea County, New Mexico drilled on a daywork basis by United Rig #28. A 12-1/4" surface hole will be drilled to +/-1200'. A string of 8-5/8" casing will be run and cemented to surface.

Nipple up BOPs and test same, drilling will continue with a 7-7/8" hole to a total depth of 4,400'. Actual TD will be spaced so that casing will be landed where the casing head can be screwed on. After electric-logging the open-hole interval, a string of 5-1/2" casing will be run and cemented from total depth to 1,000' and the tubing head installed.

ESTIMATED FORMATION TOPS: (Log Depths)

Upper Permian Rustler Fm	+2375 ft	1075 ft MD	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	
Upper Permian 7 Rivers Fm	+575 ft	2875 ft MD	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	
Upper Permian PS Fm	-20 ft	3470 ft MD	+
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	+
Upper Permian San Andres Fm	-455 ft	3895 ft MD	*
[redacted]			
PTD	-850 ft	4300 ft MD	

*= Primary Reservoir Targets
+= Secondary Reservoir Targets

DETAILED DRILLING PROCEDURE

TIMES AND EVENTS TO NOTE ON DRILLING REPORT:

A. SPUD (date and time)
B. TD (each interval date and time)
C. CEMENT IN PLACE (date and time)
D. RIG RELEASE (date and time)

BOTTOM HOLE ASSEMBLIES

BHA #1: (0-1200') - Bit, (2) 8" DC, (10) 6.25" DC's

BHA #2: (1200'-4500') - Bit, (24) 6.25" DC's

USE OF RT TOOL

No RT tools in use.

MUD PROGRAM

INTERVAL	MUD WEIGHT	FUNNEL VIS.	API Fluid Loss
0' - 1200'	8.4 – 9.4	32-34	NC
1200' - 4500'	10.0	28	NC

1) Level and build an all-weather location and access road.

2) MIRU United Rig #24. Perform rig safety inspection and ensure that everything is in proper working order prior to spudding well.

3) Notify NMOCD of intent to spud, run casing and cement each 24 hours in advance 505-748-1283.

4) Spud well with 12-1/4" mill tooth bit. Drill to +/- 1200' with surveys at 500' and 1000' (Actual depth will be determined by the length of the casing). Circulate hole clean. Sweep and condition hole to run casing. Pull out of hole, lay down BHA.

NOTE: Mud through this interval will be a native spud mud supplemented with Bentonite. Lime may be used to flocculate the mud and increase the yield point to clean the hole. Mix paper for seepage control. Utilize all solids control equipment to control drill solids. Run as fine of mesh shaker screens as possible. Use water to control mud weight and viscosity. Maintain mud weight at 8.4 – 9.0 ppg.

5) Rig up casing crew and run 8-5/8", 24#, J-55 casing as follows:

1-8-5/8" Texas Pattern Shoe
1-8-5/8" Insert Float Collar
1-8-5/8" x 11" Centralizer 10' above shoe
1-8-5/8" x 11" Centralizer every other joint
1-8-5/8" Stop Ring

6) Circulate for at least bottoms up plus one casing volume with mud prior to cementing. Cement surface casing according to cement recommendation. NOTE: Have field bin, cement, and circulating equipment on location prior to casing job.

a) Review rates, pressures, displacement volumes and casing pressure rating with Service Company and rig personnel. All cement slurries are to be lab tested; both a pilot test and a test of the actual field blend. Report results, including 24 hour compressive strengths, to the office. **(See Cement Testing Requirements below).** Also keep two samples of each dry cement in the event that a problem is encountered while cementing. Discard this sample if all indications are positive.

b) Cement well as follows: Pump 20 bbl fresh water followed by **200** sks of Lead: 35/65 POZ:Class C + 6% D020 + 5% (BWOW) D044 + 1 pps D130, @ 12.8 ppg, followed by **180** sks Tail: Class C + 1% S001 + 0.1 pps D130 @ 14.8 ppg. Displace with fresh water, bump plug with w/ 500 psi over final pump pressure.

c) If cement is not circulated to surface, contact the office and the NMOCD and prepare to run 1" pipe and top out cement. Have 1" pipe on location for possible top-out.

d) If cement falls, fill 12-1/4" X 8-5/8" annulus with cement.

7) Release pressure and check for flow back. Set casing on bottom. If float is holding, base nipple up of wellhead and BOP on the surface cement samples. Well must stand at least 8 hours total before any testing of casing is performed as per NMOCD.

8) After cementing casing, weld on 8-5/8" flange type casing head. Test BOP blind rams & choke manifold to 250# low & 3000# high. Pick up Bit #2 (7-7/8") & BHA , trip in hole, test BOP pipe rams to 250# low & 3000#. **Pressure test casing to 1000 psi for 30 minutes prior to drilling out shoe.** Clearly report this test information of the daily drilling report.

MUD NOTES: See Mud Program for details

After cementing 8-5/8" casing circ pit with brine water. Mix paper for seepage control. Utilize pre-hydrated Gel/Lime sweeps for flushing the hole. Run all available solids control equipment to control weight. Add brine water as needed to maintain volume. Add LCM to system only as needed. Use batch LCM treatment if losses occur and maintain as needed.

9) Drill ahead with brine water in 7-7/8" hole taking deviation surveys every ± 500' or nearest bit run per NMOCD rules. Use sweeps as needed to clean hole. Drill to ± 4400; exact TD will be determined by the length of the casing. Sweep and condition hole in preparation for logging. Spot a 50 bbl, 40-42 visc pill prior to POOH for logs. Strap out of hole.

10) RU Wireline Truck and Tools. Log well as instructed by Range Operating NM. Rotary sidewall cores may be required along with RFT's.

11) Make a conditioning trip prior to running casing. Trip into hole with BHA and drill pipe, break circulation at 4500'. Ream last two stands to bottom. Circulate and condition hole. Maintain viscosity of 28. TOH laying down 4-1/2" drill pipe and drill collars. Clear floor and prepare to run casing.

12) Rig up casing crew and run 5-1/2", 17#, J-55, LT&C as follows:

a) Float shoe (thread-lock)
b) 1 jt. 5-1/2", 17#, J-55, LT&C casing (thread-lock)
c) Float collar (thread-lock)
d) 5-1/2", 17#, J-55, LT&C Casing to surface.

The two bottom joints of 5-1/2" casing and the float shoe and float collar should be thread-locked (do not weld pipe). Run 1 centralizer 5' above shoe with limit clamp, one on the next collar, one just below the float collar with limit clamp and one per joint up to 3300'.

13) Circulate mud for at least bottoms up plus one casing volume prior to cementing.

14) Cement the production casing as follows. Re-figure cement volumes on a basis of: caliper + 20% + 50 sx. Precede cement with 20 bbl fresh water, 500 gals superflush, 20 bbl fresh water.

Lead (3,500' to 1,000'):

450 sacks
Slurry: 35:65 Poz : Class C + 6% D20 + 5% D44 + 0.3% S1 + 4 pps D42 + 0.1 pps D130
Slurry Weight: 12.5 ppg Slurry Yield: 2.16 cuft/sk Water: 11.6 gals/sk

Tail (4,500' to 3,500');

250 sacks
Slurry: 50:50 Poz : Class C + 2% D20 + 5% D44
Slurry Weight: 14.2 ppg Slurry Yield: 1.36 cuft/sk Water: 6.33 gals/sk

Review rates, pressures, displacement volumes and casing pressure rating with Service Company and rig personnel. All cement slurries are to be lab tested; both a pilot test and a test of the actual field blend. Report results, including 24 hour compressive strengths, to the office. **(See Cement Testing Requirements below).** Also keep two samples of each dry cement.

a) Have additional water storage on location as necessary for mixing cement. Have water analyzed by cementing company for compatibility with cement and chemicals.

b) Reciprocate pipe during cement job. Take special care to move pipe very slowly on the down stroke. Pump spacer and cement at 7-8 BPM. When the last cement has been pumped, maintain rate at 7-8 BPM. Displace with fresh water. When reaching displacement to shoe joint minus 10 bbls slow pump rate to 2 barrels per minute or less prior to bumping plug. Bump plug with 500 psi over final displacement pressure and hold pressure for 15 minutes.

15) Release pressure and check for flow back. If floats are holding, continue to make preparations to hang 5-1/2" casing one (1) foot off bottom. If floats do not hold, wait 12 hours on cement.

16) Set 5-1/2" slips in "A" section with full string weight. Nipple down BOP, Nipple up well head.

17) Install cap. Clean mud pits and release rig.

CEMENT TESTING REQUIREMENTS:

Laboratory Blend: Obtain thickening time, rheology, water loss, and compressive strengths of the laboratory cement blend with a water sample of the actual water to be used in cementing for each cement slurry to be pumped.

Field Blend: Obtain thickening time of the field cement blend with a water sample of the actual water to be used in cementing for each slurry to be pumped. If the thickening time of the field blend is consistent with the thickening time of the laboratory blend, proceed with the cement job. If not, wait on the compressive strength results. Regardless of thickening time results, obtain all of the compressive strengths of field blend to compare with the compressive strengths of the laboratory blend.

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Form C-144
June 1, 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: Range Operating New Mexico, Inc. Telephone: 817/810-1916 e-mail address: phale@rangeresources.com
Address: 777 Main St., Ste. 800, Ft. Worth, TX 76102
Facility or well name: Elliott B Federal #18 API #: 30-025- 38353 U/L or Qtr/Qtr O Sec 6 T 22S R 37E
County: Lea Latitude 32.414381" N Longitude 103.198545" W NAD: 1927 ☒ 1983 ☐
Surface Owner: Federal ☒ State ☐ Private ☐ Indian ☐

Pit	**Below-grade tank**	
Type: Drilling ☐ Production ☐ Disposal ☐ Workover ☐ Emergency ☐ Lined ☐ Unlined ☐ Liner type: Synthetic ☐ Thickness ___mil Clay ☐ Pit Volume _____bbl	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 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)
	Ranking Score (Total Points)	

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: (check the onsite box if your are burying in place) 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.

Additional Comments: We will not have a pit. We are using a closed loop system.

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: 2-09-07
Printed Name/Title Paula Hale Signature Paula Hale

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:
Printed Name/Title CHRIS WILLIAMS / DIST. SUPV Signature Chris Williams Date: 3/16/07

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL - DRILLING

Operator's Name: RANGE OPERATING NEW MEXICO, INC.
Well Name & No. 18 – ELLIOTT B FEDERAL
Location: 330' FSL & 1650' FEL – SEC 6 – T22S – R37E - LEA
Lease: LC-032573-B

I. DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS:

A. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is to be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness:

1. Spudding well
2. Setting and/or Cementing of all casing strings
3. BOPE tests

- Chaves and Roosevelt Counties call the Roswell Field Office, 2909 West Second St., Roswell NM 88201. During office hours call (505) 627-0258. After office hours call (505) 200-7902
- Eddy County call the Carlsbad Field Office, 620 East Greene St., Carlsbad, NM 88220, (505) 361-2822
- Lea County call the Hobbs Field Station, 414 West Taylor, Hobbs NM 88240, (505) 393-3612

B. 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.

II. CASING:

A. The **8-5/8** inch surface casing shall be set at **1200** **feet** and cemented to the surface. **Note: If salt is encountered before 1200 feet the operator is to set surface casing 25 feet above the salt.**

1. If cement does not circulate to the surface, the appropriate BLM office shall be notified and a temperature survey utilizing an electronic type temperature survey with a surface log readout will be used or a cement bond log shall be run to verify the top of the cement.
2. Wait on cement (WOC) time for a primary cement job will be a minimum of 12 hours for a non-water basin, 18 hours for a water basin, 24 hours in the potash area, or 500 pounds compression strength, whichever is greater. (This is to include the lead cement)
3. Wait on cement (WOC) time for a remedial job will be a minimum of 4 hours after bringing cement to surface or 500 pounds compression strength, whichever is greater.
4. If cement falls back, remedial action will be done prior to drilling out that string.

B. The minimum required fill of cement behind the **5-1/2** inch production casing is **tie back 200 feet into the 8-5/8 inch surface casing.**

C. 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 I joints of the drill pipe will be installed prior to continuing drilling operations.

III. PRESSURE CONTROL:

A. 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.

B. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) required for drilling below the surface casing shoe shall be **2000** PSI.

C. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness the tests.

1. The tests shall be done by an independent service company.
2. The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.
3. 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.
4. The BOP/BOPE test shall include a low pressure test from 250 to 300 psi in accordance with API RP 53. 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.