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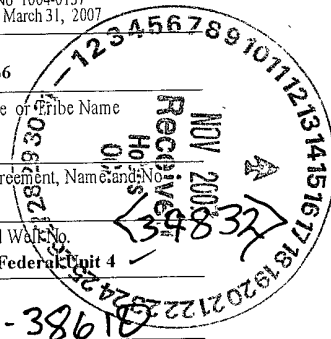
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Form 3160-3  
(April 2004)

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL OR REENTER

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



1a. Type of work: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DRILL <input type="checkbox"/> REENTER		5. Lease Serial No NMNM-96256
1b. Type of Well: <input type="checkbox"/> Oil Well <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gas Well <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single Zone <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Zone		6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name Hobbs
2. Name of Operator Devon Energy Production Company, LP		7. If Unit or CA Agreement, Name and No. Arena Roja Federal Unit 4
3a. Address 20 North Broadway Oklahoma City, Oklahoma City 73102-8260	3b. Phone No (include area code) 405-552-8198	9. API Well No. 30-025-38618
4. Location of Well (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements*) At surface 2300 FSL & 660 FEL At proposed prod zone 2300 FSL & 660 FEL <b>UNORTHODOX LOCATION</b>		10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory Morrow
11. Sec, T R M. or Blk and Survey or Area Sec 15, T26S R35E		12. County or Parish Lea County
13. State NM		14. Distance in miles and direction from nearest town or post office* Approximately 9 miles southwest of Jal, 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 640 acres	17. Spacing Unit dedicated to this well 320 acres
18. Distance from proposed location* to nearest well, drilling, completed, applied for, on this lease, ft	19. Proposed Depth 17,000	20. BLM/BIA Bond No on file CO-1104
21. Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB, RT, GL, etc) 3081' GL	22. Approximate date work will start* 10/01/2007	23. Estimated duration 55 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:

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| 1. Well plat certified by a registered surveyor.   | 4. Bond to cover the operations unless covered by an existing bond on file (see Item 20 above)     |
| 2. A Drilling Plan   | 5. Operator certification  |
| 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) | 6. Such other site specific information and/or plans as may be required by the authorized officer. |

25. Signature 	Name (Printed/Typed) Norvella Adams	Date 08/13/2007
Title Sr. Staff Eng. Tech		

Approved by (Signature)	Name (Printed/Typed) <b>/s/ James Stovall</b>	Date NOV 09 2007
Title <b>FIELD MANAGER</b>		
Office <b>CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE</b>		

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 TWO YEARS**

Title 18 USC Section 1001 and Title 43 USC 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)

NSL-5710

Capitan Controlled Water Basin

SEE ATTACHED FOR  
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

**APPROVAL SUBJECT TO  
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS  
AND SPECIAL STIPULATIONS  
ATTACHED**

DISTRICT I  
1825 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240

DISTRICT II  
1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210

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

Form C-102  
Revised October 12, 2005

Submit to Appropriate District Office  
State Lease - 4 Copies  
Fee Lease - 3 Copies

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

☐ AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

API Number <b>30-025-38610</b>	Pool Code <b>✓</b>	Pool Name <b>Wildcat</b> Morrow
Property Code <b>34832</b>	Property Name <b>ARENA ROJA FEDERAL UNIT</b>	
OGRID No. <b>6137</b>	Operator Name <b>DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION COMPANY LP</b>	Well Number <b>4</b> Elevation <b>3081'</b>

Surface Location

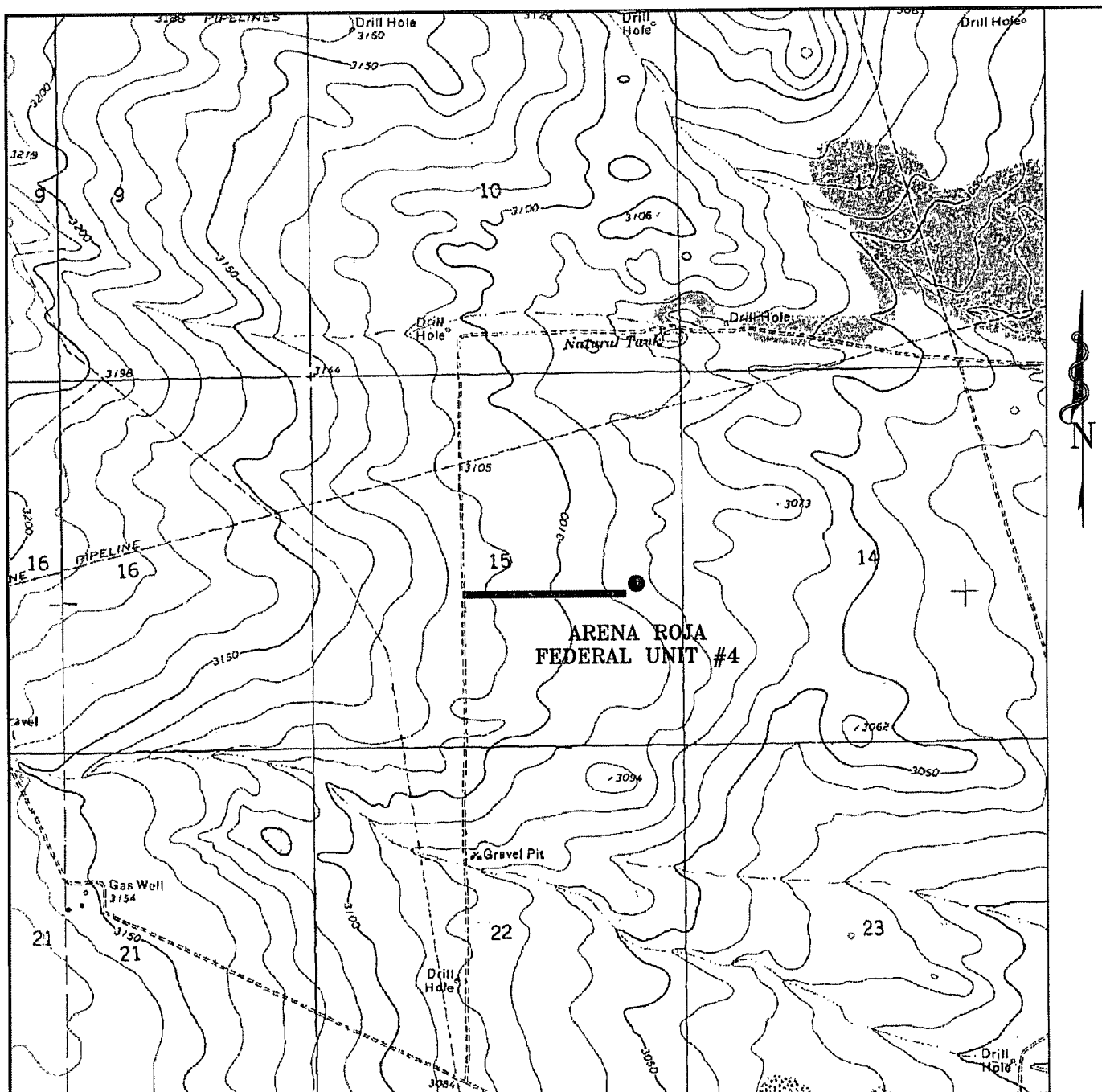
UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>26 S</b>	<b>35 E</b>		<b>2300</b>	<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>EAST</b>	<b>LEA</b>

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 <b>320</b>	Joint or Infill	Consolidation Code	Order No. <b>NSL-5710</b>						

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

	<p><b>OPERATOR CERTIFICATION</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Norvella Adams</i> 8/13/07 Signature Date</p> <p>Norvella Adams Printed Name</p>
	<p><b>SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>JUNE 28, 2007 Date Surveyed</p> <p><i>Gary L. Jones</i> Signature &amp; Seal Professional Surveyor</p> <p>7977 Certificate No.</p>
	<p>Certificate No. Gary L. Jones 7977</p>
	<p>BASIN SURVEYS</p>



**ARENA AROJA FEDERAL UNIT #4**  
 Located at 2300' FSL AND 660' FEL  
 Section 15, Township 26 South, Range 35 East,  
 N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.

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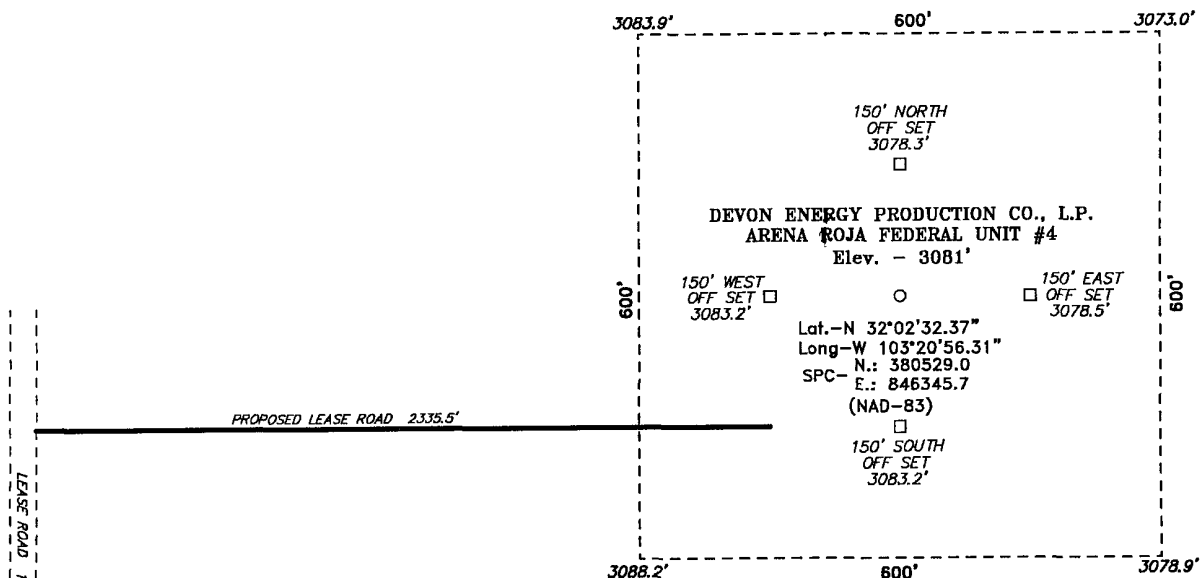
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Date: 06-29-2007

**DEVON ENERGY**  
**PROD. CO., L.P.**

SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, N.M.P.M.,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.



Directions to Location:

FROM THE JUNCTION OF CO. RD. J3 (FRYING PAN)  
AND CO. RD. J3 BECKHAM RANCH, GO WEST 6.4  
MILES TO LEASE ROAD, ON LEASE ROAD TO NORTH  
1.4 MILES TO PROPOSED LEASE ROAD.

**DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., L.P.**

REF: ARENA ROJA FEDERAL UNIT #4 / WELL PAD TOPO

THE ARENA ROJA FEDERAL UNIT #4 LOCATED 2300'

FROM THE SOUTH LINE AND 660' FROM THE EAST LINE OF

SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST,

N.M.P.M., LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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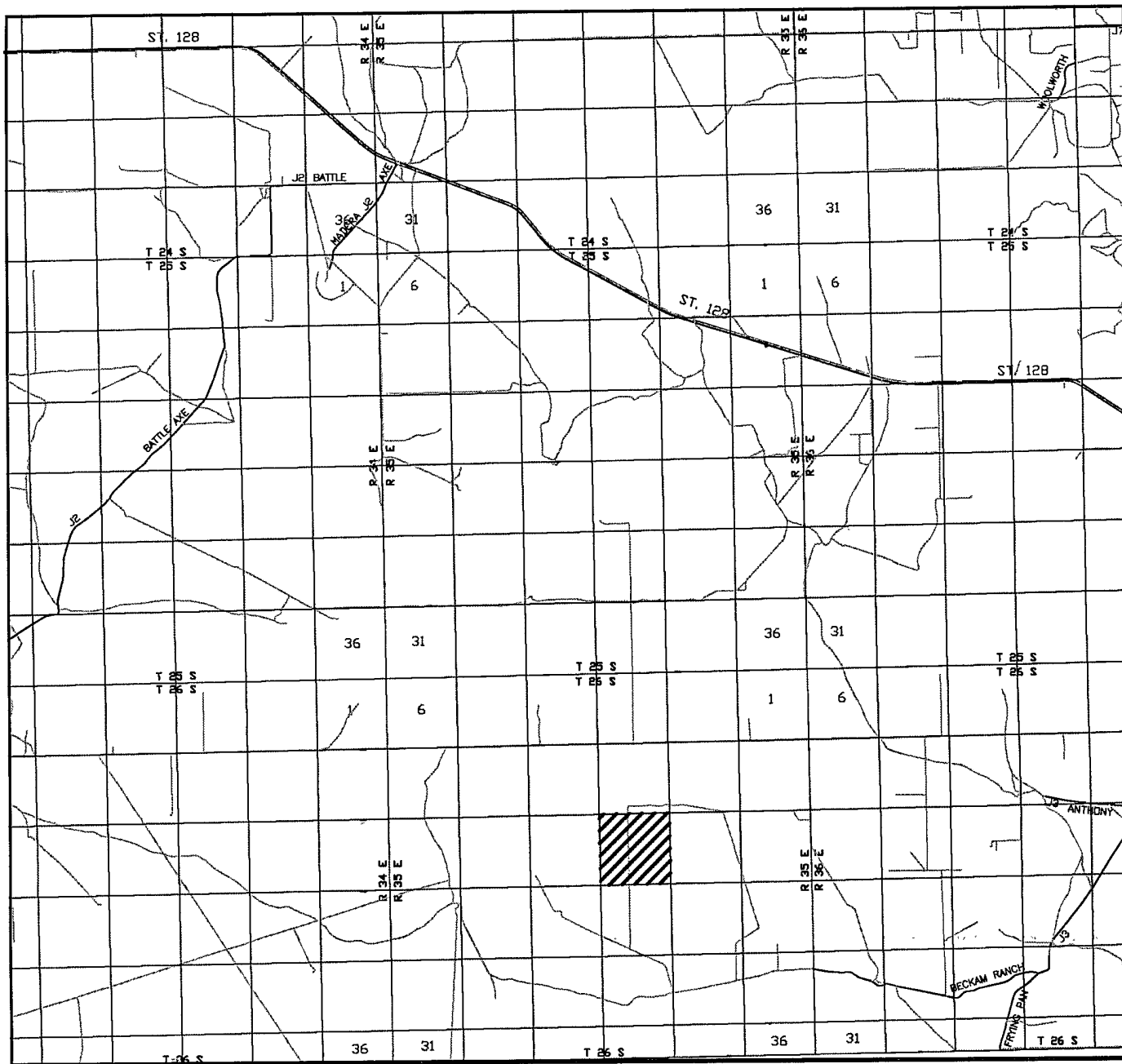
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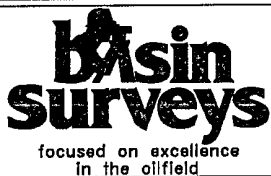
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Lea County, New Mexico

Arena Roja Federal Unit

APD Permit Map

POSTED WELL DATA

Well Label

WELL - TD

WELL SYMBOLS

- Location Only
- Gas Well
- Oil Well
- Service Well
- Suspended Gas Well

By: Mel Klinger

MAP PROJECTION

State Plane New Mexico East (NAD27)

Transverse Mercator Projection

XY Units: FEET

Ellipsoid: Clarke 1866

Central Meridian: -104.333333

Latitude of Origin: 31.000000

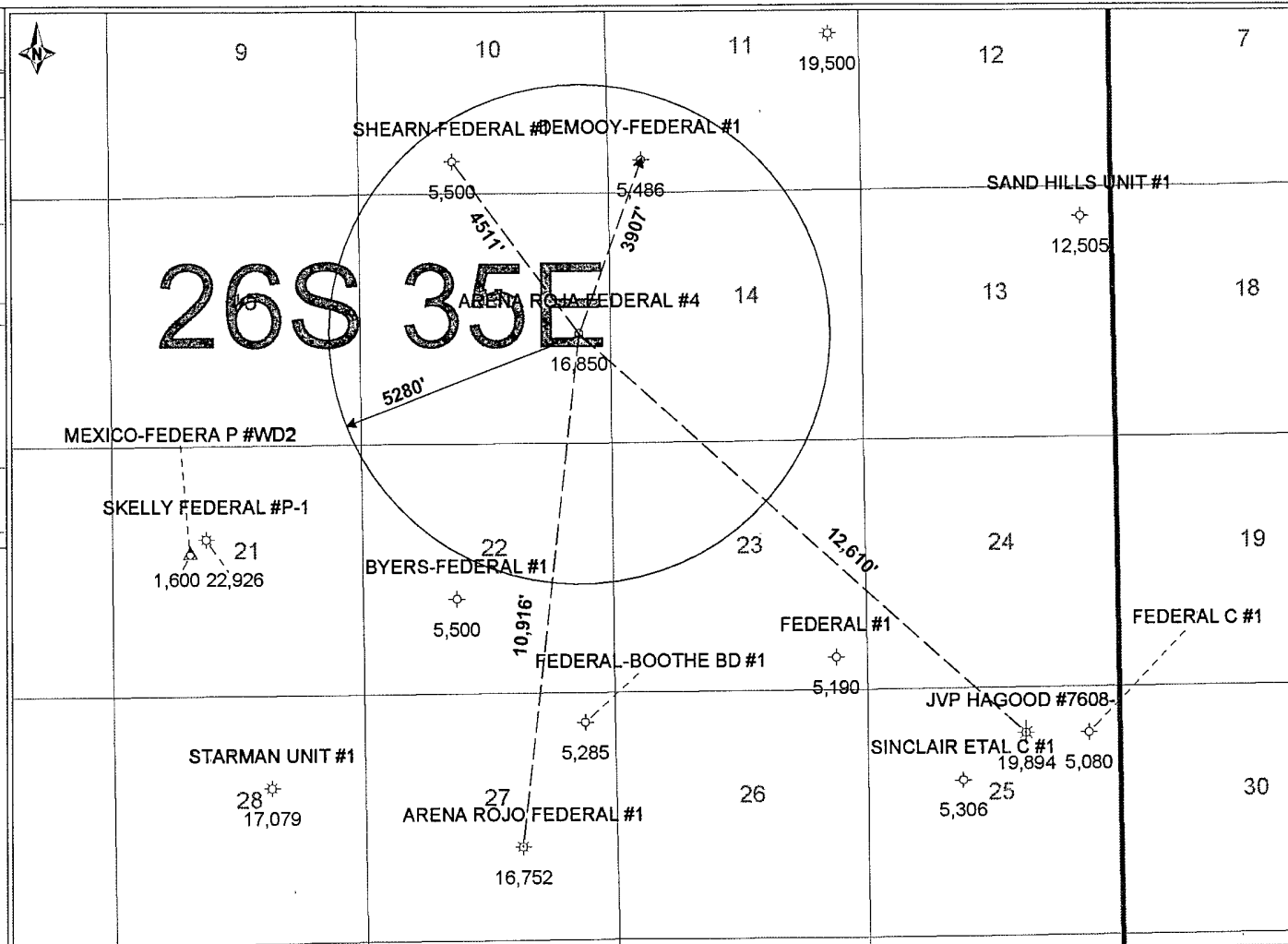
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## DRILLING PROGRAM

Devon Energy Production Company, LP

### Arena Roja Federal Unit 4

Surface Location: 2300' FSL & 660' FEL, Unit I, Sec 15 T26S R35E, Lea, NM

Bottom Hole Location: 2300' FSL & 660' FEL, Unit I, Sec 15 T26S R35E, Lea, NM

#### 1. Geologic Name of Surface Formation

a. Alluvium

#### 2. Estimated Tops of Geological Markers & Depths of Anticipated Fresh Water, Oil or Gas:

a. Rustler	940'	
b. Top of Salt	1,360'	
c. Base of Salt	4,760'	
d. Delaware	5,175'	Oil
e. Bone Spring	9,220'	
f. 1st Bone Spring sand	10,360'	
g. 2nd Bone Spring sand	11,190'	
h. 3rd Bone Spring Sand	12,090'	
i. Wolfcamp	12,240'	
j. Strawn	14,580'	Gas
k. Atoka	15,080'	Gas
l. Middle Morrow	16,180'	Gas
m. Barnett	16,930'	

No other formations are expected to yield oil, gas or fresh water in measurable volumes. The surface fresh water sands will be protected by setting 13 3/8" casing at 1035' and circulating cement back to surface. Potash / fresh water sands will be protected by setting 9 5/8" casing at 5350' and circulating cement to surface. The Strawn/Morrow intervals will be isolated by setting 5 1/2" casing to total depth and circulating cement above the base of the 7 5/8" casing.

#### 3. Casing Program:

<u>Hole Size</u>	<u>Hole Interval</u>	<u>OD Csg</u>	<u>Casing Interval</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Collar</u>	<u>Grade</u>
17 1/2"	0' - 1035'	13 3/8"	0' - 1035'	48#	ST&C	H-40
12 1/4"	1035' - 4000'	9 5/8"	0 - 4000'	40#	LT&C	J-55
12 1/4"	4000' - 5350'	9 5/8"	4000 - 5350'	40#	LT&C	HCK-55
8 3/4"	5350' - 13,400'	7 5/8"	0' - 13,400'	39#	FJL	P110
6 1/2"	13,400 - 16,600'	5 1/2"	13,100 - 16,600'	23.2#	STL	HEP-110

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per operator

11/7/07

MHD

**Design Parameter Factors:**

<u>Casing Size</u>	<u>Collapse Design</u>	<u>Burst Design</u>	<u>Tension Design</u>
	<u>Factor</u>	<u>Factor</u>	<u>Factor</u>
13 3/8"	13.76	2.2	6.48
9 5/8"	1.19/1.51	2.72/5.48	2.43/11.67
7 5/8"	1.59	1.26	1.7
<del>5 1/2"</del> 5"	1.34	2.43	7.73

**4. Cement Program:**

- a. 13 3/8" Surface Cement to surface with Lead 660 sx 35:65 Poz Class C cement + 2% CaCl<sub>2</sub> + .0125 lbs/sx Celloflake + 6% Bentonite + 93.5% Fresh Water. Yield: 1.83 cf/sx. Tail with 300 sx Class C cement + 2% CaCl<sub>2</sub> + 0.125 lbs/sx Celloflake + 56.3% Fresh Water. Yield: 1.35 cf/sx Displacement: 156.3 bbls Mud @ 9.6 ppg.
- b. 9 5/8" Intermediate Cement to surface with Lead: 1385 sx 50:50 Poz Class C cement + 0.01 lbs/sx Static Free + 3% NaCl + 0.125 lbs/sx Celloflake + 0.05% ASA-301 + 10% Bentonite + 0.006 gps FP-13L + 125.8% Fresh Water. Yield: 2.24 cf/sx. Tail with 300 sx 60:40 Poz Class C cement + 5% NaCl + 0.125 lbs/sx Celloflake + 0.3% Sodium Metasilicate + 4% MPA-1 + 64.7% Fresh Water. Yield: 1.37 cf/sx Displacement: 402.6 bbls Mud @ 9.5 ppg.
- c. 7 5/8" Production Cement with Lead with 430 sx 50:50 Poz Class H cement + 0.125 lbs/sx Celloflake + 0.5% FL-52 + 0.08% ASA-301 + 10% Bentonite + 0.3% R-21 + 130.5% Fresh Water. Yield: 2.30 cf/sx. Tail with 405 sx 15:61:11 Poz Class C cement CSE + 1% KCl + 1% EC-1 + 0.125 lbs/sx Celloflake + 0.3% CD-32 + 3 lbs/sx LCM-1 + 0.6% FL-25 + 0.6% FL-52 + 69.6% Fresh Water. Yield: 1.53 cf/sx Displacement: 567.9 bbls Mud @ 9.5 ppg. TOC: 4850'
- d. 5 1/2" Liner Cement with 450 sx Class H cement + 0.75% EC-1 + 0.7% CD-32 + 1.2% FL-62 + 0.2% R-21 + 0.1% Sodium Metasilicate + 36.8% Fresh Water. Yield: 1.06 cf/sx Displacement: 140.5 bbls Mud @ 15.2 ppg. TOC: 13,100'.

The above cement volumes could be revised pending the caliper measurement from the open hole logs. The top of cement is designed to reach approximately 300' above the 7 5/8" casing shoe. All casing is new and API approved.

**5. Pressure Control Equipment:**

Prior to the intermediate, the blowout preventor equipment (BOP) will consist of a 3M system. A 3000 working pressure double and a 3000 annular preventor. **The equipment will be tested to 1000 psi with a rig pump.** The 9 5/8" casing will have a 10M double and a 5M annular preventor. The 7 5/8" casing and the 5 1/2" casing will have a 10M double, single and a 10M annular preventor. Full

opening stabbing valve and upper Kelly cock will be utilized. Prior to drilling out the 9 5/8" casing shoe, the BOP's and Hydril will be tested as per BLM Drilling Operations Order #2.

Pipe rams will be operated and checked each 24-hour period and each time the drill pipe is out of the hole. These functional tests will be documented on the daily driller's log. A 2" kill line and 3" choke line will be incorporated in the drilling spool below the ram-type BOP. Other accessory BOP equipment will include a Kelly cock, floor safety valve, choke lines and choke manifold.

#### 6. **Proposed Mud Circulation System**

<u>Depth</u>	<u>Mud Wt.</u>	<u>Visc</u>	<u>Fluid Loss</u>	<u>Type System</u>
0' – 1035'	8.4-9.4	32-40	N/C	Fresh Water
1035'-5350'	10.0-10.1	29	N/C	Brine Water
5350'-9100'	8.4	28	N/C	Fresh/Brine Water
9100'-11,500'	8.4-9.6	28	N/C	Fresh/Brine Water
11,500'-13,400'	9.6-10.0	35-37	200-100 cc	Fresh/Brine Water
13,400'-14,600'	12.0-12.5	36-40	< 8 cc	Fresh/Brine Water
14,600'-15,270'	14.5	40-44	< 8 cc	Fresh/Brine Water
15,270'-16,600'	15.0-16.5	44-48	< 8 cc	Fresh/Brine Water

The necessary mud products for weight addition and fluid loss control will be on location at all times.

#### 7. **Auxiliary Well Control and Monitoring Equipment:**

- a. A Kelly cock will be in the drill string at all times.
- b. A full opening drill pipe stabbing valve having the appropriate connections will be on the rig floor at all times.
- c. Hydrogen Sulfide detection equipment will be in operation after drilling out the 13 3/8" casing shoe until the 5 1/2" casing is cemented. Breathing equipment will be on location upon drilling the 13 3/8" shoe until total depth is reached.

#### 8. **Logging, Coring, and Testing Program:**

- a. Drill stem tests will be based on geological sample shows.
- b. If a drill stem test is anticipated; a procedure, equipment to be used and safety measures will be provided via sundry notice to the BLM.
- c. The open hole electrical logging program will be:
  - i. Total Depth to Intermediate Casing      Dual Laterolog-Micro Laterolog with SP and Gamma Ray.      Compensated Neutron – Z Density log with Gamma Ray and Caliper.
  - ii. Total Depth to Surface      Compensated Neutron with Gamma Ray
  - iii. No coring program is planned
  - iv. Additional testing will be initiated subsequent to setting the 5 1/2" production casing. Specific intervals will be targeted based on log evaluation, geological sample shows and drill stem tests.

#### 9. **Potential Hazards:**

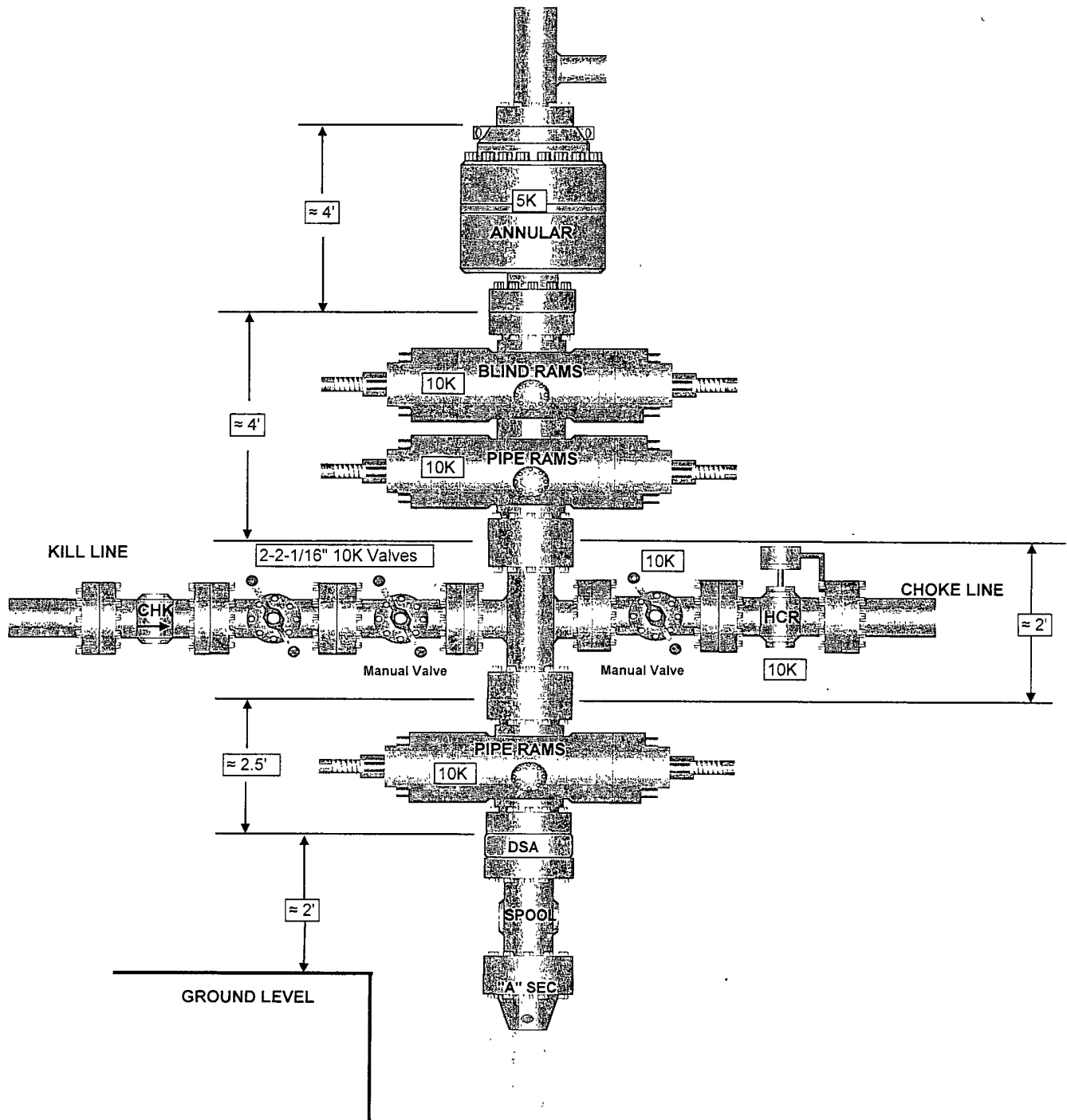
- a. No abnormal pressures or temperatures are expected. There is no known presence of H<sub>2</sub>S in this area. If H<sub>2</sub>S is encountered the operator will comply with the provisions of Onshore Oil and Gas

Order No. 6 No lost circulation is expected to occur. All personnel will be familiar with all aspects of safe operation of equipment being used to drill this well. Estimated BHP 13,150 psi and Estimated BHT 209°. No H2S is anticipated to be encountered.

**10. Anticipated Starting Date and Duration of Operations:**

- a. Road and location construction will begin after the BLM has approved the APD. Anticipated spud date will be as soon after BLM approval and as soon as a rig will be available. Move in operations and drilling is expected to take 55 days. If production casing is run then an additional 45 days will be needed to complete well and construct surface facilities and/or lay flow lines in order to place well on production.

# BOP STACK SIZE: 10,000#



# MINIMUM BLOWOUT PREVENTER REQUIREMENTS

3,000 psi Working Pressure

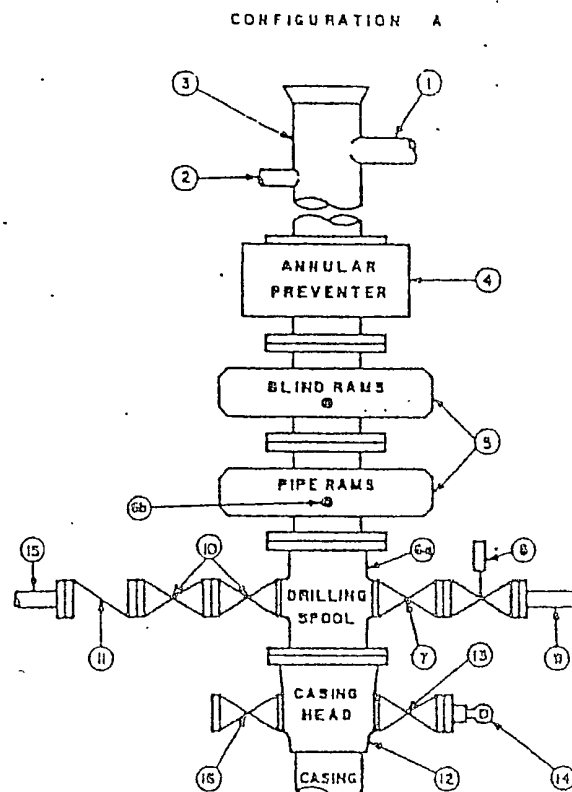
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EXHIBIT # 1

## STACK REQUIREMENTS

No.	Item	Min. I.D.	Min. Nominal
1	Flowline		
2	Fill up line		2"
3	Drilling nipple		
4	Annular preventer		
5	Two single or one dual hydraulically operated rams		
6a	Drilling spool with 2" min. kill line and 3" min choke line outlets		
6b	2" min. kill line and 3" min. choke line outlets in ram. (Alternate to 6a above.)		
7	Valve Gate <input type="checkbox"/> Plug <input type="checkbox"/>	3-1/8"	
8	Gate valve—power operated	3-1/8"	
9	Line to choke manifold		3"
10	Valves Gate <input type="checkbox"/> Plug <input type="checkbox"/>	2-1/16"	
11	Check valve	2-1/16"	
12	Casing head		
13	Valve Gate <input type="checkbox"/> Plug <input type="checkbox"/>	1-13/16"	
14	Pressure gauge with needle valve		
15	Kill line to rig mud pump manifold		2"

OPTIONAL			
16	Flanged valve	1-13/16"	



## CONTRACTOR'S OPTION TO FURNISH:

1. All equipment and connections above bradenhead or casinghead. Working pressure of preventers to be 3,000 psi, minimum.
2. Automatic accumulator (80 gallon, minimum) capable of closing BOP in 30 seconds or less and, holding them closed against full rated working pressure.
3. BOP controls, to be located near drillers position.
4. Kelly equipped with Kelly cock.
5. Inside blowout preventer or its equivalent on derrick floor at all times with proper threads to fit pipe being used.
6. Kelly saver-sub equipped with rubber casing protector at all times.
7. Plug type blowout preventer tester.
8. Extra set pipe rams to fit drill pipe in use on location at all times.
9. Type RX ring gaskets in place of Type R.

## MEC TO FURNISH:

1. Bradenhead or casinghead and side valves.
2. Wear bushing, if required.

## GENERAL NOTES:

1. Deviations from this drawing may be made only with the express permission of MEC's Drilling Manager.
2. All connections, valves, fittings, piping, etc., subject to well or pump pressure must be flanged (suitable clamp connections acceptable) and have minimum working pressure equal to rated working pressure of preventers up through choke. Valves must be full opening and suitable for high pressure mud service.
3. Controls to be of standard design and each marked, showing opening and closing position.
4. Chokes will be positioned so as not to hamper or delay changing of choke beans. Replaceable parts for adjustable choke, other bean sizes, retainers, and choke wrenches to be conveniently located for immediate use.
5. All valves to be equipped with handwheels or handles ready for immediate use.
6. Choke lines must be suitably anchored.

7. Handwheels and extensions to be connected and ready for use.
8. Valves adjacent to drilling spool to be kept open. Use outside valves except for emergency.
9. All seamless steel control piping (3000 psi working pressure) to have flexible joints to avoid stress. Hoses will be permitted.
10. Casinghead connections shall not be used except in case of emergency.
11. Do not use kill line for routine fill-up operations.

## PECOS DISTRICT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

OPERATOR'S NAME:	DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION COMPANY LP
LEASE NO.:	NM96256
WELL NAME & NO.:	ARENA ROJA FEDERAL UNIT NO. 4
SURFACE HOLE FOOTAGE:	2300' FSL & 660' FEL
BOTTOM HOLE FOOTAGE:	2300' FSL & 660' FEL
LOCATION:	Section 15, T. 26 S., R 35E., NMPM
COUNTY:	Lea County, New Mexico

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Standard Conditions of Approval (COA) apply to this APD. If any deviations to these standards exist or special COAs are required, the section with the deviation or requirement will be checked below.

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## **I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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

## **II. PERMIT EXPIRATION**

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

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

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

## **IV. NOXIOUS WEEDS**

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

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

Timing Limitation Stipulation/Condition of Approval for Lesser Prairie-Chicken: Oil and gas activities including 3-D geophysical exploration, and drilling will not be allowed in lesser prairie-chicken habitat during the period from March 15 through June 15 annually. 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 am and 9:00 am. The 3:00 am to 9:00 am restriction will not apply to normal, around-the-clock operations, such as venting, flaring, or pumping, which do not require a human presence during this period. Additionally, no new drilling will be allowed within up to 200 meters of leks known 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 ft. from the source of the noise.

## **VI. CONSTRUCTION**

### **A. NOTIFICATION**

The BLM shall administer compliance and monitor construction of the access road and well pad. Notify the Hobbs Field Station at (505) 393-3612 at least 3 working days prior to commencing construction of the access road and/or well pad.

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

### **B. TOPSOIL**

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

### **C. RESERVE PITS**

The reserve pit shall be constructed and closed in accordance with the NMOCD rules.

The reserve pit shall be constructed 150' X 150' on the North side of the well pad.

The reserve pit shall be constructed, so that upon completion of drilling operations, the dried pit contents shall be buried a minimum depth of three feet below ground level. Should the pit content level not meet the three foot minimum depth requirement, the excess contents shall be removed until the required minimum depth of three feet below ground level has been met. The operator shall properly dispose of the excess contents at an authorized disposal site.

The reserve pit shall be constructed and maintained so that runoff water from outside the location is not allowed to enter the pit. The berms surrounding the entire perimeter of the pit shall extend a minimum of two (2) feet above ground level. At no time will standing fluids in the pit be allowed to rise above ground level.

The reserve pit shall be fenced on three (3) sides during drilling operations. The fourth side shall be fenced immediately upon rig release.

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

If the operator elects to surface the access road and/or well pad, mineral materials extracted during construction of the reserve pit may be used for surfacing the well pad and access road and other facilities on the lease.

Payment shall be made to the BLM prior to removal of any additional federal mineral materials from any site other than the reserve pit. Call the Carlsbad Field Office at (505) 234-5972.

## **E. WELL PAD SURFACING**

Surfacing of the well pad is not required.

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

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

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

### **Road Width**

The access road shall have a driving surface that creates the smallest possible surface disturbance and does not exceed fourteen (14) feet in width. The maximum width of surface disturbance, when constructing the access road, shall not exceed thirty (30) feet.

### **Surfacing**

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

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

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

### **Crowning**

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

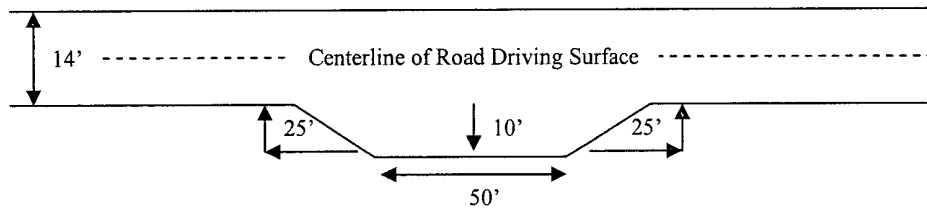
### **Ditching**

Ditching shall be required on both sides of the road.

### **Turnouts**

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

### Standard Turnout – Plan View

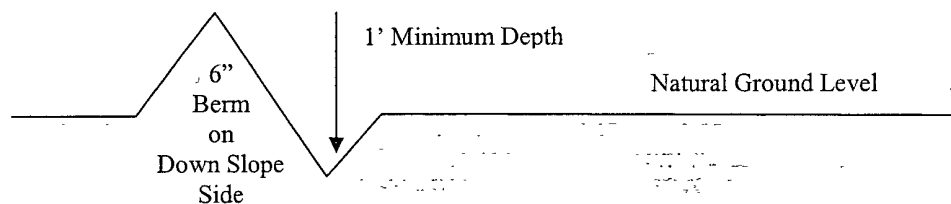


### Drainage

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

### Culvert Installations

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

### Cattleguards

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

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

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

**Fence Requirement**

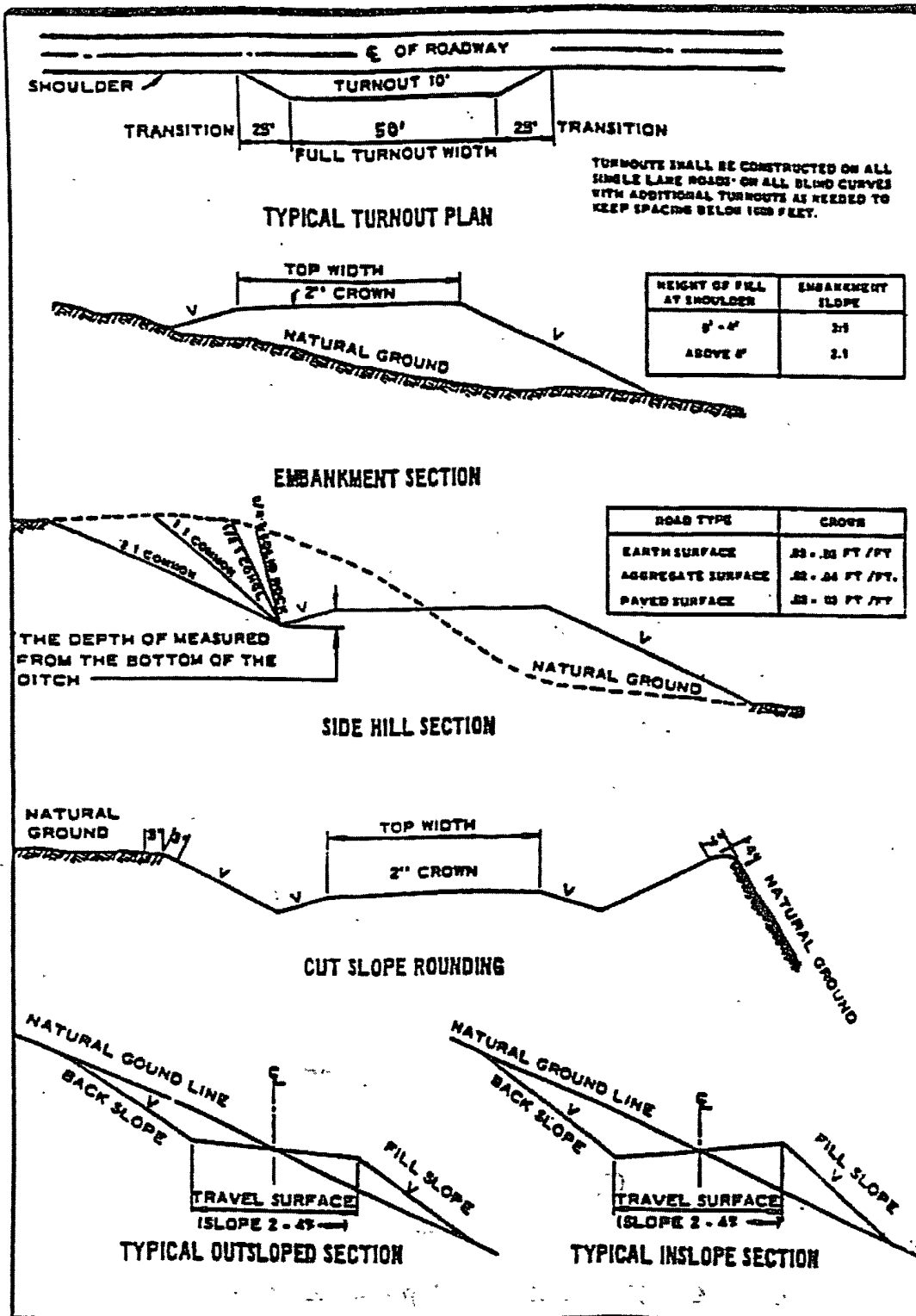
Where entry is required across a fence line, the fence shall be braced and tied off on both sides of the passageway prior to cutting.

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

**Public Access**

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

Figure 1 – Cross Sections and Plans For Typical Road Sections



## VII. DRILLING

### A. DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS

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

- a. Spudding well
- b. Setting and/or Cementing of all casing strings
- c. BOPE tests

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1. **Although Hydrogen Sulfide has not been reported in measured amounts, it is always a potential hazard.**
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.
3. When floor controls are required, (3M or Greater) controls will be on the rig floor, unobstructed, readily accessible to the driller and will be operational at all times during drilling and/or completion activities. Rig floor is defined as the area immediately around the rotary table; the area immediately above the substructure on which the draw works are located, this does not include the dog house or stairway area.

### B. CASING

1. The 13-3/8 inch surface casing shall be set **a minimum of 25 feet into the Rustler Anhydrite and above the salt at approximately 1035 feet** and cemented to the surface.
  - a. 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.
  - b. Wait on cement (WOC) time for a primary cement job will be a minimum 18 hours for a water basin, 24 hours in the potash area, or 500 pounds compressive strength, whichever is greater. (This is to include the lead cement).

- c. Wait on cement (WOC) time for a remedial job will be a minimum of 4 hours after bringing cement to surface or 500 pounds compressive strength, whichever is greater.
- d. If cement falls back, remedial action will be done prior to drilling out that string.

**Possible lost circulation in the Red Beds and Artesia Group.**

**Possible water flows in the Artesia Group.**

**High pressure gas bursts possible in the Wolfcamp and Pennsylvanian section may be over pressured.**

- 2. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 9-5/8 inch intermediate casing is:

☒ Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate see B.1.a-d above.

**Formation below the 9-5/8" shoe to be tested according to Onshore Order 2.III.B.1.i.**

- 3. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 7-5/8 inch production casing is:

☒ Cement should tie-back at least 500 feet into previous casing string. Operator shall provide method of verification.

**Formation below the 7-5/8" shoe to be tested according to Onshore Order 2.III.B.1.i.**

- 4. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 5-1/2 inch production liner is:

☒ Cement to top of liner. Operator shall provide method of verification.

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

## **C. PRESSURE CONTROL**

- 1. All blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) shall comply with well control requirements as described in Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 2 and API RP 53 Sec. 17.
- 2. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) required for drilling below the surface casing shoe shall be **3000 (3M) psi**.

3. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) required for drilling below the 9-5/8" intermediate casing shoe shall be **5000 (5M)** psi.
4. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) required for drilling below the 7-5/8" production casing shoe shall be **10,000 (10M)** psi.
5. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness the tests.
  - a. The tests shall be done by an independent service company.
  - b. The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.
  - c. All tests are required to be recorded on a calibrated test chart. A copy of the BOP/BOPE test chart and a copy of independent service company test will be submitted to the appropriate BLM office.
  - d. The BOP/BOPE test shall include a low pressure test from 250 to 300 psi. The test will be held for a minimum of 10 minutes if test is done with a test plug and 30 minutes without a test plug.
  - e. BOP/BOPE must be tested by an independent service company within 500 feet of the top of the **Wolfcamp** formation **if the time between the setting of the intermediate casing and reaching this depth exceeds 20 days**. This test does not exclude the test prior to drilling out the casing shoe as per Onshore Order No. 2.
  - f. A variance to test the surface casing and BOP/BOPE to the reduced pressure of 1000 psi with the rig pumps is approved.

#### **D. DRILLING MUD**

Mud system monitoring equipment, with derrick floor indicators and visual and audio alarms, shall be operating before drilling into the **Wolfcamp** formation, and shall be used until production casing is run and cemented.

#### **E. DRILL STEM TEST**

If drill stem tests are performed, Onshore Order 2.III.D shall be followed.

**Engineer on call phone (after hours):      Carlsbad: (505) 706-2779**

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

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

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

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

#### **Containment Structures**

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

#### **Painting Requirement**

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

## **IX. INTERIM RECLAMATION & RESERVE PIT CLOSURE**

### **A. INTERIM RECLAMATION**

If the well is a producer, interim reclamation shall be conducted on the well site in accordance with the orders of the Authorized Officer. The operator shall submit a Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells (Notice of Intent), Form 3160-5, prior to conducting interim reclamation.

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

At the time reserve pits are to be reclaimed, operators should work with BLM surface management specialists to devise the best strategies to reduce the size of the location. Any reductions should allow for remedial well operations, as well as safe and efficient removal of oil and gas.

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

### **B. RESERVE PIT CLOSURE**

The reserve pit, when dried and closed, shall be recontoured, all trash removed, and reseeded as follows:

## Seed Mixture 2, for Sandy Sites

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

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

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

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

\*Pounds of pure live seed:

Pounds of seed x percent purity x percent germination = pounds pure live seed

## **X. FINAL ABANDONMENT & REHABILITATION REQUIREMENTS**

Upon abandonment of the well and/or when the access road is no longer in service the Authorized Officer shall issue instructions and/or orders for surface reclamation and restoration of all disturbed areas.

On private surface/federal mineral estate land the reclamation procedures on the road and well pad shall be accomplished in accordance with the private surface land owner agreement.