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UNITED STATES

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

5	Lease Serial No.	
	NM-04591	

DEPARTMENT OF THE I BUREAU OF LAND MAN	NM-04591				
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO	6. If Indian, Allotee	or Tribe Name			
la. Type of work:	ER	<del></del>		7 If Unit or CA Agre	ement, Name and No.
Ib. Type of Well: Oil Well Gas Well Other	Single Zone	Multipl	e Zone	8. Lease Name and \ Federal "22".	
2. Name of Operator  Seely Oil Company	<	2049	(2)	9 API Well No.	15-38623
3a Address 815 W. 10th St. Ft. Worth, TX 76102	3b Phone No. (include a (817) 332-1377	rea code)		10 Field and Pool, or I Corbin Delaws	
4. Location of Well (Report location clearly and in accordance with an At surface 1650' FNL & 330' FEL  At proposed prod. zone same // a.t. }	y Stale requirements *)			11. Sec., T. R. M. or B Sec. 22-T18S-I	·
14 Distance in miles and direction from nearest town or post office* 30 miles NW of Hobbs, NM				12 County or Parish Lea	13. State
15 Distance from proposed* location to nearest property or lease line, ft (Also to nearest drig. unit line, if any)  N/A	location to nearest property or lease line, ft				vell 23242526273
18 Distance from proposed location* to nearest well, drilling, completed, applied for, on this lease, ft  N/A	19. Proposed Depth 20 BLM/E NM-1			BIA Bond No. on file	100 300 ACON 1000
21 Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB, RT, GL, etc.) 3883' GL	22. Approximate date v		*	23. Estimated duration 30 days	o c
	24. Attachments			126	(2), 199%
The following, completed in accordance with the requirements of Onsho	re Oil and Gas Order No.	I, shall be att	ached to the	s form:	
<ol> <li>Well plat certified by a registered surveyor.</li> <li>A Drilling Plan.</li> </ol>	Item	1 20 above).	•	ns unless covered by an	existing bond on file (see
3 A Surface Use Plan (if the location is on National Forest System SUPO shall be filed with the appropriate Forest Service Office).	6. Suc	rator certifica th other site s horized office	pecific info	ormation and/or plans as	may be required by the
25 Signature	Name (Printed T				Date 10/18/2007
Title Agent for Seely Oil Company	- George I				10/10/2007
Approved by (Signature) s/ James A. Amos	Name (Pripted 7	Typed)————————————————————————————————————	A. Ar	nos	Date NOV 2 3 2007
FIFI D MANAGER	<u> </u>			ELD OFFIC	
Application approval does not wairant or certify that the applicant hold conduct operations thereon.  Conditions of approval, if any, are attached.	Is legal or equitable title	to those right		ject lease which would e PROVAL FOR	
Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and Title 43 U.S.C. Section 1212, make it a c States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as	rime for any person knov to any matter within its ju	vingly and w risdiction.	illfully to n	ake to any department (	or agency of the United

# Capitan Controlled Water Basin

Lease Responsibility Statement: Seely Oil Company accepts all applicable terms, conditions, stipulations, and restrictions concerning operations conducted on the leased land or portion thereof.

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

SEE ATTACHED FORCE R. Smith, agent **CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL** 

<sup>\*(</sup>Instructions on page 2)

DISTRICT I
\_\_\_\_1825 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240
DISTRICT II
1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210

→ DISTRICT III

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# State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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# OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

☐ AMENDED REPORT

1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410
DISTRICT IV
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT									
	Number	C		Pool Code	7101		Pool Name		
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Property	Code				Property Nam			Well Nu	ımber
3 68	58				FEDERAL "2	22"		1	
OGRID N	o.				Operator Nam	e		Eleva	lion
20497			SEELY OIL COMPANY				388	3'	
					Surface Loca	ation			
UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
Н	22	18 S	33 E		1650	NORTH	330	WEST	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 Acre	s Joint o	r Infill Co	nsolidation (	Code Or	der No.				

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 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.
LAT-N32*44'09.06" LONG-W103*38'36.32" N.: 632124.3 SPC- E.: 753478.6	330	Der or Smit 10/18/07 Signature Date
(NAD-83)	.67	George R. Smith, agent
	NM <b>-</b> 04591 <sup>©</sup>	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 supervison, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.
 	 	OCTOBER 17, 2007  Date Surveyed CARALLE Signature & Sent of MEXICAL Professional Surveyor
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<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Basin surveyS

#### APPLICATION FOR DRILLING

#### **SEELY OIL COMPANY**

Federal "22", Well No. 1 1650' FNL & 330' FEL, Sec. 22-T18S-R33E Lea County, New Mexico

Lease No.: NM-04591 (Development Well)

In conjunction with Form 3160-3, Application for Permit to Drill subject well, Seely Oil Company submits the following items of pertinent information in accordance with BLM requirements:

1. The geologic surface formation is recent Permian with quaternary alluvium and other surficial deposits.

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### 2. The estimated tops of geologic markers are as follows:

Rustler	1500'	Seven Rivers	3520'
Top Salt	1680'	Queen	4260'
Base of Salt	2890'	San Andres	4820'
Yates	3100'	Delaware	5220'
		T.D.	6100'

#### 3. The estimated depths at which water, oil or gas formations are anticipated to be encountered:

Water: Surface water between 100' - 300'.

Oil: Possible in the Queen, Delaware.

Gas: Possible in the Delaware.

#### 4. Proposed Casing Program: (New Casing)

HOLE	CASING	WEIGHT	GRADE	COLLAR	SETTING	COLLAPSE	BURST	TENSION
SIZE	SIZE	,			DEPTH	DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN
						<b>FACTOR</b>	<b>FACTOR</b>	<u>FACTOR</u>
11"	8 5/8"	24.0#	J-55	ST&C	1,550'	1.75	4.03	8.1
7 7/8"	5 1/2"	15.5#	J-55	ST&C	6,100'	1.33	1.52	2.35

5. Cement Program:

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A. 8 5/8" casing:

1600' Circ. to surface: Lead: 580 sx Lite Premium Plus + additives, yield: 1.89

Tail: 130 Sx Premium Plus + additives, <u>Yield 1.35</u>

B. 5 1/2" casing:

400 sx Lite Premium Plus + additives, Yield 1.85

Tail in 200 sx 50/50 Premium Plus and pozmix, Yield 1.03 (TOC + 1350')

6. Proposed Control Equipment: A 10" 3000 psi wp double hydraulic ram BOP will be installed on the 8 5/8" casing and will be used as a 2,000 psi system. Casing and BOP will be tested according to Onshore Oil & Gas Order #2 before drilling out with 7 7/8". The pipe rams will be operated and checked daily, plus each time drill pipe is out of hole. This will be documented on driller's log. See Exhibit "E".

7	MUD PROGRAM:		MUD WEIGHT	VIS.	W/L CONTROL
	0' - 1550':	Fresh water/Spud:	8.4 - 9.4 ppg	32 - 34	No W/L control
	1550' - 6100':	Salt gel mud:	9.8 - 10.2 ppg	39 - 34	W/L control <10 cc @ TD

SEELY OIL COMPANY Federal "22", Well No. 1

8. Auxiliary Equipment: Blowout Preventer, Kelly cock.

9. Testing, Logging, and Coring Program:

Drill Stem Tests: As deemed necessary.

Logging:

T.D thru pay:

T.D. to Surface: GR-Neutron

GR-Density Neutron, DLL

Coring:

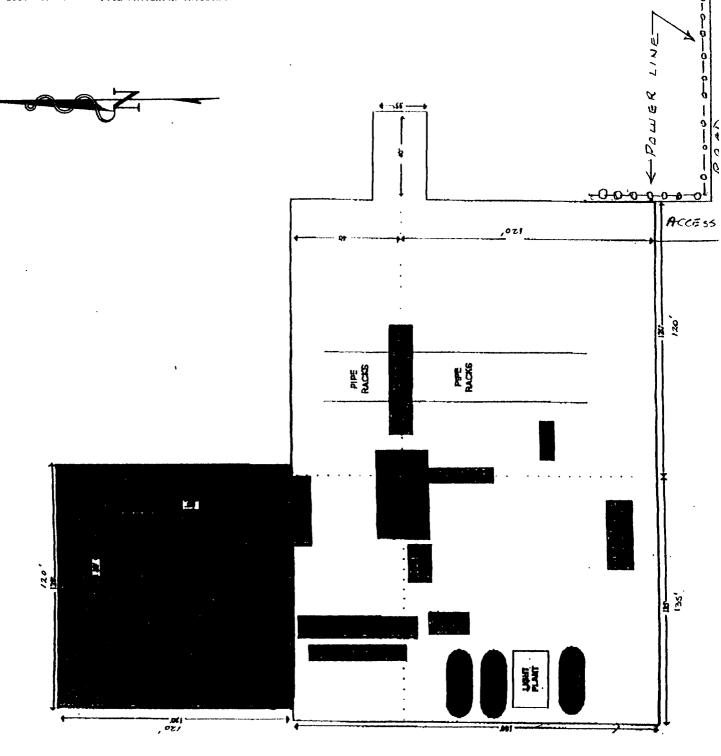
Rotary Sidewall: as dictated by logs.

10. No abnormal pressures or temperatures are anticipated. In the event abnormal pressures are encountered the proposed mud program will be modified to increase the mud weight. Estimated evacuated BHP = 2684 psi with a temperature of 121°.

11. H,S: None expected. None in previous drilling of wells, but the Mud Log Unit will be cautioned to use a gas trap to detect H,S and if any is detected the mud weight will be increased along with H,S inhibitors sufficient to control the gas and the drilling plan shown in "Exhibit F" will be implemented and followed.

12. Anticipated starting date: November 19, 2007

Anticipated completion of drilling operations: Approximately 30 days.



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EXHIBIT "D"
SEELY OIL COMPANY
Federal "22", Well No. 1
Pad & Pit Layout

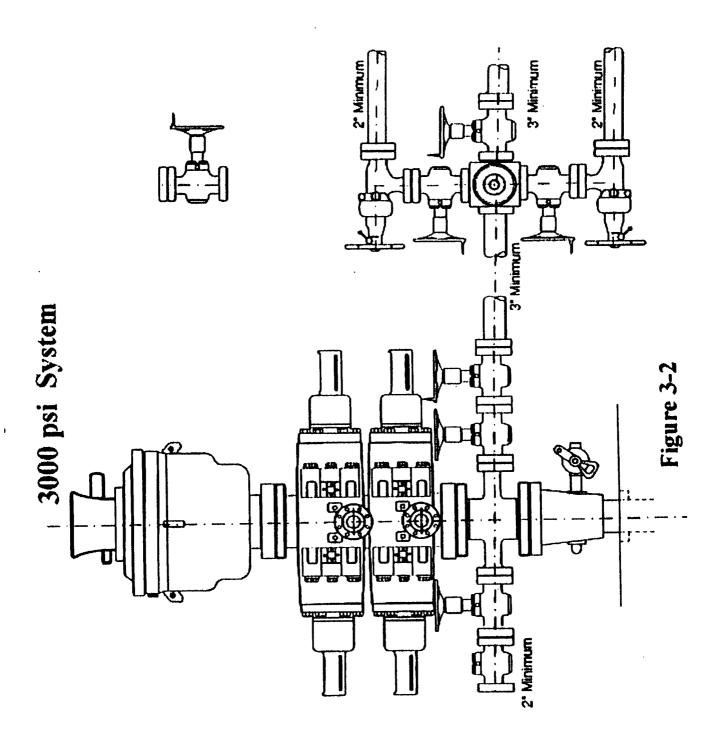


EXHIBIT "E"
SEELY OIL COMPANY
Federal "22", Well No. 1
BOP Specifications

#### **EXHIBIT "F"**

#### **Seely Oil Company**

H<sub>2</sub>S DRILLING OPERATIONS PLAN For: Federal "22", Well No. 1 1650' FNL & 330' FEL, Sec. 22-T18S-R33E

#### I. HYDROGEN SULFIDE TRAINING

All key personnel whether regularly assigned, contracted or employed on an unscheduled basis will receive or represent that they have received training in accordance with the general training requirements outlined in the API RP49 for safe drilling of wells containing hydrogen sulfide, Section 2.

In addition, supervisory personnel will be trained in the following areas:

- 1. The corrective action and shut-in procedures when drilling or reworking a well, and blowout prevention in well control procedures.
- 2. The contents and requirements of the H<sub>2</sub>S drilling operations plan.

## II. H2S SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS

Note: All H<sub>2</sub>S safety equipment and systems will be installed, tested and operational when drilling reaches a depth of 500' above the first zone containing or reasonably expected to contain 100 ppm or more hydrogen sulfide.

#### 1. Well Control Equipment:

- a. Choke manifold with a minimum of one choke.
- b. Blind rams and pipe rams and pipe rams to accommodate all drill pipe sizes with a properly sized closing unit.

#### 2. Protective Equipment:

 a. Proper protective breathing apparatus shall be readily accessible to all essential personnel on the drill site.

#### 3. H<sub>2</sub>S and Monitoring Equipment:

a. Three portable H<sub>2</sub>S monitors positioned on location for best coverage and response. These units have warning lights and audible sirens.

## 4. Visual Warning Systems:

- a. Wind direction indicators as shown on well site diagram.
- b. Caution/Danger signs shall be posted on roads providing direct access to location.

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### 5. Mud Program:

a. The mud program has been designed to minimize the volume of H<sub>2</sub>S circulated to the surface. Proper mud weight and safe drilling practices will minimize hazards when penetrating possible H<sub>2</sub>S bearing zones.

#### 6. Communications:

a. Cell phone communication available in all vehicles and at the drilling site.

# 7. Well Testing:

a. Drillstem testing, if required, will be performed with a minimum number of personnel in the immediate vicinity, which are necessary to safely and adequately conduct the test. When drillstem testing intervals known to or reasonably expected to contain 100 ppm or more H<sub>2</sub>S, the drillstem test will be conducted during daylight hours and formation fluids will not be flowed to the surface.

### MULTI POINT SURFACE USE AND OPERATIONS PLAN

#### SEELY OIL CO.

Federal "22", Well No. 1 1650' FNL & 330' FEL, Sec. 22-T18S-R33E Lea County, New Mexico Lease No.: NM-04591 (Development Well)

This plan is submitted with the Application for Permit to Drill the above described well. The purpose of the plan is to describe the location of the proposed well, the proposed construction activities and operations plan, to be followed in rehabilitating the surface environmental effects associated with the operations.

#### 1. EXISTING ROADS:

- A. Exhibit "A" is a portion of a USGS/BLM Topo map showing the location of the proposed well as staked. The well site location is approximately 53 road miles southeast of Artesia, New Mexico or 30 road miles northwest of Hobbs, NM. Traveling east from Artesia there will be approximately 50 miles of paved highway and 2.4 miles of gravel oilfield road.
- B. Directions: Travel east from Artesia, NM on U.S. Highway 82 for approximately 34 miles; turn southeast on NM Highway 529 for approximately 16.8 miles. Turn south .8 mile east of MM 16 at a cattle guard onto an oil field road with Oryx and Baber signs. Continue south for .4 mile and then west, past the Seely tank battery, for 1 mile; then .5 mile SW to a road turning west. Turn west for .5 mile, passing the Rash State well pad and the Itch State #1. Continue SW for .2 mile past this well site to the SE corner of the Itch State. #3 well site. The start of the proposed access road will start on the road just south of the southwest corner of this well pad and run west 642 feet then 185 feet north to the SE corner of the proposed well.

#### 2. PLANNED ACCESS ROAD:

- A. Length and Width: The proposed access road will be constructed to a width of 12 feet and will be approximately 827 feet in length. The proposed access road is color coded red on Exhibit "A".
- B. Construction: The proposed access road will be constructed by grading and topping with compacted caliche and will be properly drained.
- C. Turnouts: No turnouts are planned.
- D. Culverts: None required.
- E. Cuts and Fills: Sand dunes 4 to 6 foot high will need to be leveled
- F. Gates, Cattle guards: None required.
- G. Off Lease R/W: None required.

#### 3. LOCATION OF EXISTING WELLS:

A. Existing wells within a two-mile radius are shown on Exhibit "C".

#### 4. LOCATION OF EXISTING AND/OR PROPOSED FACILITIES;

- A. There are oil production facilities on the lease at this time.
- B. If the well proves to be commercial, the necessary production facilities, gas production-process equipment and tank battery will be installed on the drilling pad. A 3 phase 480 volt electric power line will be run east parallel to the proposed access road for approximately 850 feet to the power source near the 1tch State, Well No. 3.

### 5. LOCATION AND TYPE OF WATER SUPPLY:

A. It is planned to drill the proposed well with fresh water that will be obtained from private or commercial sources and will be transported over the existing access roads or by surface fast line.

#### 6. SOURCE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

A. Caliche for surfacing the proposed access road and well site pad will be obtained on location, if available, or from a State pit in the NE¼SW¼ of Section 23-T18S-R33E. No surface materials will be disturbed except those necessary for actual grading and leveling of the drill site and access road.

#### 7. METHODS OF HANDLING WASTE DISPOSAL:

- A. Drill cuttings will be disposed of in the reserve pits.
- B. Drilling fluids will be allowed to evaporate in the reserve pits until the pits are dry.
- C. All pits will be fenced with normal fencing materials to prevent livestock and wildlife from entering the area.
- D. Water produced during operations will be collected in tanks until hauled to an approved disposal system, or a separate disposal application will be submitted to the BLM for approval.
- E. Oil produced during operations will be stored in tanks until sold.
- F. Current laws and regulations pertaining to the disposal of human waste will be complied with.
- G. Trash, waste paper, garbage and junk will be contained in trash bins to prevent scattering and will be removed for deposit in an approved sanitary landfill within 30 days after finishing drilling and/or completion operations.

#### 8. ANCILLARY FACILITIES:

A. None required.

#### 9. WELL SITE LAYOUT:

- A. Exhibit "D" shows the relative location and dimensions of the well pad, reserve pits, and major rig components.
- B. Mat Size: 160' X 155', plus 120' X 120' reserve pits. The pits will be on the north.
- C. Cut & Fill: A leveling of 3-6 foot sand dunes will be required plus a 1.5-2 foot cut on the north with fill to the south.
- D. The surface will be topped with compacted caliche and the reserve pits will be plastic lined.

#### 10. PLANS FOR RESTORATION OF THE SURFACE:

- A. After completion of drilling and/or completion operations, all equipment and other material not required for operations will be removed. Pits will be filled and the location cleaned of all trash and junk to leave the well site in an aesthetically pleasing a condition as possible
- B. Any unguarded pits containing fluids will be fenced until they are filled.
- C. If the proposed well is non-productive, all rehabilitation and/or vegetation requirements of the Bureau of Land Management will be complied with and will be accomplished as expeditiously as possible. All pits will be filled and leveled as soon as they are dry enough to work after abandonment.

#### 11. OTHER INFORMATION:

- A. Topography: The proposed well site and access road is located in the Querecho Plains on the southwest slope of the Mescalero Ridge (Caprock). The location has a southwesterly slope of 1.1% from an elevation of 3983'.
- B. Soil: The topsoil at the well site is a yellowish brown, non-calcareous fine sandy loam of the Pyote soils and dune land soils series.
- C. Flora and Fauna: The vegetation cover is a poor to fair grass cover of three-awn, bluestem, sand and spike dropseed, fluff grass, and other miscellaneous native grasses along with plants of mesquite, yucca, shinnery oak brush, sage, broomweed, cacti, four-wing salt bush, buckwheat and miscellaneous weeds and wildflowers. The wildlife consists of antelope, rabbits, coyotes, rattlesnakes, lizards, dove, quail and other wildlife typical of the semi-arid desert land.
- D. Ponds and Streams: None in area.
- E. Residences and Other Structures: There are no structures other than oilfield tanks, pump jacks and other oilfield equipment..
- F. Land Use: Cattle grazing.

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#### 11. OTHER INFORMATION:

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- G. Surface Ownership: The proposed well site and access road are on Federal surface.
- H. There is no evidence of archaeological, historical or cultural sites on the well site. Archaeological Survey Consultants, P. O. Box D, Roswell, NM 88202 are conducting an archaeological survey and their report will be submitted to the appropriate government agencies.

### 12. OPERATOR'S REPRESENTATIVE:

A. The field representative responsible for assuring compliance with the approved surface use and operations plan is as follows:

David Henderson SEELY OIL CO. 815 W. 10th St. Ft. Worth, TX 76102 Office Phone: (817) 332-1377

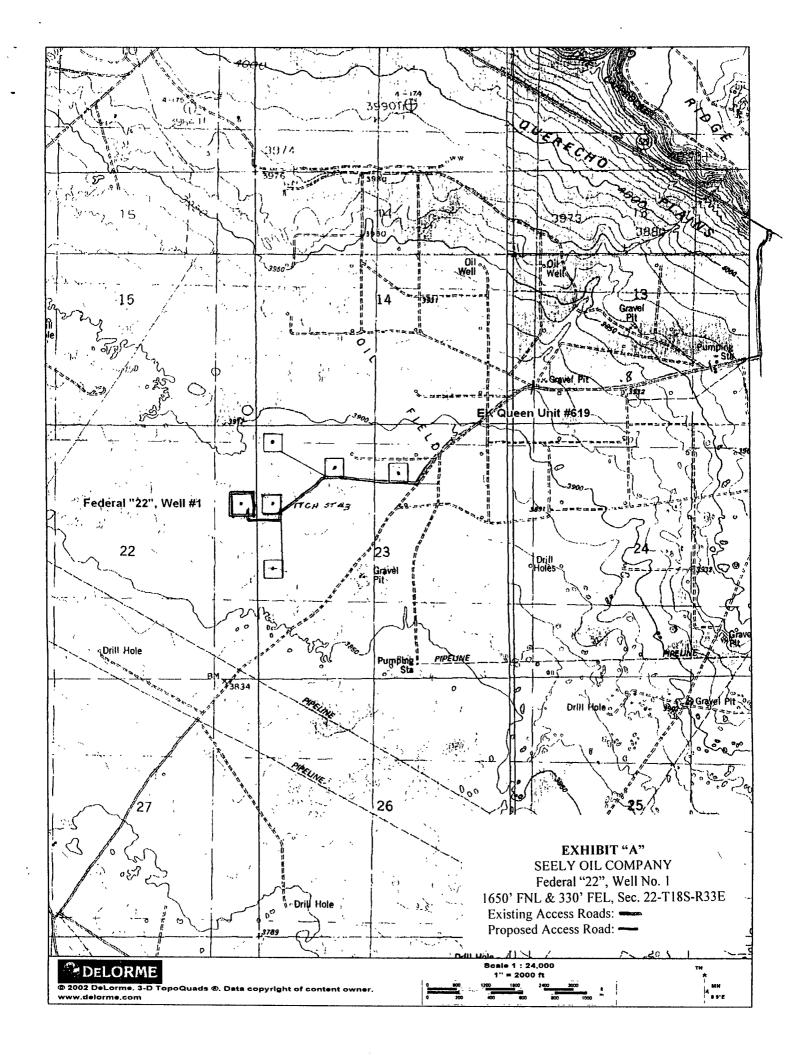
#### 13. CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that I have inspected the proposed drill site and access route; that I am familiar with the conditions which presently exist; that the statements made in the plan are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and, that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed by Seely Oil Co. and its contractors and subcontractors in conformity with this plan and the terms and conditions under which it is approved. This statement is subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001 for the filing of a false statement.

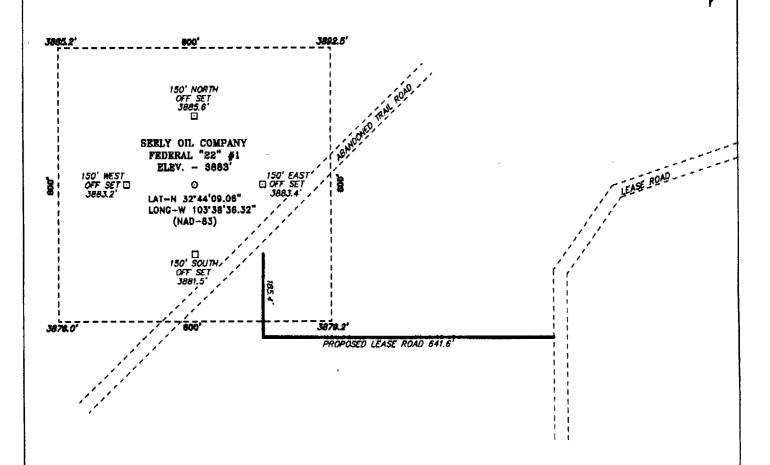
October 18, 2007

George R. Smith

Agent for: Seely Oil Co.



SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, N.M.P.M., LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.



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BASIN SURVEYS P.O. BOX 1786 -- HOBBS, NEW MEXICO

W.O. Number: 18688 Drawn By: J. M. SMALL
Date: 10-18-2007 Disk: 18688W

FROM THE JUNCTION OF STATE HWY 529 AND CO. RD. L-125 (QUECHO), PROCEED WESTERLY ON LEASE ROAD FOR 2.6 MILES TO PROPOSED LEASE ROAD.

DIRECTIONS TO LOCATION:

THE FEDERAL "22" No. 1 LOCATED 1650'

FROM THE NORTH LINE AND 330' FROM THE EAST LINE OF

SECTION 22. TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST,

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

SCALE: 1" = 200'

REF: FEDERAL "22" #1 / Well Pad Topo

SEELY OIL COMPANY

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400 FEET

Survey Date: 10-17-2007 Sheet 1 of 1 Sheets



# PECOS DISTRICT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

OPERATOR'S NAME:	Seely Oil Company
LEASE NO.:	NM04591
WELL NAME & NO.:	Federal 22 No 1
SURFACE HOLE FOOTAGE:	1650' FNL & 330' FEL
BOTTOM HOLE FOOTAGE	
LOCATION:	Section 22, T. 18 S., R 33 E., NMPM
COUNTY:	Eddy County, New Mexico

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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)

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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.

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## VI. CONSTRUCTION

# A. NOTIFICATION

The BLM shall administer compliance and monitor construction of the access road and well pad. Notify the Carlsbad Field Office at (505) 234-5972 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 120' X 120' 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.

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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.

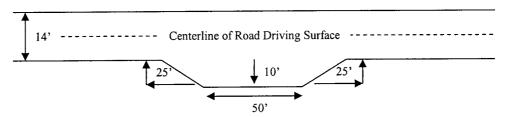
### Ditching

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

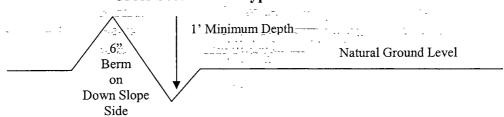


# Drainage

Drainage control systems shall be constructed on the entire length of road (e.g. ditches, sidehill outsloping and insloping, 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 foot road with 4% road slope: 
$$\frac{400'}{4\%}$$
 + 100' = 200' 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

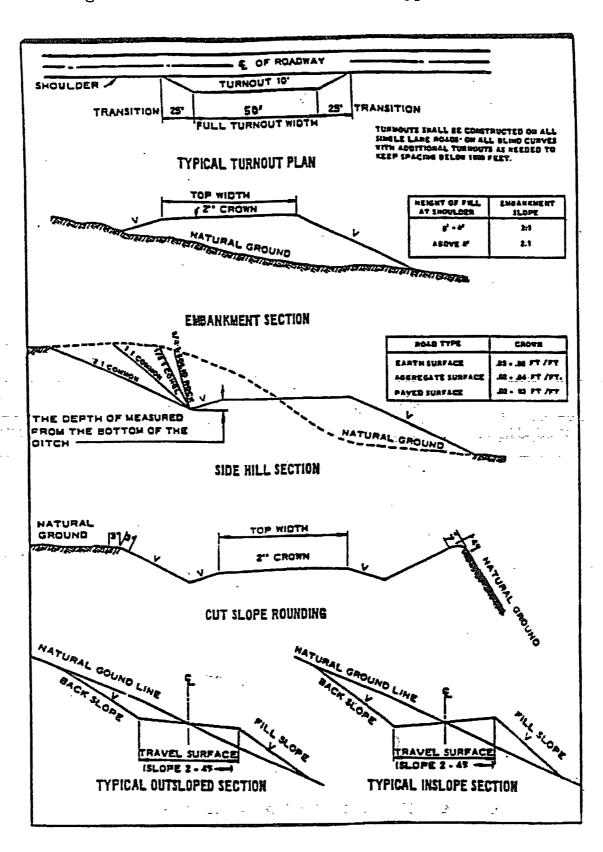
Where entry is required across a fence line, the fence shall be braced and tied off on both sides of the passageway prior to cutting.

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
  - ✓ Lea CountyCall the Hobbs Field Station, 414 West Taylor, Hobbs NM 88240, (575) 393-3612
- 1. A Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) Drilling Plan should be activated 500 feet prior to drilling into the Queen formation. Hydrogen Sulfide has been measured in this township with 100-1000 ppm in the gas stream and 100-7000 ppm in STVs.
- 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.

# B. CASING

- 1. The 8-5/8 inch surface casing shall be set a minimum of 25 feet into the Rustler Anhydrite and above the salt at approximately 1550 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 Grayburg and San Andres formations. Possible water and brine flows in the Salado and Artesia Group.

- 2. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 5-1/2 inch production casing is:
  - Cement should tie-back at least 200 feet into previous casing string. Operator shall provide method of verification.
- 3. 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. 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.

## D. DRILL STEM TEST

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

Engineer on call phone (after hours): Carlsbad: (575) 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

## B. ELECTRIC LINES

STANDARD STIPULATIONS FOR OVERHEAD ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION LINES

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

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

- 1. The holder shall indemnify the United States against any liability for damage to life or property arising from the occupancy or use of public lands under this grant.
- 2. The holder shall comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations existing or hereafter enacted or promulgated. In any event, the holder shall comply with the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976 as amended, 15 USC 2601 et seq. (1982) with regards to any toxic substances that are used, generated by or stored on the right-of-way or on facilities authorized under this right-of-way grant. (See 40 CFR, Part 702-799 and especially, provisions on polychlorinated biphenyls, 40 CFR 761.1-761.193.) Additionally, any release of toxic substances (leaks, spills, etc.) in excess of the reportable quantity established by 40 CFR, Part 117 shall be reported as required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, section 102b. A copy of any report required or requested by any Federal agency or State government as a result of a reportable release or spill of any toxic substances shall be furnished to the authorized officer concurrent with the filing of the reports to the involved Federal agency or State government.

- 3. The holder agrees to indemnify the United States against any liability arising from the release of any hazardous substance or hazardous waste (as these terms are defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. 9601, et seq. or the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 6901, et seq.) on the Right-of-Way (unless the release or threatened release is wholly unrelated to the Right-of-Way holder's activity on the Right-of-Way), or resulting from the activity of the Right-of-Way holder on the Right-of-Way. This agreement applies without regard to whether a release is caused by the holder, its agent, or unrelated third parties.
- 4. There will be no clearing or blading of the right-of-way unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Authorized Officer.
- 5. Powerlines shall be constructed in accordance to standards outlined in "Suggested Practices for Raptor Protection on Powerlines," Raptor Research Foundation, Inc., 1981. The holder shall assume the burden and expense of proving that pole designs not shown in the above publication are "raptor safe." Such proof shall be provided by a raptor expert approved by the Authorized Officer. The BLM reserves the right to require modification or additions to all powerline structures placed on this right-of-way, should they be necessary to ensure the safety of large perching birds. Such modifications and/or additions shall be made by the holder without liability or expense to the United States.

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- 6. The holder shall minimize disturbance to existing fences and other improvements on public lands. The holder is required to promptly repair improvements to at least their former state. Functional use of these improvements will be maintained at all times. The holder will 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 the fence. No permanent gates will be allowed unless approved by the Authorized Officer.
- 7. The BLM serial number assigned to this authorization shall be posted in a permanent, conspicuous manner where the power line crosses roads and at all serviced facilities. Numbers will be at least two inches high and will be affixed to the pole nearest the road crossing and at the facilities served.
- 8. Upon cancellation, relinquishment, or expiration of this grant, the holder shall comply with those abandonment procedures as prescribed by the Authorized Officer.
- 9. All surface structures (poles, lines, transformers, etc.) shall be removed within 180 days of abandonment, relinquishment, or termination of use of the serviced facility or facilities or within 180 days of abandonment, relinquishment, cancellation, or expiration of this grant, whichever comes first. This will not apply where the power line extends service to an active, adjoining facility or facilities.
- 10. Any cultural and/or paleontological resource (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by the holder, or any person working on his behalf, on public or Federal land

shall be immediately reported to the Authorized Officer. Holder shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the Authorized Officer. An evaluation of the discovery will be made by the Authorized Officer to determine appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values. The holder will be responsible for the cost of evaluation and any decision as to proper mitigation measures will be made by the Authorized Officer after consulting with the holder.

# 11. Special Stipulations:

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- For reclamation remove poles, lines, transformer, etc. and dispose of properly.
- Fill in any holes from the poles removed.

# 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 <u>no</u> 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 see 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>		l <u>b/acre</u>	
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Sand dropseed (Spo	robolus cryptandrus)	1.0	
Sand love grass (Er	1.0		
Plains bristlegrass (	2.0		

<sup>\*</sup>Pounds of pure live seed:

Pounds of seed x percent purity x percent germination = pounds pure live seed (Insert Seed Mixture Here)

# 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.