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

DISTRICT IV 1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Po, NM 87505 OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

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#### McELVAIN OIL & GAS PROPERTIES McELVAIN # 2A UNIT "L" SECTION 29 T18S-R34E LEA CO. NM

In response to questions asked under Section II of Bulliten NTL-6, the following information on the above will be provided.

1. LOCATION: 900' FWL & 1980' FSL SECTION 29 T18S-R34E LEA CO. NM

2. ELEVATION ABOVE SEA LEVEL: 3939' GL

- 3. GEOLOGICAL NAME OF SURFACE FORMATION: Quaternery Aeolian Deposits.
- 4. DRILLING TOOLS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT: Conventional rotary drilling rig using drilling mud as a circulating medium for solids removal from hole.
- 5. PROPOSED DRILLING DEPTH: 6000'

6. ESTIMATED TOPS OF GEOLOGICAL FORMATIONS:

| Rustler Anhydrite | 1650' | Penrose          | 4600' |
|-------------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| Salt              | 1920' | San Andres       | 4990' |
| Yates             | 3420  | Delaware         | 5290  |
| Seven Rivers      | 3620' | 2nd Delaware Sd. | 5620' |
| Queen             | 4320' | TD               | 6000' |
|                   |       |                  |       |

### 7. POSSIBLE MINERAL BEARING FORMATIONS:

| Queen      | oil | Delaware         | oil |
|------------|-----|------------------|-----|
| San Andres | oil | 2nd Delaware Sd. | oil |

8. CASING PROGRAM:

| HOLE SIZE   | INTERVAL | OD OF CASING | WEIGHT  | THREA | D COLLAR   | GRADE             | CONDITION             |
|-------------|----------|--------------|---------|-------|------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 26"         | 0-80'    | 14"          | NA      | NA    | NA         | Conducto          | or New                |
| 11"         | 0-1700'  | 8 5/8"       | 24#     | 8-R   | ST&C       | K-55              | New .                 |
| 7 7/8"      | 0-6000'  | 51"          | 17#     | 8-R   | LT&C       | J-55 <sup>.</sup> | New                   |
| Design Fact | tors:    | $\langle$    |         |       | -          |                   |                       |
| Collapse    | 1.125 Bu | rst 1.00 Bod | y Yield | 1.5   | Joint Stre | 0                 | -R 1.8<br>uttress 1.6 |

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McELVAIN OIL & GAS PROPERTIES McELVAIN # 2A UNIT "L" SECTION 29 T18S-R34E LEA CO. NM 9. CEMENTING & CASING SETTING DEPTHS:

| . <u>CEMENTIN</u> | G & CASING SEIII | ING DEPTHS:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 14"               | Conductor        | Set 80' of 14" conductor pipe and cement to surface with Redi-mix.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 8 5/8"            | Surface          | Set 1700' of 8 5/8" 24# K-55 ST&C casing. Cement with 350 Sx. of Class "C" cement + additives Yield 1.7, tail in with 200 Sx. of Class "C" cement + 2% CaCl, + $\frac{1}{2}$ # Flocele/Sx Yield 1.34. circulate cement to surface.                                                                    |
| 51"               | Production       | Set 6000' of $5\frac{1}{2}$ " /# J-55 LT&C casing. Cement with<br>900 Sx of 36/65 Class "G"_POZ-+ 5% Bentonite + $\frac{1}{2}$ #<br>Flocele/Sx, +1% CaCl Yield 1.89, tail in with 600 Sx.<br>of Class "C" cement + $\frac{1}{2}$ # Flocele/Sx, + 1% CaCl, Yield<br>1.34. Circulate cement to surface. |

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- 10. PRESSURE CONTROL EQUIPMENT: Exhibit "E" shows a 2000 PSI working pressure B.O.P. consisting of pipe rams, blind rams, and a packoff instead of an annular preventor. This B.O.P. will be nippled up on the 8 5/8" casing and tested to API specifications. The B.O.P. will be operated at least once each 24 hour day, and the blind rams will be operated when the drill pipe is out of the hole on trips. Full opening stabbing valve and upper kelly cock will be utilized. Exhibit "E-1" shows a manually operated choke manifold, Exhibit "F" shows a hydraucally operated closing unit. Bottom hole pressure is not expected to exceed 2600 PSI, this well is in an existing field, pressure and temperatures are not expected to be a problem.
- 11. PROPOSED MUD CIRCULATING SYSTEM:

| DEPTH      | MUD WT.                                                                                                                                                                                               | VISCOSITY | FLUID LOSS | TYPE MUD                                                                                    |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 40-1700'   | 8.4-9.4                                                                                                                                                                                               | 29-34     | NC         | Fresh water Spud mud<br>add paper to control<br>seepage.                                    |
| 1700-5000' | 9.9-10.1                                                                                                                                                                                              | 28-32     | NC         | Brine water use paper to<br>control seepage, and<br>high viscosity sweeps to<br>clean hole. |
| at all     | 10.0-10.2 28-34 10-12 cc Brine water, conto use paper to to use paper to fient mud mateerials will be kept on location seepage, use can times in order to combat lost circulation, or soda to control |           |            |                                                                                             |
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McELVAIN OIL & GAS PROPERTIES McELVAIN # 2A UNIT "L" SECTION 29 T18S-R34E LEA CO. NM

#### 12. LOGGING, CORING & TESTING PROGRAM:

A. Open hole logs: Dual Laterolog, LDT CNL, Density/Neutron, Gamma Ray, Caliper from TD back to 8 5/8" casing shoe. Run Gamma Ray, Neutron fron 8 5/8" casing shoe back to surface. 

- B. May rig up mud logger on the hole at 3300'.
- C. No DST's or cores are planned at this time.

#### 13. POTENTIAL HAZARDS:

No abnormal pressures or temperatures are expected. There is no known presence of  $H^2S$  in this area. If  $H^2S$  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 <u>2600</u> PSI, and Estimated BHT 165°.

#### 14. ANTICIPATED STARTING DATE AND DURATION OF OPERATION:

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 operation and drilling is expected to take 25 days. If production casing is run then an additional 30 days will be needed to complete well and construct surface facilities and/or lay flowlines in order to place well on production.

#### 15. OTHER FACETS OF OPERATIONS:

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After running casing, cased hole Gamma Ray, Neutron Collar logs will be run from TD back to all possible productive zones. The <u>Delaware</u> formation will be perforated and stimulated in order to establish production. The well will be swab tested and potentialed as an oil well.



McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. Lea County, New Mexico – Generic Staked Location Plat 8,000 ft. Maximum Well Depth

Location Utilizing Reserve Pit

\_\_\_\_\_ Location Utilizing Closed Loop

EXHIBIT "D" RIG LAY OUT PLAT MCELVAIN OIL & GAS PROPERTIES MCELVAIN # 2A UNIT "L" SECTION 29 T18S-R34E LEA CO. NM



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| EXHIBIT "E"                    |
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| SKETCH OF B.O.P. TO BE USED ON |
|                                |
| McELVAIN OIL & GAS PROPERTIES  |
| McELVAIN #2A                   |
| UNIT "L" SECTION 29            |
| T18S-R34E LEA CO. NM           |



| EXHIBIT "E<br>CHOKE MANIFOLD TO | -                        |
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| McELVAIN OIL & GAS              |                          |
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| T18S-R34E                       | SECTION 29<br>LEA CO. NM |

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# McELVAIN OIL & GAS PROPERTIES Hydrogen Sulfide Contingency Plan For Drilling/Workover/Facility

This well and it's anticipated facility are not expected to have Hydrogen Sulfide releases. However, there may be Hydrogen Sulfide production in the nearby area. There are no private residences in the area but a contingency plan has been orchestrated. McELVAIN OIL & GAS PROPERTIES will have a company representative available to the rig personnel through out the drilling of this well. If Hydrogen Sulfide is detected or suspected, monitoring equipment will be employed to assure the safety of all personnel.

# PECOS DISTRICT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

| ODED ATOD'S NAME:     | McElvain Oil & Gas Properties       |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                       | *                                   |
| LEASE NO.:            | NM116166                            |
| WELL NAME & NO.:      | McElvain No. 2A                     |
| SURFACE HOLE FOOTAGE: |                                     |
| BOTTOM HOLE FOOTAGE   | Same                                |
| LOCATION:             | Section 29, T. 18 S., R 34 E., 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 1 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 110 X 85' 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.

## 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. A Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) Drilling Plan should be activated 500 feet prior to drilling into the <u>Yates</u> formation. If Hydrogen Sulfide is encountered, please provide measured values and formations to the BLM.
- 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

Changes to the approved APD casing and cement program require submitting a sundry and receiving approval prior to work. Failure to obtain approval prior to work will result in an Incident of Non-Compliance being issued.

Centralizers required on surface casing per Onshore Order 2.III.B.1.f.

Provide compressive strengths including hours to reach required 500 pounds compressive strength prior to cementing each casing string.

No pea gravel permitted for remedial or fall back remedial without prior authorization from the BLM engineer.

Possible lost circulation in the Grayburg & San Andres Formations Possible H2O/brine flows in the Salado & Artesia Group

- The <u>8-5/8</u> inch surface casing shall be set at <u>approximately 1700 feet (a minimum</u> of <u>25 feet into the Rustler Anhydrite and above the salt)</u> 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 cementing will be done prior to drilling out that string.

2. The minimum required fill of cement behind the <u>5-1/2</u> inch production casing is:

Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate, contact the appropriate BLM office.

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.

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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 for LPC Sand/Shinnery 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 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> |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Plains Bristlegrass | 5lbs/A         |
| Sand Bluestem       | 5lbs/A         |
| Little Bluestem     | 3lbs/A         |
| Big Bluestem        | 6lbs/A         |
| Plains Coreopsis    | 2lbs/A         |
| Sand Dropseed       | 1lbs/A         |
|                     |                |

\*\*Four-winged Saltbush

5lbs/A

\* This can be used around well pads and other areas where caliche cannot be removed.

\*Pounds of pure live seed:

Pounds of seed  $\mathbf{x}$  percent purity  $\mathbf{x}$  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.