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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENTFORM APPROVED
OMB No. 1004-0135
Expires July 31, 1996

SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS
*Do not use this form for proposals to drill or to re-enter an
abandoned well. Use form 3160-3 (APD) for such proposals.*

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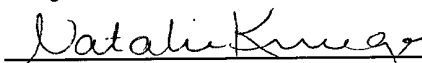
Type of Well <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oil Well <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Well <input type="checkbox"/> Other		5. Lease Serial No.	
Name of Operator Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado		SHL Fee BHL Fee	
3a. Address PO Box 140907; Irving, TX 75014-0907		6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name	
3b. Phone No. (include area code) 972-401-3111		7. If Unit or CA/Agreement, Name and/or No.	
Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T., R., M., or Survey Description) SHL 375 FSL & 375 FEL 18-15S-31E BHL 375 FSL & 375 FWL		Pending	
		8. Well Name and No. Franklin 18 Federal Com No. 4	
		9. API Well No. 30-005-	
		10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory Area Abo Wildcat	
		11. County or Parish, State Chaves County, NM	

12. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES) TO INDICATE NATURE OF NOTICE, REPORT, OR OTHER DATA

TYPE OF SUBMISSION	TYPE OF ACTION			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Intent	<input type="checkbox"/> Acidize	<input type="checkbox"/> Deepen	<input type="checkbox"/> Production (Start/Resume)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Shut-Off
<input type="checkbox"/> Subsequent Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Alter Casing	<input type="checkbox"/> Fracture Treat	<input type="checkbox"/> Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/> Well Integrity
<input type="checkbox"/> Final Abandonment Notice	<input type="checkbox"/> Casing Repair	<input type="checkbox"/> New Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Recomplete	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Change Rig,</u>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change Plans	<input type="checkbox"/> Plug and Abandon	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporarily Abandon	<u>switch to closed-loop</u>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Convert to Injection	<input type="checkbox"/> Plug Back	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Disposal	<u>system w/ haul-off bins</u>

3. Describe Proposed or Completed Operation (clearly state all pertinent details, included estimated starting date of any proposed work and approximate duration thereof. If the proposal is to deepen directionally or recompleat horizontally, give subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths of all pertinent markers and zones. Attach the bond under which the work will be performed or provide the Bond No. on file with BLM/BIA. Required subsequent reports shall be filed within 30 days following completion of the involved operations. If the operation results in a multiple completion or recompleat in a new interval, a Form 3160-4 shall be filed once testing has been completed. Final Abandonment Notices shall be filed only after all requirements, including reclamation, have been completed, and the operator has determined that the site is ready for final inspection.)
- Cimarex has chosen to drill this well with Patriot Rig 4. As a result, aspects of our surface use plan have changed.

Attached are the relevant revised aspects of the Surface Use Plan as well as a revised Rig Plat.

4. I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct		Title
Name (Printed/Typed) Natalie Krueger		Regulatory Analyst
Signature 		Date December 1, 2008

THIS SPACE FOR FEDERAL OR STATE OFFICE USE

Approved by /s/ Jerry Dutchover	Acting Assistant Field Manager, Lands and Minerals	Date 08 DEC 2008
Conditions of Approval, if any, are attached. Approval of this notice 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.		Office ROSWELL FIELD OFFICE

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

(Instructions on reverse)

Surface Use Plan Revisions
Franklin 18 Federal Com No. 4
18-15S-31E

SHL 375 FSL & 375 FEL BHL 375 FSL & 375 FWL
Chaves County, NM

Methods of Handling Waste Material

- A. Drill cuttings will be separated by a series of solids removal equipment and stored in steel containment pits and then hauled to a state-approved disposal facility.
- B. All trash, junk and other waste material will be contained in trash cages or bins to prevent scattering. When the job is completed all contents will be removed and disposed of in an approved sanitary land fill.
- C. Salts remaining after completion of well will be picked up by supplier including broken sacks.
- D. Sewage from living quarters will drain into holding tanks and be cleaned out periodically. A Porta-John will be provided for the rig crews. This equipment will be properly maintained during the drilling operations and removed upon completion of the well.
- E. Drilling fluids will be contained in steel pits in a closed circulating system. Fluids will be cleaned and reused. Water produced during testing will be contained in the steel pits and disposed of at a state approved disposal facility. Any oil or condensate produced will be stored in test tanks until sold and hauled from the site.

Well Site Layout

- A. Exhibit "D" shows location and rig layout.
- B. Mud pits in the closed circulating system will be steel pits and the cuttings will be stored in steel containment pits.
- C. Cuttings will be stored in steel pits until they are hauled to a state-approved disposal facility.
- D. If the well is a producer, those areas of the location not essential to production facilities will be reclaimed and seeded per BLM requirements.

Plans for Restoration of Surface

Rehabilitation of the location will start in a timely manner after all drilling operations cease. The type of reclamation will depend on whether the well is a producer or a dry hole.

Drainage systems, if any, will be reshaped to the original configuration with provisions made to alleviate erosion. These may need to be modified in certain circumstances to prevent inundation of the location's pad and surface facilities. After the area has been shaped and contoured, topsoil from the stockpile will be placed over the disturbed area to the extent possible. Revegetation procedures will comply with BLM standards.

If the well is a dry hole, the pad and road area will be recountoured to match the existing terrain. Topsoil will be spread to the extent possible. Revegetation will comply with BLM standards.

Should the well be a producer, the previously noted procedures will apply to those areas which are not required for production facilities.

Patriot Rig 4

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado

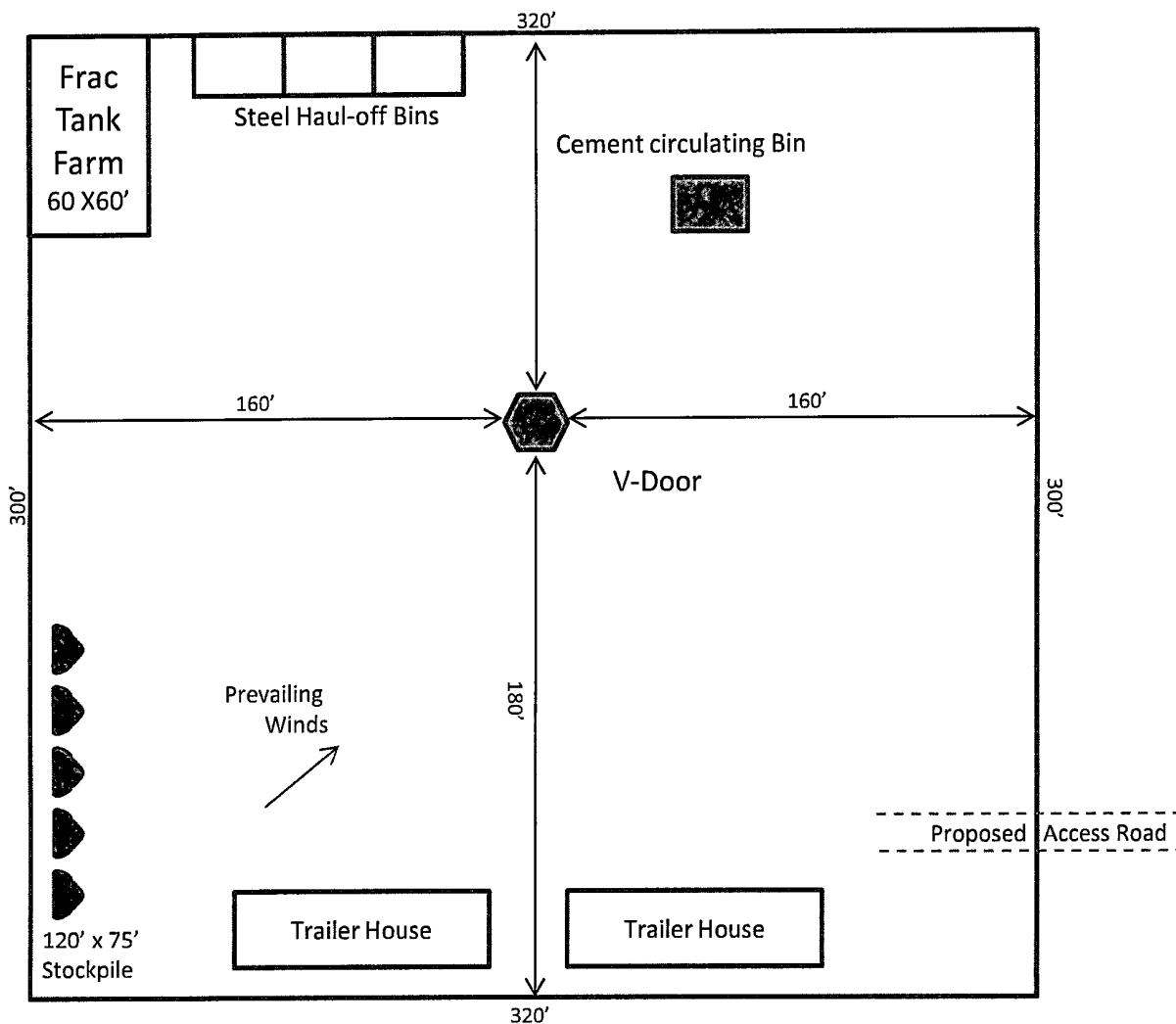
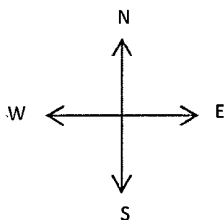


Exhibit D – Rig Layout
Franklin 18 Federal Com No. 4
Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
18-15S-31E
SHL 375 FSL & 375 FEL
BHL 375 FSL & 375 FWL
Chaves County, NM



**EXHIBIT B
PECOS DISTRICT - RFO
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

December 4, 2008

Project: Franklin 18 Fed Com #4
EA Log Number: NM-510-2008-140
Surface Hole Location: 375' FSL & 375' FEL, Sec. 18 T15S-R31E; Fee
Bottom Hole Location: 375' FSL & 375' FWL, Sec. 18 T15S-R31E; Fee
Archaeological Report: 08-R-107-A
Applicant: Cimarex Energy Company of Colorado
Lease Number: NM-0153471
Roswell Field Office: (575) 627-0272

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.

I. 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).

II. 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.

III. NOXIOUS WEEDS

The operator shall be held responsible if noxious weeds become established within the areas of operations (access road and/or well pad). 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.

IV. CONSTRUCTION

A. NOTIFICATION:

The BLM shall administer compliance and monitor construction of the access road and well pad. Notify the Roswell Field Office at (505) 627-0247 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 Application for Permit to Drill and Conditions of Approval on the well site and they shall be made available upon request by the Authorized Officer.

B. TOPSOIL:

The topsoil will be stripped to approximately 6 inches in depth within the area designated for construction of the well pad. The operator shall stockpile the stripped topsoil on the side of the well pad. The topsoil will be used for interim and final reclamation of the surface disturbance created by the construction of the well pad.

C. CLOSED SYSTEMS OR STEEL TANKS: No reserve pit will be used.

Steel tanks are required for drilling operations: No Pits Allowed.

The operator shall properly dispose of drilling contents at an authorized disposal site.

D. FEDERAL MINERAL MATERIALS PIT:

If the operator elects to surface the access road and/or well pad using federal mineral materials, payment shall be made to the BLM prior to removal. Call the Roswell Field Office at (505) 627-0236.

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 need.

F. ON LEASE ACCESS ROADS:

Road Egress and Ingress

The access road shall be constructed to access the corner of the well pad.

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.

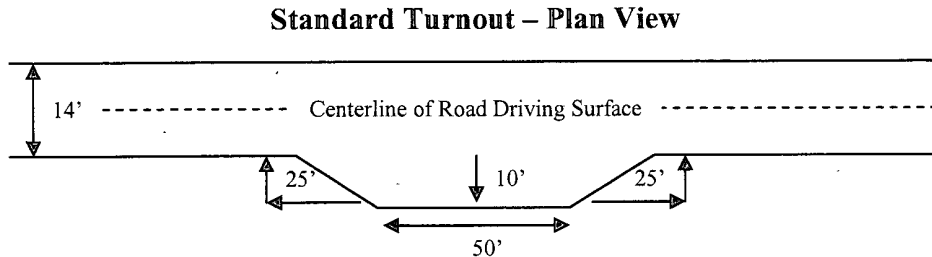
The Authorized Officer reserves the right to require surfacing of any portion of the access road at any time deemed necessary. Surfacing may be required in the event the road deteriorates, erodes, road traffic increases, or it is determined to be beneficial for future field development. The surfacing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

Turnouts

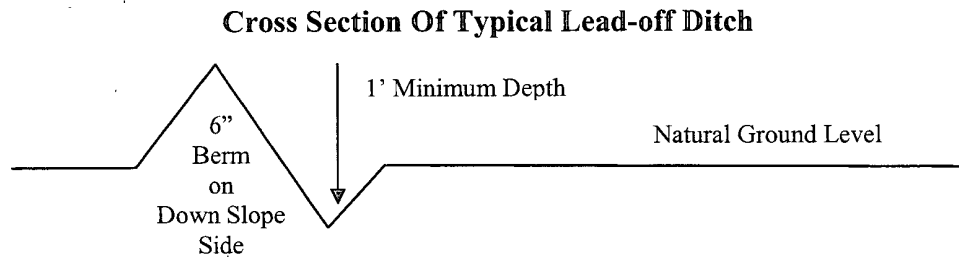
Vehicle turnouts shall be constructed on the road. Turnouts shall be intervisible with interval spacing distance less than 1000 feet. Turnouts shall be constructed on all blind curves. Turnouts shall conform to the following diagram:



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.



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:

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

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

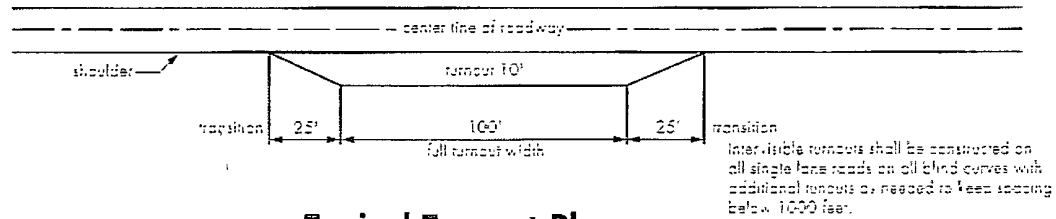
Where entry is required across a fence line, the fence shall be braced and tied off on both sides of the passageway prior to cutting.

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

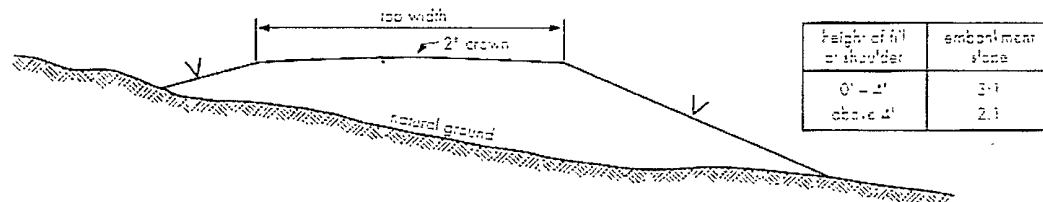
Public Access

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

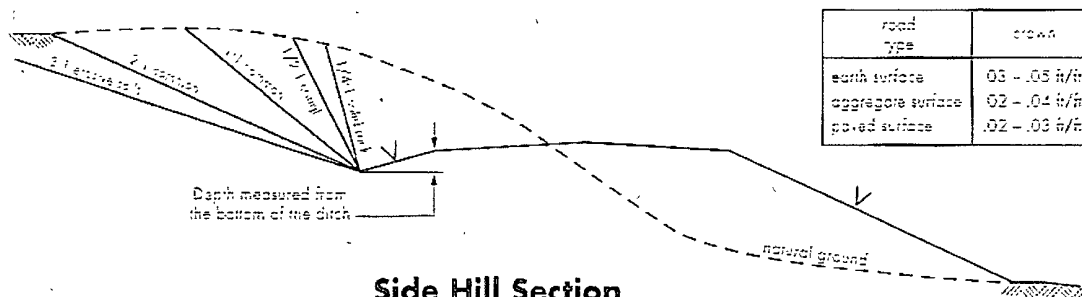
Figure 1 – Cross Sections and Plans For Typical Road Sections



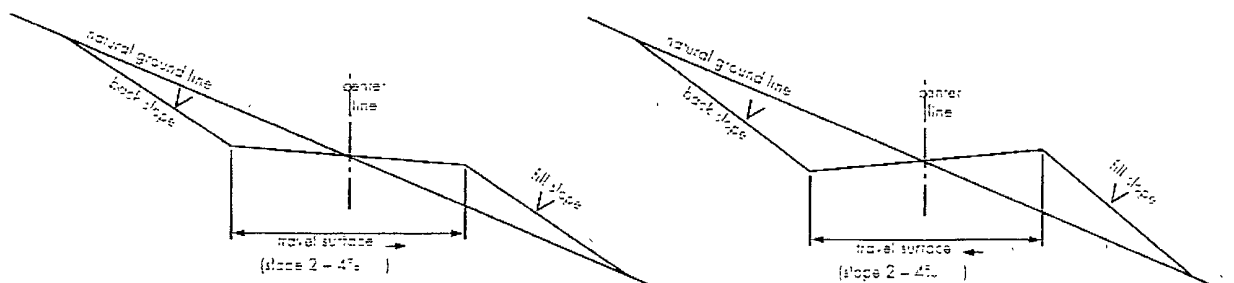
Typical Turnout Plan



Embankment Section



Side Hill Section



Typical Outsloped Section

Typical Insloped Section

V. DRILLING

DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS

1. Chaves and Roosevelt Counties
Call the Roswell Field Office, 2909 West Second St., Roswell, NM 88201, 24 hours at (575) 627-0205.
2. The BLM is to be notified a minimum of 24 hours in advance for a representative to witness:
 - a. Spudding well
 - b. Setting and/or Cementing of all casing strings

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

BOPE Tests

3. Unless the production casing has been run and cemented or the well has been properly plugged, the drilling rig shall not be removed from over the hole without prior approval.
4. Include the API No. assigned to well by NMOCD on the subsequent report of setting the first casing string.
5. **The operator will be required to have a geolograph or some other device to accurately measure the drilling rate in order to set the base of the usable water protection casing shoe opposite competent rock Onshore Order No. 2. III. B . The record of the drilling rate along with the gamma ray-neutron well log run to surface will be submitted to this office as well as all other logs run on the on the borehole CFR 3162.4-1(a) and (b).**
6. **Air air-mist or fresh water and non toxic drilling mud shall be used to drill to the base of the usable water protection casing string. Any polymers used will be water based and non-toxic.**
7. A Communitization Agreement covering the acreage dedicated to this well must be filed for approval with the BLM. The effective date of the agreement shall be prior to any sales.

B. CASING:

1. 1. The 13-3/8 inch surface casing shall be set **at approximately 340 feet if the bedrock is competent. If not the operator will be required to set surface casing in the next thick competent bedrock (i.e. 15 to 25 ft or greater) encountered and circulate cement to the surface.**

- a. If cement does not circulate to the surface, the Roswell Field 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 or 500 pounds compression 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 compression strength, whichever is greater.
 - d. If cement falls back, remedial action will be done prior to drilling out that string.
2. The minimum required fill of cement behind the **9-5/8** inch intermediate casing is **sufficient to circulate to the surface**. If cement does not circulate see B.1.a-d above.
 3. The minimum required fill of cement behind the **7** inch production casing is **sufficient to tie back 500 feet above the uppermost perforation in the pay zone**. If cement does not circulate, 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.
 4. There is no required fill of cement behind the **4-1/2** inch production casing since a Peak Systems Iso-Pak liner will be used for lateral and will not require cementing.
 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. Before drilling below the **13-3/8** inch surface casing shoe, the blowout preventer assembly shall consist of a minimum of One Annular Preventer or Two Ram-Type Preventers and a Kelly Cock/Stabbing Valve. Before drilling below the **9-5/8** inch intermediate casing shoe, the blowout preventer assembly shall consist of a minimum of One Annular Preventer, Two Ram-Type Preventers, and a Kelly Cock/Stabbing Valve.
2. Before drilling below the **13-3/8** inch surface casing shoe, minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer and related equipment (BOPE) shall be **2000** psi. Before drilling below the **9-5/8** inch intermediate casing shoe, minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer and related equipment (BOPE) shall be **3000** psi.
3. The BOPE shall be installed before drilling below the **13-3/8** inch surface casing and the **9-5/8** inch intermediate casing and shall be tested as described in Onshore Order No. 2. Any equipment failing to test satisfactorily shall be repaired or replaced.

- a. The BLM Roswell Field office shall be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness the tests.
- b. The tests shall be done by an independent service company.
- c. 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. 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 BLM Roswell Field Office at 2909 West Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico 88201.
- e. Testing fluid must be water or an appropriate clear liquid suitable for sub-freezing temperatures. Use of drilling mud for testing is not permitted since it can mask small leaks.
- f. Testing must be done in a safe workman like manner. Hard line connections shall be required.
- g. The requested variance to test the BOPE prior to **drilling below the 13-3/8 inch surface casing** to the reduced pressure of **1000 psi** using the rig pumps is approved.

VI. PRODUCTION

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, Juniper Green (Standard Environmental Color Chart June 2008).

VRM Facility Requirement

Low-profile tanks not greater than eight-feet-high shall be used.

VII. 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.

During reclamation, the removal of caliche is important to increasing the success of revegetating the site. Removed caliche may be used in road repairs, fire walls or for building other roads and locations. In addition, 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.

The following soil or soil associations may represent these ecological sites:

Alama silt loam, dry, 0-3% Slope, Atoka, Bigetty-Pecos, Harkey fine sandy loam, Holloman, Holloman-Gypsum Land, Hollomex loam, 1-9% slope, dry, Largo loam, Milner loam, 0-2% slope, dry, Reagan loam, Reakor, Reakor-Bigetty, Reakor-Tencee, Reeves loam, 0-2% slope, dry, Russler, Shanta, Upton-Reakor.

Loamy, SD-3 Ecological Site; Loamy CP-2; Gyp Upland CP-2 (for Loamy HP-3)		
Common Name and Preferred Variety	Scientific Name	Pounds of Pure Live Seed Per Acre
Blue grama,	<i>(Bouteloua gracilis)</i>	4.00 LBS.
Sideoats grama,	<i>(Bouteloua curtipendula)</i>	1.0 LB.
Sand dropseed	<i>(Sporobolus cryptandrus)</i>	0.5 LB.
Vine mesquite	<i>(Panicum obtusum)</i>	1.0 LB.
Plains bristlegrass	<i>(Setaria macrostachya)</i>	1.0 LB.
Indian blanketflower	<i>(Gaillardia aristata)</i>	0.5 LB.
Desert or Scarlet	<i>(Sphaeralcea ambigua)</i>	1.0 LB.
Globemallow or	<i>(S. coccinea)</i>	
Annual sunflower	<i>(Helianthus annuus)</i>	<u>0.75 LB.</u>
TOTAL POUNDS PURE LIVE SEED (pls) PER ACRE		9.75 LBS.

Certified Weed Free Seed. If one species is not available, increase ALL others proportionately. Use No Less than 4 species, including one forb. No less than 9.75 pounds lbs per acre shall be applied.

VIII. FINAL ABANDONMENT & REHABILITATION REQUIREMENTS

- a. Upon abandonment of the well and/or when the access road is no longer in service, a Notice of Intent for Final Abandonment with the proposed surface restoration procedure must be submitted for approval.
- b. 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 agreements and a copy of the release is to be submitted upon abandonment.
- c. Upon abandonment of the well, all casing shall be cut-off at the base of the cellar or 3-feet below final restored ground level (whichever is deeper). A 4-inch pipe, 10 feet in length, shall be installed 4 feet above ground and embedded in cement. The following information shall be permanently inscribed on the dry hole marker: Well name and number, the name of the operator, the lease serial number, the surveyed location (the quarter-quarter section, section, township and range or other authorized survey designation acceptable to the authorized officer; such as metes and bounds).
- d. Surface Reclamation must be completed within 6 months of well plugging. If the operator proposes to modify the plans for surface reclamation approved on the APD, the operator must attach these modifications to the Subsequent Report of Plug and Abandon using Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells, Form 3160-5.