

BLM approves federal wells in potash area so we do not have to worry about this.

STATE & FEE LEASES

Post to map and if within the potash area outlined on map or within 1 mile of that area do the following:

- 1) Make certain operator has filed a plat of the area showing the potash lessees for the area where the well is located as well as the 1-mile radius referred to.
- 2) Make certain operator has notified all of the potash lessees by certified mail of the APD. They must send copy of delivery notice to us since 20-day waiting period starts from delivery date.

- 3) Send letter to BLM and SLO advising them of this APD and request they advise if this location is within LMR or buffer zone.

BUFFER ZONE -- shallow well is 1/4 mile of LMR
-- deep well is 1/2 mile of LMR

- 4) If application is within LMR or buffer zone you must DENY it under R-111-P unless, there is a mutual agreement of lessor and lessees of oil & gas and potash interests. Copy of this agreement must be submitted with APD.
- 5) If application is outside LMR or buffer zone and no objection is received within 20 days from date of receipt by potash lessees of certified notice, the APD may be approved.

CHECK LIST FOR PROCESSING APD IN POTASH AREA

OPERATOR: Chesapeake Operating Inc

LEASE & WELL Lost Tank 16 State #3-E

LOCATION 16-21s-32e 1980/N & 330/W PROPOSED DEPTH 8700

DATE APD RECEIVED 6/17/09 WAS PLAT OF AREA ATTACHED _____

WERE ALL POTASH LESSEES NOTIFIED BY CERTIFIED MAIL? Yes

20-DAY WAITING PERIOD BEGINS _____ ENDS _____

WERE WAIVERS RECEIVED? Yes Intrepid agrees not to object

DATE SLO NOTIFIED 6/22/09 DATE REPLY RECEIVED 6/24/09 yes

DATE BLM NOTIFIED 6/22/09 DATE REPLY RECEIVED 6/24/09 no

IS LOCATION INSIDE LMR OR BUFFER ZONE? YES _____ NO _____

IF LOCATION INSIDE LMR OR BUFFER ZONE WAS LESSEE/LESSOR AGREEMENT FURNISHED Yes

DATE APD APPROVED 6/25/09 DATE APD DENIED _____

API # 30-025-39453

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STATE LAND OFFICE
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Santa Fe, NM 87504

RE: APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL IN POTASH AREA

OPERATOR Chesapeake Operating Inc
LEASE NAME West Tank 16 State #3-E
PROPOSED LOCATION 16-215-32e 1980/N #330/W
PROPOSED DEPTH 8700'

Gentlemen:

The application for permit to drill identified above has been filed with this office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. Pursuant to the provisions of Oil Conservation Division Order R - 111 - P, please advise this office whether the location is within an established Life-of-Mine-Reserve are filed with and approved by your office. If not, please advise whether it is within the buffer zone established by the order.

Thank you for your assistance. Please return as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Larry Hill
Supervisor, District I

RESPONSE:

The above referenced location is in LMR (2009 year) Yes X No

The above referenced location is within the Buffer Zone Yes No

Signed [Signature] Date

Printed Signature

Representing SLD

JRM
6-22-09

Oil Conservation Division * 1625 N. French Dr.*
* Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

* Phone: (505) 393-6161 * Fax (505) 392-0720* <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us>

[Signature]

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The above referenced location is in LMR (____ year) _____ Yes _____ No ✓

The above referenced location is within the Buffer Zone _____ Yes _____ No ✓

Signed Thomas W. Marion

Date 6/24/09

Printed Signature Thomas W. Marion

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March 27, 2009

Ed Birdshead
Chesapeake Energy Corporation
6100 North Western Avenue
Oklahoma City, OK 73118

Dear Mr. Birdshead:

I am responding to your letter of March 10, 2009, addressed to Tom McGuire, Intrepid Potash – NM, L.L.C.

Intrepid agrees not to object to the drilling of the wells referenced in your letter: Lost Tank 16 State #2 and Lost Tank 16 State #3. By its non-objection, Intrepid does not agree to and does not assume the risks of any release of oil and gas or other substances from this well into the environment, including into underground mine workings, arising out of or attributable to Chesapeake's drilling, operating, plugging and abandoning of this well, or the effect on this well of any condition created by existing or future potash mining.

Very truly yours,

Martin D. Litt

MDL:mlk

cc: Tom McGuire
Katie Keller