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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL OR REENTER

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

5 Lease Serial No  
NMLC-029406B

6 If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name

7 If Unit or CA Agreement, Name and No

8, Lease Name and Well No  
Grace Mitchell B Federal #9

9 API Well No

10 Field and Pool, or Exploratory  
Maljamar; Grayburg San Andres

11 Sec, T R M. or Blk and Survey or Area

Sec. 5 T17S R32 E

12 County or Parish  
Lea

13 State  
NM

1a Type of work- ☒ DRILL ☐ REENTER

1b Type of Well ☒ Oil Well ☐ Gas Well ☐ Other ☐ Single Zone ☐ Multiple Zone

2 Name of Operator  
Mack Energy Corporation

3a Address  
P.O. Box 960 Artesia, NM 88211-0960

3b Phone No (include area code)  
(575)748-1288

4 Location of Well (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements\*)

At surface 330 FSL & 330 FEL

At proposed prod zone

14 Distance in miles and direction from nearest town or post office\*  
12 miles north/northwest of Loco Hills, NM

15 Distance from proposed\*  
location to nearest  
property or lease line, ft  
(Also to nearest drig. unit line, if any) 330

16 No. of acres in lease  
480

17 Spacing Unit dedicated to this well  
40

18 Distance from proposed\*  
location to nearest well, drilling, completed,  
applied for, on this lease, ft 1320

19 Proposed Depth  
5000'

20 BLM/BIA Bond No. on file  
NMB000286

21 Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB, RT, GL, etc.)  
4089' GR

22 Approximate date work will start\*  
5/08/09

23 Estimated duration  
10 days

24. Attachments

The following, completed in accordance with the requirements of Onshore Oil and Gas Order No 1, shall be attached to this form.

1. Well plat certified by a registered surveyor
2. A Drilling Plan
3. A Surface Use Plan (if the location is on National Forest System Lands, the SUPO shall be filed with the appropriate Forest Service Office).

4. Bond to cover the operations unless covered by an existing bond on file (see Item 20 above).
5. Operator certification
6. Such other site specific information and/or plans as may be required by the authorized officer

25 Signature *Jerry W. Sherrell*

Name (Printed/Typed)  
Jerry W. Sherrell

Date  
4/08/2009

Title  
Production Clerk

Approved by (Signature)  
/s/ Don Peterson

Name (Printed/Typed)  
/s/ Don Peterson

Date  
JUL 13 2009

Title  
FOR FIELD MANAGER

Office  
CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE

Application approval does not warrant or certify that the applicant holds legal or equitable title to those rights in the subject lease which would entitle the applicant to conduct operations thereon  
Conditions of approval, if any, are attached

APPROVAL FOR TWO YEARS

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and Title 43 U.S.C. Section 1212, make it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction

\*(Instructions on page 2)

*K* PETROLEUM ENGINEER

Roswell Controlled Water Basin

SEE ATTACHED FOR  
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

APPROVAL SUBJECT TO  
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS  
AND SPECIAL STIPULATIONS  
ATTACHED

## SURFACE USE AGREEMENT

This Surface Use Agreement is by and between Olane Caswell and wife Ladoyce Caswell of 1702 Gillham, Brownfield, Texas 79316 ("Owner"), and Mack Energy Corporation of P O Box 960, Artesia, New Mexico 88211 ("Mack").

WHEREAS, Owner is the owner of the surface estate of Section 5, T17S, R32E, Lea County, New Mexico ("Lands"); and

WHEREAS, Mack is preparing to conduct oil and gas operations on the Lands and

WHEREAS, Owner and Mack desire to enter into an agreement governing the use of the Lands by Mack in its oil and gas operations.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten and NO/100 Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Owner and Mack agree to the following terms and conditions:

Prior to entry upon the Lands for any activity that does not disturb the surface (staking, surveys, inspections, etc.); Mack will provide not less than 24 hours notice by mail, telephone, or personal contact with Owner.

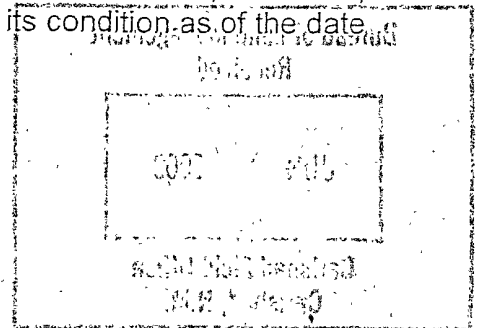
Prior to entry upon the Lands to commence any other operations for the exploration of oil and gas or preparation of the surface therefore, Mack will provide not less than 24 hours notice by mail, telephone, or personal contact with Owner.

Mack agrees to pay Owner for damages to the lands in accordance with the Damage Schedule attached hereto as Exhibit "A." Owner agrees that the damages paid hereunder will constitute all damages to which Owner is entitled to receive or claim and that in consideration of the amounts paid hereunder, Owner releases and waives any additional claims for damages as to the Lands outside of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Owner grants Mack the right to use and improve existing roads and well pads as Mack deems appropriate for its operations on the Lands.

Mack agrees to control water runoff, soil erosion, weeds, litter and dust to the best of its ability.

Mack agrees, upon cessation of oil and gas operations on said Lands, to restore, to the extent reasonably possible, the surface of the Lands to its condition as of the date hereof or as otherwise agreed to between Owner and Mack.



Contact Information:

Owner

Name: Olane Caswell  
Address: 1702 Gillham  
Brownfield, Texas 79316  
Telephone: 806-637-7004

575 676 2222 Ranch  
806 777 0584 Olane cell  
806 777 0583 wife's cell

OR

Name: ~~Joel Bell~~  
Telephone: ~~575-~~

Mack

Name: Ronald W. Lanning  
Address: P.O. Box 960  
Artesia, New Mexico 88211  
Telephone 1: 575-748-1288 office  
Telephone 2: 575-746-5516 cellular  
Facsimile: 575-748-7374  
Email: [rlanning@mackenergycorp.com](mailto:rlanning@mackenergycorp.com)

OR

Name: Joel Bell  
Telephone: 575-746-7835

Owner represents and warrants that it is entitled to receive all of the compensation for the damages to the Lands and agrees to indemnify and hold Mack harmless as to all claims by any other legal, equitable or beneficial owners of the Lands as may be shown in the records of the county in which the Lands are located.

As further consideration for the sums paid hereunder, Owner waives all rights, causes of action, claims or damages to which Owner might otherwise be entitled pursuant to the Surface Owners Protection Act, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B." Owner and Mack agree that this Surface Use Agreement will be the exclusive remedy between the parties as to damages to the Lands attributable to Mack's oil and gas operations on the Lands.

Mack's rights under this Agreement shall be in addition to, and shall not diminish any rights under its oil and gas leases covering all or any portion of the Lands. Venue for cause of action hereunder shall be in accordance with the laws of the State of New Mexico and venue shall be the Fifth Judicial District Court, Eddy County, New Mexico.

This Agreement may be amended in writing by mutual agreement of Owner and Mack at any time.

The term of this Agreement shall be five (5) years from the date of Owner's execution hereof.

EXECUTED, this 28 day of January 2009.

Owner

Mack

Olane Caswell  
Olane Caswell

Mack Energy Corporation

Ronald W. Lanning  
Attorney in Fact

Ladoyce Caswell  
Ladoyce Caswell

STATE OF TEXAS

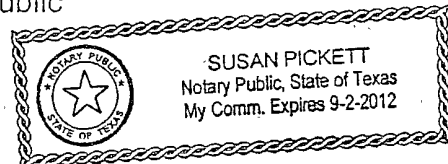
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COUNTY OF TERRY

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2009, by Olane Caswell and wife, Ladoyce Caswell.

Susan Pickett  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 9-2-2012



STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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COUNTY OF EDDY

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2009 by Ronald W. Lanning, Attorney in Fact for Mack Energy Corporation, a New Mexico corporation.



OFFICIAL SEAL  
STACI D. SANDERS  
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
My commission expires: 2-15-09

Staci D. Sanders  
Notary Public

DISTRICT I  
1625 N. FRENCH DR., HOBBS, NM 88240

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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DISTRICT II  
1301 W. GRAND AVENUE, ARTESIA, NM 88210

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

JUL 16 2009

Revised October 12, 2005  
Submit to Appropriate District Office  
State Lease - 4 Copies  
Fee Lease - 3 Copies

DISTRICT III  
1000 RIO BRAZOS RD., AZTEC, NM 87410

1990 SOUTH ST. FRANCIS DR.  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87330

HOBBSOCD

DISTRICT IV  
1990 S. ST. FRANCIS DR., SANTA FE, NM 87330

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

☐ AMENDED REPORT

API Number <b>30-025-39466</b>	Pool Code 43329 ✓	Pool Name Maljamar; Grayburg-San Andres
Property Code <b>306387</b>	Property Name GRACE MITCHELL B FEDERAL	Well Number 9
OGRID No. 013837 ✓	Operator Name MACK ENERGY CORPORATION	Elevation 4089'

Surface Location

UL or lot No. P	Section 5	Township 17-S	Range 32-E	Lot Idn	Feet from the 330	North/South line SOUTH	Feet from the 330	East/West line EAST	County LEA
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Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

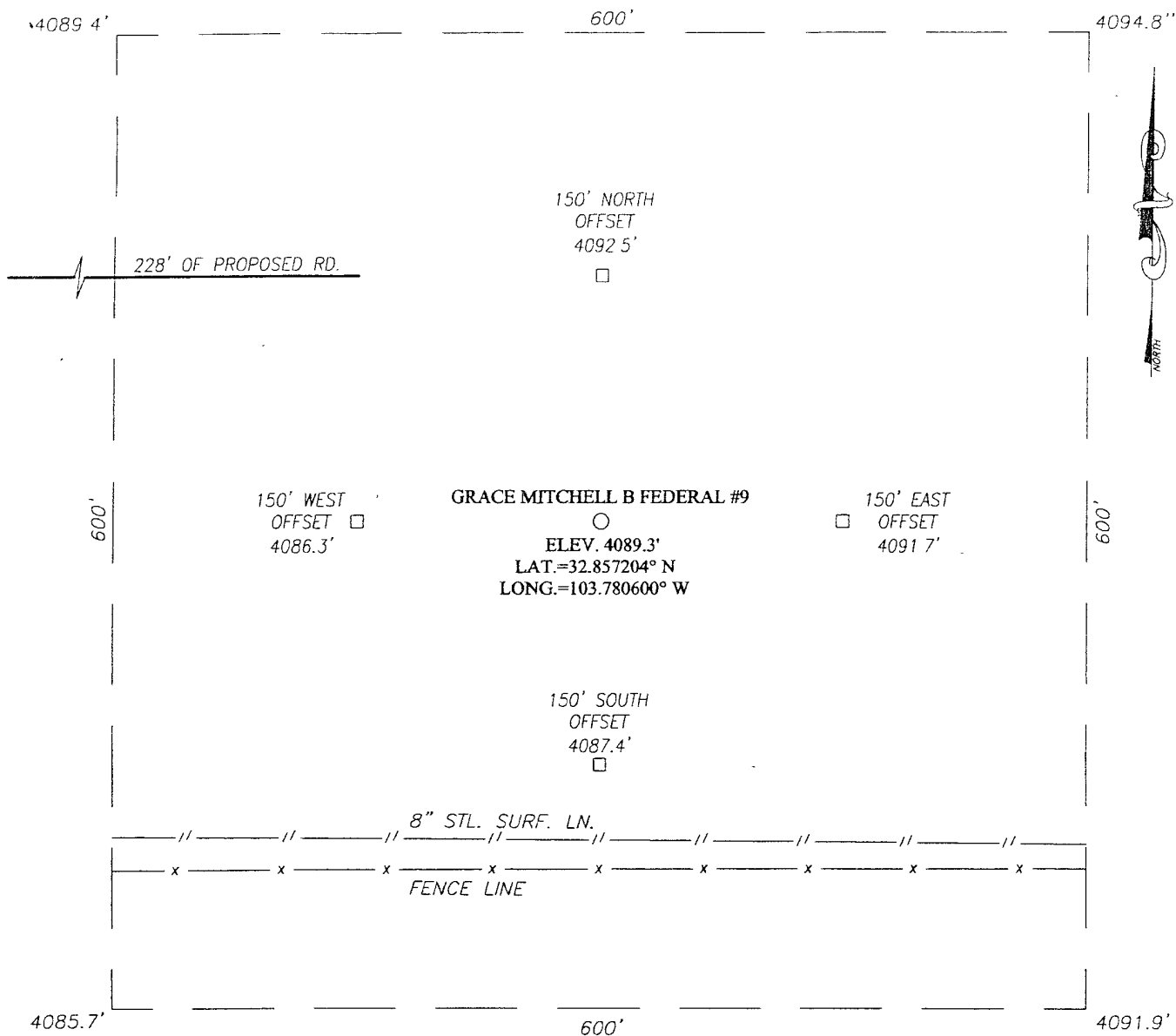
UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
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Dedicated Acres 40	Joint or Infill	Consolidation Code	Order No.
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NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED  
OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION

<p>GEODETIC COORDINATES NAD 27 NME SURFACE LOCATION</p> <p>Y=676006.2 N X=669732.2 E</p> <p>LAT=32.857204° N LONG=103.780600° W</p> <p>DETAIL</p> <p>4089.4' 4094.8' 600' 4085.7' 4091.9'</p> <p>SEE DETAIL 330'</p>				<p>OPERATOR CERTIFICATION</p> <p>I hereby certify that the information 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 or has a right to drill this well at this location pursuant to a contract with an owner of such mineral or working interest, or to a voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order heretofore entered by the division.</p> <p><i>Jerry W. Sherrell</i> Signature Date</p> <p>Jerry W. Sherrell Printed Name</p>	
				<p>SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION</p> <p>I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.</p> <p><i>Ronald J. Eidson</i> Signature &amp; Seal of Professional Surveyor</p> <p>MARCH 30 2009 Date Surveyed AR</p> <p>4066/09 09/11/0271</p>	
				<p>Certificate No. GARY G. EIDSON 12641 RONALD J. EIDSON 3239</p>	

SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, N.M.P.M.  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



DIRECTIONS TO LOCATION

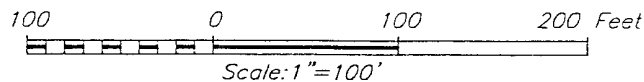
FROM THE INTERSECTION OF HWY. #82 AND  
MALJAMAR RD., GO WEST ON HWY. #82 APPROX.  
1.2 MILES. TURN RIGHT AT CATTLE GUARD AND  
GO NORTH APPROX. 300 FEET TO THE  
PROPOSED ROAD SURVEY. FOLLOW ROAD SURVEY  
EAST APPROX. 228 FEET TO THIS LOCATION.



PROVIDING SURVEYING SERVICES  
SINCE 1946

**JOHN WEST SURVEYING COMPANY**

412 N. DAL PASO  
HOBBS, N.M. 88240  
(575) 393-3117

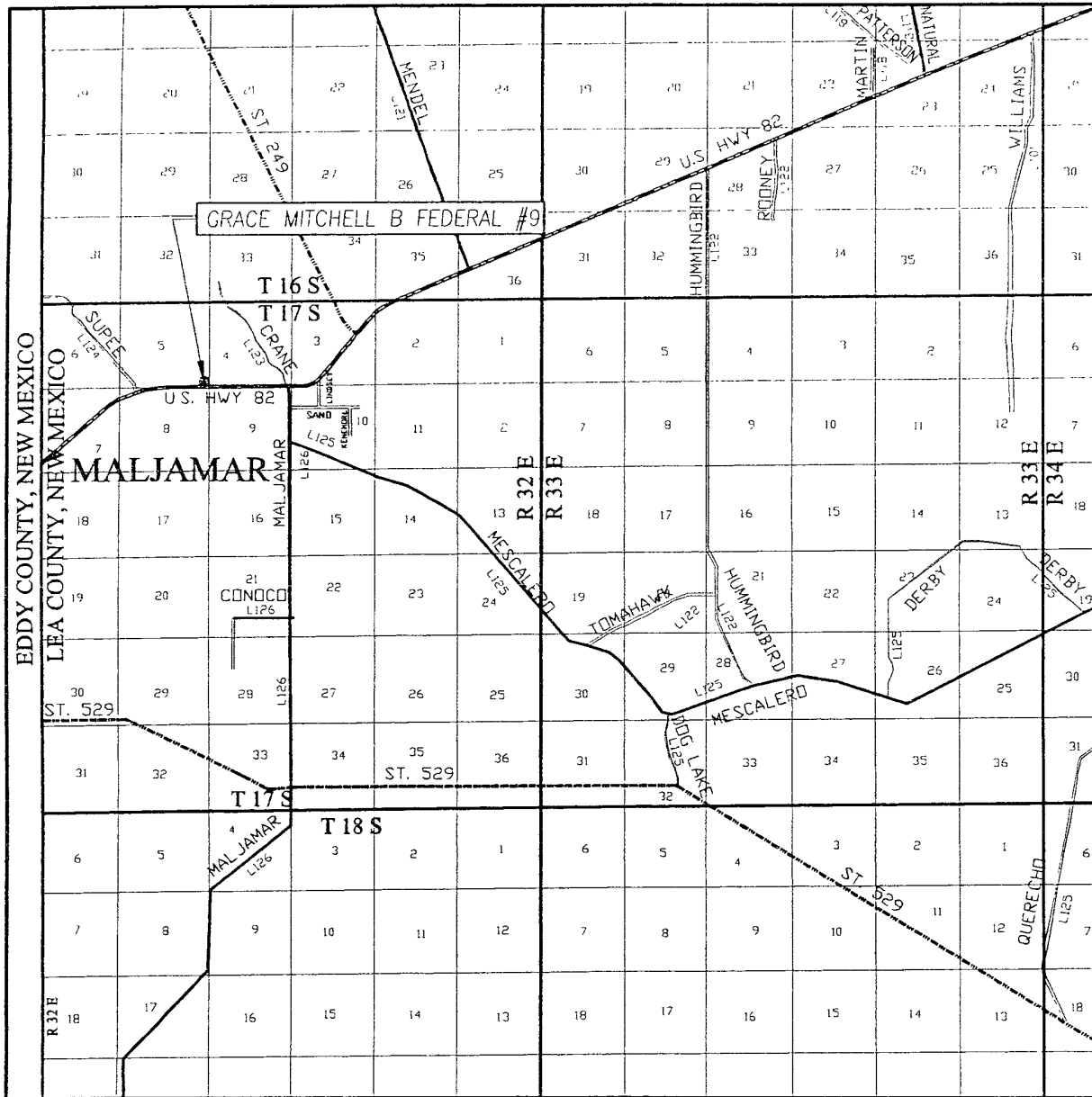


**MACK ENERGY CORPORATION**

GRACE MITCHELL B FEDERAL #9 WELL  
LOCATED 330 FEET FROM THE SOUTH LINE  
AND 330 FEET FROM THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 5,  
TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, N.M.P.M.,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Survey Date: 3/30/09	Sheet 1 of 1 Sheets
W.O. Number: 09.11.0271	Dr By: AR
Date: 4/03/09	09110271
	Scale: 1"=100'

# VICINITY MAP



SCALE: 1" = 2 MILES

SEC. 5 TWP. 17-S RGE. 32-E

SURVEY N.M.P.M.


COUNTY LEA STATE NEW MEXICO

DESCRIPTION 330' FSL & 330' FEL

ELEVATION 4089'

OPERATOR MACK ENERGY CORPORATION

LEASE GRACE MITCHELL B FEDERAL

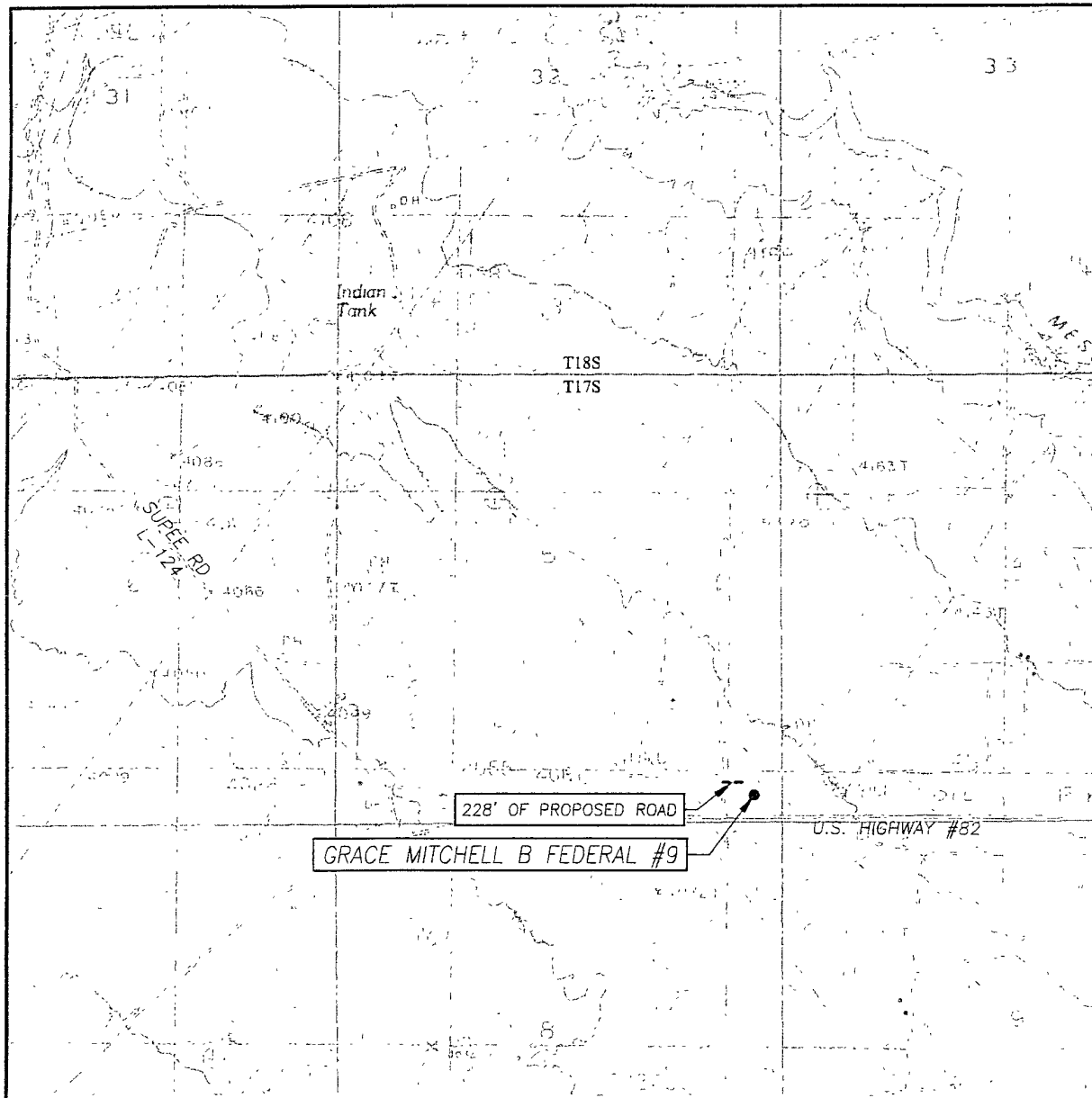


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# LOCATION VERIFICATION MAP



SCALE. 1" = 2000'

SEC. 5 TWP. 17-S RGE. 32-E

SURVEY N.M.P.M.

COUNTY LEA STATE NEW MEXICO

DESCRIPTION 330' FSL & 330' FEL

ELEVATION 4089'

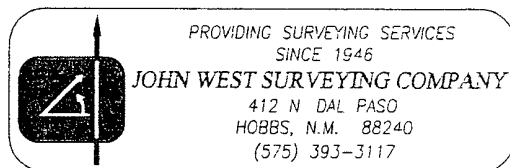
OPERATOR MACK ENERGY CORPORATION

LEASE GRACE MITCHELL B FEDERAL

U.S.G.S. TOPOGRAPHIC MAP

MALJAMAR, N.M.

CONTOUR INTERVAL:  
MALJAMAR, N.M. - 10'  
MALJAMAR N.E., N.M. - 10'  
SUPPLEMENTAL-5'





Attached to Form 3160-3  
 Mack Energy Corporation  
 Grace Mitchell B Federal #9  
 330 FSL & 330 FEL  
 Unit P, Sec. 5 T17S R32E  
 Lea County, NM

## DRILLING PROGRAM

### 1. Geologic Name of Surface Formation

Quaternary

### 2. Estimated Tops of Important Geologic Markers:

Quaternary	Surface
Queen	3160'
Grayburg	3612'
San Andres	3896'
Glorieta	5374'

### 3. Estimated Depths of Anticipated Fresh Water, Oil and Gas:

Water Sand	150'	Fresh Water
Grayburg	3612'	Oil/Gas
San Andres	3896'	Oil/Gas
Glorieta	5374'	Oil/Gas

No other formations are expected to give up oil, gas or fresh water in measurable quantities. Setting 8 5/8" casing to 950' and circulating cement back to surface will protect the surface fresh water sand. Any shallower zones above TD, which contain commercial quantities of oil and/or gas, will have cement circulated across them by cementing 5 1/2" production casing, sufficient cement will be pumped to circulate back to surface.

### 4. Casing Program:

Hole Size	Interval	OD Casing	Wt, Grade, Jt, cond, collapse/burst/tension
12 1/4"	0-950'	8 5/8"	24#, J-55, ST&C, New, 2.950/5.570/5.900
7 7/8"	0-5000'	5 1/2"	17#, L-80, LT&C, New, 2.372/2.722/2.580

### 5. Cement Program:

8 5/8 Intermediate Casing: Class C, 850sx, yield 1.32.

5 1/2" Production Casing: Class C, 1000sx, yield 1.32.

**6. Minimum Specifications for Pressure Control:**

The blowout preventer equipment (BOP) shown in Exhibit #9 will consist of a double ram-type (3000 psi WP) minimum preventer. This unit will be hydraulically operated and the ram type preventer will be equipped with blind rams on top of 4 1/2" drill pipe rams on bottom. The conductor pipe will have a flow nipple installed. The BOP will then be nipped up on the 8 5/8" surface casing and tested by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to 2000 psi and used continuously until TD is reached. All BOP's and accessory equipment will be tested to 2000 psi before drilling out of surface casing. Pipe rams will be operationally checked each 24-hour period. Blind rams will be operationally checked on each trip out of the hole. These checks will be noted on the daily tour sheets. Other accessories to the BOP equipment (Exhibit #10) will include a Kelly cock and floor safety valve and choke lines and choke manifold (Exhibit #11) with a minimum 3000 psi WP rating.

**7. Types and Characteristics of the Proposed Mud System:**

The well will be drilled to TD with a combination of brine, cut brine and polymer mud system. The applicable depths and properties of this system are as follows:

DEPTH	TYPE	WEIGHT	VISCOSITY	WATERLOSS
0-950'	Fresh Water	8.5	28	N.C.
1150'-TD	Cut Brine	9.1	29	N.C.

Sufficient mud materials to maintain mud properties and meet minimum lost circulation and weight increase requirements will be kept at the well site at all times.

**8. Auxiliary Well Control and Monitoring Equipment:**

- A. Kelly cock will be kept in the drill string at all times.
- B. A full opening drill pipe-stabbing valve with proper drill pipe connections will be on the rig floor at all times.

**9. Logging, Testing and Coring Program:**

- A. The electric logging program will consist of GR-Dual Laterolog, Spectral Density, Dual Spaced Neutron, CSNG Log and will be ran from T.D. to 8 5/8 casing shoe.
- B. Drill Stem test is not anticipated.
- C. No conventional coring is anticipated.
- D. Further testing procedures will be determined after the 5 1/2" production casing has been cemented at TD based on drill shows and log evaluation.

**10. Abnormal Conditions, Pressures, Temperatures and Potential Hazards:**

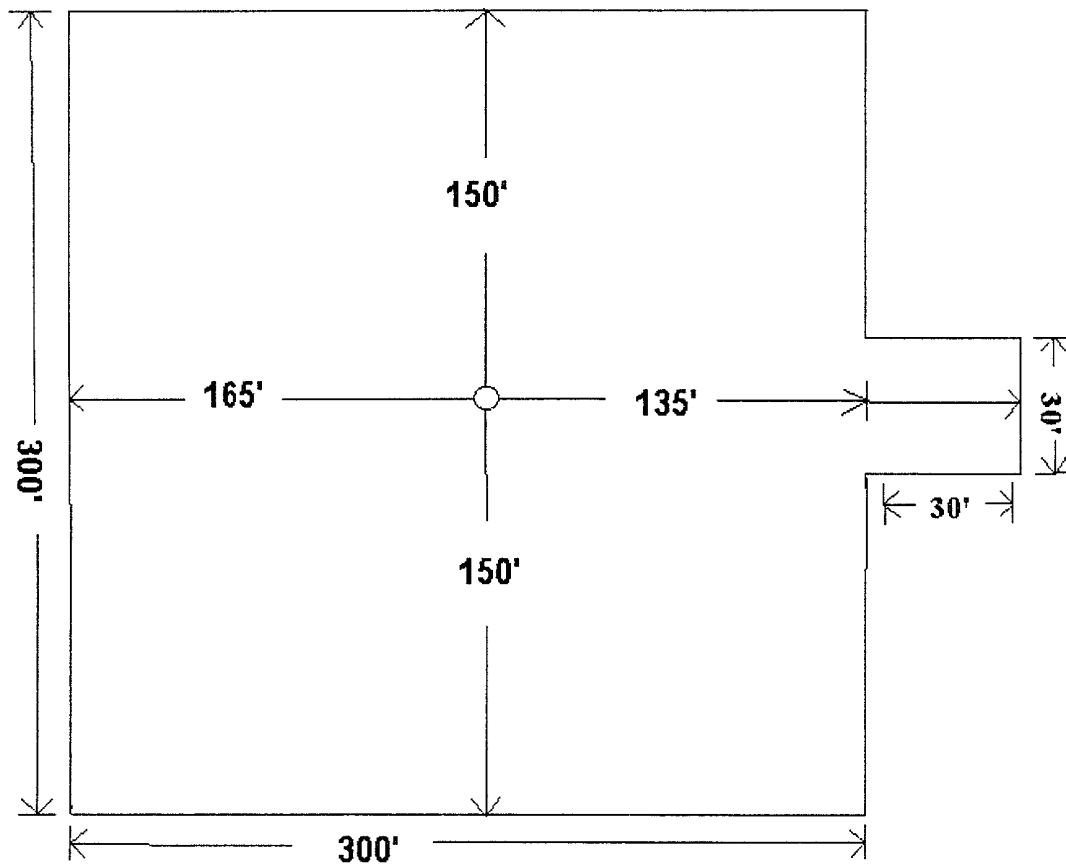
No abnormal pressures or temperatures are anticipated. The estimated bottom hole at TD is 120 degrees and estimated maximum bottom hole pressure is 2250 psig. Low levels of Hydrogen sulfide have been monitors in producing wells in the area, so H<sub>2</sub>S may be present while drilling of the well; a plan is attached to the Drilling program. No major loss of circulation zones has been reported in offsetting wells.

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

Road and location work will not begin until approval has been received from the BLM. The anticipated spud date is May 8, 2009. Once commenced, the drilling operation should be finished in approximately 12 days. If the well is productive, an additional 30 days will be required for completion and testing before a decision is made to install permanent facilities.

**1. Well Site Layout:**

- A. The drill pad layout, with elevations staked by John West Engineering, is shown in Exhibit #6. Dimensions of the pad are shown. Topsoil, if available, will be stockpiled per BLM specifications. Because the pad is almost level no major cuts will be required.
- B. Diagram below shows the proposed orientation of the location. No permanent living facilities are planned, but a temporary foreman/toolpusher's trailer will be on location during the drilling operations.



*Exhibit #6*

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**Attachment to Exhibit #9**  
**NOTES REGARDING THE BLOWOUT PREVENTERS**  
Grace Mitchell B Federal #9  
Eddy County, New Mexico

1. Drilling nipple to be so constructed that it can be removed without use of a welder through rotary table opening, with minimum I.D. equal to preventer bore.
2. Wear ring to be properly installed in head.
3. Blow out preventer and all fittings must be in good condition, 2000 psi WP minimum.
4. All fittings to be flanged.
5. Safety valve must be available on rig floor at all times with proper connections, valve to be full 2000 psi WP minimum.
6. All choke and fill lines to be securely anchored especially ends of choke lines.
7. Equipment through which bit must pass shall be at least as large as the diameter of the casing being drilled through.
8. Kelly cock on Kelly.
9. Extension wrenches and hands wheels to be properly installed.
10. Blow out preventer control to be located as close to driller's position as feasible.
11. Blow out preventer closing equipment to include minimum 40-gallon accumulator, two independent sources of pump power on each closing unit installation all API specifications.

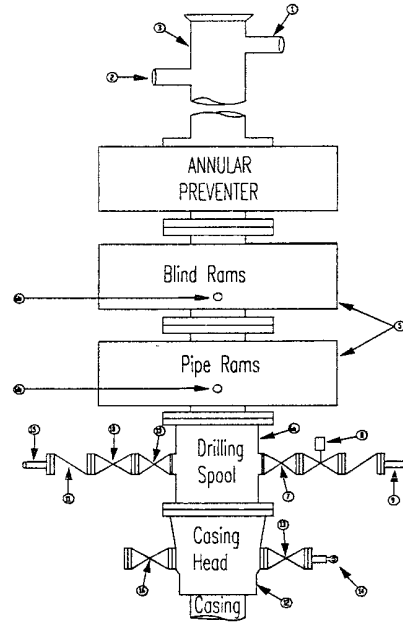
**Mack Energy Corporation**  
**Minimum Blowout Preventer Requirements**  
 3000 psi Working Pressure  
 3 MWP  
 EXHIBIT #10

**Stack Requirements**

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

**OPTIONAL**

16	Flanged Valve	1 13/16	
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**CONTRACTOR'S OPTION TO FURNISH:**

1. All equipment and connections above bradenhead or casinghead. Working pressure of preventers to be 2000 psi minimum.
2. Automatic accumulator (80 gallons, minimum) capable of closing BOP in 30 seconds or less and, holding them closed against full rated working pressure.
3. BOP controls, to be located near drillers' position.
4. Kelly equipped with Kelly cock.
5. Inside blowout preventer or its equivalent on derrick floor at all times with proper threads to fit pipe being used.
6. Kelly saver-sub equipped with rubber casing protector at all times.
7. Plug type blowout preventer tester
8. Extra set pipe rams to fit drill pipe in use on location at all times.
9. Type RX ring gaskets in place of Type R.

**MEC TO FURNISH:**

1. Bradenhead or casing head and side valves.
2. Wear bushing. If required.

**GENERAL NOTES:**

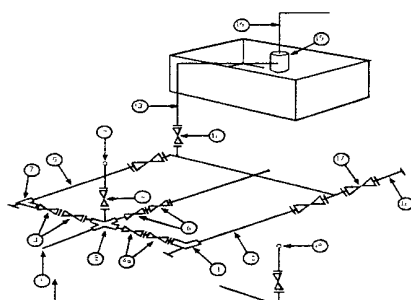
1. Deviations from this drawing may be made only with the express permission of MEC's Drilling Manager
2. All connections, valves, fittings, piping, etc., subject to well or pump pressure must be flanged (suitable clamp connections acceptable) and have minimum working pressure equal to rated working pressure of preventers up through choke valves must be full opening and suitable for high pressure mud service.
3. Controls to be of standard design and each marked, showing opening and closing position
4. Chokes will be positioned so as not to hamper or delay changing of choke beans.

- Replaceable parts for adjustable choke, or bean sizes, retainers, and choke wrenches to be conveniently located for immediate use.
5. All valves to be equipped with hand-wheels or handles ready for immediate use
6. Choke lines must be suitably anchored
7. Handwheels and extensions to be connected and ready for use.
8. Valves adjacent to drilling spool to be kept open. Use outside valves except for emergency.
9. All seamless steel control piping (2000 psi working pressure) to have flexible joints to avoid stress. Hoses will be permitted.
10. Casinghead connections shall not be used except in case of emergency.
11. Does not use kill line for routine fill up operations.

# Mack Energy Corporation

Exhibit #11

MINIMUM CHOKE MANIFOLD  
3,000, 5,000, and 10,000 PSI Working Pressure  
3M will be used  
3 MWP - 5 MWP - 10 MWP



Mud Pit

Reserve Pit

\* Location of separator optional

Below Substructure

## Minimum requirements

No.		3,000 MWP			5,000 MWP			10,000 MWP		
		I.D.	Nominal	Rating	I.D.	Nominal	Rating	I.D.	Nominal	Rating
1	Line from drilling Spool		3"	3,000		3"	5,000		3"	10,000
2	Cross 3" x 3" x 3" x 2"			3,000			5,000			
2	Cross 3" x 3" x 3" x 2"									10,000
3	Valve Gate Plug	3 1/8		3,000	3 1/8		5,000	3 1/8		10,000
4	Valve Gate Plug	1 13/16		3,000	1 13/16		5,000	1 13/16		10,000
4a	Valves (1)	2 1/16		3,000	2 1/16		5,000	2 1/16		10,000
5	Pressure Gauge			3,000			5,000			10,000
6	Valve Gate Plug	3 1/8		3,000	3 1/8		5,000	3 1/8		10,000
7	Adjustable Choke (3)	2"		3,000	2"		5,000	2"		10,000
8	Adjustable Choke	1"		3,000	1"		5,000	2"		10,000
9	Line		3"	3,000		3"	5,000		3"	10,000
10	Line		2"	3,000		2"	5,000		2"	10,000
11	Valve Gate Plug	3 1/8		3,000	3 1/8		5,000	3 1/8		10,000
12	Line		3"	1,000		3"	1,000		3"	2,000
13	Line		3"	1,000		3"	1,000		3"	2,000
14	Remote reading compound Standpipe pressure gauge			3,000			5,000			10,000
15	Gas Separator		2' x 5'			2' x 5'			2' x 5'	
16	Line		4	1,000		4"	1,000		4"	2,000
17	Valve Gate Plug	3 1/8		3,000	3 1/8		5,000	3 1/8		10,000

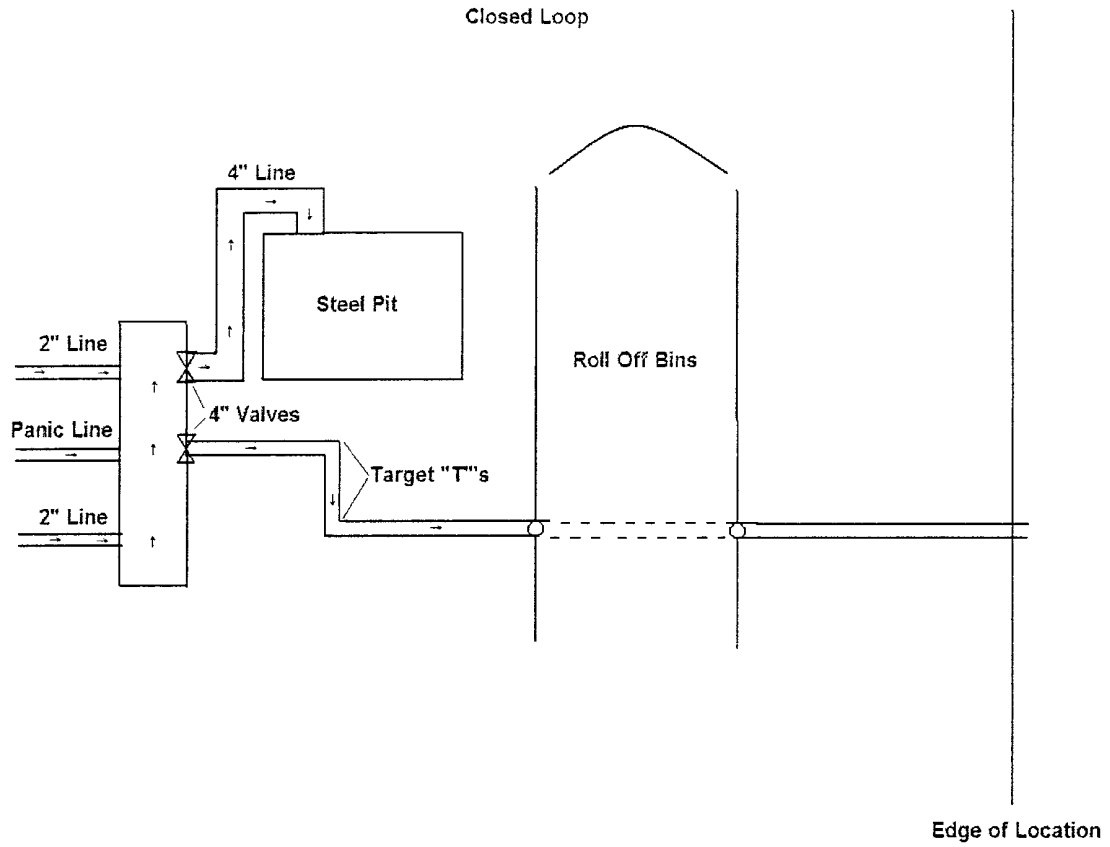
- (1) Only one required in Class 3M
- (2) Gate valves only shall be used for Class 10 M
- (3) Remote operated hydraulic choke required on 5,000 psi and 10,000 psi for drilling

## EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS AND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION

1. All connections in choke manifold shall be welded, studded, flanged or Cameron clamp of comparable rating.
2. All flanges shall be API 6B or 6BX and ring gaskets shall be API RX or BX. Use only BX for 10 MWP
3. All lines shall be securely anchored.
4. Chokes shall be equipped with tungsten carbide seats and needles, and replacements shall be available.
5. alternate with automatic chokes, a choke manifold pressure gauge shall be located on the rig floor in conjunction with the standpipe pressure gauge
6. Line from drilling spool to choke manifold should be as straight as possible. Lines downstream from chokes shall make turns by large bends or 90 degree bends using bull plugged tees

# Mack Energy Corporation

## MANIFOLD SCHEMATIC





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**Mack Energy Corporation**  
**Onshore Order #6**  
**Hydrogen Sulfide Drilling Operation Plan**

**I. HYDROGEN SULFIDE TRAINING**

All personnel, whether regularly assigned, contracted, or employed on an unscheduled basis, will receive training from a qualified instructor in the following areas prior to commencing drilling operations on this well:

1. The hazards and characteristics of hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S)
2. The proper use and maintenance of personal protective equipment and life support systems.
3. The proper use of H<sub>2</sub>S detectors, alarms, warning systems, briefing areas, evacuation procedures, and prevailing winds.
4. The proper techniques for first aid and rescue procedures.

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

1. The effects of H<sub>2</sub>S on metal components. If high tensile tubulars are to be used, personnel will be trained in their special maintenance requirements.
2. Corrective action and shut-in procedures when drilling or reworking a well and blowout prevention and well control procedures.
3. The contents and requirements of the H<sub>2</sub>S Drilling Operations Plan and Public Protection Plan.

There will be an initial training session just prior to encountering a known or probable H<sub>2</sub>S zone (within 3 days or 500 feet) and weekly H<sub>2</sub>S and well control drills for all personnel in each crew. The initial training session shall include a review of the site specific H<sub>2</sub>S Drilling Operations Plan and the Public Protection Plan. The concentrations of H<sub>2</sub>S of wells in this area from surface to TD are low enough that a contingency plan is not required.

## II. H2S SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS

Note: All H2S safety equipment and systems will be installed, tested, and operational when drilling reaches a depth of 500 feet above, or three days prior to penetrating the first zone containing or reasonable expected to contain H2S.

### 1. Well Control Equipment:

- A. Flare line.
- B. Choke manifold.
- C. Blind rams and pipe rams to accommodate all pipe sizes with properly sized closing unit.
- D. Auxiliary equipment may include if applicable: annular preventer & rotating head.

### 2. Protective equipment for essential personnel:

- A. Mark II Survive air 30-minute units located in the doghouse and at briefing areas, as indicated on well site diagram.

### 3. H2S detection and monitoring equipment:

- A. 1 portable H2S monitors positioned on location for best coverage and response. These units have warning lights and audible sirens when H2S levels of 20 PPM are reached.

### 4. Visual warning systems:

- A. Wind direction indicators as shown on well site diagram (Exhibit #8).
- B. Caution/Danger signs (Exhibit #7) shall be posted on roads providing direct access to location. Signs will be painted a high visibility yellow with black lettering of sufficient size to be readable at a reasonable distance from the immediate location. Bilingual signs will be used, when appropriate. See example attached.

### 5. Mud program:

- A. The mud program has been designed to minimize the volume of H2S circulated to surface. Proper mud weight, safe drilling practices and the use of H2S scavengers will minimize hazards when penetrating H2S bearing zones.

**6. Metallurgy:**

- A. All drill strings, casings, tubing, wellhead, blowout preventer, drilling spool, kill lines, choke manifold and lines, and valves shall be suitable for H<sub>2</sub>S service.
- B. All elastomers used for packing and seals shall be H<sub>2</sub>S trim.

**7. Communication:**

- A. Radio communications in company vehicles including cellular telephone and 2-way radio.
- B. Land line (telephone) communication at Office.

**8. Well testing:**

- A. Drill stem testing will be performed with a minimum number of personnel in the immediate vicinity, which are necessary to safely and adequately conduct the test. The drill stem testing will be conducted during daylight hours and formation fluids will not be flowed to the surface. All drill-stem-testing operations conducted in an H<sub>2</sub>S environment will use the closed chamber method of testing.
- B. There will be no drill stem testing.

**EXHIBIT #7**

**WARNING**  
**YOU ARE ENTERING AN H<sub>2</sub>S**  
**AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY**

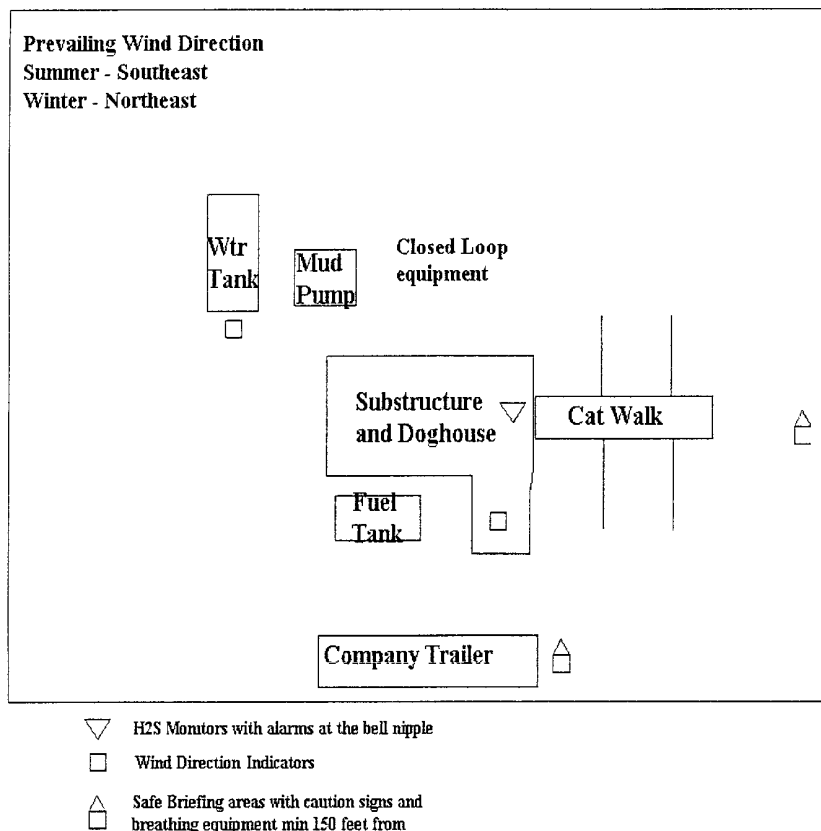
- 1. BEARDS OR CONTACT LENSES NOT ALLOWED**
- 2. HARD HATS REQUIRED**
- 3. SMOKING IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY**
- 4. BE WIND CONSCIOUS AT ALL TIMES**
- 5. CHECK WITH MACK ENERGY FOREMAN AT OFFICE**

**MACK ENERGY CORPORATION**

**1-575-748-1288**

## DRILLING LOCATION H2S SAFTY EQUIPMENT

Exhibit # 8



Need wind directions  
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North direction

**Mack Energy Corporation Call List, Eddy County**

<b>Artesia (575)</b>	<b>Cellular</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Home</b>
Jim Krogman.....	746-5515.....	748-1288.....	746-2674
Lonnie Archer.....	746-7889.....	748-1288.....	365-2998
Donald Archer.....	748-7875.....	748-1288.....	748-2287
Chris Davis.....	746-7132.....	748-1288.....	
Kevin Garrett.....	746-7423.....	748-1288.....	

**Agency Call List (575)****Artesia**

State Police.....	746-2703
City Police.....	746-2703
Sheriff's Office.....	746-9888
Ambulance.....	911
Fire Department.....	746-2701
LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee.....	746-2122
NMOCD.....	748-1283

**Carlsbad**

State Police.....	885-3137
City Police.....	885-2111
Sheriff's Office.....	887-7551
Ambulance.....	911
Fire Department.....	885-2111
LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee.....	887-3798
Bureau of Land Management.....	887-6544
New Mexico Emergency Response Commission.....	(505)476-9690
24 Hour.....	(505)827-9126
Natnol Emergency Response Center (Washington).....	(800)424-8802

**Emergency Services**

Boots & Coots IWC.....	1-800-256-9688 or (281)931-8884
Cudd pressure Control.....	(915)699-0139 or (915)563-3356
Halliburton.....	746-2757
B. J. Services.....	746-3569
Flight For Life-Lubbock, TX.....	(806)743-9911
Aerocare-Lubbock, TX.....	(806)747-8923
Med Flight Air Amb-Albuquerque, NM.....	(505)842-4433
Lifeguard Air Med Svc. Albuquerque, NM.....	(505)272-3115

## PECOS DISTRICT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

OPERATOR'S NAME:	Mack Energy
LEASE NO.:	LC029406B
WELL NAME & NO.:	9-Grace Mitchell B Fed
SURFACE HOLE FOOTAGE:	330' FSL & 330' FEL
BOTTOM HOLE FOOTAGE	Same
LOCATION:	Section 5, T. 17 S., R 32 E., NMPM
COUNTY:	Lea 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)**

### **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 1st through June 15th 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.

### **Ground-level Abandoned Well Marker to avoid raptor perching:**

Upon the plugging and subsequent abandonment of the well, the well marker will be installed at ground level on a plate containing the pertinent information for the plugged well. For more installation details, contact the Carlsbad Field Office at 575-234-5972



## **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 (575) 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**

The operator shall stockpile the topsoil of the well pad. The topsoil shall not be used to backfill the reserve pit and will be used for interim and final reclamation.

### **C. CLOSED LOOP SYSTEM**

Closed loop system- V door east

Tanks are required for drilling operations: No Pits.

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, 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 (575) 234-5972.

### **E. WELL PAD SURFACING**

Surfacing of the well pad is not required.

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

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

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

### **Road Width**

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

### **Surfacing**

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

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

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

### **Crowning**

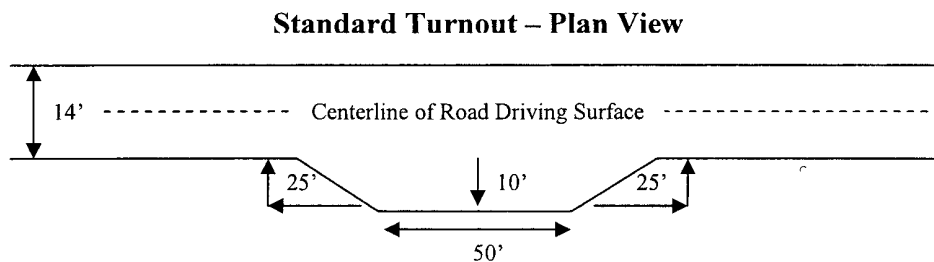
Crowning shall be done on the access road driving surface. The road crown shall have a grade of approximately 2% (i.e., a 1" crown on a 14' wide road). The road shall conform to Figure 1; cross section and plans for typical road construction.

### **Ditching**

Ditching shall be required on both sides of the road.

### **Turnouts**

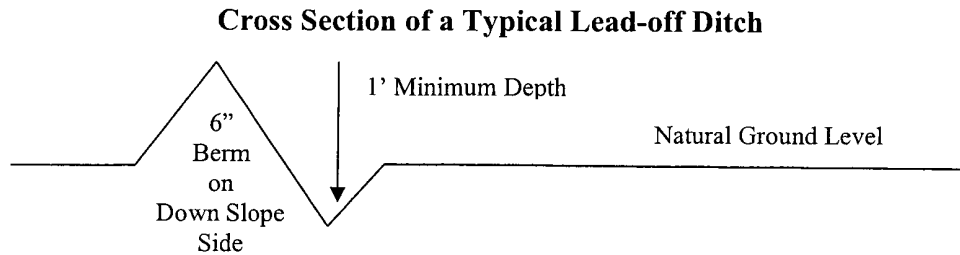
Vehicle turnouts shall be constructed on the road. Turnouts shall be intervisible with interval spacing distance less than 1000 feet. Turnouts shall be constructed on all blind curves. Turnouts shall conform to the following diagram:



### **Drainage**

- Drainage control systems shall be constructed on the entire length of road (e.g. ditches, sidehill outslowing 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:

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

#### **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**

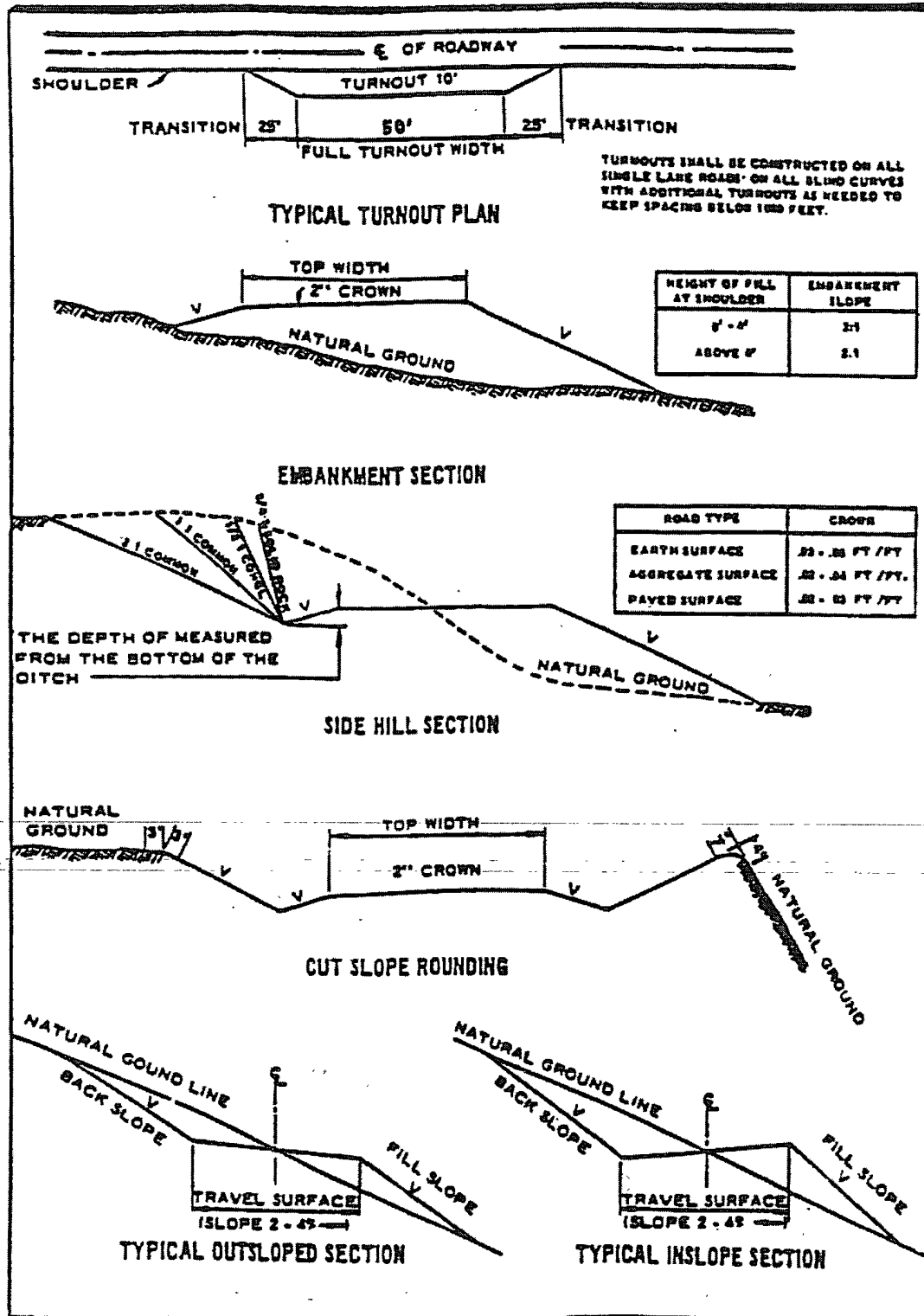
Where entry is required across a fence line, the fence shall be braced and tied off on both sides of the passageway prior to cutting.

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

☒ **Eddy County**

Call the Carlsbad Field Office, 620 East Greene St., Carlsbad, NM 88220,  
(575) 361-2822

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

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### 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.**

**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 for all casing strings. Provide compressive strengths including hours to reach required 500 pounds compressive strength prior to cementing each casing string. See individual casing strings for details regarding lead cement slurry requirements.**

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

**Secretary's Potash**

**Medium cave/karst.**

**Possible lost circulation in the Delaware Mountain Group and Bone Spring formations.**

**Possible of high pressure in the Wolfcamp formation and over pressure in the Pennsylvanian section.**

1. The 13 3/8 inch surface casing shall be set **at approximately 445 feet (a minimum of 25 feet into the Rustler Anhydrite and above the salt)** and cemented to the surface. **If salt is penetrated surface casing shall be set 25 feet above the salt.**
  - 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 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 is to include the lead cement slurry. Not applicable if proposed cement program is followed.**
  - 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.

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2. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 9-5/8 inch intermediate casing (to be set in the top of the Lamar Lime which may be shallower than the proposed depth of 3340 feet) is:

- ☒ Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate see B.1.a, c-d above.  
**Wait on cement (WOC) time for a primary cement job is to include the lead cement slurry due to cave/karst and potash.**

**If 75% or greater lost circulation occurs while drilling the intermediate casing hole, the cement on the production casing must come to surface.**

Formation below the 9-5/8" shoe to be tested according to Onshore Order 2.III.B.1.i. Test to be done as a mud equivalency test using the mud weight necessary for the pore pressure of the formation below the shoe (not the mud weight required to prevent dissolving the salt formation) and the mud weight for the bottom of the hole. If formation fails test, casing design will require review. Report results to BLM office.

3. The minimum required fill of cement behind the **5-1/2 inch** production casing is:

a. **First stage to DV tool, cement shall:**

☒ Cement to circulate. If cement does not circulate, contact the appropriate BLM office, before proceeding with second stage cement job.

b. **Second stage above DV tool, cement shall:**

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

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

### C. **PRESSURE CONTROL**

1. All blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) shall comply with well control requirements as described in Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 2 and API RP 53 Sec. 17.

2. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) required for drilling below the surface casing shoe shall be **2000 (2M)** psi.

3. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) required for drilling below the intermediate casing shoe shall be **5000 (5M)** psi. **5M system requires an HCR valve and a remote kill line. The remote kill line is to be installed prior to testing the 5M system and tested to stack pressure.**

4. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified a minimum of **4 hours** in advance for a representative to witness the tests.

a. The tests shall be done by an independent service company.

b. The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.



- c. All tests are required to be recorded on a calibrated test chart. A copy of the BOP/BOPE test chart and a copy of independent service company test will be submitted to the appropriate BLM office.
- d. The BOP/BOPE test shall include a low pressure test from 250 to 300 psi. The test will be held for a minimum of 10 minutes if test is done with a test plug and 30 minutes without a test plug.
- e. BOP/BOPE must be tested by an independent service company within 500 feet of the top of the **Wolfcamp formation**. This test does not exclude the test prior to drilling out the casing shoe as per Onshore Order No. 2.
- f. **Effective November 1, 2008, no variances will be granted on reduced pressure tests on the surface casing and BOP/BOPE. Onshore Order 2 requirements will be in effect.**

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

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

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

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

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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. PIPELINES

#### STANDARD STIPULATIONS FOR SURFACE INSTALLED PIPELINES

**A copy of the grant 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 activity of 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. The holder shall be liable for damage or injury to the United States to the extent provided by 43 CFR Sec. 2883.1-4. The holder shall be held to a standard of strict liability for damage or injury to the United States resulting from pipe rupture, fire, or spills caused or substantially aggravated by any of the following within the right-of-way or permit area:

- a. Activities of the holder including, but not limited to construction, operation, maintenance, and termination of the facility.
- b. Activities of other parties including, but not limited to:
  - (1) Land clearing.
  - (2) Earth-disturbing and earth-moving work.
  - (3) Blasting.
  - (4) Vandalism and sabotage.
- c. Acts of God.

The maximum limitation for such strict liability damages shall not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for any one event, and any liability in excess of such amount shall be determined by the ordinary rules of negligence of the jurisdiction in which the damage or injury occurred.

This section shall not impose strict liability for damage or injury resulting primarily from an act of war or from the negligent acts or omissions of the United States.

5. If, during any phase of the construction, operation, maintenance, or termination of the pipeline, any oil, salt water, or other pollutant should be discharged from the pipeline system, impacting Federal lands, the control and total removal, disposal, and cleaning up of such oil, salt water, or other pollutant, wherever found, shall be the responsibility of the holder, regardless of fault. Upon failure of the holder to control, dispose of, or clean up such discharge on or affecting Federal lands, or to repair all damages resulting therefrom, on the Federal lands, the Authorized Officer may take such measures as he deems necessary to control and clean up the discharge and restore the area, including, where appropriate, the aquatic environment and fish and wildlife habitats, at the full expense of the holder. Such action by the Authorized Officer shall not relieve the holder of any responsibility as provided herein.

6. All construction and maintenance activity will be confined to the authorized right-of-way width of 25 feet.
7. No blading or clearing of any vegetation will be allowed unless approved in writing by the Authorized Officer.
8. The holder shall install the pipeline on the surface in such a manner that will minimize suspension of the pipeline across low areas in the terrain. In hummocky or dune areas, the pipeline will be "snaked" around hummocks and dunes rather than suspended across these features.
9. The pipeline shall be buried with a minimum of 24 inches under all roads, "two-tracks," and trails. Burial of the pipe will continue for 20 feet on each side of each crossing. The condition of the road, upon completion of construction, shall be returned to at least its former state with no bumps or dips remaining in the road surface.
10. 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 of the fence. No permanent gates will be allowed unless approved by the Authorized Officer.
11. In those areas where erosion control structures are required to stabilize soil conditions, the holder will install such structures as are suitable for the specific soil conditions being encountered and which are in accordance with sound resource management practices.
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12. Excluding the pipe, all above-ground structures not subject to safety requirement shall be painted by the holder to blend with the natural color of the landscape. The paint used shall be a color which simulates "Standard Environmental Colors" – **Shale Green**, Munsell Soil Color No. 5Y 4/2; designated by the Rocky Mountain Five State Interagency Committee.
13. The pipeline will be identified by signs at the point of origin and completion of the right-of-way and at all road crossings. At a minimum, signs will state the holder's name, BLM serial number, and the product being transported. Signs will be maintained in a legible condition for the life of the pipeline.
14. The holder shall not use the pipeline route as a road for purposes other than routine maintenance as determined necessary by the Authorized Officer in consultation with the holder. The holder will take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the pipeline route is not used as a roadway.

15. 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 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.

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**C. ELECTRIC LINES**

## **IX. INTERIM RECLAMATION**

### **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.

Ground-level Abandoned Well Marker to avoid raptor perching: Upon the plugging and subsequent abandonment of the well, the well marker will be installed at ground level on a plate containing the pertinent information for the plugged well. For more installation details, contact the Carlsbad Field Office at 575-234-5972.

The 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.

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BLM SERIAL #:  
COMPANY REFERENCE:  
WELL # & NAME:

Seed Mixture 2, for Sandy Sites

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

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

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

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

\*Pounds of pure live seed:

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

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

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

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