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## DRILLING PROGRAM

#### 1. Geologic Name of Surface Formation

Quaternary

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

Quaternary	Surface
Queen	3160'
Grayburg	3612'
San Andres	3896'
Glorieta	5374'
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#### 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 13 3/8" casing to  $\$50^{\circ}$  and circulating cement back to surface will protect the surface fresh water sand. Salt Section will be protected by setting 8 5/8" casing to 2250° and circulating cement back to surface. Any shallower zones above TD, which contain commercial quantities of oil and/or gas, will have cement circulated across them by cementing 5  $\frac{1}{2}$ " production casing, sufficient cement will be pumped back to surface.

#### 4. Casing Program:

Hole Size		OD Casing	Wt, Grade, Jt, cond, collapse/burst/tension
	950	SeeCOA	
17 1/2 "	0-850	13 3/8"	48#, H-40, ST&C, New, 1.781/3.286/3.460
12 1/4 "	0-2250'	8 5/8"	24#, J-55, ST&C, New, 1.148/9.833/9.833
7 7/8"	0-7000'	5 1/2"	17#, L-80, LT&C, New, 1.571/2.726/2.580

#### 5. Cement Program:

13 3/8" Surface Casing: Class C, 800sx yield 1.32
8 5/8" Intermediate Casing: Class C, 800sx yield 1.32
5 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" Production Casing: Class C, 1100sx, yield 1.32.

## 6. Minimum Specifications for Pressure Control:

See COA

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 BOP will be nippled up on the 13 3/8" surface casing and tested to 1000-

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psi-using-the-eig pump. The BOB will then be nippled up on the 8 5/8" intermediate 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 intermediate 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 1	TYPE	WEIGHT	VISCOSITY	WATERLOSS
rpl	1 0-950,950	Fresh Water	8.5	28	N.C.
5000	150-850-2250'	Cut Brine	9.1	29	N.C.
10K	2250-TD	Brine	10	30	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:



- The electric logging program will consist of GR-Dual Laterolog, Spectral
- Density, Dual Spaced Neutron, CSNG Log 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 at TD.

#### 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 H2S 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 August 20, 2009. Once commenced, the drilling operation should be

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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

#### Attachment to Exhibit #9 NOTES REGARDING THE BLOWOUT PREVENTERS

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## Pintail Federal #1 Lea 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	Min.
		I.D	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"



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.
- Handwheels and extensions to be connected and ready for use.
- 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

OPTIONAL Flanged Valve

#### CONTRACTOR'S OPTION TO CONTRACTOR'S OPTION TO FURNISH:

 All equipment and connections above bradenhead or casinghead Working pressure of preventers to be 2000 psi minimum.

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- 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 rng gaskets in place of Type R.

#### MEC TO FURNISH.

1 Bradenhead or casing head and side valves.

#### 2 Wear bushing. If required

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#### GENERAL NOTES

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- Deviations from this drawing may be made only with the express permission of MEC's Drilling Manager
- 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
- 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

# Mack Energy Corporation Exhibit #11 MIMIMUM 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**

		3,0	)00 MWP		5	,000 MWP		10	0,000 MWP	
No.		I.D.	Nominal	Rating	I.D.	Nominal	Rating	I.D.	Nominal	Rating
1	Line from drilling Spool	1	3"	3,000		3"	5,000	-	3"	10,000
2	Cross 3" x 3" x 3" x 2"		-	3,000			5,000	1		
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 quage			3,000			5,000			10,000
15	Gas Separator		2' x5'			2' x5'			2' x5'	
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

Gate valves only shall be used for Class 10 M (2)

Remote operated hydraulic choke required on 5,000 psi and 10,000 psi for drilling (3)

#### EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS AND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION

All connections in choke manifold shall be welded, studded, flanged or Cameron clamp of comparable rating. 1

All flanges shall be API 6B or 6BX and ring gaskets shall be API RX or BX. Use only BX for 10 MWP 2

3. All lines shall be securely anchored.

Chokes shall be equipped with tungsten carbide seats and needles, and replacements shall be available. 4

alternate with automatic chokes, a choke manifold pressure gauge shall be located on the rig floor in conjunction with the 5 standpipe pressure gauge.

Line from drilling spool to choke manifold should be as straight as possible Lines downstream from chokes shall make turns by 6 large bends or 90 degree bends using bull plugged tees

## Mack Energy Corporation MANIFOLD SCHEMATIC

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Edge of Location

Attached to Form 3160-3 Mack Energy Corporation Pintail Federal #1 1650 FSL & 2310 FWL Unit K. Sec. 8 T17S R32E Lea County, NM

## 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 an characteristics of hydrogen sulfide (H2S)
- 2. The proper use and maintenance of personal protective equipment and life support systems.
- 3. The proper use of H2S 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 H2S on metal components. If high tensile tubular are to be used, personnel well 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 H2S Drilling Operations Plan and Public Protection Plan.

There will be an initial training session just prior to encountering a known or probable H2S zone (within 3 days or 500 feet) and weekly H2S and well control drills for all personnel in each crew. The initial training session shall include a review of the site specific H2S Drilling Operations Plan and the Public Protection Plan. The concentrations of H2S 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 H2S service.
- B. All elastomers used for packing and seals shall be H2S trim.

#### 7. Communication:

- A. Radio communications in company vehicles including cellular telephone and 2way 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 H2S environment will use the closed chamber method of testing.
- B. There will be no drill stem testing.

## EXHIBIT #7



#### DRILLING LOCATION H2S SAFTY EQUIPMENT Exhibit # 8



Wind Direction Indicators

 $\begin{array}{c} \land \\ \square \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Safe Briefing areas with caution signs and} \\ \text{breathing equipment min 150 feet from} \end{array}$ 

## Mack Energy Corporation Call List, Eddy County

Artesia (575)	Cellular	Office	Home
Jim Krogman	746-5515		746-2674
Lonnie Archer			365-2998
Donald Archer	748-7875		748-2287
Chris Davis			
Kevin Garrett	746-7423		

## Agency Call List (575)

## Artesia

State Police	746-2703
City Police	746-2703
Sheriff's Office	
Ambulance	911
Fire Department	746-2701
LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee	
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	
New Mexico Emergency Response Commission	(505)476-9690
24 Hour	
Natonal Emergency Response Center (Washington).	(800)424-8802

## **Emergency Services**

.1-800-256-9688 or (281)931-8884
(915)699-0139 or (915)563-3356
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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

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OPERATOR'S NAME:	Mack Energy Corporation
LEASE NO.:	NMLC-029406B
WELL NAME & NO.:	Pintail Federal #1
SURFACE HOLE FOOTAGE:	1650' FSL & 2310' FWL
BOTTOM HOLE FOOTAGE	
LOCATION:	Section 8, T. 17 S., R 32 E., NMPM
COUNTY:	Lea County, New Mexico

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Standard Conditions of Approval (COA) apply to this APD. If any deviations to these standards exist or special COAs are required, the section with the deviation or requirement will be checked below.

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## I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

The approval of the Application For Permit To Drill (APD) is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations: 43 Code of Federal Regulations 3160, the lease terms, Onshore Oil and Gas Orders, Notices To Lessees, New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) Rules, National Historical Preservation Act As Amended, and instructions and orders of the Authorized Officer. Any request for a variance shall be submitted to the Authorized Officer on Form 3160-5, Sundry Notices and Report on Wells.

## **II.** • **PERMIT EXPIRATION**

If the permit terminates prior to drilling and drilling cannot be commenced within 60 days after expiration, an operator is required to submit Form 3160-5, Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells, requesting surface reclamation requirements for any surface disturbance. However, if the operator will be able to initiate drilling within 60 days after the expiration of the permit, the operator must have set the conductor pipe in order to allow for an extension of 60 days beyond the expiration date of the APD. (Filing of a Sundry Notice is required for this 60 day extension.)

## III. ARCHAEOLOGICAL, PALEONTOLOGY & HISTORICAL SITES

Any cultural and/or paleontological resource discovered by the operator or by any person working on the operator's behalf shall immediately report such findings to the Authorized Officer. The operator is fully accountable for the actions of their contractors and subcontractors. The operator shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the Authorized Officer. An evaluation of the discovery shall be made by the Authorized Officer to determine the appropriate actions that shall be required to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values of the discovery. The operator shall be held responsible for the cost of the proper mitigation measures that the Authorized Officer assesses after consultation with the operator on the evaluation and decisions of the discovery. Any unauthorized collection or disturbance of cultural or paleontological resources may result in a shutdown order by the Authorized Officer.

## IV. NOXIOUS WEEDS

The operator shall be held responsible if noxious weeds become established within the areas of operations. Weed control shall be required on the disturbed land where noxious weeds exist, which includes the roads, pads, associated pipeline corridor, and adjacent land affected by the establishment of weeds due to this action. The operator shall consult with the Authorized Officer for acceptable weed control methods, which include following EPA and BLM requirements and policies.

## V. SPECIAL REQUIREMENT(S)

**Timing Limitation Stipulation/Condition of Approval for Lesser Prairie-Chicken:** Oil and gas activities including 3-D geophysical exploration, and drilling will not be allowed in lesser prairie-chicken habitat during the period from March 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.

## **Protecting Drainage System:**

The drainage system (natural canal feature) on the west side, especially the northwest corner, of the well pad shall be protected in the following manner:

- No topsoil shall be filled into the drainage canal.
- The well pad shall be oriented or reduced so no surfacing material for the well pad shall block the drainage canal.
- All construction and production equipment and facilities shall avoid the drainage canal.

## VI. CONSTRUCTION

## 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

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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.

## CLOSED LOOP SYSTEM

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.

## ON LEASE ACCESS ROADS

## **Road Width**

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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:



14' ----- Centerline of Road Driving Surface -----



## 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 foot road with 4% road slope: 400' + 100' = 200' lead-off ditch interval

## **Culvert Installations**

Appropriately sized culvert(s) shall be installed at the deep waterway channel flow crossing.

## Cattleguards

An appropriately sized cattleguard(s) sufficient to carry out the project shall be installed and maintained at fence crossing(s).

Any existing cattleguard(s) on the access road shall be repaired or replaced if they are damaged or have deteriorated beyond practical use. The operator shall be responsible for the condition of the existing cattleguard(s) that are in place and are utilized during lease operations.

A gate shall be constructed and fastened securely to H-braces.

## **Fence Requirement**

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

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

## **Public Access**

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



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## VII. DRILLING

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## DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS

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

- a. Spudding well
- b. Setting and/or Cementing of all casing strings
- c. BOPE tests

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1. A Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) Drilling Plan should be activated 500 feet prior to drilling into the Grayburg formation. As a result, the Hydrogen Sulfide area must meet Onshore Order 6 requirements, which includes equipment and personnel/public protection items. If Hydrogen Sulfide is encountered, please provide measured values and formations to the BLM.

. 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.

Floor controls are required for 3M or Greater systems. These 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.

The record of the drilling rate along with the CAL/GR/N well log run from TD to surface will be submitted to the BLM office as well as all other logs run on the borehole 30 days from completion. The Rustler top and top and bottom of Salt are to be recorded on the Completion Report.

## **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.

Possible brine and water flows in the Salado and Artesia groups. Possible loss of circulation in the Grayburg and San Andres formations.

1. The 13-3/8 inch surface casing shall be set at approximately 950 feet (a minimum of 25 feet into the Rustler Anhydrite and above the salt) and cemented to the surface. If salt is penetrated, set casing 25 feet above the top of 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 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 is to include the lead cement slurry.

c. Wait on cement (WOC) time for a remedial job will be a minimum of 4 hours after bringing cement to surface or 500 pounds compressive strength, whichever is greater.

d. If cement falls back, remedial cementing will be done prior to drilling out that string.

2. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 8-5/8 inch intermediate casing is:

Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate see B.1.a, c-d above. Additional cement may be needed because calculated excess of cement is only 5%.

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

Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate, contact the appropriate BLM office. Additional cement may be needed because the calculated excess of cement is only 15%.

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.

## PRESSURE CONTROL

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- 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 8-5/8 inch intermediate casing shoe shall be 3000 (3M) psi.
- 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. 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.

## **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)

## WELL STRUCTURES & FACILITIES

## **Placement of Production Facilities**

Production facilities should be placed on the east side of the well pad to allow for maximum interim recontouring and revegetation of the west side of the well location as soon as possible.

## **Containment Structures**

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The containment structure shall be constructed to hold the capacity of the entire contents of the largest tank, plus 24 hour production, unless more stringent protective requirements are deemed necessary by the Authorized Officer.

## **Painting Requirement**

All above-ground structures including meter housing that are not subject to safety requirements shall be painted a flat non-reflective paint color Shale Green, Munsell Soil Color Chart # 5Y 4/2

## IX. INTERIM RECLAMATION

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.

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.

## Seed Mixture for LPC Sand/Shinnery Sites

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

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

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

<u>Species</u>	<u>lb/acre</u>
Plains Bristlegrass	- 51bs/A
Sand Bluestem	5lbs/A
Little Bluestem	3lbs/A
Big Bluestem	6lbs/A
Plains Coreopsis	2lbs/A
Sand Dropseed	1lbs/A

\*\*Four-winged Saltbush

5lbs/A

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

\*Pounds of pure live seed:

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

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## 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.

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.

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.