

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

FORM APPROVED  
OMB NO 1004-0135  
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SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS

Do not use this form for proposals to drill or to re-enter an abandoned well. Use Form 3160-3 (APD) for such proposals.

SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE - Other instructions on reverse side

1. Type of Well

☒ Oil Well ☐ Gas Well ☐ Other

2. Name of Operator

CIMAREX ENERGY CO. OF COLORADO

ATTN: ZENO FARRIS

3a. Address

600 N. MARIENFELD, SUITE 600, MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

3b. Phone No. (include area code)

(432) 571-7800

4. Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T., R., M., or Survey Description)

UNIT LETTER I

2,418' FSL & 553' FEL

SEC. 27, TWP. 26S, RGE. 37E

5. Lease Serial No.

IC 030174-B

6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name

7. If Unit or CA/Agreement, Name and/or No

8. Well Name and No.

RHODES FEDERAL #271

UNIT

9. API Well No.

30-025-33248

10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory Area

RHODES YATES-SEVEN RIVERS

11. County or Parish, State

LEA COUNTY NM

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

TYPE OF SUBMISSION

TYPE OF ACTION

☒ Notice of Intent

☐ Subsequent Report

☐ Final Abandonment Notice

☐ Acidize

☐ Alter Casing

☐ Casing Repair

☐ Change Plans

☐ Convert to Injection

☐ Deepen

☐ Fracture Treat

☐ New Construction

☒ Plug and Abandon

☐ Plug Back

☐ Production (Start/Resume)

☐ Reclamation

☐ Recomplete

☐ Temporarily Abandon

☐ Water Disposal

☐ Water Shut-Off

☐ Well Integrity

☐ Other

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

PROPOSED PLUG AND ABANDONMENT PROCEDURE:

1) POOH W/ TUBING.

2) TAG EXISTING CIBP + CMT. @ +/-2,845'; PUMP A 25 SX. CMT. PLUG @ 2,845'-2,645' (B/SALT); WOC X TAG PLUG.

3) MIX X PUMP A 25 SX. CMT. PLUG @ 1,607'-1,407' (T/SALT X B/ANHY.); WOC X TAG TOP OF CMT. PLUG.

4) MIX X PUMP A 25 SX. CMT. PLUG @ 1,226'-1,026' (T/ANHY.); WOC X TAG TOP OF CMT. PLUG.

5) MIX X CIRCULATE TO SURFACE A 25 SX. CMT. PLUG @ 200'-3'.

6) DIG OUT X CUT OFF WELLHEAD 3' B.G.L.; WELD ON STEEL PLATE TO CASINGS X INSTALL DRY HOLE MARKER.

RECEIVED SEE ATTACHED FOR  
RECLAMATION PROCEDURE AUG 06 2010  
ATTACHED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL  
HOBBSOCD

14. I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct  
Name (Printed/Typed)

DAVID A. EYLER

Title

AGENT

Date 03/10/10

THIS SPACE FOR FEDERAL OR STATE OFFICE USE

Approved by

Title

Office

Date

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

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, and Title 43 U.S.C. Section 1212, makes it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make any false statement or representation to any department or agency of the United States or to any officer or employee of any such department or agency.

APPROVED  
AUG 3 2010  
/s/ Dustin Winkler  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE

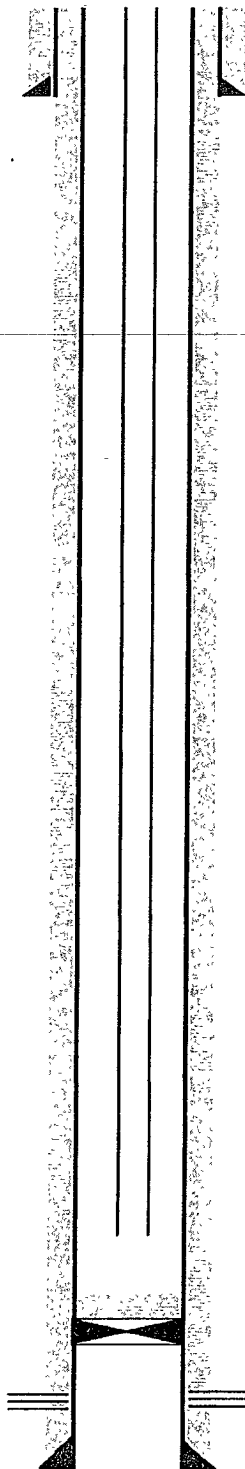


8 5/8" 24# csg @ 567'  
Cmt'd with 380 sxs, clrc

DF:  
GL: 2980'

**Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado**  
Rhodes Federal Unit No. 271  
2418' FSL & 553' FEL  
Sec 27 T26S R37E  
Lea County, NM  
API 30-025-33248

Formerly Rhodes 'B' Federal No. 4



4 1/2" CIBP @ 2880' w/ 35' cmt

4 1/2" 11.6# csg @ 3133'  
Cmt'd w/ 745 sx total circ

82 jts 2 3/8" tubing @ approx 2580'

Yates:  
2939' - 3112' (2/96) 1 SPF

PBTD: 3118'  
TD: 3133'

R. Morrison 7/2010

Cimarex Energy Company of Colorado  
NMLC-030174-B: Rhodes Federal Unit #271  
API: 30-025-33248  
Lea County, New Mexico

RE: Plugging and Abandonment Requirements, Conditions of Approval

1. OK
2. Tag at 2645' or shallower – Otherwise OK (Perfs – Yates – BOS)
3. Tag at 1407' or shallower – Otherwise OK (TOS)
4. OK (Rustler)
- 4a. Spot a plug (minimum 25sx) from 620'-510'. WOC and tag at 510' or shallower.  
(Casing shoe)
5. OK (Surface)
6. Verify that all annuluses have cement to surface and fill in as required – Otherwise OK.
7. Submit a subsequent report to the BLM.

H2S equipment should be on location.

REMINDER: Operator is to send both a before and AFTER diagram attached to ALL four copies with P&A sundries.

See attached standard COAs.

DHW 072810

**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**  
**Carlsbad Field Office**  
**620 East Greene Street**  
**Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220**  
**575-234-5972**

**Permanent Abandonment of Federal Wells**  
**Conditions of Approval**

Failure to comply with the following Conditions of Approval may result in a Notice of Incidents of Noncompliance (INC) in accordance with 43 CFR 3163.1.

1. Plugging operations shall commence within ninety (90) days from the approval date of this Notice of Intent to Abandon.

**If you are unable to plug the well by the 90<sup>th</sup> day provide this office, prior to the 90<sup>th</sup> day, with the reason for not meeting the deadline and a date when we can expect the well to be plugged. Failure to do so will result in enforcement action.**

**The rig used for the plugging procedure cannot be released and moved off without the prior approval of the authorized officer. Failure to do so may result in enforcement action.**

2. **Notification:** Contact the appropriate BLM office at least 24 hours prior to the commencing of any plugging operations. For wells in Chaves and Roosevelt County, call 575-627-0272; Eddy County, call 575-361-2822; Lea County, call 575-393-3612.

3. **Blowout Preventers:** A blowout preventer (BOP), as appropriate, shall be installed before commencing any plugging operation. The BOP must be installed and maintained as per API and manufacturer recommendations. The minimum BOP requirement is a 2M system for a well not deeper than 9,090 feet; a 3M system for a well not deeper than 13,636 feet; and a 5M system for a well not deeper than 22,727 feet.

4. **Mud Requirement:** Mud shall be placed between all plugs. Minimum consistency of plugging mud shall be obtained by mixing at the rate of 25 sacks (50 pounds each) of gel per 100 barrels of **brine** water. Minimum nine (9) pounds per gallon.

5. **Cement Requirement:** Sufficient cement shall be used to bring any required plug to the specified depth and length. Any given cement volumes on the proposed plugging procedure are merely estimates and are not final. Unless specific approval is received, no plug except the surface plug shall be less than 25 sacks of cement. In lieu of a cement plug in a cased hole, a bridge plug set within 50 feet to 100 feet above the perforations shall be capped with 25 sacks of cement. If a bailer is used to cap this plug, 35 feet of cement shall be sufficient. Any plug that requires a tag will have a minimum WOC time of 4 hours.

Unless otherwise specified in the approved procedure, the cement plug shall consist of either Neat Class "C", for up to 7,500 feet of depth or Neat Class "H", for deeper than 7,500 feet plugs.

6. Dry Hole Marker: All casing shall be cut-off at the base of the cellar or 3 feet below final restored ground level (whichever is deeper). **The BLM is to be notified when the wellhead is cut off to verify that cement is to surface in the casing and all annuluses.** The well bore shall then be capped with a 4-inch pipe, 10-feet in length, 4 feet above ground and embedded in cement. The following information shall be permanently inscribed on the dry hole marker: well name and number, name of the operator, lease serial number, surveyed location (quarter-quarter section, section, township and range or other authorized survey designation acceptable to the authorized officer such as metes and bounds).

7. Subsequent Plugging Reporting: Within 30 days after plugging work is completed, file one original and five copies of the Subsequent Report of Abandonment, Form 3160-5 to BLM. The report should give in detail the manner in which the plugging work was carried out, the extent (by depths) of cement plugs placed, and the size and location (by depths) of casing left in the well. **Show date well was plugged.**

8. Trash: All trash, junk and other waste material shall be contained in trash cages or bins to prevent scattering and will be removed and deposited in an approved sanitary landfill. Burial on site is not permitted.

Following the submission and approval of the Subsequent Report of Abandonment, surface restoration will be required. See attached reclamation procedure.

DHW 112309



# United States Department of the Interior

## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220-6292  
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In Reply Refer To: 1310

### Reclamation Objectives and Procedures

**Reclamation Objective:** Oil and gas development is one of many uses of the public lands and resources. While development may have a short- or long-term effect on the land, successful reclamation can ensure the effect is not permanent. During the life of the development, all disturbed areas not needed for active support of production operations should undergo “interim” reclamation in order to minimize the environmental impacts of development on other resources and uses. At final abandonment, well locations, production facilities, and access roads must undergo “final” reclamation so that the character and productivity of the land and water are restored.

The long-term objective of final reclamation is to set the course for eventual ecosystem restoration, including the restoration of the natural vegetation community, hydrology, and wildlife habitats. In most cases this means returning the land to a condition approximating or equal to that which existed prior to the disturbance. The final goal of reclamation is to restore the character of the land and water to its pre-disturbance condition. The operator is generally not responsible for achieving full ecological restoration of the site. Instead, the operator must achieve the short-term stability, visual, hydrological, and productivity objectives of the surface management agency and take steps necessary to ensure that long-term objectives will be reached through natural processes.

To achieve these objectives, remove any and all contaminants, scrap/trash, equipment, pipelines and powerlines. Strip and remove caliche, contour the location to blend with the surrounding landscape, re-distribute the native soils, provide erosion control as needed, rip and seed as specified in the original APD COA. This will apply to well pads, facilities, and access roads. Barricade access road at the starting point. If reserve pits have not reclaimed due to salts or other contaminants, submit a plan for approval, as to how you propose to provide adequate restoration of the pit area.

1. The Application for Permit to Drill or Reenter (APD, Form 3160-3), Surface Use Plan of Operations must include adequate measures for stabilization and reclamation of disturbed lands. Oil and Gas operators must plan for reclamation, both interim and final, up front in the APD process as per Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 1.

2. For wells and/or access roads not having an approved plan, or an inadequate plan for surface reclamation (either interim or final reclamation), the operator must submit a proposal describing the procedures for reclamation. For interim reclamation, the appropriate time for submittal would be when filing the Well Completion or Recompletion Report and Log (Form 3160-4). For final reclamation, the appropriate time for submittal would be when filing the Notice of Intent, or the Subsequent Report of Abandonment, Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells (Form 3160-5). Interim reclamation is to be completed within 6 months of well completion, and final reclamation is to be completed within 6 months of well abandonment.

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3. The operator must file a Subsequent Report Plug and Abandonment (Form 3160-5) following the plugging of a well.
4. Previous instruction had you waiting for a BLM specialist to inspect the location and provide you with reclamation requirements. If you have an approved Surface Use Plan of Operation and/or an approved Sundry Notice, you are free to proceed with reclamation as per approved APD. If you have issues or concerns, contact a BLM specialist to assist you. It would be in your interest to have a BLM specialist look at the location and access road prior to the removal of reclamation equipment to ensure that it meets BLM objectives. Upon conclusion submit a Form 3160-5, Subsequent Report of Reclamation. This will prompt a specialist to inspect the location to verify work was completed as per approved plans.
5. The approved Subsequent Report of Reclamation will be your notice that the native soils, contour and seedbed have been reestablished. If the BLM objectives have not been met the operator will be notified and corrective actions may be required.
6. It is the responsibility of the operator to monitor these locations and/or access roads until such time as the operator feels that the BLM objective has been met. If after two growing seasons the location and/or access roads are not showing the potential for successful revegetation, additional actions may be needed. When you feel the BLM objectives have been met submit a Final Abandonment Notice (FAN), Form 3160-5, stating that all reclamation requirements have been achieved and the location and/or access road is ready for a final abandonment inspection.
7. At this time the BLM specialist will inspect the location and/or access road. If the native soils and contour have been restored, and the revegetation is successful, the FAN will be approved, releasing the operator of any further liability of the location and/or access road. If the location and/or access road have not achieved the objective, you will be notified as to additional work needed or additional time being needed to achieve the objective.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact any of the following specialists:

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