Form 3160-5 (August 2007)

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT OF THE INTERIOR **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

FORM APPROVED OMB No. 1004-0137

Expires: July 31, 2010

SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS.

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SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE – Other instructions on page 2.				7. If Unit of CA/Agreement, Name and/or No.			
1. Type of Well							
Oil Well Gas Well Other				8. Well Name and No. West Tonto Fed Comm #1			
2. Name of Operator Saber Oil & Gas Ventures, LLC.				9. API Well No. 30-025-26942			
3a. Address 400 W. Illinois, Ste 950 Midland, TX 79701		3b. Phone No. (include area of 432-685-0169	code) 10. Fid	eld and Pool or Ex	xploratory Area Horse Delaw	roce	
4. Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T.,R.,M., or Survey Description) Unit Ltr L, 660' FWL & 1980' FSL of Section 24, T19S R32E				ountry or Parish, S County, New Me	State		
12. CHEC	K THE APPROPRIATE BO	X(ES) TO INDICATE NATU	RE OF NOTICE, RE	PORT OR OTHE	R DATA		
TYPE OF SUBMISSION TYPE			YPE OF ACTION	PE OF ACTION			
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Subsequent Report	Casing Repair Change Plans	<ul><li>New Construction</li><li>✓ Plug and Abandon</li></ul>			Other		
Final Abandonment Notice	Convert to Injection	Plug Back		ater Disposal			
	pose to plug the well as fo e with tubing to plug at 54 DC and tag. Pump a 30 sx	00' and circ plug mud throug class C cement plug from 5	ghout wellbore. PO 550' - 400'. WOC at ts. See attached so	H to 5100 with to tag. Pump a shematics for de	tubing. Pump a 100 sx cla: 25 sx class C plug from 10 tails of wellbore.	ss C 00' to	
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14. I hereby certify that the foregoing is tr R. Douglas Keathley	ue and correct. Name (Printed	Title VP of E	Engineering				
Signature RMM	MA	Date 01/05/2	2011				
	THIS SPACE	FOR FEDERAL OR S	TATE OFFICE	USE			
Approved by  Conditions of approval, if any, are attached that the applicant holds legal or equitable tientifle the applicant to conduct operations to	Approval of this notice does the to those rights in the subjectoreron	not warrant or certify	SEAS	Da	nte 3.27-11		

Title 18 0.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.

Saber Oil & Gas Ventures, LLC NM-12413: West Tonto Fed Com #1 API: 30-025-26942 Lea County, New Mexico

RE: Plugging and Abandonment Requirements, Conditions of Approval

Prior to any of the proposed plugs, the operator shall drill out the CICR and cement at 6142' and set the following plugs:

- 1. Spot a plug (approx 30sx Class H) from 11140'-10930'. (Wolfcamp)
- 2. Spot a plug (minimum 25sx, Class H) from 9000'-8810'. (Spacer)
- 3. Perf and squeeze a plug (approx 55sx Class H) from 7740'-7560'. WOC and tag at 7560' or shallower. (Bone Spring)

The proposed plugs shall be set as follows:

- 1. Spot plug from 6210'-5935' (approx 75sx, Class C) and tag at 5935' or shallower, or set a CIBP at 5935' with 35' dump bailed or 25sx pumped cement on top. (Perfs)
- 2. Stub plug shall be spot from 5170' (or 50' below stub, whichever is deeper) to 4870'. Tag at 4870' or shallower. (Delaware Stub Casing shoe)
- 3. An additional plug shall be set from 3100'-2920' (approx 35sx). WOC and tag at 2920' or shallower (Yates BOS)
- 4. An additional plug shall be set from 1240'-1130' (approx 30sx). WOC and tag at 1130' or shallower (TOS)
- 5. Proposed plug from 550'-400' may need additional cement (approx 40sx). Tag at 400' or shallower (Casing shoe)
- 6. Surface plug is OK
- 7. Verify cement is to surface in all annuluses and fill in as necessary. Ground level dry hole marker to be used in this area **Requirements attached.**
- 8. Submit subsequent report to the BLM.

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, 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 feet from the source of the noise.

H<sub>2</sub>S monitoring equipment to be on location.

See attached standard COAs.

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## 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 <u>ninety (90)</u> 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. <u>Notification:</u> 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. <u>Blowout Preventers</u>: 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. <u>Mud Requirement:</u> 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. <u>Cement Requirement</u>: 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. Any plug that requires a tag will have a minimum WOC time of 4 hours.

In lieu of a cement plug across perforations in a cased hole (not for any other plugs), 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. Before pumping or bailing cement on top of CIBP, tag will be required to verify depth. Based on depth, a tag of the cement may be deemed necessary.

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. <u>Dry Hole Marker</u>: 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 a minimum of 4 hours prior to the wellhead being cut off to verify that cement is to surface in the casing and all annuluses. Wellhead cut off shall commence within ten (10) calendar days of the well being plugged. If the cut off cannot be done by the 10<sup>th</sup> day, the BLM is to be contacted with justification to receive an extension for completing the cut off.

The well bore shall then be capped with a 4-inch pipe, 10-feet in length, 4 feet above ground and embedded in cement, unless otherwise noted in COA (requirements will be attached). 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. <u>Subsequent Plugging Reporting:</u> Within 30 days after plugging work is completed, file one original and three 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. <u>Trash:</u> 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.

J. Amos 3/6/11



# **United States Department of the Interior**

#### BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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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 predisturbance 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, redistribute 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.

- 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.
- 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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