



***SURFACE USE PROGRAM  
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL (COAs)***

**Additional Stipulations:**

- Any deviation of submitted APD's, which includes BBCs surface use plan, and ROW applications the operator will notify the BLM in writing and will receive written authorization of any such change with appropriate authorization.
- The operator will implement "Safety and Emergency Plan." The operator's safety director will ensure its compliance.
- All operator employees and/or authorized personnel (sub-contractors) in the field will have approved applicable APD's, COAs, and ROW permits/authorizations on their person(s) during all phases of construction.
- All vehicular traffic, personnel movement, construction/restoration operations shall be confined to the area examined and approved, and to the existing roadways and/or evaluated access routes.
- All construction shall be monitored by approved Archeological consultant due to nearby resources.
- Production facilities will be painted Beetle Green to blend in with the surrounding habitat.
- Wood that will be removed will be piled up along well access road, and around well pad. This can be used by the land owner, or for reclamation purposes.
- The reserve pit will be double-lined with a 20 mil liner with felt under liner to help prevent any leaks from occurring.
- Site reclamation will be accomplished for portions of the well pad not needed for production, within 6 months of completion, weather permitting. This also includes any roads, and pipeline areas that have been disturbed as well. Roads and pipeline disturbances can undergo reclamation immediately after the pipeline is installed and after the roads are built. Please contact surface owner or the BLM for possible seed mixes to use in the project area. Non-natives can be used; however lbs/ac must be kept low to minimize the chance of a monoculture.

**DOWNHOLE PROGRAM  
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**SITE SPECIFIC DOWNHOLE COAs:**

- Production casing cement shall be brought up and into the surface casing. The minimum cement top is 400 ft. above the surface casing shoe.

**All provisions outlined in Onshore Oil & Gas Order #2 Drilling Operations shall be strictly adhered to.** The following items are emphasized:

**DRILLING/COMPLETION/PRODUCING OPERATING STANDARDS**

- The spud date and time shall be reported orally to Vernal Field Office within 24 hours of spudding.
- Notify Vernal Field Office Supervisory Petroleum Engineering Technician at least 24 hours in advance of casing cementing operations and BOPE & casing pressure tests.
- All requirements listed in Onshore Order #2 III. E. Special Drilling Operations are applicable for air drilling of surface hole.
- Blowout prevention equipment (BOPE) shall remain in use until the well is completed or abandoned. Closing unit controls shall remain unobstructed and readily accessible at all times. Choke manifolds shall be located outside of the rig substructure.
- All BOPE components shall be inspected daily and those inspections shall be recorded in the daily drilling report. Components shall be operated and tested as required by Onshore Oil & Gas Order No. 2 to insure good mechanical working order. All BOPE pressure tests shall be performed by a test pump with a chart recorder and **NOT** by the rig pumps. Test shall be reported in the driller's log.
- BOP drills shall be initially conducted by each drilling crew within 24 hours of drilling out from under the surface casing and weekly thereafter as specified in Onshore Oil & Gas Order No. 2.
- Casing pressure tests are required before drilling out from under all casing strings set and cemented in place.
- No aggressive/fresh hard-banded drill pipe shall be used within casing.
- **Cement baskets shall not be run on surface casing.**
- The operator must report all shows of water or water-bearing sands to the BLM. If flowing water is encountered it must be sampled, analyzed, and a copy of the analyses submitted to the BLM Vernal Field Office.
- The operator must report encounters of all non oil & gas mineral resources (such as Gilsonite, tar sands, oil shale, trona, etc.) to the Vernal Field Office, in writing, within 5 working days of each encounter. Each report shall include the well name/number, well location, date and depth (from KB or GL) of encounter, vertical footage of the encounter and, the name of the person

making the report (along with a telephone number) should the BLM need to obtain additional information.

- A complete set of angular deviation and directional surveys of a directional well will be submitted to the Vernal BLM office engineer within 30 days of the completion of the well.
- While actively drilling, chronologic drilling progress reports shall be filed directly with the BLM, Vernal Field Office on a weekly basis in sundry, letter format or e-mail to the Petroleum Engineers until the well is completed.
- A cement bond log (CBL) will be run from the production casing shoe to the top of cement and shall be utilized to determine the bond quality for the production casing. Submit a field copy of the CBL to this office.
- **Please submit an electronic copy of all other logs run on this well in LAS format to BLM\_UT\_VN\_Welllogs@BLM.gov. This submission will supersede the requirement for submittal of paper logs to the BLM.**
- There shall be no deviation from the proposed drilling, completion, and/or workover program as approved. Safe drilling and operating practices must be observed. Any changes in operation must have prior approval from the BLM Vernal Field Office.

## OPERATING REQUIREMENT REMINDERS:

- All wells, whether drilling, producing, suspended, or abandoned, shall be identified in accordance with 43 CFR 3162.6. There shall be a sign or marker with the name of the operator, lease serial number, well number, and surveyed description of the well.
- For information regarding production reporting, contact the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) at [www.ONRR.gov](http://www.ONRR.gov).
- Should the well be successfully completed for production, the BLM Vernal Field office must be notified when it is placed in a producing status. Such notification will be by written communication and must be received in this office by not later than the fifth business day following the date on which the well is placed on production. The notification shall provide, as a minimum, the following informational items:
  - Operator name, address, and telephone number.
  - Well name and number.
  - Well location (¼¼, Sec., Twn, Rng, and P.M.).
  - Date well was placed in a producing status (date of first production for which royalty will be paid).
  - The nature of the well's production, (i.e., crude oil, or crude oil and casing head gas, or natural gas and entrained liquid hydrocarbons).
  - The Federal or Indian lease prefix and number on which the well is located; otherwise the non-Federal or non-Indian land category, i.e., State or private.
  - Unit agreement and/or participating area name and number, if applicable.
  - Communitization agreement number, if applicable.
- Any venting or flaring of gas shall be done in accordance with Notice to Lessees (NTL) 4A and needs prior approval from the BLM Vernal Field Office.
- All undesirable events (fires, accidents, blowouts, spills, discharges) as specified in NTL 3A will be reported to the BLM, Vernal Field Office. Major events, as defined in NTL3A, shall be reported verbally within 24 hours, followed by a written report within 15 days. "Other than Major Events" will be reported in writing within 15 days. "Minor Events" will be reported on the Monthly Report of Operations and Production.
- Whether the well is completed as a dry hole or as a producer, "Well Completion and Recompletion Report and Log" (BLM Form 3160-4) shall be submitted not later than 30 days after completion of the well or after completion of operations being performed, in accordance with 43 CFR 3162.4-1. Two copies of all logs run, core descriptions, and all other surveys or data obtained and compiled during the drilling, workover, and/or completion operations, shall be filed on BLM Form 3160-4. Submit with the well completion report a geologic report including, at a minimum, formation tops, and a summary and conclusions. Also include deviation surveys, sample descriptions, strip logs, core data, drill stem test data, and results of production tests if

performed. Samples (cuttings, fluid, and/or gas) shall be submitted only when requested by the BLM, Vernal Field Office.

- All off-lease storage, off-lease measurement, or commingling on-lease or off-lease, shall have prior written approval from the BLM Vernal Field Office.
- Oil and gas meters shall be calibrated in place prior to any deliveries. The BLM Vernal Field Office Petroleum Engineers will be provided with a date and time for the initial meter calibration and all future meter proving schedules. A copy of the meter calibration reports shall be submitted to the BLM Vernal Field Office. All measurement facilities will conform to the API standards for liquid hydrocarbons and the AGA standards for natural gas measurement. All measurement points shall be identified as the point of sale or allocation for royalty purposes.
- A schematic facilities diagram as required by Onshore Oil & Gas Order No. 3 shall be submitted to the BLM Vernal Field Office within 30 days of installation or first production, whichever occurs first. All site security regulations as specified in Onshore Oil & Gas Order No. 3 shall be adhered to. All product lines entering and leaving hydrocarbon storage tanks will be effectively sealed in accordance with Onshore Oil & Gas Order No. 3.
- Any additional construction, reconstruction, or alterations of facilities, including roads, gathering lines, batteries, etc., which will result in the disturbance of new ground, shall require the filing of a suitable plan and need prior approval of the BLM Vernal Field Office. Emergency approval may be obtained orally, but such approval does not waive the written report requirement.
- No location shall be constructed or moved, no well shall be plugged, and no drilling or workover equipment shall be removed from a well to be placed in a suspended status without prior approval of the BLM Vernal Field Office. If operations are to be suspended for more than 30 days, prior approval of the BLM Vernal Field Office shall be obtained and notification given before resumption of operations.
- Pursuant to Onshore Oil & Gas Order No. 7, this is authorization for pit disposal of water produced from this well for a period of 90 days from the date of initial production. A permanent disposal method must be approved by this office and in operation prior to the end of this 90-day period. In order to meet this deadline, an application for the proposed permanent disposal method shall be submitted along with any necessary water analyses, as soon as possible, but no later than 45 days after the date of first production. Any method of disposal which has not been approved prior to the end of the authorized 90-day period will be considered as an Incident of Noncompliance and will be grounds for issuing a shut-in order until an acceptable manner for disposing of said water is provided and approved by this office.
- Unless the plugging is to take place immediately upon receipt of oral approval, the Field Office Petroleum Engineers must be notified at least 24 hours in advance of the plugging of the well, in order that a representative may witness plugging operations. If a well is suspended or abandoned, all pits must be fenced immediately until they are backfilled. The "Subsequent Report of Abandonment" (Form BLM 3160-5) must be submitted within 30 days after the actual plugging of the well bore, showing location of plugs, amount of cement in each, and amount of casing left in hole, and the current status of the surface restoration.