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State of Colorado  
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
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### Oil and Gas Location Assessment

New Location       Amend Existing Location      Location#: 335553

Submit original plus one copy. This form is to be submitted to the COGCC prior to any ground disturbance activity associated with oil and gas development operations. This Assessment may be approved as a stand alone application or submitted as an informational report accompanying an Application for Permit-To-Drill, Form 2. Approval of this Assessment will allow for the construction of the below specified location; however, it does not supersede any land use rules applied by the local land use authority. This form may serve as notice to land owners and other interested parties, please see the COGCC web site at <http://colorado.gov/cogcc/> for all accompanying information pertinent to this Oil and Gas Location Assessment.

Location ID:  
**335553**  
Expiration Date:

This location assessment is included as part of a permit application.

#### 1. CONSULTATION

- This location is included in a Comprehensive Drilling Plan. CDP # \_\_\_\_\_
- This location is in a sensitive wildlife habitat area.
- This location is in a wildlife restricted surface occupancy area.
- This location includes a Rule 306.d.(1)A.ii. variance request.

#### 2. Operator

Operator Number: 10079  
Name: ANTERO RESOURCES PICEANCE CORPORATION  
Address: 1625 17TH ST STE 300  
City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202

#### 3. Contact Information

Name: Hannah Knopping  
Phone: (303) 357-6412  
Fax: (303) 357-7315  
email: hknopping@anteroresources.com

#### 4. Location Identification:

Name: Valley Farms I Pad Number: ValleyFarms I10  
County: GARFIELD  
Quarter: NESW Section: 13 Township: 6S Range: 92W Meridian: 6 Ground Elevation: 5654  
Define a single point as a location reference for the facility location. This point should be used as the point of measurement in the drawings to be submitted with this application. When the location is to be used as a well site then the point shall be a well location.  
Footage at surface: 2450 feet, from North or South section line: FSL and 1781 feet, from East or West section line: FWL  
Latitude: 39.526621 Longitude: -107.618741 PDOP Reading: 1.9 Date of Measurement: 12/21/2009

#### 5. Facilities (Indicate the number of each type of oil and gas facility planned on location):

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| Special Purpose Pits: <input type="checkbox"/>   | Drilling Pits: <input type="checkbox"/>       | Wells: <input type="text" value="14"/>       | Production Pits: <input type="checkbox"/>      | Dehydrator Units: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Condensate Tanks: <input type="text" value="2"/> | Water Tanks: <input type="text" value="4"/>   | Separators: <input type="text" value="4"/>   | Electric Motors: <input type="checkbox"/>      | Multi-Well Pits: <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| Gas or Diesel Motors: <input type="checkbox"/>   | Cavity Pumps: <input type="checkbox"/>        | LACT Unit: <input type="checkbox"/>          | Pump Jacks: <input type="checkbox"/>           | Pigging Station: <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| Electric Generators: <input type="checkbox"/>    | Gas Pipeline: <input type="text" value="1"/>  | Oil Pipeline: <input type="text" value="1"/> | Water Pipeline: <input type="text" value="1"/> | Flare: <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Gas Compressors: <input type="checkbox"/>        | VOC Combustor: <input type="text" value="1"/> | Oil Tanks: <input type="checkbox"/>          | Fuel Tanks: <input type="checkbox"/>           |  |

Other: See attached Facilities List for details

6. Construction:

Date planned to commence construction: 08/01/2010 Size of disturbed area during construction in acres: 3.00
Estimated date that interim reclamation will begin: 02/01/2011 Size of location after interim reclamation in acres: 1.00
Estimated post-construction ground elevation: 5650 Will a closed loop system be used for drilling fluids: Yes [X]
Will salt sections be encountered during drilling: Yes [ ] No [X] Is H2S anticipated? Yes [ ] No [X]
Will salt (>15,000 ppm TDS Cl) or oil based muds be used: Yes [ ] No [X]
Mud disposal: Offsite [X] Onsite [ ] Method: Land Farming [ ] Land Spreading [ ] Disposal Facility [X]
Other: Garfield Cty Landfill

7. Surface Owner:

Name: Dixon Water Foundation Phone:
Address: c/o Robert Potts Fax:
Address: 6060 N Central Expressway Email:
City: Dallas State: TX Zip: 75206 Date of Rule 306 surface owner consultation: 10/08/2009
Surface Owner: [X] Fee [ ] State [ ] Federal [ ] Indian
Mineral Owner: [X] Fee [ ] State [ ] Federal [ ] Indian
The surface owner is: [X] the mineral owner [X] committed to an oil and gas lease
[X] is the executer of the oil and gas lease [ ] the applicant
The right to construct the location is granted by: [X] oil and gas lease [ ] Surface Use Agreement [ ] Right of Way
[ ] applicant is owner
Surface damage assurance if no agreement is in place: [ ] \$2000 [ ] \$5000 [ ] Blanket Surety ID

8. Reclamation Financial Assurance:

[X] Well Surety ID: 20040071 [ ] Gas Facility Surety ID: [ ] Waste Mgnt. Surety ID:

9. Cultural:

Is the location in a high density area (Rule 603.b.): Yes [ ] No [X]
Distance, in feet, to nearest building: 1800 , public road: 1600 , above ground utilit: 1150
, railroad: 7390 , property line: 1131

10. Current Land Use (Check all that apply):

Crop Land: [ ] Irrigated [ ] Dry land [ ] Improved Pasture [ ] Hay Meadow [ ] CRP
Non-Crop Land: [X] Rangeland [ ] Timber [ ] Recreational [ ] Other (describe):
Subdivided: [ ] Industrial [ ] Commercial [ ] Residential

11. Future Land Use (Check all that apply):

Crop Land: [ ] Irrigated [ ] Dry land [ ] Improved Pasture [ ] Hay Meadow [ ] CRP
Non-Crop Land: [X] Rangeland [ ] Timber [ ] Recreational [ ] Other (describe):
Subdivided: [ ] Industrial [ ] Commercial [ ] Residential

12. Soils:

List all soil map units that occur within the proposed location. Attach the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) report showing the "Map Unit Description" report listing the soil typical vertical profile. This data is to used when segregating topsoil.

The required information can be obtained from the NRCS web site at <http://soildatamart.nrcs.usda.gov/> or from the COGCC web site GIS Online map page found at <http://colorado.gov/cogcc>. Instructions are provided within the COGCC web site help section.

NRCS Map Unit Name: 51: Olney Loam, 6 to 12 percent slopes

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### 13. Plant Community:

Complete this section only if any portion of the disturbed area of the location's current land use is on non-crop land.

Are noxious weeds present: Yes  No

Plant species from:  NRCS or,  field observation Date of observation: 11/25/2009

List individual species: Sage brush and grasses. See attached NRCS Rangeland Productivity and Plant Composition list

Check all plant communities that exist in the disturbed area.

- Disturbed Grassland (Cactus, Yucca, Cheatgrass, Rye)
- Native Grassland (Bluestern, Grama, Wheatgrass, Buffalograss, Fescue, Oatgrass, Brome)
- Shrub Land (Mahogany, Oak, Sage, Serviceberry, Chokecherry)
- Plains Riparian (Cottonwood, Willow, Aspen, Maple, Poplar, Russian Olive, Tamarisk)
- Mountain Riparian (Cottonwood, Willow, Blue Spruce)
- Forest Land (Spruce, Fir, Ponderosa Pine, Lodgepole Pine, Juniper, Pinyon, Aspen)
- Wetlands Aquatic (Bullrush, Sedge, Cattail, Arrowhead)
- Alpine (above timberline)
- Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_

### 14. Water Resources:

Rule 901.e. may require a sensitive area determination be performed. If this determination is performed the data is to be submitted with the Form 2A.

Is this a sensitive area:  No  Yes Was a Rule 901.e. Sensitive Areas Determination performed:  No  Yes

Distance (in feet) to nearest surface water: 957, water well: 1250, depth to ground water: 160

Is the location in a riparian area:  No  Yes Was an Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 permit filed  No  Yes

Is the location within a Rule 317B Surface Water Suppl Area buffer zone:

No  0-300 ft. zone  301-500 ft. zone  501-2640 ft. zone

If the location is within a Rule 317B Surface Water Supply Area buffer have all public water supply systems within 15 miles been notified:  No  Yes

### 15. Comments:

This pad is built, however since we are modifying this pad from 6 wells to 14 wells, we are submitting this Form 2A as required by the new rules. The Reference Area is undisturbed ground immediately adjacent and to the North of the well pad, as shown in the "North" location photo. The depth to ground water was determined by using static water level data of Permit#109314/Receipt#0107044 which is approx 3500 feet SE of location, because there was no static water level data available for nearest water well.

I hereby certify that the statements made in this form are, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct and complete.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 04/01/2010 Email: hknopping@anteroresources.com

Print Name: Hannah Knopping Title: Permit Representative

Based on the information provided herein, this Application for Permit-to-Drill complies with COGCC Rules and applicable orders and is hereby approved.

COGCC Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of COGCC Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY:**

**All representations, stipulations and conditions of approval stated in this Form 2A for this location shall constitute representations, stipulations and conditions of approval for any and all subsequent operations on the location unless this Form 2A is modified by Sundry Notice, Form 4 or an Amended Form 2A.**

**Attachment Check List**

| Att Doc Num | Name                   | Doc Description      |
|-------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 400051959   | LOCATION PICTURES      | LF@2446840 400051959 |
| 400051960   | LOCATION DRAWING       | LF@2446841 400051960 |
| 400051962   | HYDROLOGY MAP          | LF@2446842 400051962 |
| 400051963   | ACCESS ROAD MAP        | LF@2446843 400051963 |
| 400051964   | NRCS MAP UNIT DESC     | LF@2446844 400051964 |
| 400051965   | CONST. LAYOUT DRAWINGS | LF@2446845 400051965 |
| 400051966   | MULTI-WELL PLAN        | LF@2446846 400051966 |
| 400051968   | PROPOSED BMPs          | LF@2446847 400051968 |
| 400051969   | OTHER                  | LF@2446848 400051969 |
| 400051971   | EQUIPMENT LIST         | LF@2446849 400051971 |

Total Attach: 10 Files