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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#: \_\_\_\_\_

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:  
**418544**  
Expiration Date:  
**07/28/2013**

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  
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4. Location Identification:

Name: Fenno Ranch Number: A Pad  
County: GARFIELD  
Quarter: NESW Section: 31 Township: 5S Range: 91W Meridian: 6 Ground Elevation: 5790  
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: 2442 feet, from North or South section line: FSL and 2384 feet, from East or West section line: FWL  
Latitude: 39.570775 Longitude: -107.648359 PDOP Reading: 2.4 Date of Measurement: 06/22/2010  
Instrument Operator's Name: Scott E. Aibner

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

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

Other: See attached facilities list for details.

6. Construction:

Date planned to commence construction: 07/24/2010 Size of disturbed area during construction in acres: 3.08  
 Estimated date that interim reclamation will begin: 01/24/2011 Size of location after interim reclamation in acres: 1.16  
 Estimated post-construction ground elevation: 5788 Will a closed loop system be used for drilling fluids: Yes   
 Will salt sections be encountered during drilling: Yes  No  Is H2S anticipated? Yes  No   
 Will salt (>15,000 ppm TDS Cl) or oil based muds be used: Yes  No   
 Mud disposal: Offsite  Onsite  Method: Land Farming  Land Spreading  Disposal Facility   
 Other: Onsite if meet Table 910

7. Surface Owner:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Rule 306 surface owner consultation: 04/27/2010  
 Surface Owner:  Fee  State  Federal  Indian  
 Mineral Owner:  Fee  State  Federal  Indian  
 The surface owner is:  the mineral owner  committed to an oil and gas lease  
 is the executer of the oil and gas lease  the applicant  
 The right to construct the location is granted by:  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:

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   
 Distance, in feet, to nearest building: 1105, public road: 408, above ground utilit: 396  
 , railroad: 5280, property line: 408

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

Crop Land:  Irrigated  Dry land  Improved Pasture  Hay Meadow  CRP  
 Non-Crop Land:  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:  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: 40: Kim Loam, 3 to 6 percent slopes

NRCS Map Unit Name: 57: Potts-Ildefonso complex, 3 to 12 percent slopes

NRCS Map Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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: 06/23/2010

List individual species: Sage brush and grasses: See NRCS Plant Composition Report

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: 455, water well: 580, depth to ground water: 28

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:

#1 Consultation: Since this location is in a "Sensitive Wildlife Habitat Area" Antero contacted CDOW prior to submittal of this APD and discussed best management practices (see attached Proposed BMP List which addresses wildlife issues).

#4- The proposed Fenno Ranch A1 well location was used as the reference point for well distance measurements.

#6: The disturbed area acre amounts include the access road.

#14-Water Resources: The distance to nearest surface water provided is to an intermittent stream as shown on Hydrology Map.

The depth to ground water was determined by using static water level data of 2nd nearest active water well (Permit# 22618-MH/Receipt# 0022618). Distance given was to actual nearest active water well, however there was no static water level data available for that well.

Our reference are is undisturbed ground immediately adjacent and to the South of the proposed well pad, as shown in the "looking South" location photo.

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 06/25/2010 Email: hknopping@anteroresources.com

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: David S. Nashin Director of COGCC Date: 7/29/2010

**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.**

Location may be in a sensitive area because of close proximity to a domestic water well; therefore production pits must be lined.

Location may be in a sensitive area because of close proximity to a domestic water well; therefore either a lined drilling pit or closed loop system must be implemented.

Location is in a sensitive area because of proximity to surface water; therefore, operator must ensure 110 percent secondary containment for any volume of fluids contained at well site during drilling and completion operations.

Operator must implement best management practices to contain any unintentional release of fluids.

**Attachment Check List**

Att Doc Num	Name	Doc Description
2033250	CORRESPONDENCE	LF@2506358 2033250
2033253	SURFACE OWNER CONSENT	LF@2506553 2033253
400072242	FORM 2A SUBMITTED	LF@2497554 400072242
400072898	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY	LF@2497555 400072898
400072899	OTHER	LF@2497556 400072899
400072900	NRCS MAP UNIT DESC	LF@2497557 400072900
400072903	EQUIPMENT LIST	LF@2497558 400072903
400072959	PROPOSED BMPs	LF@2497559 400072959
400072961	HYDROLOGY MAP	LF@2497560 400072961
400072965	ACCESS ROAD MAP	LF@2497561 400072965
400072966	LOCATION DRAWING	LF@2497562 400072966
400072967	LOCATION PICTURES	LF@2497563 400072967
400072968	CONST. LAYOUT DRAWINGS	LF@2497564 400072968

Total Attach: 13 Files

**General Comments**

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
DOW	The BMPs, as submitted by the operator, are appropriate for the site.  This well pad location is within the boundary of the Antero-CDOW WMP. Conditions and provisions of the wildlife mitigation plan are applicable.  by Michael Warren on Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at 9:05 A.M.	7/28/2010 12:54:49 PM

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