

DRILLING PROGNOSIS

WELL: McELMO DOME #MQ-8

W.O. No.

LOCATION: SHL:
BHL: See below, drilled as a horizontal well
MONTEZUMA CO, COLORADO

FIELD: McELMO DOME

OBJECTIVE: LEADVILLE

ELEVATION: GL = 6720' EST.

A FOCUSED EFFORT WILL BE EXPECTED BY ALL PARTIES TO ELIMINATE ANY / ALL ACCIDENTS DURING THE EXECUTION OF THIS DRILLING PROJECT. H2S IS ANTICIPATED WHILE DRILLING THE KILLER SHALES.

GEOLOGY / FORMATION TOPS

WELL PROGRAM

FORMATION	TVD	SS	
ENTRADA	1125'	+5595'	
CHINLE	2035'	+4685'	
SHINARUMP	2965'	+3755'	
CUTLER	3115'	+3605'	
9-5/8" SFC CSG	3215'		
U. HERMOSA	4735'	+1985'	
PARADOX	5640'	+1080'	
DESERT CREEK	5900'	+820'	
PARADOX SALT	6080'	+640'	
KILLER SHALES	6368'	+352'	
BASE SALT	7203'	-483'	
L.HERMOSA	7474'	-754'	
LEADVILLE	7669'	-949'	
7" PROD CSG	7695'		
BASE OF LEADVILLE	7869'		

DRILLING PROCEDURE:

Drill a 12-1/4" hole to 3215' MD, ~100' below the top of the Cutler, set 9-5/8" casing and conventionally cement to surface in 1-stage.
Drill an 8-3/4" hole to 7695' MD, ~25' below the top of the Leadville, set 7" chrome casing and foam cement to surface in 1-stage.
Drill a 4-3/4" horizontal hole from 7695' to 9695', ~100' - 125' below the top of the Leadville, an openhole horizontal completion will be performed over this interval

CASING / CEMENTING DETAILS:

Designed TOC for both casing strings will be @ surface
9-5/8" 36# K-55 STC => 0' - 3,215'
Cement: Conventional => Lead 800 sx 50/50 Poz + Tail 300 sx Class G
7" 29# CR13 FOX => 0' - 5,900'
7" 32# CR13 FOX => 5,900' - 7,400'
7" 29# CR13 FOX => 7,400' - 7,695'
Cement: Foam => Lead 1380 sx Base Slurry w/ Foam Additions + Tail 290 sx Class G + 100 sx Cap @ Surface

DRILLING FLUIDS:

12-1/4" Sfc Hole: Fresh water native, maintain fluid as clean as possible, pump viscous sweeps for hole cleaning and prior to running the 9-5/8" casing, possible seepage problems while drlg interval
8-3/4" Int Hole to 100' above Desert Creek: Drill out of 9-5/8" w/ clean, fresh water, circulate the reserve pit to keep solids at a minimum.
8-3/4" Int Hole to 7" csg pt: Displace the fresh water system w/ clean, salt saturated brine prior to drlg the Desert Creek, circ salt section of reserve pit, pretreat for H2S prior to drilling the P4 Shale
4-3/4" Prod Hole: Drill out of 7" w/ clean fresh water, maintain fluid loss control to minimize seepage.
Lateral will

SURVEY INFORMATION:

12-1/4" Sfc Hole: Drop inclination surveys at 500' intervals.
8-3/4" Int Hole: Drop inclination surveys at 1000' intervals (No surveys through "KillerShale")
4-3/4" Prod Hole: Drop inclination survey at TD only.

EVALUATION PROGRAM:

12-1/4" Sfc Hole: NONE
8-3/4" Int Hole: 2-Man Mudlog 5500' - Total Depth
GR/CAL 7" csg pt - 9-5/8" csg shoe
4-3/4" Prod Hole: CAL/LDT/CNL/GR/CBL TD - 7" csg shoe

- OBJECTIVES:**
- 1) Focused effort by all parties to eliminate all accidents during the drilling operation
 - 2) Drill, evaluate, and case the #MQ-8 in less than 26 days at a cost of \$2,400,000 or less.
 - 3) Successfully run the 7" chrome production casing / tubing to 20' inside the Leadville.
 - 4) Isolate the 7" 13-Chrome to surface with a high quality cement.

- 5) Drill the 4-3/4" production hole with minimal fluid loss to the formation.

**DRILLING PROGNOSIS
2005 CO2 WELL DRILLING PROGRAM
WELL: #MQ-8**

PROSPECT INFORMATION

The McElmo Dome #MQ-8 will be the third of three wells to be drilled during the 2005 drilling program at McElmo Dome. The wellplan calls for the 9-5/8" X 7" casing program (tubingless openhole completion) that has been used since being implemented in 1996. The 2005 3 well program will be the first "Grassroots" horizontal wells to drilled at McElmo. Operationally, tubingless completions and horizontal reentries programs have been successful. This will be the first program to combine the two operations and the goal will be to build on the success of the previous campaigns.

WELL OBJECTIVE

The main objectives for the drilling operation on the McElmo Dome #MQ-8 are:

1. Maintain a focused effort by everyone on location to eliminate all accidents.
2. Drill, evaluate, case and complete (horizontal leg of 2000') the well in less than 26 days at a cost of \$2,400,000.
3. Run a full string of 7" 13-Chrome production casing to 20' below the top of the Leadville formation.
4. Isolate the 7" 13-Chrome to surface with a high quality cement.
5. Drill the 4-3/4" horizontal production hole with minimal fluid loss / damage to the formation.

H2S POTENTIAL

H2S is expected to be circulated to the surface during the drilling of the Killer Shales located within the Paradox Salt interval located at 6080' - 7203'. The H2S contingency plan that was used in the previous programs has been updated and revised and will be in force. All the necessary precautions, drills, and training will be done to protect personnel on location. H2S monitors and safety equipment will be on location and operational prior to drilling the section and remain until rig release.

POTENTIAL PROBLEMS

The main problems for the #MQ-8 are the typical problems expected while drilling in the McElmo Dome are:

1. **Lost Circulation in the 12-1/4" Surface Hole:** Lost circulation can be expected at any depth while drilling the surface hole. Maintain a clean fresh water system, circulating the reserve pit, while drilling this hole section. Pump LCM pills as required to control the losses.
2. **Gas Kick from the Desert Creek @ 5900':** Gas kicks have been encountered while drilling the Desert Creek formation.
3. **Gas and H2S from the Killer Shales:** Geopressured shales from the P4 on down will contain varying amounts of gas and associated H2S. Circulate the salt water portion of the reserve pit to remove excess gas. Pretreat the mud for H2S contamination.
4. **Stuck Pipe in the Killer Shales:** The Killer Shale is a high pressure, low volume shale which "flows" into the well causing stuck pipe. An attached list of recommendations for drilling the Killer Shale, titled "Paradox Salt Drilling Procedure", is located at the back of this prognosis. The recommendations have proven to be very successful in recent drilling programs.
5. **Lost Circulation in the Lower Hermosa:** Lost circulation problems have been encountered during the production casing cement job in the Lower Hermosa. The fracture gradient is estimated at 12 ppg. The problem has been successfully eliminated with single stage foam cementing..

GENERAL DRILLING PROCEDURE

14" conductor pipe will be set at ~80' prior to moving in the drilling rig. It is necessary to rig up a 13-3/8" 3M annular preventer with diverter to drill the surface hole.

A 12-1/4" hole will be drilled from surface to 3215', located approximately 100' below the top of the Cutler. A full string of 9-5/8" surface casing will be run to 3215' with cement circulated to surface. The 9-5/8" surface casing will protect the groundwater in the area and isolate the Shinarump formation. After the casing is run and cemented, screw on the 9-5/8" X 11" 3M casing head housing and nipple-up the 11" 5M BOP. Wait on cement 12 hours and pressure test the casing to 1500 psi and the BOP's to their rating prior to drilling out.

An 8-3/4" hole will be drilled out from the surface casing point to the 7" production casing point at 7695', located 20' into the Leadville formation. The casing point will be picked by the mudlogger. No wireline logs will be run at casing point. A full string of 7" 13-Chrome casing will be run and set 20' into the Leadville. The 7" casing will be cemented back to surface in one stage with foam cement.

A 4-3/4" horizontal hole will be drilled out from the 7" production casing to TD. A string of 2-7/8" drill pipe will be picked up and the 4-3/4" hole will be drilled underbalance with clean fresh water and nitrogen.

SURVEY DETAIL

Normal well deviation is not a concern. Inclination surveys should be taken at 500' intervals from spud to the 9-5/8" casing point and at ~1000' intervals from below the 9-5/8" casing point to the top of the Paradox Salt. Do not drop surveys while drilling below the Paradox Salt. Surveys can be taken inside the 2-7/8" drillstring after the 7" casing is run. A gyro survey will be run at KOP and MWD surveys will be taken while drilling the horizontal section.

OFFSET INFORMATION

The following wells are recent offsets from previous programs.

SAND CANYON #9 Spud 5/31/96 – Rig release 6/25/96

9-5/8 set at 2955' – 730skts lead and 290skts tail – circulated 100skts – bumped plug 1100psi
Bit trip @ 5797' – loggers had 74ppm H2S – monitors showed nothing
6375' sloughing shale – had to control drill
6615' couldn't make connection due to sloughing shale – 100ppm H2S
Top of Leadville @ 7694'
Run casing – wash 5' to bottom

HA #3 Spud 7/1/96 – Rig release 7/23/96

9-5/8 set at 2875 – 800skts lead and 300skts tail – circulated 150skts – bumped plug with 1400psi
Plugged bit @ 199' – plugged with 4 pieces of gravel
1000' – 1100' – Hole started seeping – mix LCM and haul water
At TD – short trip to collars – had to wash 60' to bottom
5774' – Bit trip – LD shock sub – PU jars
7026' – Short trip – POOH to 6000' – Hit bridge GIH @ 6660' – LD DP and wash to bottom – Circ BU (60ppm H2S – mudlogger)
Top Leadville @ 8222' – Short trip – 15' of hard fill – circ and condition hole – several bridges on short trip
Run casing – wash 15' to bottom

HA #2 Spud 7/27/96 – Rig release 8/17/96

9-5/8 set at 2872' – 800skts lead and 300skts tail – circulated 150skts – bumped plug with 1325psi

Surface hole taking 1-2bpm – 3 trucks hauling to reserve – healed up at ~2700'
5200' – Hole seeping – make bit trip
6678' – Shale #5 - sticky hole – hit jars 3 times to get loose
6817' – Shale #7 – 10ppm H2S
7916' – Heavy salt deposits on DP
Top of Leadville @ 8205' – 20 stand short trip – 240' fill – pump sweep – spot 90bbl pill on bottom
Well kicking gas while LDDP
Run casing – circ BU – 80ppm H2S

YF #2 Spud 8/22/96 – Rig release 9/21/96

9-5/8 set at 2965' - 800sks lead and 300sks tail
Lost returns @ 190' – Pump LCM pill
1011' – Trip for bit
Survey @ 1531' – lost 70bbls while surveying – circ while building volume
Tight spot @ 2378' – Hole still seeping – mixing 4sks LCM/hr
Pump sweep and spot pill on bottom at TD
5800' – Bit trip – LD shock sub – PU jars – Switch to brine
6060' – Mix H2S Scavenger
6772' – Trace of H2S in Shale #7
7087' – 20ppm H2S – added scavenger
7618'-7621' – 5-10ppm H2S
7896' – Bit trip – had to wash salt off pipe – several salt bridges in casing – wash and ream 200' to bottom
TD @ 8262' – circ 100bbl sweep – short trip – tight in first 10 stands @8080' – spot 100bbl pill on bottom
Run 7" casing – circ at 2100' – wash 3jts to bottom – fill and bridge

YE #2 Spud 9/25/96 – Rig release 10/16/96

9-5/8 set at 2965' – 800sks lead and 300sks tail
Lost returns at 1016'-1022' (approx 500bbls) – hole is constantly seeping fluid
1768' – Trip for bit
Short trip – SLM – 4' of fill – hole took 85bbls fluid on trip
Pump 2 – 100bbl LCM sweeps
POOH – LD 15jts DP and DC's
5690' – clean pits – displace w/ brine
5986' – Bit trip – LD shock sub – PU jars
6668' – Shale #5 sloughing – tight hole
6723' – H2S alarms – 170ppm
7475' – H2S alarms – 30ppm on monitor – 0ppm with Draeger tube
Short trip at TD – Salt build up on pipe – Pump 100bbl sweep – spot 100bbl pill on bottom
7990' TD
Run casing – 100ppm H2S on BU

YA #4 Spud 4/29/01 – Rig release 5/24/01

9-5/8 set at 2869' – 800sks lead and 300sks tail
Lost partial returns at 1551'-1925' (approx 50-60 bbl/hr) – hole is constantly seeping fluid
Cement fell back to 80' – Pump 50 sk top job
Drill out with a straight hole motor to 5000'
5542' – clean pits – displace w/ brine
6016' – Install rotating head rubber
6528' – H2S alarms – 40-60 ppm – pipe stuck – parted pin on bit sub – attempt to fish – fishing attempts were unsuccessful – plug back and sidetrack @ 6252'
7351' – 15 stand short trip – wash and ream 100' to bottom
7895' – 20 stand short trip – tight at 7300' – wash and ream bridge – circulate BU – 156ppm H2S

7895' TD – Top of Leadville at 7875'

Run casing – No H2S on cement job – No cement to surface – good returns the entire job

YB #4 Spud 5/28/01 – Rig release 6/15/01

9-5/8 set at 2858' – 800sk lead and 300sk tail

Slight seepage (approx 20bbl/hr) constantly

Good returns – 100 bbl cement to surface – cement fell back 38' – Pump 75sk top job

Drill out with straight hole motor to 5896'

5896' – clean pits – displace w/ brine

6628' – 17 stand short trip

7153' – 20 stand short trip

7920' TD – Top of Leadville at 7898'

Run casing – 100ppm H2S on BU

CASING DETAIL

CASING RATING / DESIGN FACTORS

<u>SIZE</u>	<u>INTERVAL</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>COLLAPSE</u>	<u>BURST</u>	<u>TENSION</u>
9-5/8"	0' - 3215'	36# K-55 STC	2020 / 1.6	3520 / 1.8	423 / 4.9
7"	0' - 5900'	29# CR13 FOX	7020 / 2.3	8160 / 2.9	676 / 7.3
7"	5900' - 7400'	32# CR13 FOX	8600 / 1.2	9060 / 3.1	692 / 10.
7"	7400' - 7695'	29# CR13 FOX	7020 / 1.8	8160 / 2.4	676 / 10.

All of the 32# CR13 casing will be coated with Rytwrap (ICO in Odessa) prior to arriving on location.

DESIGN ASSUMPTIONS:

9-5/8" Surface	Tension:	Buoyed weight in 8.4 ppg fresh water, DF = 1.6
	Collapse:	Full evacuation w/ 9.0 ppg on outside, DF = 1.0
	Burst:	2000 psi shut in pressure at the surface, DF = 1.33
7" Production	Tension:	Buoyed weight in 10.0 ppg brine
	Collapse:	Full evacuation in 10.0 ppg brine for 29#, 1.0 psi/ft for 32#
	Burst:	2500 psi shut in pressure at the surface with 10.0 ppg inside and 9.0 ppg outside

PRODUCTION CASING HANDLING, RUNNING AND MAKEUP

The well integrity is dependent on the casing being handled and run correctly. 7" 13CR requires special handling and is to be handled and run according to the procedures specified in the attachment to this prognosis. A copy of the FOX Thread Technical Specifications for the 29# and 32# are also attached.

CEMENTING PROCEDURE

9-5/8" SURFACE CASING => 1-stage

Use API 8-3/4" drift on location

Shoe Type: Regular Guide Shoe
Collar Type: Regular Float collar, 40' above shoe
Centralizers: 18 required => Place centralizers on shoe joint, and every 4th joint to surface
Flag Joints: None Required
Other Equipment: Stop clamp, thread lock the bottom 2 joints of casing + all float equipment, top and bottom plugs

Reciprocate: Not required, limit of 264,000 lbs based on 36# K-55 STC w/ a 1.6 SF

Preflush: 50 bbls => Fresh water @ 10 bbls / min

Lead CMT Slurry: 800 sks => Light Premium + 2% CaCl₂ + 1/4 pps Flocele + .2% Versaset
Specifications: 11.9 ppg / 2.14 ft³ / sk / 12.07 gal / sk

Tail CMT Slurry: 300 sks => Premium Cement + 1% CaCl₂ + 1/4 pps Flocele
Specifications: 15.6 ppg / 1.19 ft³ / sk / 5.22 gal / sk

Displacement: ~248 bbls => Fresh Water @ 8 - 10 bbls / min

Volume Based: All volumes listed are estimates only, for calculations use 12-1/4" X 9-5/8" annulus + 100% excess + shoe joints + ~100 sks circulated @ surface, attempt to circulate cement to surface, excess volume is based on experience.

Pressure Limits: 2000 psi while pumping or bumping plug due to collapse rating of the 9-5/8" 36# K-55 STC w/ a 1.0 SF

Test Required: Lab test w/ field water, want a 2 hr minimum @ 105° BHST

Temperature Survey: Required if cement does not circulate at surface, call Doug Frederick @ (713) 369-9208 for details

Wellhead: Install section "A" assembly

Special Note:

1. Report the volume of cement circulated to the surface.
2. WOC for a minimum of 12 hours prior to drilling out.
3. NU 3M - 11 - BOP and test to rating.
4. Test the casing to 1500 psi.
5. Cement Co. => Send copy of pressure charts, job log and summary to: Kinder Morgan, Attn: Doug Frederick, 500 Dallas, Suite 1000, Houston, TX 77002.

CEMENTING PROCEDURE

7" PRODUCTION CASING => Single stage foam

Shoe Type:	Differential Fill Float Shoe
Collar Type:	Differential Fill Float Collar, 80' above shoe
Centralizers:	65 required => 10' above shoe and every other joint
Flag Joints:	Cross overs from 29# to 32# will serve as flag joints.
Other Equipment:	Thread lock the bottom 3 joints of casing + all float equipment.
Reciprocate:	If required, limit @ 100,000 lbs
Preflush:	20 bbls => Fresh water @ 10 bbls / min 30 bbls => Mud flush 20 bbls => Fresh water
Lead Slurry:	1380 sks => See recommendation
Specifications:	13.0 ppg / 1.47 ft ³ / sk / 6.89 gal / sk
Tail Slurry:	290 sks => See recommendation
Specifications:	13.5 ppg / 1.32 ft ³ / sk / 5.94 gal / sk
Cement Cap Slurry:	100 sks => See recommendation
Specifications:	15.0 ppg / 1.30 ft ³ / sk / 6.04 gal / sk
Displacement:	~284 bbls freshwater @ 8 - 10 bbls / min
Volume Based:	Use 13" hole diameter to calculate cement volume
Test Required:	Lab test w/ field water, 3.25 hr minimum @ 200° BHST Lab test w/ field water, 3.50 hr minimum @ 170° BHST
Temperature Survey:	Possible survey if severe lost circulation occurs
Wellhead:	Install section "B" assembly
Special Note:	1. Circulate 3 annular volumes prior to cementing @ maximum rate possible. 2. Displace cement at the maximum rate possible. 3. Report volumes of cement circulated. 4. Report any circulation problems on the morning report. 5. Cement Co. => Send copy of pressure charts, job log and summary to: Kinder Morgan, Attn: Doug Frederick, 500 Dallas, Suite 1000, Houston, TX 77002.

MUD PROGRAM

The "standard" mud program and procedures used during the previous drilling programs at McElmo Dome will be employed during the drilling operation on the #MQ#8.

Surface - 3215' (9-5/8" Casing Point):

Hole Size: 12-1/4"
Mud Type: Fresh water
Viscosity: 28 - 30 sec/qt
Mud Weight: As low as possible
Fluid loss: Maintain API FL less than 20cc through the Shinarump
Chlorides: N / A
pH: No control
Problems: Seepage, lost circulation, hole cleaning

Spud the 12-1/4" surface hole with fresh water and circulate the fresh water section of the reserve pit. Maintain the fluid as clean as possible to help prevent lost circulation. Use paper to control any seepage and pump LCM sweeps if lost circulation becomes a problem. Pump viscous sweeps if tight connections are encountered and prior to running the 9-5/8" casing.

3215' - 5800' (100' above the Desert Creek):

Hole Size: 8-3/4"
Mud Type: Fresh water
Viscosity: 28 - 30 sec/qt
Mud Weight: As low as possible
Fluid loss: No control
Chlorides: N / A
pH: 10 - 11
Problems: Seepage, hole cleaning

Drill out of the 9-5/8" casing with clean fresh water. Circulate the reserve pit to keep solids to a minimum. Sweep the hole as required for hole cleaning and / or lost circulation problems. Use paper to control any seepage problems.

5800' - 7695' (20' into the Leadville / 7" Casing Point):

Hole Size: 8-3/4"
Mud Type: Salt saturated brine
Viscosity: 28 - 30 sec/qt
Mud Weight: 10.0 - 10.1 ppg, as required if gas influx is severe
Fluid loss: As required for drilling
Chlorides: 180,000 - 200,000 mg/l
pH: 11+, as required to control H2S
Problems: H2S, killer Shale gas influx, hole cleaning

Displace the fresh water system with salt saturated brine 100' above the Desert Creek formation. Circulate through the salt water section of the reserve pit to maintain a clean fluid and to assist in breaking out any entrained gas. Pretreat mud for H2S prior to drilling the P4 Shale.

Follow the attached guidelines for drilling the Killer Shale, titled "Paradox Salt Drilling Procedure", which is located at the back of this prognosis. The recommendations have proven to be very successful in recent drilling programs.

7695' - 9695' (MD):**CURVE:**

Hole Size: 4-3/4"
Mud Type: Fresh water
Viscosity: 28 - 30 sec/qt
Mud Weight: 8.4 - 8.5 ppg
Fluid loss: 10 cc's or less
Chlorides: N / A
pH: 10 - 11
Problems: CO2 influx, seepage to lost circulation

LATERAL:

Hole Size: 4-3/4"
Mud Type: Fresh waterNitrogen (Underbalanced)

EVALUATION PROGRAM

MUDLOG: 2-man mudlogging unit w/ FID 5500' => TD

TELEPHONE NUMBERS**OFFICE #****HOME #**

Houston Operations	Doug Frederick	(713) 369-9208	(281) 225-6960
Reservoir Eng.	Jim Skurner	(713) 369-8722	(713) 974-2038
Cement	Halliburton	(505) 324-3500	
Mud	Undetermined		
Mudlog	GeoXploration	(970) 946 - 1235	

Recommended: _____

Approval: _____