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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 standalone 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:  
**422462**  
Expiration Date:  
**03/30/2014**

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: 100322  
Name: NOBLE ENERGY INC  
Address: 1625 BROADWAY STE 2200  
City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202

#### 3. Contact Information

Name: Justin Garrett  
Phone: (303) 228-4449  
Fax: (303) 228-4286  
email: JDGarrett@nobleenergyinc.com

#### 4. Location Identification:

Name: Wells Ranch Number: AE05-12 TANK  
County: WELD  
QuarterQuarter: C/SW/4 Section: 5 Township: 6N Range: 62W Meridian: 6 Ground Elevation: 4967  
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: 1327 feet FSL, from North or South section line, and 1321 feet FWL, from East or West section line.  
Latitude: 40.512130 Longitude: -104.351220 PDOP Reading: 4.9 Date of Measurement: 02/08/2011  
Instrument Operator's Name: Brian T. Brinkman

#### 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="checkbox"/>        | Production Pits: <input type="checkbox"/> | Dehydrator Units: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Condensate Tanks: <input type="checkbox"/>     | Water Tanks: <input type="checkbox"/>   | Separators: <input type="checkbox"/>   | 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="checkbox"/>  | Oil Pipeline: <input type="checkbox"/> | Water Pipeline: <input type="checkbox"/>  | Flare: <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Gas Compressors: <input type="checkbox"/>      | VOC Combustor: <input type="checkbox"/> | Oil Tanks: <input type="checkbox"/>    | Fuel Tanks: <input type="checkbox"/>      |  |

Other: 1 Water Vault, 1 EFM

6. Construction:

Date planned to commence construction: 04/01/2011 Size of disturbed area during construction in acres: 3.00
Estimated date that interim reclamation will begin: 07/01/2011 Size of location after interim reclamation in acres: 2.00
Estimated post-construction ground elevation: 4967 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:

7. Surface Owner:

Name: Phone:
Address: Fax:
Address: Email:
City: State: Zip: Date of Rule 306 surface owner consultation: 02/04/2011
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: 20030009 Gas Facility Surety ID: Waste Mgmt. Surety ID:

9. Cultural:

Is the location in a high density area (Rule 603.b.): Yes No
Distance, in feet, to nearest building: 4800, public road: 3955, above ground utilit: 3940
, railroad: 5281, property line: 1321

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: 72 Vona loamy sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes

NRCS Map Unit Name: 74 Vona loamy sand, 5 to 9 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: 02/04/2011

List individual species: \_\_\_\_\_

Check all plant communities that exist in the disturbed area.

- Disturbed Grassland (Cactus, Yucca, Cheatgrass, Rye)
- Native Grassland (Bluestem, 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: 5281, water well: 3355, depth to ground water: 215

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:

COGCC map shows nearest surface water at 2462', but nearest surface water is actually greater than 5280'. Most streams shown on COGCC map in Wells Ranch are dry gulches. Permit #36787- - used for static H2O level. The reference area is on undisturbed ground immediately adjacent to and North of the facility location as shown in the location photo facing North.

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 03/01/2011 Email: JDGarrett@nobleenergyinc.com

Print Name: Justin Garrett Title: Regulatory Specialist

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. Neslin*

Director of COGCC

Date: 3/31/2011

**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.**

Notify the COGCC Oil and Gas Location Assessment (OGLA) specialist for South Eastern Colorado (Arthur Koepsell; email arthur.koepsell@state.co.us) 48 hours prior to initiating construction of the Tank Battery.

**Attachment Check List**

| Att Doc Num | Name                    |
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| 400136339   | FORM 2A SUBMITTED       |
| 400136351   | PROPOSED BMPs           |
| 400136359   | NRCS MAP UNIT DESC      |
| 400137899   | SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY    |
| 400138685   | ACCESS ROAD MAP         |
| 400138686   | HYDROLOGY MAP           |
| 400138687   | LOCATION DRAWING        |
| 400138689   | LOCATION PICTURES       |
| 400138701   | REFERENCE AREA PICTURES |

Total Attach: 9 Files

**General Comments**

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