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Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

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Oil and Gas Location Assessment

New Location

Amend Existing Location

Location#: 429615

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:

**429615**

Expiration Date:

**03/18/2016**

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: SUSAN MILLER  
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4. Location Identification:

Name: WELLS RANCH USX Number: AA23-65-1HN  
 County: WELD  
 Quarter: SWNW Section: 24 Township: 6N Range: 63W Meridian: 6 Ground Elevation: 4810

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: 2224 feet FNL, from North or South section line, and 74 feet FWL, from East or West section line.  
 Latitude: 40.473180 Longitude: -104.394180 PDOP Reading: 1.5 Date of Measurement: 06/21/2012  
 Instrument Operator's Name: Brian Brinkman

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

Special Purpose Pits: <input type="checkbox"/>	Drilling Pits: <input type="checkbox"/>	Wells: <input type="text" value="8"/>	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="text" value="8"/>	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: 8 three-phase flowlines. Production facilities are located 1050' southeast of the location. See Location ID No. 427153 for Wells Ranch AA24 Econode.

6. Construction:

Date planned to commence construction: 05/31/2013 Size of disturbed area during construction in acres: 8.00  
Estimated date that interim reclamation will begin: 08/31/2013 Size of location after interim reclamation in acres: 2.00  
Estimated post-construction ground elevation: 4807 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: 06/25/2012  
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 Mgnt. Surety ID: \_\_\_\_\_

### 9. Cultural:

Is the location in a high density area (Rule 603.b.): Yes  No   
Distance, in feet, to nearest building: 3145, public road: 2210, above ground utility: 5280,  
railroad: 5280, property line: 74

### 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, 0-3% slopes

NRCS Map Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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: 05/31/2012  
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: 2110, water well: 3530, depth to ground water: 97  
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:**

Nearest above ground utility and railroad over 1 mile from location. Nearest water well permit no. 243503 (Domestic). Nearest surface water is a ditch located 2110' north of the location. Noble will utilize existing access roads into Section 24. The surface owner is the same on both sides of the property line. Noble has permission to disturb land on both sides of the property line. Reference area located immediately adjacent to and west of location on undisturbed land as shown on attached photo. Operator requests approval of Rule 603.a.(2) exception location for well location 74' from nearest property line, request letter and signed waiver attached.

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 02/07/2013 Email: smiller@nobleenergyinc.com  
Print Name: SUSAN MILLER Title: Regulatory Analyst III

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: 3/19/2013

**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
2233872	LOCATION DRAWING
2233873	MULTI-WELL PLAN
2233913	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY
400346924	FORM 2A SUBMITTED
400355028	ACCESS ROAD MAP
400355076	HYDROLOGY MAP
400355089	LOCATION PICTURES
400355091	WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN
400355092	REFERENCE AREA PICTURES
400355095	NRCS MAP UNIT DESC
400355124	EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST
400355126	EXCEPTION LOC WAIVERS

Total Attach: 12 Files

**General Comments**

<b><u>User Group</u></b>	<b><u>Comment</u></b>	<b><u>Comment Date</u></b>
Permit	Per operator attached updated SUA.	3/18/2013 9:11:36 AM
Final Review	ON HOLD - waiting on SUA discussion	3/14/2013 9:39:12 AM
Permit	Final Review Completed. No LGD or public comment received.	3/11/2013 6:14:33 AM
OGLA	reviewed Location Drawing; OGLA task passed	3/4/2013 8:57:37 AM
Permit	Per operator attached new multi well plan and location drawing.	2/14/2013 1:05:09 PM
OGLA	initial review complete	2/13/2013 10:37:42 AM
Permit	Per operator corrected cultural tab information.	2/13/2013 9:51:25 AM
Permit	Requested updated distance to the nearest property line and corrected location drawing. Multi well plan is missing four wells. Form 2A and 2's compared. Initial review complete.	2/13/2013 7:04:32 AM
Permit	Operator unchecked the 306.d.(1)A.ii. variance request. This form has passed completeness.	2/11/2013 10:05:42 AM
Permit	RTD: confirm the request for the 306.d.(1)A.ii. variance request.	2/8/2013 11:58:28 AM

Total: 10 comment(s)

## BMP

<u>Type</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Storm Water/Erosion Control	Stormwater management plans (SWMP) are in place to address construction, drilling and operations associated with Oil & Gas development throughout the state of Colorado in accordance with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and General Permit No. COR-038637. BMP's will be constructed around the perimeter of the site prior to, or at the beginning of construction. BMP's used will vary according to the location and will remain in place until the pad reaches final reclamation.
General Housekeeping	General housekeeping will consist of neat and orderly storage of materials and fluids. Wastes will be temporarily stored in sealed containers and regularly collected and disposed of at offsite, suitable facilities. If spills occur, prompt cleanup is required to minimize any commingling of waste materials with stormwater runoff. Routine maintenance will be limited to fueling and lubrication of equipment. Drip pans will be used during routine fueling and maintenance to contain spills or leaks. Any waste product from maintenance will be containerized and transported offsite for disposal or recycling. There will be no major equipment overhauls conducted onsite. Equipment will be transported offsite for major overhauls. Cleanup of trash and discarded materials will be conducted at the end of each work day. Cleanup will consist of patrolling the roadway, access areas, and other work areas to pick up trash, scrap debris, other discarded materials, and any contaminated soil. These materials will be disposed of properly.
Drilling/Completion Operations	<p>Anti-collision: Prior to drilling operations, Operator will perform an anti-collision scan of existing offset wells that have the potential of being within close proximity of the proposed well. This anti-collision scan will include definitive MWD or gyro surveys of the offset wells with included error of uncertainty per survey instrument, and compared against the proposed wellpath with its respective error of uncertainty. If current surveys do not exist for the offset wells, Operator may have gyro surveys conducted to verify bottomhole location. The proposed well will only be drilled if the anti-collision scan results indicate that there is not a risk for collision, or harm to people or the environment. For the proposed well, upon conclusion of drilling operations, an as-constructed gyro survey will be submitted to COGCC with the Form 5.</p> <p>During and Post stimulation: Noble Energy Inc. will comply with the COGCC Policy for Bradenhead Monitoring During Hydraulic Fracturing Treatments in the Greater Wattenberg Area dated 5/29/12.</p>
Material Handling and Spill Prevention	Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) plans are in place to address any possible spill associated with Oil & Gas operations throughout the state of Colorado in accordance with CFR 112.

Total: 4 comment(s)