

**FORM
2A**Rev
04/01**State of Colorado
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**

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Oil and Gas Location Assessment☐ New Location☒ Amend Existing Location Location#: 429008

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:

429008

Expiration Date:

03/31/2016☒ 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. OperatorOperator Number: 100322Name: NOBLE ENERGY INCAddress: 1625 BROADWAY STE 2200City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202**3. Contact Information**Name: Justin GarrettPhone: (303) 228-4449Fax: (303) 228-4286email: JDGarrett@nobleenergyinc.com**4. Location Identification:**Name: Wells Ranch USXNumber: AE07-62-1HN PadCounty: WELDQuarterQuarter: SESE Section: 12 Township: 6N Range: 63W Meridian: 6 Ground Elevation: 4858

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: 1152 feet FSL, from North or South section line, and 215 feet FEL, from East or West section line.Latitude: 40.496990 Longitude: -104.375980 PDOP Reading: 1.1 Date of Measurement: 02/16/2012Instrument Operator's Name: Adam Kelly**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="9"/>	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="9"/>	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: _____

6. Construction:

Date planned to commence construction: 02/01/2013 Size of disturbed area during construction in acres: 9.00
 Estimated date that interim reclamation will begin: 05/01/2013 Size of location after interim reclamation in acres: 2.00
 Estimated post-construction ground elevation: 4858 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: 06/27/2012
 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: 5281, public road: 5281, above ground utility: 5281,
 railroad: 5281, property line: 215

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 be 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: 74: Vona loamy sand, 5-9% 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: 06/27/2012
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: 171, water well: 5560, depth to ground water: 141
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 Supply Area buffer zone:
☒ No ☐ 0-300 ft. zone ☐ 301-500 ft. zone ☐ 501-2640 ft. zone

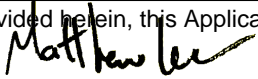
If the location is within a Rule 317B Surface Water Supply Area buffer have all public water supply systems within 15 miles been notified: ☐ No ☐ Yes

15. Comments:

Distance to nearest building, public road, above ground utility, & railroad is greater than 1 mile. Nearest surface water 171' N is a barrow ditch, that along with the barrow ditch 191' N, will be filled in during drilling and repaired during reclamation. The low area 255' NE will be filled in as part of construction of the well pad. Nearest water well 5560' SE is a stock well; Receipt #3654204, Permit #287803 with a depth of 360' and a static water level of 141'. The reference area is on undisturbed ground immediately adjacent to and East of the pad location as shown in the location photo facing East. Location is being amended to become a nine-well pad consisting of the proposed Wells Ranch USX AE07-62-1HN, Wells Ranch USX AE07-63-1HN, Wells Ranch USX AE07-63HN, Wells Ranch USX AE07-64-1HN, and Wells Ranch USX AE07-65-1HN, and the existing Wells Ranch AA12-65-1HN, Wells Ranch AA12-64-1HN, Wells Ranch AA12-63-1HN, and Wells Ranch AA12-62-1HN; multi-well plan attached. This pad will utilize the production facilities at the existing Section 12 EcoNode. I have also attached to the Form 2A the Rule 603.a.(2) exception location request letter and waiver that were submitted with the Form 2 for the reference well. Memo of SUA attached to the Form 2 for the referenced wells. The permitted but not drilled Wells Ranch USX AE07-63HN (API: 05-123-34276) and its location (Loc ID: 425131) will be abandoned upon submittal of this pad; sundries sent via mail 2/27/13.

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

Signed: _____ Date: 02/27/2013 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: _____

Director of COGCC

Date: 4/1/2013

**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
1642110	CORRESPONDENCE
2233888	MULTI-WELL PLAN
400360865	FORM 2A SUBMITTED
400385006	WAIVERS
400385008	EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST
400385009	ACCESS ROAD MAP
400385011	HYDROLOGY MAP
400385012	LOCATION DRAWING
400385013	LOCATION PICTURES
400385015	REFERENCE AREA PICTURES
400385017	NRCS MAP UNIT DESC
400385018	WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Total Attach: 12 Files

General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit	Final Review Completed. No LGD or public comment received.	3/25/2013 7:28:34 AM
Permit	Attached new multi well plan per operator.	3/6/2013 2:01:47 PM
Permit	Per operator answered H2S question.	3/5/2013 2:53:49 PM
Permit	Requested H2S answer, multi-well plan with 9 wells, multi well plan that matches planned wellbores.	3/5/2013 12:52:46 PM
OGLA	Initial review complete	3/4/2013 11:59:31 AM
OGLA	Removed check box for CDPHE consult due to property line exception location per operator e-mail (Doc 1642110). Waived CDPHE task.	3/1/2013 9:13:14 AM
Permit	Passed completeness.	2/28/2013 6:33:15 AM

Total: 7 comment(s)

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<u>Type</u>	<u>Comment</u>
General Housekeeping	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 pickup trash, scrap debris, other discarded materials, and any contaminated soil. These materials will be disposed of properly.
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) 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.
Pre-Construction	<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 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)