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Angela,

I have been reviewing the WPX Energy Rocky Mountain LLC (WPX) Federal RGU 41-8-298 Pad **Form 2A** (#400529564). COGCC would like to attach the following conditions of approval (COAs) based on the information and data WPX has submitted on or attached to the Form 2A prior to passing the Oil and Gas Location Assessment (OGLA) review.

Planning: The following conditions of approval (COAs) will apply:

COA 91 - Notify the COGCC 48 hours prior to start of pad reconstruction/regarding (if necessary), rig mobilization, spud, and start of hydraulic stimulation operations using Form 42 (the appropriate COGCC individuals will automatically be email notified, including the LGD for hydraulic stimulation operations).

Construction: The following conditions of approval (COAs) will apply:

COA 23 - Operator must ensure secondary containment for any volume of fluids contained at well site during drilling and completion operations; including, but not limited to, construction of a berm or diversion dike, diversion/collection trenches within and/or outside of berms/dikes, site grading, or other comparable measures sufficiently protective of nearby surface water. Any berm constructed at the well pad location will be stabilized, inspected at regular intervals (at least every 14 days), and maintained in good condition.

Drilling/Completions: The following conditions of approval (COAs) will apply:

COA 25 - Flowback and stimulation fluids must be sent to tanks, separators, or other containment/filtering equipment before the fluids can be placed into any pipeline or storage vessel located on the well pad; or into tanker trucks for offsite disposal. The flowback and stimulation fluid tanks, separators, or other containment/filtering equipment must be placed on the well pad in an area constructed to be sufficiently impervious to contain any spilled or released material and with additional downgradient perimeter berming.

Material Handling and Spill Prevention: The following conditions of approval (COAs) will apply to the Form 2A Permit if any temporary surface or buried permanent pipelines (poly or steel) are used during operations at the well pad location or nearby well pads:

COA 45 - Operator shall pressure test pipelines in accordance with Rule 1101.e.(1) prior to putting into initial service any temporary surface or permanent buried pipelines and following any reconfiguration of the pipeline network. Operator shall notify the COGCC Oil and Gas Location Assessment (OGLA) Specialist for Western Colorado (Dave Kubeczko; email dave.kubeczko@state.co.us) and the COGCC Field Inspection Supervisor for Northwest Colorado (Shaun Kellerby; email shaun.kellerby@state.co.us) 48 hours prior to testing surface or buried poly/steel pipelines.

COA 49 - Operator must routinely inspect the entire length of the surface pipeline to ensure integrity. Operator shall conduct daily inspections of surface poly pipeline routes for leaks during active transfer of fluids and implement best management practices to contain any unintentional release of fluids along all portions of the

surface pipeline route where temporary pumps and other necessary equipment are located. Inspections shall be conducted by viewing the length of the pipeline; operator will endeavor to minimize surface disturbance during pipeline monitoring. The operator shall maintain records of inspections, findings and repairs, if necessary, for the life of the pipelines. In addition, pump stations along the surface poly or steel pipeline route will be continuously monitored when operating in order to swiftly respond to such a failure.

COA 54 - Operator must ensure no release of fluids at all stream, intermittent stream, ditch, and drainage crossings. For these crossings: operator will ensure appropriate containment by either installing over-sized pipe "sleeves" which extend the length of the crossing and beyond to a distance deemed adequate to capture and/or divert any possible release of fluids and prevent fluids from reaching the stream or drainage; or installing over-sized pipe "sleeves" which extend the length of the crossing and installing shut off valves on either side of crossing instead of catchment basins.

COA 55 - Operator will utilize, to the extent practical, all existing access and other public roads, and/or existing pipeline right-of-ways, when placing/routing the surface pipelines.

Based on the information provided in the Form 2A by WPX, COGCC will attach these COAs to the Form 2A permit; WPX does not need to respond, unless you have questions or concerns with details in this email. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (970) 309-2514 (cell), or email. Thanks.

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