

**FORM  
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05/11**State of Colorado  
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801, Denver, Colorado 80203  
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Inspection Date:

03/03/2015

Document Number:

675201277

Overall Inspection:

SATISFACTORY**FIELD INSPECTION FORM**

Location Identifier	Facility ID	Loc ID	Inspector Name:	On-Site Inspection	
	432255	432255	CONKLIN, CURTIS	2A Doc Num:	

**Operator Information:**OGCC Operator Number: 10150Name of Operator: BLACK HILLS PLATEAU PRODUCTION LLCAddress: 1515 WYNKOOP ST STE 500City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202

- ☐ THIS IS A FOLLOW UP INSPECTION
- ☐ FOLLOW UP INSPECTION REQUIRED
- ☐ NO FOLLOW UP INSPECTION REQUIRED
- ☐ INSPECTOR REQUESTS FORM 42 WHEN CORRECTIVE ACTIONS ARE COMPLETED

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**Compliance Summary:**

QtrQtr: <u>NWNW</u>		Sec: <u>9</u>	Twp: <u>8S</u>	Range: <u>98W</u>			
Insp. Date	Doc Num	Insp. Type	Insp Status	Satisfactory /Action Required	PA P/F/I	Pas/Fail (P/F)	Violation (Y/N)
02/03/2015	675201151			SATISFACTORY			No
01/02/2015	675201029			SATISFACTORY			No
12/05/2014	675200911			SATISFACTORY			No
09/10/2014	675200515			SATISFACTORY			No

**Inspector Comment:**Drilling inspection**Related Facilities:**

Facility ID	Type	Status	Status Date	Well Class	API Num	Facility Name	Insp Status	
432256	WELL	DG	11/28/2014	LO	045-21932	Homer Deep Unit 9-11AH	DG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
432257	WELL	DG	11/29/2014	LO	045-21933	Homer Deep Unit 9-11BH	DG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
432419	PIT		04/08/2013		-	Homer Deep Unit 9-11		<input type="checkbox"/>
438456	WELL	DG	11/30/2014		045-22489	Homer Deep 9-11CH	DG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Equipment:**Location Inventory

Inspector Name: CONKLIN, CURTIS

Special Purpose Pits: _____	Drilling Pits: _____	Wells: <u>3</u>	Production Pits: _____
Condensate Tanks: _____	Water Tanks: <u>6</u>	Separators: <u>3</u>	Electric Motors: _____
Gas or Diesel Mortors: _____	Cavity Pumps: _____	LACT Unit: _____	Pump Jacks: _____
Electric Generators: _____	Gas Pipeline: <u>1</u>	Oil Pipeline: _____	Water Pipeline: <u>1</u>
Gas Compressors: _____	VOC Combustor: _____	Oil Tanks: <u>3</u>	Dehydrator Units: _____
Multi-Well Pits: <u>1</u>	Pigging Station: _____	Flare: _____	Fuel Tanks: _____

### Location

#### Lease Road:

Type	Satisfactory/Action Required	comment	Corrective Action	Date
Access	SATISFACTORY			

#### Signs/Marker:

Type	Satisfactory/Action Required	Comment	Corrective Action	CA Date
DRILLING/RECOMP	SATISFACTORY			

Emergency Contact Number (S/A/V): SATISFACTORY

Corrective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Corrective Action: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Spills:

Type	Area	Volume	Corrective action	CA Date
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☐ Multiple Spills and Releases?

#### Venting:

Yes/No	Comment
NO	

#### Flaring:

Type	Satisfactory/Action Required	Comment	Corrective Action	CA Date

### Predrill

Location ID: 432255

#### Site Preparation:

Lease Road Adeq.: \_\_\_\_\_ Pads: \_\_\_\_\_ Soil Stockpile: \_\_\_\_\_

S/A/V: \_\_\_\_\_

Corrective Action: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CDP Num.: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Form 2A COAs:

Group	User	Comment	Date
OGLA	kubeczkod	<p>GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER BASELINE WATER SAMPLING COA:</p> <p>Baseline Water Testing: Prior to drilling, operator shall sample at a minimum two (2) domestic water wells or springs within a one (1) mile radius of the proposed oil and gas location. Testing preference shall be given to domestic water wells and springs over surface water. If possible, the water wells or springs selected should be on opposite sides of the oil and gas location not exceeding a one (1) mile radius. If water wells or springs on opposite sides of the oil and gas location cannot be identified, then the two (2) closest wells or springs within a one (1) mile radius of the oil and gas location shall be sampled. The sample location shall be surveyed in accordance with Rule 215. Sampling and analysis shall be conducted in conformance with an accepted industry standard as described in Rule 910.b.(2). Initial baseline testing shall include: pH, specific conductance, total dissolved solids (TDS), dissolved gases (methane, ethane, propane), alkalinity (total bicarbonate and carbonate as CaCO<sub>3</sub>), major anions (bromide, chloride, fluoride, sulfate, nitrate and nitrite as N, phosphorus), major cations (calcium, iron, magnesium, manganese, potassium, sodium), other elements (barium, boron, selenium and strontium), presence of bacteria (iron related, sulfate reducing, slime and coliform), total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) and BTEX compounds (benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylenes). Hydrogen sulfide shall also be measured using a field test method. Field observations such as pH, temperature, specific conductance, odor, water color, sediment, bubbles, and effervescence shall also be included. COGCC recommends that the latest version of EPA SW 846 analytical methods be used where possible and that analyses of samples be performed by laboratories that maintain state or national accreditation programs. If free gas or a dissolved methane concentration greater than 1.0 milligram per liter (mg/l) is detected in a water well, gas compositional analysis and stable isotope analysis of the methane (carbon and hydrogen – <sup>12</sup>C, <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>2</sup>H) shall be performed to determine gas type. If test results indicated thermogenic or a mixture of thermogenic and biogenic gas. If the methane concentration increases by more than 5.0 mg/l between sampling periods, or increases to more than 10. mg/l, the operator shall notify the Director and the owner of the water well immediately. After 90 days, but less than 180 days of completion of the first proposed well a “post-completion” test shall be performed for the same analytical parameters listed above and repeated once within 60 to 72 months. If the well is a non-producing well, then the 60- to 72-month sample will not be required. Additional “post-completion” test(s) may be required if changes in water quality are identified during follow-up testing. The Director may require further water well sampling at any time in response to complaints from water well owners. Copies of all test results described above shall be provided to the Director and the landowner where the water quality testing well is located within three (3) months of collecting the samples used for the test. The analytical data and surveyed well locations shall also be submitted to the Director in an electronic data deliverable format. Documented refusal to grant access by well owner or surface owner (for spring sampling) shall not constitute a violation of this COA.</p>	03/19/2013

OGLA	kubeczko	<p><b>SITE SPECIFIC COAs:</b></p> <p>Notify the COGCC 48 hours prior to start of pad construction, rig mobilization, spud, pit liner installation, 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).</p> <p>Operator must implement best management practices to contain any unintentional release of fluids, including any fluids conveyed via temporary surface or buried pipelines.</p> <p>The access road will be constructed to prevent sediment migration from the access road to nearby surface water or any drainages leading to other nearby surface waters or wetlands areas.</p> <p>Operator must ensure secondary containment for any volume of fluids contained at well site during drilling and completion operations (as described and shown on the Construction Layout Drawings attachment); 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 (i.e., best management practices (BMPs) associated with stormwater management) 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.</p> <p>The moisture content of any freshwater generated cuttings in a cuttings pit, trench, or pile shall be as low as practicable to prevent accumulation of liquids greater than de minimis amounts. At the time of closure, if the drill cuttings are to be left onsite, they must also meet the applicable standards of Table 910-1.</p> <p>Flowback and stimulation fluids must be sent to tanks, separators, or other containment/filtering equipment before the fluids can be placed into any pipeline, storage vessel, or lined pit 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 with additional downgradient perimeter berming. The area where flowback fluids will be stored/reused must be constructed to be sufficiently impervious to contain any spilled or released material.</p> <p>Berms or other containment devices shall be constructed to be sufficiently impervious (preferably corrugated steel with poly liner) to contain any spilled or released material around crude oil, condensate, and produced water storage tanks.</p>	03/19/2013
OGLA	kubeczko	<p><b>FORM 15 EARTHEN PIT PERMIT COAs:</b></p> <p>Per Black Hills Plateau Production's De Beque Exploratory Proposal (which is currently being analyzed by BLM), "It is estimated that initially the flowback fluids (before evaporation) would contain about 3,500 ppm of total dissolved solids (TDS). The concentration of solids in the fluid would increase as water evaporated. The fluids pit would be double lined, with both liners a minimum of 24 mil thick, and they would be installed in accordance with Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) regulations as well as the BLM GJFO Standard Conditions. The pit liner would be maintained in good working condition, with no tears or holes, until the pit was closed."; the multi-well pit must be double-lined.</p> <p>After installation of the uppermost liner and prior to operating the pit, the synthetic liner(s) shall be tested by filling the pit with at least 70 percent of operating capacity of water, measured from the base of the pit (not to exceed the 2-foot freeboard requirement). The operator shall monitor the pit for leaks for a period of 72 hours prior to either draining the pit or commencing operations. Operator shall notify the COGCC Oil and Gas Location Assessment (OGLA) Specialist for Western Colorado (Dave Kubeczko; email dave.kubeczko@state.co.us) 48 hours prior to start of the hydrotest. Hydrotest monitoring results must be maintained by the operator for the life of the pit and provided to COGCC prior to using the pit.</p>	03/19/2013

In lieu of conducting an initial hydrostatic test of the pit, the operator can monitor fluid levels in the pit continuously using a minimum of two pressure transducers located at the upgradient and downgradient ends of the pit (based on the original topographic profile). These pressure transducers should be linked to the operator's SCADA system such that they can be remotely monitored. In addition, the pit liner will be marked at the two foot freeboard depth line so that operations personnel (as well as COGCC inspectors) can easily verify that the required fluid free board is being maintained. The electronically collected water level measurement data shall be used to confirm changes in pit inflow and outflow during operations based on estimates from truck and/or pipeline delivery or removal activities. Any abnormalities that are noticed during operations will be reported to the operator's field supervisor immediately so that any necessary follow-up can be scheduled.

No portion of any pit that will be used to hold liquids shall be constructed on fill material, unless the pit and fill slope are designed and certified by a professional engineer, subject to review and approval by the director prior to construction of the pit. The construction and lining of the pit shall be supervised by a professional engineer or their agent. The entire base of the pit must be in cut.

For pits containing fluids other than freshwater only; the pit must be fenced. If the pit is not drained, or closure has not begun within 30 days after last use for well completion, the pit must be netted. The operator must maintain the fencing and netting until the pit is closed.

Surface water samples (one upgradient and one downgradient from the pit/well pad location) from Dry Fork (if water is present) shall be collected prior to pit use and every 12 months (until pit closure) to evaluate potential impacts from pit operations. At a minimum, the surface water samples will be analyze for the following parameters: major cations/anions (chloride, fluoride, sulfate, sodium); total dissolved solids (TDS); and BTEX/DRO.

The operator shall submit, and receive approval of, a reuse and recycling plan per Rule 907.a.(3), prior to any offsite reuse/recycling of pit fluids.

Pits used exclusively for drilling shall be closed in accordance with the 1000-Series Rules. Any pit(s) used for purposes other than drilling shall be closed in accordance with Rule 905. Closure of Pits, and Buried or Partially Buried Produced Water Vessels; with an approved Site Investigation and Remediation Workplan, Form 27.

Submit additional disposal facilities (wells, pits, etc.), if necessary (i.e., if original disposal option changes), for pit liquid contents to COGCC via a Form 4 Sundry prior to disposal.

At the time of pit closure, operator must submit disposal information for solids, if necessary, via a Form 4 Sundry Notice to the COGCC Location Specialist for Western Colorado (Dave Kubeczko; email dave.kubeczko@state.co.us). The disposal method will need to be approved prior to operator starting pit closure.

**S/A/V:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Comment:** Notification have been received.

**CA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Wildlife BMPs:**

**S/A/V:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Comment:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Stormwater:**

**Comment:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Staking:**

**On Site Inspection (305):**

Inspector Name: CONKLIN, CURTIS

Surface Owner Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Operator Rep. Contact Information:

Landman Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Onsite Request Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Rule 306 Consultation: \_\_\_\_\_

Request LGD Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

LGD Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Agreed to Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Summary of Landowner Issues:

Summary of Operator Response to Landowner Issues:

Onsite Inspection Memorandum Summarizing Discussions at Inspection as Attachment:

**Facility**

Facility ID: 432256 Type: WELL API Number: 045-21932 Status: DG Insp. Status: DG

Facility ID: 432257 Type: WELL API Number: 045-21933 Status: DG Insp. Status: DG

**Well Drilling**

**Rig:** Rig Name: SST 66 Pusher/Rig Manager: Kit Hatfield  
Permit Posted: SATISFACTORY Access Sign: SATISFACTORY

**Well Control Equipment:**

Pipe Ram: YES Blind Ram: YES Hydril Type: YES  
Pressure Test BOP: Pass Test Pressure PSI: 5000 Safety Plan: YES

**Drill Fluids Management:**

Lined Pit: \_\_\_\_\_ Unlined Pit: \_\_\_\_\_ Closed Loop: \_\_\_\_\_ Semi-Closed Loop: YES  
Multi-Well: YES Disposal Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Comment:**

Drilling lateral

Facility ID: 438456 Type: WELL API Number: 045-22489 Status: DG Insp. Status: DG

**Environmental**

**Spills/Releases:**

Type of Spill: \_\_\_\_\_ Description: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Spill Volume: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Corrective Action: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reportable: \_\_\_\_\_ GPS: Lat \_\_\_\_\_ Long \_\_\_\_\_

Proximity to Surface Water: \_\_\_\_\_ Depth to Ground Water: \_\_\_\_\_

**Water Well:**

DWR Receipt Num: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ GPS : \_\_\_\_\_ Lat \_\_\_\_\_ Long \_\_\_\_\_

**Field Parameters:**

Sample Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Emission Control Burner (ECB): \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Pilot: \_\_\_\_\_ Wildlife Protection Devices (fired vessels): \_\_\_\_\_

**Reclamation - Storm Water - Pit****Interim Reclamation:**

Date Interim Reclamation Started: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Interim Reclamation Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Land Use: RANGELAND

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

1003a. Debris removed? \_\_\_\_\_ CM \_\_\_\_\_

CA \_\_\_\_\_ CA Date \_\_\_\_\_

Waste Material Onsite? \_\_\_\_\_ CM \_\_\_\_\_

CA \_\_\_\_\_ CA Date \_\_\_\_\_

Unused or unneeded equipment onsite? \_\_\_\_\_ CM \_\_\_\_\_

CA \_\_\_\_\_ CA Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pit, cellars, rat holes and other bores closed? \_\_\_\_\_ CM \_\_\_\_\_

CA \_\_\_\_\_ CA Date \_\_\_\_\_

Guy line anchors removed? \_\_\_\_\_ CM \_\_\_\_\_

CA \_\_\_\_\_ CA Date \_\_\_\_\_

Guy line anchors marked? \_\_\_\_\_ CM \_\_\_\_\_

CA \_\_\_\_\_ CA Date \_\_\_\_\_

1003b. Area no longer in use? \_\_\_\_\_ Production areas stabilized ? \_\_\_\_\_

1003c. Compacted areas have been cross ripped? \_\_\_\_\_

1003d. Drilling pit closed? \_\_\_\_\_ Subsidence over on drill pit? \_\_\_\_\_

Cuttings management: \_\_\_\_\_

1003e. Areas no longer needed for drilling or subsequent operations for have been re-vegetated to 80% of pre-existing? \_\_\_\_\_

Production areas have been stabilized? \_\_\_\_\_ Segregated soils have been replaced? \_\_\_\_\_

**RESTORATION AND REVEGETATION**Cropland

Top soil replaced \_\_\_\_\_ Recontoured \_\_\_\_\_ Perennial forage re-established \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Cropland

Top soil replaced \_\_\_\_\_ Recontoured \_\_\_\_\_ 80% Revegetation \_\_\_\_\_

1003 f. Weeds Noxious weeds? \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall Interim Reclamation \_\_\_\_\_

**Final Reclamation/ Abandoned Location:**

Inspector Name: CONKLIN, CURTIS

Date Final Reclamation Started: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Final Reclamation Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Final Land Use: RANGELAND

Reminder: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Well plugged \_\_\_\_\_ Pit mouse/rat holes, cellars backfilled \_\_\_\_\_

Debris removed \_\_\_\_\_ No disturbance /Location never built \_\_\_\_\_

Access Roads \_\_\_\_\_ Regraded \_\_\_\_\_ Contoured \_\_\_\_\_ Culverts removed \_\_\_\_\_

Gravel removed \_\_\_\_\_

Location and associated production facilities reclaimed \_\_\_\_\_ Locations, facilities, roads, recontoured \_\_\_\_\_

Compaction alleviation \_\_\_\_\_ Dust and erosion control \_\_\_\_\_

Non cropland: Revegetated 80% \_\_\_\_\_ Cropland: perennial forage \_\_\_\_\_

Weeds present \_\_\_\_\_ Subsidence \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Corrective Action: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Overall Final Reclamation

Well Release on Active Location ☐

Multi-Well Location ☐

**Storm Water:**

Loc Erosion BMPs	BMP Maintenance	Lease Road Erosion BMPs	Lease BMP Maintenance	Chemical BMPs	Chemical BMP Maintenance	Comment
Berms	Pass	Compaction	Pass			
Compaction	Pass	Gravel	Pass			
Retention Ponds	Pass					
Gravel	Pass					

S/A/V: SATISFACTOR \_\_\_\_\_ Corrective Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Y \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

CA: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pits:** ☐ NO SURFACE INDICATION OF PIT

Permit:	Facility ID	Permit Num	Expiration Date
	432419	400356093	
	432419	400356093	