



Western Water & Land, Inc.

April 20, 2015

Mr. Mike Shoemaker  
Environmental Specialist Senior Staff  
WPX Energy Rocky Mountain LLC  
1058 County Road 215  
Parachute, Colorado 81635

**RE: Status Report: Baseline Water Quality Sampling – GR 23-11v Drill Pad**

Dear Mr. Gardner,

Western Water & Land, Inc. (WWL) completed a hydrologic Water Source evaluation for the WPX Energy Rocky Mountain LLC (WPX) GR 23-11v Drill Pad in accordance with Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) Rule 609. Drill Pad GR 23-11v is located in NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 11, Township 7 S, Range 96 W 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. This status report addresses field revisions and the sampling location status as relevant to the original executed Baseline Water Quality Evaluation dated July 24, 2014.

The original evaluation considered all Water Sources as defined in Rule 609 within a 0.5-mile radius of the referenced drill pad. Water Sources located within a 0.5-mile radius of the GR 23-11v Drill Pad are shown in Figure 1. Please see the original Baseline Water Quality Evaluation (July 24, 2014) for complete details on how the evaluation was conducted.

### **Water Source Identification**

Water Sources as defined in Rule 609 include Colorado Division of Water Resources (DWR) registered water wells (water wells with existing valid well permits), permitted or adjudicated springs, and monitoring wells installed for baseline sampling and monitoring under COGCC Rules 318A.e(4), 608, 609, or 908. Each Water Source identified within the 0.5-mile radius area is considered to be a potentially Available Water Source unless existing information suggests that the Water Source would not be suitable for the baseline water quality program. The original Baseline Water Quality Evaluation identified one potentially Available Water Source located within 0.5 miles of the GR 23-11v Drill Pad (see Figure 1). Well permits with the status “Permit issued; Completion status unknown” were not initially included as potentially Available Water Sources. However, because DWR databases are not always up to date, or may have errors, WWL has since revised this approach and includes permits with this status as potentially Available Water Sources.

The identified potentially Available Water Source is summarized as follows:

- Water Well Permit No. 193648: permit held and property owned by Robert & Pamela Boruch

### Preferred Water Sources

In accordance with Rule 609, all potentially Available Water Sources within a 0.5-mile radius of the drill pad are to be identified and up to a maximum of four sources must be included in the baseline and subsequent monitoring program. Each potentially Available Water Source identified was evaluated based on WWL's hydrologic knowledge of the region, general hydrologic rationale, and in accordance with the guidelines specified in Rule 609 to identify the preferred sources for the baseline program. Since only one potentially Available Water Source was identified it is considered to be the preferred Water Source. The preferred potentially Available Water Source selected is as follows:

- Water Well Permit No.193648

Preferred Water Sources are incorporated into the baseline water quality monitoring program provided the structures exist, and the structure owner, or land owner if the structure owner is not known, grants approval to sample the source and inspection of the structure confirms that a representative sample can be obtained from the structure.

### Access Request

All attempts requesting permission to sample potentially Available Water Sources from the well permit holders and from the property owners are recorded in the Correspondence Logs below. Access request letters, certified mailing receipts, mailings that were returned to sender, mailed responses, and email correspondence are included in Attachment A.

No access was granted to sample the Preferred Water Source and the Preferred Water Source was the only water source identified within the 0.5 mile radius of Drill Pad GR 23-11v.

<b>Correspondence Log: GR 23-11v</b>				
<b>Contact Attempt Date</b>	<b>Contact Name</b>	<b>Contact Method</b>	<b>Responsible Person</b>	<b>Results</b>
8/6/2014	Robert and Pamela Boruch	Certified Mail: Access Request Letter	NWS	No response received after 30 days.
8/6/2014	Robert Boruch	Certified Mail: Access Request Letter	NWS	Returned to sender.

### Field Results

No baseline water quality sampling was conducted for Drill Pad GR 23-11v because access was not granted to the identified potential Available Water Source.

Each identified potentially Available Water Source and its monitoring status is as follows:

- Water Well Permit No. 193648: permit held and property owned by Robert & Pamela Boruch
  - Access was not granted to sample this Water Source.

Mr. Mike Shoemaker  
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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (970) 242-0170.

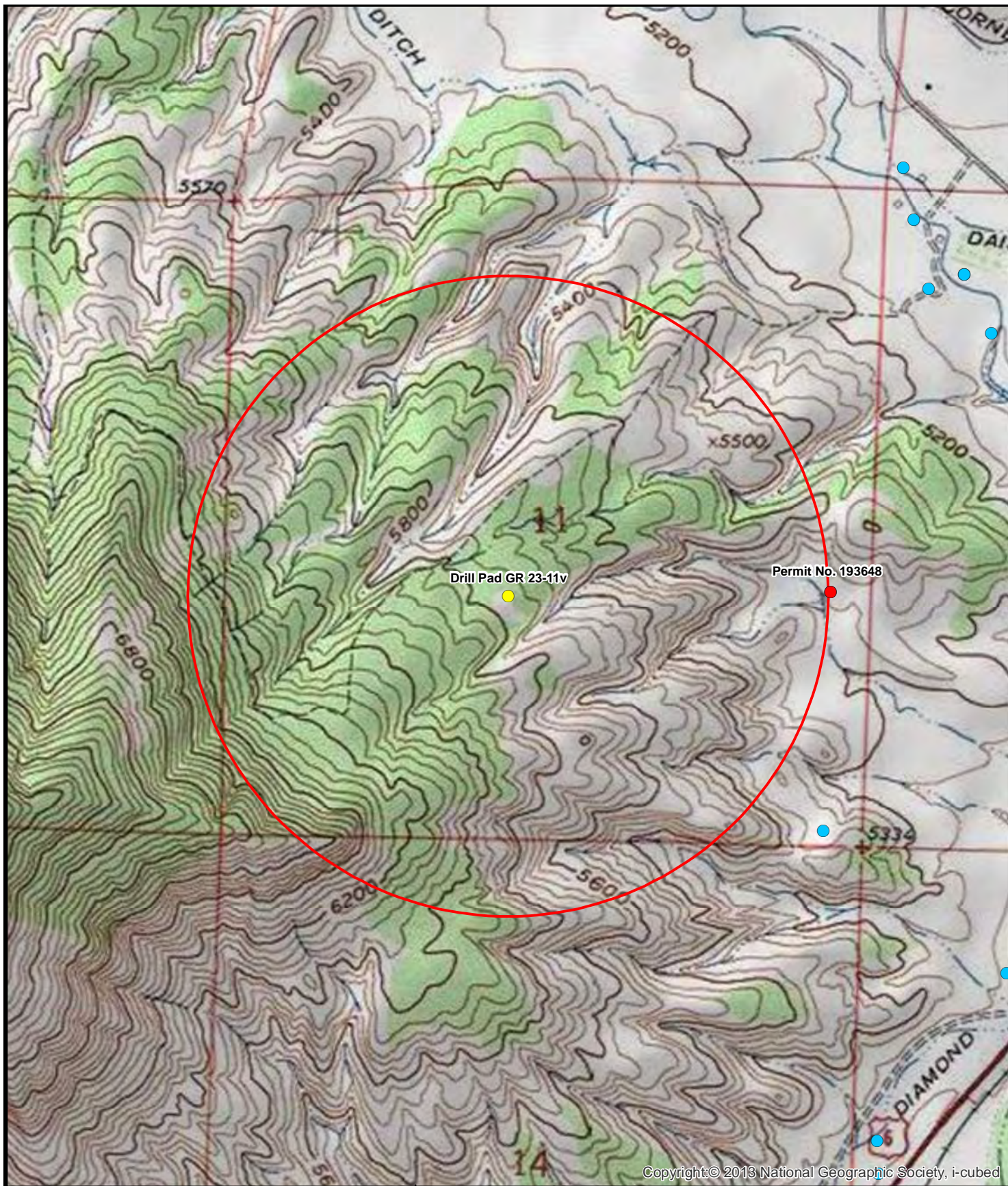
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce D. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "B" and "S".

Bruce D. Smith  
Principal Hydrogeologist  
WESTERN WATER & LAND, INC.  
Attachments

**Attachment A**

**Access Request Documentation**



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**Figure 1: Drill Pad GR 23-11v  
0.5 Mile Radius Water Source Evaluation  
NE1/4, SW1/4, S11, T7S, R96W, 6 PM**

**Legend**

- Decree
- Constructed well
- Outside permits or decrees
- Drill Pad GR 23-11v
- 0.5-Mile Radius Evaluation Area
- Completion Status Unknown

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Garfield County, Colorado  
WPX Energy Rocky Mountain LLC  
Basemap Source: Esri ArcGIS Online



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**Attachment A**

**Access Request Documentation**



August 6, 2014

Robert & Pamela Boruch  
PO Box 487  
Delta, CO 81416

**RE: Baseline Groundwater Monitoring Program: Drill Pad GR 23-11v**

Dear Mr. and Ms. Boruch:

Under Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) Rule 609, all oil and gas operators are required to conduct baseline groundwater sampling and monitoring within one-half mile of a well pad containing new production well(s) or injection well(s). The rule was promulgated to gather baseline water quality data prior to oil and gas development occurring within a particular area and to gather additional water quality data after drilling and completion operations.

Sampling sites may be registered water wells or permitted or adjudicated springs. Up to four groundwater sampling sites will be included in the baseline sampling and monitoring program within the one-half mile radius of the well pad. Sampling of these groundwater sites will occur three times; once within 12 months prior to drilling the first well on the pad, once between 6 and 12 months after completion of the last well on the pad, and once between 60 and 72 months after completion of the last well on the pad. Final water quality results of each sample will be provided to the well or spring owner and to COGCC.

WPX Energy Rocky Mountain, LLC (WPX) is planning on constructing Drill Pad GR 23-11v and/or a new well located in NE1/4, SW1/4, Section 11, Township 7 S, Range 96 W 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Our research of state databases indicates that you may own property and/or hold one or more state permits or water right decrees for wells or springs located on property within 0.5 miles of the well pad. These identified wells and/or springs are listed below:

- 1. Water Well Permit No. 193648 (Permit Issued; Completion status unknown):***  
Latitude/Longitude (decimal degrees): 39.450435, -108.069212

These structures may qualify for baseline sampling and monitoring under Rule 609. If you do not have a well or spring on your property, or if you choose not to have your well or spring sampled for baseline water quality under Rule 609, please indicate so on the Acknowledgment Form provided in this letter.

This Acceptance Letter and Acknowledgment Form apply to the above water sources only. You may receive additional Acknowledgment Forms in the future for other water sources under your ownership or control that are related to other planned WPX drill pads or wells. Your decision to approve or decline participation in the baseline water quality program for the above water sources will also apply for new future WPX drill pads and wells other than Drill Pad GR 23-11v that are located within the 0.5 mile distance of these water sources. In these cases, a new Acknowledgment Form will not be mailed to you.

If you chose to include your well or spring in the Baseline Groundwater Sampling and Monitoring Program, please complete the attached questionnaire prepared by WPX to evaluate the groundwater source(s). The questionnaire is intended to assist WPX in the assessment of the best potential baseline groundwater monitoring sites.

Completion of the attached questionnaire is not required for consideration of your well or spring for the program, but final selection of sampling sites may be partially dependent on the results of the questionnaire. Completing the questionnaire and approval to sample your water source does not guarantee that your well or spring will be selected for the baseline sampling and monitoring program. Completed questionnaires will be confidential except for information that is required to be reported to the state.

If you agree to have your well or spring become a monitoring site for the program, and said well or spring is selected for sampling and monitoring, water quality data results will be provided to you and to COGCC within 3 months of sample collection. Please note that COGCC will make the results public by posting the results on the agency's public database and that by signing below to agree to have your well sampled, you also grant WPX permission to provide the data results to COGCC and COGCC's public database.

Please sign and date the attached Acknowledgment Form indicating your choice of participation in the program and return the form using the included pre-addressed envelope. If WPX does not receive this executed letter within 30 days from the date above, WPX will consider that you do not want to participate in the program. Please contact your WPX land representative at 970-285-9377, or myself at 970-263-2792, with any questions you may have. We appreciate your time and cooperation.

If at any time after returning the Acknowledgment Form you change your mind about your response, you may revise your response by contacting WPX.

Sincerely,

Michael Gardner  
Environmental Manager North West, WPX Energy

## Baseline Groundwater Quality Monitoring Program Acknowledgment Form

I \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), acknowledge that I have been contacted by WPX regarding the possible qualification of my well or spring as a Water Source for baseline groundwater sampling and monitoring under COGCC Rule 609 associated with WPX Drill Pad GR 23-11v, located in NE1/4, SW1/4, Section 11, Township 7 S, Range 96 W 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. If I agree to have my well or spring water sampled for water quality parameters, I understand that the resulting data will be submitted to the COGCC and will be part of a public database. I understand that if my well or spring is selected as an Available Water Source, I will be contacted by WPX representatives to schedule sample collection. I understand that the baseline groundwater program involves three separate sampling events over a period of time. In addition, I understand that this acknowledgment applies to future new drill pads or wells other than WPX Drill Pad GR 23-11v where the specific water sources may be in question under COGCC Rule 609.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I DO** want the following well(s) or spring(s) to be monitored for baseline groundwater quality in accordance with Rule 609 of the COGCC regulations.

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August 6, 2014

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PO Box 6043  
Battlement Mesa, CO 81636

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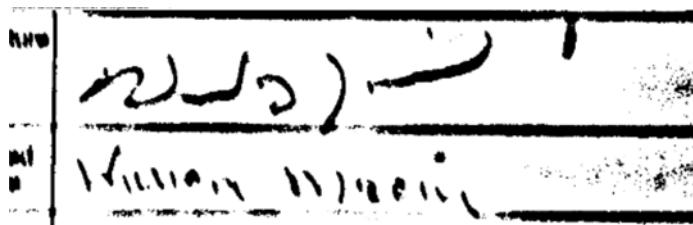
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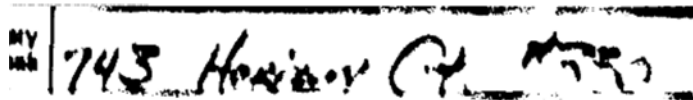
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