

FORM
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State of Colorado
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

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Oil and Gas Location Assessment

New Location Refile Amend Existing Location Location#: _____

Submit signed original form. This Oil and Gas Location Assessment is to be submitted to the COGCC for approval prior to any ground disturbance activity associated with oil and gas operations. Approval of this Oil and Gas Location 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. Please see the COGCC website at <http://cogcc.state.co.us/> for all accompanying information pertinent this Oil and Gas Location Assessment.

Location ID:

441805

Expiration Date:

05/15/2018

This location assessment is included as part of a permit application.

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.

Operator

Operator Number: 100322
 Name: NOBLE ENERGY INC
 Address: 1625 BROADWAY STE 2200
 City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202

Contact Information

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RECLAMATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

- Plugging and Abandonment Bond Surety ID: 20030009 Gas Facility Surety ID: _____
- Waste Management Surety ID: _____

LOCATION IDENTIFICATION

Name: Wells Ranch State Number: A36-655 Pad
 County: WELD
 Quarter: NESE Section: 31 Township: 6N Range: 63W Meridian: 6 Ground Elevation: 4656

Define a single point as a location reference for the facility location. When the location is to be used as a well site then the point shall be a well location.

Footage at surface: 2323 feet FSL from North or South section line
390 feet FEL from East or West section line

Latitude: 40.442100 Longitude: -104.471620

PDOP Reading: 2.0 Date of Measurement: 10/09/2014

Instrument Operator's Name: Adam Beauprez

RELATED REMOTE LOCATIONS

(Enter as many Related Locations as necessary. Enter the Form 2A document # only if there is no established COGCC Location ID#)

This proposed Oil and Gas Location is:

LOCATION ID # FORM 2A DOC #

Well Site is served by Production Facilities

400776472

FACILITIES

Indicate the number of each type of oil and gas facility planned on location

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|
| Wells | 3 | Oil Tanks* | _____ | Condensate Tanks* | _____ | Water Tanks* | _____ | Buried Produced Water Vaults* | _____ |
| Drilling Pits | _____ | Production Pits* | _____ | Special Purpose Pits | _____ | Multi-Well Pits* | _____ | Modular Large Volume Tanks | _____ |
| Pump Jacks | 3 | Separators* | _____ | Injection Pumps* | _____ | Cavity Pumps* | _____ | Gas Compressors* | _____ |
| Gas or Diesel Motors* | _____ | Electric Motors | _____ | Electric Generators* | _____ | Fuel Tanks* | _____ | LACT Unit* | _____ |
| Dehydrator Units* | _____ | Vapor Recovery Unit* | _____ | VOC Combustor* | _____ | Flare* | _____ | Pigging Station* | _____ |

OTHER FACILITIES*

Other Facility Type

Number

Gas Lift Meter Building

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Those facilities indicated by an asterisk () shall be used to determine the distance from the Production Facility to the nearest cultural feature on the Cultural Setbacks Tab.

Per Rule 303.b.(3)C, description of all oil, gas, and/or water pipelines:

Three (3) 2" to 4" diameter steel three-phase flow lines and one (1) 2" to 4" diameter steel gas lift line. One (1) temporary 12" poly line to supply the site with fresh water.

CONSTRUCTION

Date planned to commence construction: 05/01/2015 Size of disturbed area during construction in acres: 6.90

Estimated date that interim reclamation will begin: 11/01/2015 Size of location after interim reclamation in acres: 2.10

Estimated post-construction ground elevation: 4656

DRILLING PROGRAM

Will a closed loop system be used for drilling fluids: Yes

Is H₂S anticipated? No

Will salt sections be encountered during drilling: No

Will salt based mud (>15,000 ppm Cl) be used? No

Will oil based drilling fluids be used? No

DRILLING WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Drilling Fluids Disposal: OFFSITE

Drilling Fluids Disposal Method: Recycle/reuse

Cutting Disposal: OFFSITE

Cuttings Disposal Method: Beneficial reuse

Other Disposal Description:

Beneficial reuse or land application plan submitted? Yes

Reuse Facility ID: _____ or Document Number: 2614238

Centralized E&P Waste Management Facility ID, if applicable: _____

SURFACE & MINERALS & RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT

Name: Wells Ranch LLLP Phone: _____
 Address: 32010 County Road 63 Fax: _____
 Address: _____ Email: _____
 City: Gill State: CO Zip: 80624
 Surface Owner: Fee State Federal Indian
 Check all that apply. The Surface Owner: is the mineral owner
 is committed to an oil and Gas Lease
 has signed the Oil and Gas Lease
 is the applicant
 The Mineral Owner beneath this Oil and Gas Location is: Fee State Federal Indian
 The Minerals beneath this Oil and Gas Location will be developed from or produced to this Oil and Gas Location: Yes
 The right to construct this Oil and Gas Location is granted by: Surface Use Agreement
 Surface damage assurance if no agreement is in place: _____ Surface Surety ID: _____
 Date of Rule 306 surface owner consultation 11/04/2014

CURRENT AND FUTURE LAND USE

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

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

CULTURAL DISTANCE INFORMATION

Provide the distance to the nearest cultural feature as measured from Wells or Production Facilities onsite.

| | From WELL | From PRODUCTION FACILITY |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Building: | 3076 Feet | _____ Feet |
| Building Unit: | 3161 Feet | _____ Feet |
| High Occupancy Building Unit: | 5280 Feet | _____ Feet |
| Designated Outside Activity Area: | 5280 Feet | _____ Feet |
| Public Road: | 2962 Feet | _____ Feet |
| Above Ground Utility: | 2950 Feet | _____ Feet |
| Railroad: | 5280 Feet | _____ Feet |
| Property Line: | 390 Feet | _____ Feet |

INSTRUCTIONS:

- All measurements shall be provided from center of nearest Well or edge of nearest Production Facility to nearest of each cultural feature as described in Rule 303.b.(3)A.
- Enter 5280 for distance greater than 1 mile.
- Building - nearest building of any type. If nearest Building is a Building Unit, enter same distance for both.
- Building Unit, High Occupancy Building Unit, and Designated Outside Activity Area - as defined in 100-Series Rules.
- For measurement purposes only, Production Facilities should only include those items with an asterisk(*) on the Facilities Tab.

DESIGNATED SETBACK LOCATION INFORMATION

Check all that apply. This location is within a: Buffer Zone
 Exception Zone
 Urban Mitigation Area

- Buffer Zone - as described in Rule 604.a.(2), within 1,000' of a Building Unit.
- Exception Zone - as described in Rule 604.a.(1), within 500' of a Building Unit.
- Urban Mitigation Area - as defined in 100-Series Rules.

Pre-application Notifications (required if location is within 1,000 feet of a building unit):

Date of Rule 305.a.(1) Urban Mitigation Area Notification to Local Government: _____
 Date of Rule 305.a.(2) Buffer Zone Notification to Building Unit Owners: _____

FOR MULTI-WELL PADS AND PRODUCTION FACILITIES WITHIN DESIGNATED SETBACK LOCATIONS ONLY:

- Check this box if this Oil and Gas Location has or will have Production Facilities that serve multiple wells (on or offsite) and the Production Facilities are proposed to be located less than 1,000 feet from a Building Unit. *(Pursuant to Rule 604.c.(2)E.i., the operator must evaluate alternative locations for the Production Facilities that are farther from the Building Unit, and determine whether those alternative locations were technically feasible and economically practicable for the same proposed development.)*
- By checking this box, I certify that no alternative placements for the Production Facilities, farther from the nearest Building Unit, were available based on the analysis conducted pursuant to Rule 604.c.(2)E.i.

In the space below, explain rationale for siting the multi-well Production Facility(ies) that supports your Rule 604.c.(2)E.i determination. Attach documentation that supports your determination to this Form 2A.

SOIL

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.org/> 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: 76-VONA SANDY LOAM, 1-3% SLOPES
 NRCS Map Unit Name: _____

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: 11/14/2014

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): _____

WATER RESOURCES

Is this a sensitive area: No Yes

Distance to nearest

downgradient surface water feature: 835 Feet

water well: 2808 Feet

Estimated depth to ground water at Oil and Gas Location 33 Feet

Basis for depth to groundwater and sensitive area determination:

Depth to ground water determined by the static water level being 33'. Per field review the low are (Un-named stream per COGCC GIS does not have any water. Water well permit #245-RD, shown in the NE/4SE/4 Sec. 31 is located in the NE/4SW/4. See attached Colorado Division of Water Resources documention Others.

Is the location in a riparian area: No Yes

Was an Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 permit filed No Yes If yes attach permit.

Is the location within a Rule 317B Surface Water Supply Area buffer _____ No _____
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: _____

GROUNDWATER BASELINE SAMPLING AND MONITORING AND WATER WELL SAMPLING

Water well sampling required per Rule 318A _____

DESIGNATED SETBACK LOCATION EXCEPTIONS

Check all that apply:

- Rule 604.a.(1)A. Exception Zone (within 500' of Building Unit)
 Rule 604.b.(1)A. Exception Location (existing or approved Oil & Gas Location now within a Designated Setback as a result of Rule 604.a.)
 Rule 604.b.(1)B. Exception Location (existing or approved Oil & Gas Location is within a Designated Setback due to Building Unit construction after Location approval)
 Rule 604.b.(2) Exception Location (SUA or site-specific development plan executed on or before August 1, 2013)
 Rule 604.b.(3) Exception Location (Building Units constructed after August 1, 2013 within setback per an SUA or site-specific development plan)

RULE 502.b VARIANCE REQUEST

Rule 502.b. Variance Request from COGCC Rule or Spacing Order Number _____

ALL exceptions and variances require attached Request Letter(s). Refer to applicable rule for additional required attachments (e.g. waivers, certifications, SUAs).

OPERATOR COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL

Comments Three well pad Wells Ranch State A36-649, A36-655, AA31-645. Production facility at Wells Ranch State A36-686 approx 1500' North doc # 400776472. Access to location only through Wells Ranch Main Gate.

I hereby certify that the statements made in this form are, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct and complete.
Signed: _____ Date: 03/27/2015 Email: regulatorynotification@nobleenergyinc.com
Print Name: Jan Kajiwara 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: 5/16/2015

Conditions Of Approval

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.

| <u>COA Type</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|-----------------|--|
| | Operator shall minimize post-completion disturbance per COGCC Rule 1003. |
| | Operator shall provide notice to COGCC 48 hours prior to commencing construction of this Oil and Gas Location via Form 42. |

Best Management Practices

| No | BMP/COA Type | Description |
|-----------|--|---|
| 1 | 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. |
| 2 | 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 and maintained until the pad reaches final reclamation. |
| 3 | 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: 3 comment(s)

Attachment Check List

| Att Doc Num | Name |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 400776468 | FORM 2A SUBMITTED |
| 400805520 | LOCATION PICTURES |
| 400805521 | LOCATION DRAWING |
| 400805523 | REFERENCE AREA PICTURES |
| 400805526 | REFERENCE AREA MAP |
| 400805527 | ACCESS ROAD MAP |
| 400805529 | HYDROLOGY MAP |
| 400805530 | MULTI-WELL PLAN |
| 400805531 | NRCS MAP UNIT DESC |
| 400805532 | WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN |
| 400805533 | OTHER |
| 400805534 | SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY |

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. | 5/12/2015 9:25:30 AM |
| OGLA | No Public Comments. OGLA task passed. | 4/21/2015 9:53:15 AM |
| OGLA | OGLA review complete. Waiting on Public Comment period. | 4/7/2015 1:42:35 PM |
| Permit | Changed location number from "AA31-655 Pad" to "A36-655 Pad" per operator request. | 4/1/2015 1:52:08 PM |
| Permit | Passed completeness. | 3/31/2015 8:46:31 AM |

Total: 5 comment(s)