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 Permit/Completion
 Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
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Dear Ms. Freeman:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management (LM) has performed a preliminary review of (1) the refile well permit applications from the operator Caerus Oil and Gas LLC and (2) the well location information provided by the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC). The table below indicates the planned surface and bottom hole locations for gas wells to be drilled near the Rulison, Colorado, Site. LM reviewed the location information and determined that all of the wells are within section 2 of the COGCC Tier II sampling area.

API						BOTTOM	HOLE LOCATION	PRESCREEN	DOE NOTICE	DOE NOTICE
05-045	REFILE	OPERATOR	WELL NAME	WELL #	LOCATION	N Latitude	W Longitude	Date	Date	Operator
18924		CAERUS	LONG	12C-20	SEC 20 7S 94W	39.4259751	107.9163865	-		
18931		CAERUS	LONG	12B-20	SEC 20 7S 94W	39.426848	107.9164094	-		
18938		CAERUS	LONG	12A-20	SEC 20 7S 94W	39.4277102	107.9164213	-		
18939		CAERUS	LONG	13A-20	SEC 20 7S 94W	39.4241318	107.9164224	-		
18942		CAERUS	LONG	12D-20	SEC 20 7S 94W	39.4250931	107.9164023	-		
18936		CAERUS	LONG	13C-20	SEC 20 7S 94W	39.4223653	107.9164291	-		
18935		CAERUS	LONG	13B-20	SEC 20 7S 94W	39.4232687	107.9164353	-		
18926		CAERUS	LONG	13D-20	SEC 20 7S 94W	39.4214513	107.9163978	-		

Abbreviations:

API =American Petroleum Institute/ The API Well Numbers are assigned by the appropriate state or federal regulatory agency.

All surface drill pads and bottom hole locations are within NWSW 20 7S 94W. Of all the Rulison Federal proposed well locations, well 13D-20 (API# 05-045-18926) would be the closest to the Rulison site; that bottom hole location is approximately 2.01 miles from the site.

At this time, LM is not requesting any additional information but requests that COGCC place general language, requiring that the company accommodate DOE sampling requests in the future, in the permit. LM will continue to review the proposed locations and subsurface orientations of the proposed drilling to look for any potential problems involving future LM sampling at the Rulison site.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these well permit applications. Please contact me at (970) 248-6034 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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