



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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Permitting Department
Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, CO 80203

Subject: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management Review of New Wells
Proposed by Caerus Oil and Gas, LLC

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The U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) has performed a preliminary review of the new wells proposed by Caerus Oil and Gas, LLC, and the well location information provided by the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC). The COGCC table below indicates the planned surface hole and bottom hole locations for gas wells to be drilled near the Rulison, Colorado, Site.

API		APDS in Processing				Bottom	Hole Location	PreScreen DOE Notice	DOE Notice Date	DOE Notice Operator
05-045	Refile	Operator	Well Name	Well #	SHL Location	N Latitude	W Longitude	Date		
05-045	No	CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	BATTLEMENT MESA	36B SWD 795	NWNE Sec 36 7S 95W	39.39878	-107.9427612			
05-045	No	CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	BATTLEMENT MESA	31A-36-795	NWNE Sec 36 7S 95W	39.3993	-107.9425515			
05-045	No	CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	BATTLEMENT MESA	31C-36-795	NWNE Sec 36 7S 95W	39.39763	-107.9421154			
05-045	No	CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	BATTLEMENT MESA	31D-36-795	NWNE Sec 36 7S 95W	39.3967	-107.9441613			
05-045	No	CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	BATTLEMENT MESA	41A-36-795	NWNE Sec 36 7S 95W	39.39919	-107.9366115			
05-045	No	CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	BATTLEMENT MESA	41B-36-795	NWNE Sec 36 7S 95W	39.39862	-107.9384438			
05-045	No	CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	BATTLEMENT MESA	41C-36-795	NWNE Sec 36 7S 95W	39.39786	-107.9366519			
05-045	No	CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	BATTLEMENT MESA	41D-36-795	NWNE Sec 36 7S 95W	39.39701	-107.9365766			
05-045	No	CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	BATTLEMENT MESA	41E-36-795	NWNE Sec 36 7S 95W	39.39633	-107.9365614			

Abbreviations:

APDS = applications for permit to drill

API = American Petroleum Institute. The API well numbers are assigned by the appropriate state or federal regulatory agency.

SHL = surface hole location

DOE-LM reviewed the proposed location information and determined that six wells are located in Tier I Section 5 and two wells are in Tier I Section 6 of the COGCC sampling areas.

All surface drill pad locations are within NWNE Sec 36 7S 95W, with bottom hole locations within Section 36. The proposed Battlement Mesa well location BM 31A-36-795 (API #05-045) would be the closest to the Rulison site; that bottom hole location is approximately 0.50 mile southeast of the site.



At this time, DOE-LM is not requesting any additional information but requests that COGCC place general language in the permit requiring that the company accommodate DOE-LM sampling requests in the future. DOE-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 call me at (970) 248-6034 if you have any questions. Please address any correspondence to:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Art Kleinrath', written in a cursive style.

Art Kleinrath
Site Manager

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