



**Department of Energy**  
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Permitting Department  
Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
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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	Refile	APDS in Processing	Well Name	Well Number	SHL Location	Bottom Hole Location		Prescreen DOE Notice	DOE Notice	DOE Notice
						N Latitude	W Longitude	Date	Date Operator	
05-045		<b>Operator</b>								
05-045	No	Caerus	Battlement Mesa	23D-36-795	NWSW Sec 36 7S 95W	39.3903785	107.9474801			
05-045	No	Caerus	Battlement Mesa	12A-36-795	NWSW Sec 36 7S 95W	39.3967708	107.9525586			
05-045	No	Caerus	Battlement Mesa	12B-36-795	NWSW Sec 36 7S 95W	39.3957274	107.9525574			
05-045	No	Caerus	Battlement Mesa	12C-36-795	NWSW Sec 36 7S 95W	39.3947388	107.9525538			
05-045	No	Caerus	Battlement Mesa	12D-36-795	NWSW Sec 36 7S 95W	39.3938051	107.9525478			
05-045	No	Caerus	Battlement Mesa	13C-36-795	NWSW Sec 36 7S 95W	39.3919218	107.9524147			
05-045	No	Caerus	Battlement Mesa	42B-35-795	NWSW Sec 36 7S 95W	39.3963214	107.9574142			
05-045	No	Caerus	Battlement Mesa	42C-35-795	NWSW Sec 36 7S 95W	39.3953767	107.9574323			
05-045	No	Caerus	Battlement Mesa	42D-35-795	NWSW Sec 36 7S 95W	39.3943394	107.9572241			
05-045	No	Caerus	Battlement Mesa	43A-35-795	NWSW Sec 36 7S 95W	39.3934276	107.9566653			
05-045	No	Caerus	Battlement Mesa	43B-35-795	NWSW Sec 36 7S 95W	39.3924932	107.9564527			
05-045	No	Caerus	Battlement Mesa	43C-35-795	NWSW Sec 36 7S 95W	39.3915395	107.9568625			
05-045	No	Caerus	Battlement Mesa	43D-35-795	NWSW Sec 36 7S 95W	39.3906227	107.9559586			

**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 four wells are located in Tier I Section 8, three wells are in Tier II Section 8, four wells are in Tier I Section 7, and one well is in Tier II Section 7 of the COGCC sampling areas.



All surface drill pad locations are within NWSW Sec 36 7S 95W, with bottom hole locations within Sections 35 and 36. The proposed Battlement Mesa well location, BM 12A-36-795 (API #05-045), would be the closest to the Rulison site; the bottom hole location is approximately 0.64 mile south 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 DOE-LM sampling at the Rulison site.

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