

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#: _____

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:

448427

Expiration Date:

11/27/2019

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: 10456

Name: CAERUS PICEANCE LLC

Address: 1001 17TH STREET #1600

City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202

Contact Information

Name: Reed Haddock

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RECLAMATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

Plugging and Abandonment Bond Surety ID: 20130021 Gas Facility Surety ID: _____

Waste Management Surety ID: _____

LOCATION IDENTIFICATION

Name: Mesa

Number: N23-697

County: GARFIELD

Quarter: SESW Section: 23 Township: 6S Range: 97W Meridian: 6 Ground Elevation: 8437

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: 662 feet FSL from North or South section line

2480 feet FWL from East or West section line

Latitude: 39.503186 Longitude: -108.188086

PDOP Reading: 1.2 Date of Measurement: 09/06/2016

Instrument Operator's Name: Bart Hunting

Address: 5460 South Quebec St.

Fax: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

City: Greenwood State: CO Zip: 80111
Village

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: oil and gas lease

Surface damage assurance if no agreement is in place: _____ Surface Surety ID: _____

Date of Rule 306 surface owner consultation _____

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:	5280 Feet	5280 Feet
Building Unit:	5280 Feet	5280 Feet
High Occupancy Building Unit:	5280 Feet	5280 Feet
Designated Outside Activity Area:	5280 Feet	5280 Feet
Public Road:	2528 Feet	2346 Feet
Above Ground Utility:	5280 Feet	5280 Feet
Railroad:	5280 Feet	5280 Feet
Property Line:	2435 Feet	2118 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.
 - Large UMA Facility – 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: # 57 - Parachute-Rhone loams, 5 to 30 percent slopes _____
 NRCS Map Unit Name: _____
 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: _____

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, Chokeycherry)
- 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: 362 Feet

water well: 6196 Feet

Estimated depth to ground water at Oil and Gas Location 260 Feet

Basis for depth to groundwater and sensitive area determination:

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: _____

Is the Location within a Floodplain? No Yes Floodplain Data Sources Reviewed (check all that apply)

Federal (FEMA)

State

County

Local

Other

GROUNDWATER BASELINE SAMPLING AND MONITORING AND WATER WELL SAMPLING

Water well sampling required per Rule 609

DESIGNATED SETBACK LOCATION EXCEPTIONS

Check all that apply:

- Rule 604.a.(1)A. Exception Zone (within 500' of a Building Unit) and is in an Urban Mitigation Area

- 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 This pad has not been built. There are a total of 24 proposed wells and 1 proposed SWD well which will be permitted later. No expansion beyond the proposed area of disturbance will occur.

I hereby certify that the statements made in this form are, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct and complete.

Signed: _____ Date: 09/20/2016 Email: rhaddock@caerusoilandgas.com

Print Name: Reed Haddock Title: Sr. Regulatory Specialist

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: Matthew Lee Director of COGCC Date: 11/28/2016

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.

COA Type	Description
	<p>In addition to the notifications required by COGCC listed in the Northwest Notification Policy (Notice of Intent to Construct a New Location, Notice of Intent to Spud Surface Casing, and Notice of Intent to Commence Hydraulic Fracturing Operations) and Rule 316C. COGCC Form 42. FIELD OPERATIONS NOTICE (a. Notice of Intent to Conduct Hydraulic Fracturing Treatment and c. Notice of Construction or Major Change); operator shall notify the COGCC 48 hours prior to pipeline testing (flowlines from wellheads to separators to tanks; permanent buried take away pipelines; and/or any temporary surface lines used for hydraulic stimulation and/or flowback operations) using the Form 42 (as described in Rule 316C.m. Notice of Completion of Form 2/2A Permit Conditions). The appropriate COGCC individuals will automatically be email notified.</p> <p>Operator shall comply with all provisions of the NOTICE TO OPERATORS (NTO) DRILLING WELLS WITHIN ¾ MILE OF THE RIM OF THE ROAN PLATEAU IN GARFIELD COUNTY - PIT DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS, dated June 12, 2008.</p> <p>The operator shall submit, via a Form 4 Sundry Notice, and receive approval of, a reuse and recycling plan per Rule 907.a.(3), prior to any offsite reuse/recycling of cuttings.</p>

	<p>Operator must ensure secondary containment for any volume of fluids contained at the well site during drilling and completion operations (as shown on the Construction Layout Drawings and Location Drawing attachments); including, but not limited to, construction of a berm or diversion dike, diversion/collection trenches within and/or outside of berms/dikes, site grading, or other comparable measures (i.e., best management practices [BMPs] associated with fluid containment/control as well as stormwater management for the control of run-on and run-off) sufficiently protective of nearby surface water. Any berm reconstructed at the well pad location will be stabilized, inspected at regular intervals as required by CDPHE (at least every 14 days and after precipitation events), and maintained in good condition. The design/build of any perimeter berm shall be sized, constructed, and compacted sufficiently to contain fluids during drilling operations, as well as all fluids contained in temporary frac tanks during completion operations.</p> <p>The location is in an area of moderate to high run-on/run-off potential; therefore standard stormwater BMPs must be implemented; prior to, during, and after construction, as well as during operations; at this location to insure compliance with CDPHE and COGCC requirements and to prevent any stormwater run-on and /or stormwater run-off.</p> <p>The access road will be constructed and maintained as to not allow any sediment to migrate from the access road to nearby surface water or any drainages leading to surface water.</p> <p>Strategically apply fugitive dust control measures, including encouraging established speed limits on private roads, to reduce fugitive dust and coating of vegetation and deposition in water sources.</p> <p>Berms or other containment devices shall be constructed to be sufficiently impervious (corrugated steel with poly liner) to contain any spilled or released material around permanent condensate and produced water storage tanks.</p>
	<p>The moisture content of water/bentonite based mud (WBM) generated drill cuttings managed onsite shall be kept as low as practicable to prevent accumulation of liquids greater than de minimis amounts. After drilling and completion operations have been completed, any WBM drill cuttings that will remain on the well pad location (cuttings management area, the cut portion of the pad, cuttings trench, dry cuttings drilling pit), must meet the applicable standards of Table 910-1. After the drill cuttings have been amended (if necessary) and placed on the well pad, sampling frequency of the drill cuttings (to be determined by the operator) shall be representative of the material left on location. No offsite disposal of cuttings to another oil and gas location shall occur without prior approval of a Waste Management Plan (submitted via a Form 4 Sundry Notice) specifying disposal location and waste characterization method.</p> <p>The nearby hillside must be monitored for any day-lighting of drilling fluids throughout the drilling of the surface casing interval.</p> <p>Flowback and stimulation fluids must be sent to enclosed tanks, separators, or other containment/filtering equipment before the fluids can be placed into any pipeline storage vessel, or other open top containment located on the well pad; or into tanker trucks for offsite disposal. No open top tanks can be used for initial flowback fluids containment. The flowback and stimulation fluid tanks, separators, or other containment/filtering equipment must be placed on the well pad in an area constructed to be sufficiently impervious to contain any spilled or released material. No additional downgradient berming is required if operator constructs a sufficiently sized perimeter berm.</p> <p>Potential odors associated with the completions process and/or with long term production operations must be controlled/mitigated.</p>
	<p>Operator shall pressure test pipelines (flowlines from wellheads to separators to tanks; and any temporary surface lines used for hydraulic stimulation and/or flowback operations) in accordance with Rule 1101.e.(1) prior to putting into initial service any temporary surface or permanent buried pipelines and following any reconfiguration of the pipeline network, and tested annually, unless agreed to by both parties that the flowlines can be managed under an approved COGCC variance.</p>

Approval of this Form 2A and the subsequent Form 2 for the injection well (N23 697 SWD) does not authorize operator the right to inject. Authorization to inject into the selected Formation(s) requires approval of both the Form 31 and the Form 33.

Operator will use qualified containment devices for all appropriate chemicals/hazardous materials and injection equipment (pumps) used onsite during the operation of the injection well.

All tanks and aboveground vessels containing fluids must have secondary containment structures. All secondary containment structures/areas must be lined. Operator must ensure a minimum of 110 percent secondary containment for the largest structure containing fluids within each bermed area at the facility during operations. The construction and lining of the secondary containment structures/areas shall be supervised by a professional engineer or their agent.

Operator shall equip and maintain on all tanks an electronic fluid level monitoring device.

Unless otherwise determined by COGCC staff (COGCC Engineering Staff) that a water sample of the proposed injection formation(s) is(are) not required, before hydraulic stimulation of the injection well, operator shall collect a groundwater sample from the target Formation(s); that will be indicated on the future Form 2 for the injection well; and analyze for total dissolved solids (TDS); submit laboratory analytical results to COGCC (emails: bob.koehler@state.co.us and arthur.koelspell@state.co.us).

Best Management Practices

No	BMP/COA Type	Description
1	Planning	Use or modify existing roads where possible. Maximize the use of directional drilling to minimize habitat loss/fragmentation. Maximize use of remote telemetry for well monitoring to minimize traffic.
2	General Housekeeping	Caerus will comply with Rule 609 Statewide Groundwater Baseline Sampling and Monitoring. Caerus will comply with Rule 603.f statewide equipment, weeds, waste, and trash requirements.
3	Wildlife	March 2015 - Caerus Piceance LLC (Caerus) formally requested and received authorization from Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) to transfer the Noble Energy, Inc. (Noble) Wildlife Mitigation Plan Agreement (WMPA) to Caerus' existing WMPA. Caerus is currently adhering to all aspects of both WMPAs through Caerus' current best management practices.
4	Storm Water/Erosion Control	Stormwater is addressed under a field-wide Stormwater Management Plan (CDPHE Certification #COR039527). Run-on protection and run-off controls will be installed prior to the beginning of construction activities, with consideration given to worker safety, wildlife, and site access.
5	Construction	Stockpiles for topsoil and excess cut material will be located in work areas surrounded by the BMPs as shown on the Construction Layout Drawings. Stormwater BMPs will be installed per details in the Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) and as shown on the Construction Layout Drawings. Disturbed area of site will be left in a surface roughened condition when feasible. BMPs will be protected, inspected and repaired as necessary. Dust mitigation practices will be utilized. New flowline installations will be performed in accordance with new flowline guidance provided by the COGCC concerning Rules 1101 and 1102. Berms or other containment devices shall be constructed to be sufficiently impervious (corrugated steel with synthetic liner) to adequately contain any spilled or released material around crude oil, condensate, and produced water storage tanks, while also ensuring the adequate prevention of significant adverse environmental impacts.
6	Drilling/Completion Operations	Closed loop system will be used. No pits will be built. An enclosed flare stack will be used. Caerus will ensure 110 percent secondary containment for any potential volume of fluids that may be released.
7	Interim Reclamation	Once all topsoil has been distributed across the site, the location is then seeded by drill seeding methods or broadcast seeding. Re-vegetation is accomplished as soon as practical following the preparation of a site for final stabilization. Seeding will be done when seasonal or weather conditions are most favorable. On terrain where drill seeding is appropriate, seed may be planted using a drill equipped with a depth regulator to ensure proper depth of planting. Where possible, recountouring to help control run-on and run-off will be done.
8	Final Reclamation	Re-contouring: The disturbed areas surrounding the well location, including the access road will be re-contoured to blend as nearly possible with the natural topography. Final grading of back-filled and cut slopes will be done to prevent erosion and encourage establishment of vegetation. Existing drainages will be re-established. Re-vegetation: The long term objective is to establish a self-perpetuating plant community that is compatible with and capable of supporting the identified land use. Noxious weeds will be treated in accordance with applicable COGCC rules.

Total: 8 comment(s)

Attachment Check List

<u>Att Doc Num</u>	<u>Name</u>
2108001	CORRESPONDENCE
21080000	ACCESS ROAD MAP
401104804	FORM 2A SUBMITTED
401109298	CONST. LAYOUT DRAWINGS
401109300	FACILITY LAYOUT DRAWING
401109301	HYDROLOGY MAP
401109302	LOCATION DRAWING
401109303	LOCATION PICTURES
401109304	MULTI-WELL PLAN
401109305	REFERENCE AREA PICTURES
401109306	REFERENCE AREA MAP
401109314	OTHER
401109318	TOPO MAP
401109492	NRCS MAP UNIT DESC
401110854	WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN
401116578	WAIVERS

Total Attach: 16 Files

General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit	Final review complete.	11/22/2016
Permit	Preliminary review complete.	11/01/2016
OGLA	Initiated/Completed OGLA Form 2A review on 10-28-16 by Dave Kubeczko; requested acknowledgement of applicable Roan Rim NTO requirements and COAs, notification, fluid containment and spill/release BMPs, construction stormwater BMPs, sediment and dust control access road, downgradient hillside monitoring, flowback to tanks, tank berming, cuttings management, odor control, pipeline testing, and injection well COAs from operator on 10-28-16; received concurrence of COAs from operator on 10-31-16; passed by CPW on 10-20-16 with operator submitted wildlife BMPs acceptable and previous operator WMPs being implemented by Caerus; based on proximity of the well pad to downgradient surface water (multiple streams and/or intermittent streams located 362' to the east-southeast, and 547' to the west), and due to the highly fractured nature of the surface material and near surface geologic material in the area (Uinta Formation) around the Roan Rim, this location has been designated a "sensitive area"; passed OGLA Form 2A review on 11-08-16 by Dave Kubeczko; applicable Roan Rim NTO requirements and COAs, notification, fluid containment and spill/release BMPs, construction stormwater BMPs, sediment and dust control access road, downgradient hillside monitoring, flowback to tanks, tank berming, cuttings management, odor control, pipeline testing, and injection well COAs.	10/28/2016
DOW	This permit is for a new pad location that is partially within greater sage-grouse production sensitive wildlife habitat (SWH). The operator is adhering to the best management practices contained within two (expired) wildlife mitigation plans developed between CPW staff and previous operators. Given the high level of existing development in close proximity to this location, the BMPs being implemented by the operator are sufficient to address wildlife concerns associated with the proposed activity. By: Taylor Elm, 10-20-2016, 13:42	10/20/2016
LGD	Pass, KHW. Please note any location with greater than 5,000 barrels of total storage capacity (pits/tanks) would require a Garfield County land use change permit.	10/10/2016
Permit	Passed completeness.	09/28/2016
Permit	Per Operator request - deleted incorrect Waiver attachment and uploaded revised Waiver attachment.	09/22/2016

Total: 7 comment(s)