

FORM
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State of Colorado
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

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400954099

Date Received:

11/30/2016

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:

449294

Expiration Date:

02/16/2020

☒ 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: AF08-08

Number: Multi

County: WELD

QuarterQuarter: SENE Section: 8 Township: 5N Range: 62W Meridian: 6 Ground Elevation: 4707

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: 2148 feet FNL from North or South section line

175 feet FEL from East or West section line

Latitude: 40.415620 Longitude: -104.338370

PDOP Reading: 1.6 Date of Measurement: 09/17/2015

Instrument Operator's Name: Chase Miller

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 #

Production Facilities Location serves Well(s)

400954504

FACILITIES

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

Wells	7	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	7	Separators*	31	Injection Pumps*		Cavity Pumps*		Gas Compressors*	6
Gas or Diesel Motors*		Electric Motors		Electric Generators*	4	Fuel Tanks*		LACT Unit*	1
Dehydrator Units*		Vapor Recovery Unit*		VOC Combustor*		Flare*		Pigging Station*	1

OTHER FACILITIES*

Other Facility Type

Number

Liquid Surge Vessel	1
Gas Lift Meter Building	2
Blow Case	4
Maintenance Tank	1

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:

(14) 2" to 4" steel three-phase flowlines, (1) 16" steel gas gathering line, (1) 8" steel oil line, (2) 2" to 4" steel gas lift lines, (1) temporary 12" poly fresh water line.

CONSTRUCTION

Date planned to commence construction: 02/20/2017 Size of disturbed area during construction in acres: 16.30

Estimated date that interim reclamation will begin: 08/01/2017 Size of location after interim reclamation in acres: 6.80

Estimated post-construction ground elevation: 4707

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? Yes

DRILLING WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Drilling Fluids Disposal: OFFSITE

Drilling Fluids Disposal Method: Commercial Disposal

Cutting Disposal: OFFSITE

Cuttings Disposal Method: Commercial Disposal

Other Disposal Description:

Beneficial reuse or land application plan submitted? No

Reuse Facility ID: _____ or Document Number: _____

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 08/17/2015

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:	5280 Feet	5280 Feet
Above Ground Utility:	3006 Feet	2224 Feet
Railroad:	5280 Feet	5280 Feet
Property Line:	175 Feet	5 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 be 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: 70: Valent sand, 3-9% slopes

NRCS Map Unit Name: 69: Valent sand, 0-3% 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: 08/17/2015

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: 5280 Feet

water well: 3462 Feet

Estimated depth to ground water at Oil and Gas Location 75 Feet

Basis for depth to groundwater and sensitive area determination:

Based on the distance to the nearest well, static water level, water well permit no. 40594, and nearest downgradient surface water feature, Noble determined this site is not a sensitive area.

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 318A

WILDLIFE

☐ This location is included in a Wildlife Mitigation Plan

☐ This location was subject to a pre-consultation meeting with CPW held on _____

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

The subject production facility will service the following 14 wells (two 7-well pads): Wells Ranch State AF09-667 Ref, doc no. 400951733, Wells Ranch State AF09-658, doc no. 400954137, Wells Ranch State AF09-649, doc no. 400954279, Wells Ranch AF07-666, doc no. 400951229, Wells Ranch AF07-659, doc no. 400951228, Wells Ranch AF07-651, doc no. 400951227, Wells Ranch AF07-645, doc no. 400951226; Wells Ranch State AF09-640 Ref, doc no. 400954476, Wells Ranch State AF09-628, doc no. 400954552, Wells Ranch State AF09-618, doc no. 400954838, Wells Ranch AF07-638, doc no. 400951225, Wells Ranch AF07-631, doc no. 400951224, Wells Ranch AF07-625, doc no. 400951223, Wells Ranch AF07-618, doc no. 400951222.

There is a stock watering tank located 718' north of the pad. It consists of a steel tank sitting on the surface of the ground from which the cows drink.

The edge of the production facility is located 5' east of the property line. The tank will be located, at least, 2 diameters from the property line. Please note, the surface owner is the same on both sides of the property line.

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) and General Permit No. COR-038637.

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.

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

Signed: _____ Date: 11/30/2016 Email: Regulatorynotification@nblenergy.com

Print Name: Susan Miller Title: Regulatory Analyst

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: 2/17/2017

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

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Best Management Practices

<u>No</u>	<u>BMP/COA Type</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	General Housekeeping	General 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 pick up trash, scrap debris, other discarded materials, and any contaminated soil. These materials will be disposed of properly.
2	Storm Water/Erosion Control	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 until the pad reaches final reclamation.

Total: 2 comment(s)

Attachment Check List

<u>Att Doc Num</u>	<u>Name</u>
400954099	FORM 2A SUBMITTED
400954122	LOCATION PICTURES
400954123	MULTI-WELL PLAN
400954127	REFERENCE AREA MAP
400954128	REFERENCE AREA PICTURES
400954130	WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN
401153553	WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN
401153558	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY
401155479	NRCS MAP UNIT DESC
401157283	ACCESS ROAD MAP
401157286	HYDROLOGY MAP
401157287	LOCATION DRAWING

Total Attach: 12 Files

General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit	Final Review Completed.	02/15/2017
OGLA	Per Operator, added a description of the stock tank to the Submit Tab.	02/15/2017
Permit	Permitting Review Complete.	02/06/2017
OGLA	<p>Moved the following statements from the BMP tab to the Submit tab as these are not enforceable.</p> <p>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) and General Permit No. COR-038637.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Per Operator request, changed the following statement from the Submit Tab from "Tanks will be located 1 and 1/2 diameter from the propeerty line" to, "The tank will be located, at least, 2 diameters from the property line."</p> <p>Per Operator request, changed the Estimated Depth to Groundwater to 75 feet based on DWR Water Well Permit #40593. Updated the Basis for Depth to Groundwater to reflect DWR Water Well Permit #40593.</p> <p>Changed distance to the nearest surface water feature and water well to 718 feet based on the presence of the stock pond on the COGIS aerial, the presence of the windmill on the topographic map and the comment reflecting the stock pond in the Submit Tab comment box. Need revised Hydrology Map indicating the presence of the stock pond.</p>	02/02/2017
OGLA	<p>Verify the need for the acreage.</p> <p>- Per Operator, "The location includes acreage for both the Production Facility and the adjacent Drill Pad. It includes space for the required slopes for cuts and fills in the sandy soil, and the Production Facility is sized to the Noble maximum during construction to provide extra safety during welding and construction in the dry prairie environment." - 02/04/2017 MMH</p> <p>Per Operator request, changed the Estimated Depth to Groundwater to 75 feet based on DWR Water Well Permit #40594. Updated the Basis for Depth to Groundwater to reflect DWR Water Well Permit #40594.</p> <p>Modified the Submit Tab comment to reflect Rule 605.a(2).</p>	02/02/2017
LGD	<p>This proposed oil and gas facility is located in unincorporated Weld County. The COGCC Form 2A for this location was submitted on or before February 1, 2017 and the location is considered a Use by Right in the Agricultural Zoned District with no Weld County Oil and Gas Location Assessment required. A building permit is required for the production facilities (tank battery, separators, pump jacks, compressors, generators, etc.) from the Department of Planning Services. Access points from a County road require an Access Permit from the Department of Public Works, which includes any necessary traffic control plans and Improvement Agreements. The use of a right-of-way requires a Right-Of-Way Permit from the Department of Public Works. Troy Swain, Weld Oil/Gas Liaison (970) 400-3579.</p>	12/16/2016
Permit	Passed completeness.	12/02/2016

Total: 7 comment(s)