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Aus-Tex Exploration Inc // 2A Permit #401316130 - Fremont County5 messages

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Fri, Jul 21, 2017 at 3:25 PM

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Operator # 10412 - Aus-Tex Exploration, Aaron Goss

Good afternoon Aaron,

Thank you for reaching out to CPW on the Aus-Tex Exploration permit application for the Bird 13-18 well location in Fremont County. This location is in Sensitive Wildlife Habitat and maps to Elk Winter Concentration Area and Mule Deer Critical Winter Range. District Wildlife Manager Zach Holder met with Aus-Tex personnel at the site on July 14, 2017 to observe the location for the new proposed well and evaluate potential impacts to wildlife.

As a follow up to that onsite visit and our conversation this afternoon I wanted to confirm the following two BMPs discussed and agreed to by CPW and Aus-Tex Exploration were added by CPW to Aus-Tex permit application #401316130.

- *If new oil and gas operations must occur within CPW-identified mule deer critical winter range or elk winter concentration areas, the operator agrees to conduct new oil and gas operations outside the time period from December 1 through April 15.*
- *With the request for drilling fluid disposal on site and with the proposed schedule for the drilling pit closure and planned reclamation, CPW requests that the drilling pit include wildlife exclusion fencing and netting. Given the well location in elk and mule deer winter range and the presence of migratory birds there is risk of negative impacts to wildlife if the drilling pit is not appropriately netted and fenced.*

COGCC rule 902.d. Where necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare or to prevent significant adverse environmental impacts resulting from access to a pit by wildlife, migratory birds, domestic animals, or members of the general public, operators shall install appropriate netting or fencing.

I have copied our COGCC contacts for the permit on this email so they are up to date on what we have discussed and as notification that I have uploaded CPW comments to the COGCC online permit. If there is anything else I need to do on this just let me know.

My contact information is listed below. If you have any questions please feel free to contact either Zach Holder or myself on this or other Aus-Tex sites in Fremont County.

Thank you and have a good weekend,
Karen

Karen Voltura
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Tue, Jul 25, 2017 at 11:54 AM

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Karen/Doug,

Per my conversation with Doug Andrews, at the COGCC, I am formally responding to Karen Voltura's email dated July 21st, 2017. AusCo Petroleum agrees to follow CPW's recommended BMP's. AusCo agrees to conduct operations outside of the time period from December 1st through April 15th. AusCo also agrees to erect a wildlife exclusion fence around its drilling pit as well as netting the pit in order to minimize any negative impacts to wildlife.

Per my conversation with Doug, I am also attaching the signed SUA and the location drawing, as attachments for the Form 2A that Doug is currently reviewing.

Thank you,

Aaron J. Goss

Executive Vice President

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From: Voltura - DNR, Karen [mailto:karen.voltura@state.co.us]
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2 attachments



Bird 13-18 Construction 1.pdf

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Bird 13-18_Signed SUA.PDF

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Aaron,

The Location Drawing you included does not meet our requirements. Per COGCC Rule 303.b.(3)D. the Location Drawing shall be "*A scaled drawing, or scaled aerial photograph showing the approximate outline of the Oil and Gas Location and all wells and/or Production Facilities used for measuring distances shall be attached. The drawing shall include all visible improvements within five hundred (500) feet of the proposed Oil and Gas Location (as measured from the proposed edge of disturbance), with a horizontal distance and approximate bearing from the oil and gas facilities.*" The attached drawing does not depict all visible improvements within 500 feet of the edge of the proposed disturbed area.

However, this same Rule also states: "*If there are no visible improvements within five hundred (500) feet of a proposed Oil and Gas Location, it shall be so noted on the Form 2A.*" If this is the case please let me know and I will add an Operator Comment to the Form 2A stating this.

Additionally, I spoke with Karen Voltura this morning about this location. The Form 2A indicates that interim reclamation will not begin until 4/15/18. There is concern that Ausco will not empty the drilling pit of its contents and close it soon after the well has been drilled and completed, but that the drilling pit will remain open and in place until April 2018. Will you confirm Ausco's planned timing for the closure of the proposed drilling pit.

Thank you.

Doug Andrews

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Doug,

I believe that this is the Location Drawing that you are looking for. I will give you a call to further discuss the Form 15 issue.

Thank you,

Aaron J. Goss

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 **Bird 13-18 Location Drawing_1.pdf**
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Doug,

I just spoke with Karen Voltura regarding the 4/15/2018 pit closure date and indicated to her that AusCo will be closing the Bird pit once drilling operations have ceased, or well before December 1st, 2017.

Thank you,

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