



**VIA EFORMS**

Mr. Matt Lepore  
Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
Denver, CO 80203

October 27, 2017

RE: Rule 318.A.a Exception Location Request  
Nickel Road Operating LLC  
**Noble 5X-HNB-05-03-68**  
**Document No.: 401440424**  
SHL: 2340' FSL 810' FWL (NW/4 SW/4)  
Sec. 5 T3N R68W  
Weld County, Colorado  
Surface: Fee  
Mineral Lease: Fee

Dear Mr. Lepore:

Nickel Road Operating LLC (Nickel Road) respectfully requests that the Director grant an exception location to Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) Rules 318A.a. for the above referenced well. The surface location, pertaining to the Application for Permit to Drill (APD), does not conform to COGCC Rules 318A.a. due to surface owner request. The preferred location was agreed upon with Nickel Road and the surface owner through multiple conversations and meetings.

COGCC Rule 318.A.a stipulates that a Greater Wattenberg Area (GWA) well surface location must be within a 400' by 400' drilling window centered at the center of each quarter-quarter section, or inside a 800' by 800' drilling window centered at the center of each quarter section. The above referenced well falls outside of these drilling windows.

Nickel Road requests the Director approve the proposed exception location. The surface owner acknowledges and agrees with the staked surface location of the well. The Exception Location Waiver is located within the attached Surface Use Agreement on page 3 section 10.

Please send a copy of all correspondence to Upstream Petroleum Management, Inc. at 7000 S. Yosemite St., Suite 290B, Englewood, CO 80112. Please contact me at 303-942-0506 or at [agross@upstreampm.com](mailto:agross@upstreampm.com) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Andrea J. Gross  
Permit Agent for Nickel Road Operating LLC

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