

April 3, 2018

Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
The Chancery Building
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, CO 80203

Attn: Ms. Julie Murphy, Director

RE: Exception Location Request to Rule 318A.a – GWA Drilling Window

Drake Pad (Form 2A Doc #: 401434743)

Township 7 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M.

NWSE of Section 12: 2240' FSL, 1745' FEL (Form 2A Reference Point)

Weld County, Colorado

Dear Ms. Murphy,

Please let this letter serve as a request for administrative approval of a Rule 318A.a exception location. Nickel Road Operating LLC (NRO) proposes to place the following wells at a location outside of the Greater Wattenberg Area (GWA) drilling window as required per Rule 318A.a.:

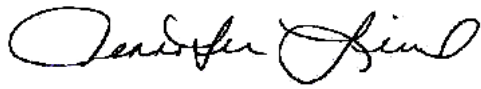
Well Name	Form 2 Doc #
DRAKE 1X-HC-11-07-67	401588749
DRAKE 1X-HNB-11-07-67	401588775
DRAKE 1X-HNC-11-07-67	401588778
DRAKE 2X-HC-11-07-67	401588781
DRAKE 2X-HNB-11-07-67	401588782
DRAKE 2X-HNC-11-07-67	401588783
DRAKE 3X-HC-11-07-67	401588784
DRAKE 3X-HNB-11-07-67	401588785
DRAKE 3X-HNC-11-07-67	401588786
DRAKE 4X-HC-11-07-67	401588787
DRAKE 4X-HNB-11-07-67	401588788
DRAKE 4X-HNC-11-07-67	401588789

Well Name	Form 2 Doc #
DRAKE 5X-HC-11-07-67	401588790
DRAKE 5X-HNB-11-07-67	401588794
DRAKE 5X-HNC-11-07-67	401588796
DRAKE 6X-HC-11-07-67	401588797
DRAKE 6X-HNB-11-07-67	401588798
DRAKE 6X-HNC-11-07-67	401588799
DRAKE 7X-HC-11-07-67	401588800
DRAKE 7X-HNB-11-07-67	401588801
DRAKE 7X-HNC-11-07-67	401588802
DRAKE 8X-HC-11-07-67	401588803
DRAKE 8X-HNB-11-07-67	401588804
DRAKE 8X-HNC-11-07-67	401588805

The pad has been located outside of the GWA window at the request of the surface owner as the proposed location lessens surface area disturbance on the property. The surface owner has waived the Rule 318A.a. location requirements, signed waiver attached. NRO respectfully requests the review and approval of this Rule 318A.a. exception location.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 303-406-1117 or jen@jenlindllc.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Lind". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jennifer" and last name "Lind" clearly distinguishable.

on behalf of Nickel Road Operating LLC

Jennifer Lind
Regulatory Specialist
Jennifer Lind LLC