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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:

455385

Expiration Date:

06/08/2021

☒ 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: 10670

Name: MALLARD EXPLORATION LLC

Address: 1821 BLAKE STREET STE 2B

City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202

Contact Information

Name: Erin Mathews

Phone: (720) 543-7959

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RECLAMATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

☒ Plugging and Abandonment Bond Surety ID: 20170115 ☐ Gas Facility Surety ID: _____

☐ Waste Management Surety ID: _____

LOCATION IDENTIFICATION

Name: Gadwall Number: Pad

County: WELD

QuarterQuarter: NWNE Section: 30 Township: 8N Range: 60W Meridian: 6 Ground Elevation: 4947

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: 748 feet FNL from North or South section line

2167 feet FEL from East or West section line

Latitude: 40.638433 Longitude: -104.133186

PDOP Reading: 1.4 Date of Measurement: 08/10/2017

Instrument Operator's Name: Ian Carabajal

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 #

FACILITIES

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

Wells	<u>16</u>	Oil Tanks*	<u>32</u>	Condensate Tanks*	<u> </u>	Water Tanks*	<u>16</u>	Buried Produced Water Vaults*	<u> </u>
Drilling Pits	<u> </u>	Production Pits*	<u> </u>	Special Purpose Pits	<u> </u>	Multi-Well Pits*	<u> </u>	Modular Large Volume Tanks	<u>2</u>
Pump Jacks	<u>16</u>	Separators*	<u>16</u>	Injection Pumps*	<u> </u>	Cavity Pumps*	<u> </u>	Gas Compressors*	<u>2</u>
Gas or Diesel Motors*	<u>16</u>	Electric Motors	<u>16</u>	Electric Generators*	<u>2</u>	Fuel Tanks*	<u> </u>	LACT Unit*	<u>2</u>
Dehydrator Units*	<u> </u>	Vapor Recovery Unit*	<u>4</u>	VOC Combustor*	<u>8</u>	Flare*	<u> </u>	Pigging Station*	<u> </u>

OTHER FACILITIES*

Other Facility Type

Number

Vapor Recovery Tower

2

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:

2" welded steel flowlines from wellheads to separators carrying oil, gas and water.
2" welded steel gas supply line from compressors to wellheads.

CONSTRUCTION

Date planned to commence construction: 09/01/2018 Size of disturbed area during construction in acres: 25.20
Estimated date that interim reclamation will begin: 03/01/2019 Size of location after interim reclamation in acres: 17.00
Estimated post-construction ground elevation: 4947

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?

Reuse Facility ID: or Document Number:

Centralized E&P Waste Management Facility ID, if applicable:

SURFACE & MINERALS & RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT

Name: William Stepanek et. al.

Phone:

Address: 31 Oak Rd

Fax: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

City: Orinda State: CA Zip: 94563

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 _____

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:	4391 Feet	4383 Feet
Building Unit:	4556 Feet	4567 Feet
High Occupancy Building Unit:	5280 Feet	5280 Feet
Designated Outside Activity Area:	5280 Feet	5280 Feet
Public Road:	734 Feet	130 Feet
Above Ground Utility:	4533 Feet	4544 Feet
Railroad:	5280 Feet	5280 Feet
Property Line:	309 Feet	88 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: 45 - Olney fine sandy loam, 6 to 9 percent slopes

NRCS Map Unit Name: 54 - Platner loam, 0 to 3 percent 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: 08/10/2017

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: 491 Feet

water well: 2735 Feet

Estimated depth to ground water at Oil and Gas Location 30 Feet

Basis for depth to groundwater and sensitive area determination:

Nearest downgradient surface water feature is a wetland.

Nearest water well is CDWR Permit 20993. Depth to groundwater based on CDWR Permit #9617-F

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

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 Since this location is not in a buffer zone, a Waste Management Plan and Facility Layout was not included.

Manufacturer of MLVT: Hydrologistics
Size and Volume: Up to two (2) 157' diameter/42,000 BBLs
Anticipated time frame on site: 90 days

Mallard Exploration does not anticipate developing this oil and gas location until the completion of a natural gas gathering system and processing plant that will be constructed in the vicinity of the location by a third party. The gathering system and processing plant are anticipated to be operational during the first quarter of 2019. Mallard has entered into a contract with the operator of the gathering system/plant.

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

Signed: _____ Date: 09/01/2017 Email: regulatory@ascentgeomatics.com

Print Name: Ann Feldman Title: Regulatory Manager

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: 6/9/2018

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

	Green Completions -Test separators and associated flow lines, sand traps and emission control systems shall be installed on-site to accommodate green completions techniques. When commercial quantities of salable quality gas are achieved at each well, the gas shall be immediately directed to a sales line or shut in and conserved. If a sales line is unavailable or other conditions prevent placing the gas into a sales line, the operator shall not produce the wells without an approved variance per Rule 805.b.(3)C.
	Unnecessary or excessive flaring is prohibited. Operator shall direct all salable quality gas to a sales line as soon as practicable or be shut in and conserved per Rule 805.b.(3)B.v. and 912.

Best Management Practices

<u>No</u>	<u>BMP/COA Type</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	General Housekeeping	<p>804. Visual Impacts: All long term facility structures will be painted a color that enables the facilities to blend in with the natural background color of the landscape, as seen from a viewing distance and location typically used by the public.</p> <p>Maintain appearance with garbage clean-up; a trash bin will be located on site to accumulate waste by the personnel drilling the wells. Site will have unused equipment, trash and junk removed immediately.</p>
2	Storm Water/Erosion Control	<p>Implement and maintain BMPs to control stormwater runoff in a manner that minimizes erosion, transport of sediment offsite, and site degradation. Co-locate gas and water gathering lines whenever feasible, and mitigate any erosion problems that arise due to the construction of any pipeline(s).</p>
3	Construction	<p>Operator will have an MLVT Design Package, certified and sealed by a licensed professional engineer, which is on file in their office and available upon request. The site shall be prepared in accordance with the specifications of the design package prior to tank installation; including ensuring that proper compaction requirements have been met.</p> <p>The MLVT will be at least 75 feet from a wellhead, fired vessel, heater-treater, or a compressor with a rating of 200 horsepower or more. It will be placed at least 50 feet from a separator, well test unit, or other non-fired equipment.</p> <p>All liner seams will be welded and tested in accordance with applicable ASTM International standards.</p> <p>Operator will be present during initial filling of the MLVT and the contractor will supervise and inspect the MLVT for leaks during filling.</p> <p>Operator will comply with the testing and re-inspection requirements and associated written standard operating procedures (SOP) listed on the design package.</p> <p>Signs will be posted on the MLVT indicating that the contents are freshwater.</p> <p>The MLVT will be operated with a minimum of 1 foot of freeboard at all times.</p> <p>Access to the MLVT will be limited to operational personnel and authorized regulatory agency personnel.</p> <p>Operator or contractor will conduct daily visual inspections of the exterior wall and surrounding area for integrity deficiencies.</p> <p>Operator will develop a contingency plan/emergency response plan associated with the MLVT and it is on file at their office.</p> <p>A fabric reinforced liner will be utilized. In the event that a tank breach were to occur, the fabric reinforced liner will prevent a "zippering" failure from occurring. The liner will meet the specifications per the design package.</p> <p>Operator acknowledges and will comply with the Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission Policy on the Use of Modular Large Volume Tanks in Colorado dated June 13, 2014.</p>
4	Emissions mitigation	<p>Operator has contracted with a third party to bring a gas sales lines to the location to send salable quality gas immediately down the sales line. In the event that a sales line connection is not available upon the completion of flowback, operator will follow the policy per the Notice to Operators "Rule 912 Venting or Flaring Produced Natural Gas". All salable quality gas shall be directed to the sales line as soon as practicable or shut in and conserved.</p>

5	Interim Reclamation	Operator shall be responsible for segregating the topsoil, backfilling, re-compacting any backfill, reseeding, and re-contouring the surface of any disturbed area so as not to interfere with Owner's operations and shall reclaim such area to be returned to preexisting conditions as best as possible with control of all noxious weeds.
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Total: 5 comment(s)

Attachment Check List

<u>Att Doc Num</u>	<u>Name</u>
1696863	MULTI-WELL PLAN
2473195	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY
2478373	CORRESPONDENCE
2478535	LOCATION DRAWING
2478536	ACCESS ROAD MAP
401393767	FORM 2A SUBMITTED
401393843	HYDROLOGY MAP
401393853	REFERENCE AREA MAP
401393854	REFERENCE AREA PICTURES
401393855	LOCATION PICTURES
401393871	NRCS MAP UNIT DESC
401393874	NRCS MAP UNIT DESC
401394036	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY

Total Attach: 13 Files

General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit	Updated construction and interim reclamation dates with Operator concurrence. Final review complete.	06/04/2018
OGLA	Operator provided a revised Emissions mitigation BMP.	05/24/2018
Permit	Status Active - attached SUA map provided by Operator. Permitting review complete.	05/01/2018
OGLA	Address Green Completions / gas sales line concern.	04/19/2018
OGLA	Operator provided revised Location Drawing and Access Road Map as the access point to the location changed at the request of Weld County.	02/12/2018
Permit	Status Pending - Contacted Operator to request a surface lands map; description of lands covered in the SUA is insufficient.	11/17/2017
Permit	With Operator concurrence, updated Operator Contact and Submitter information.	11/17/2017
OGLA	OGLA task passed.	10/02/2017
OGLA	IN PROCESS - Operator revised the estimated depth to groundwater. OGLA review complete. Waiting on Public Comment period.	09/28/2017
OGLA	ON HOLD - Requested operator revise the estimated depth to groundwater. Due by 10/27/17.	09/27/2017
Permit	Passed Completeness.	09/11/2017

Total: 11 comment(s)