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## State of Colorado

## Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

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## APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO:

☒ Drill
 ☐ Deepen
 ☐ Re-enter
 ☐ Recomplete and Operate
TYPE OF WELL OIL ☒ GAS ☐ COALBED ☐ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_Refilling ☐ZONE TYPE SINGLE ZONE ☒ MULTIPLE ZONES ☐ COMMINGLE ZONES ☐Sidetrack ☐

Date Received:

02/28/2018

Well Name: ELDER

Well Number: 3X-HNC-09-07-65

Name of Operator: NICKEL ROAD OPERATING LLC

COGCC Operator Number: 10669

Address: 1600 STOUT STREET SUITE 1850

City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202

Contact Name: JENNIFER LIND

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## RECLAMATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

Plugging and Abandonment Bond Surety ID: 20170087

## WELL LOCATION INFORMATION

QtrQtr: NWSW Sec: 11 Twp: 7N Rng: 65W Meridian: 6

Latitude: 40.587591

Longitude: -104.638456

Footage at Surface: 2426 Feet FNL/FSL FSL 240 Feet FEL/FWL FWL

Field Name: WATTENBERG

Field Number: 90750

Ground Elevation: 4868

County: WELD

GPS Data:

Date of Measurement: 01/25/2018 PDOP Reading: 1.5 Instrument Operator's Name: DAHLMAN

If well is ☐ Directional ☒ Horizontal (highly deviated) submit deviated drilling plan.

Footage at Top of Prod Zone: FNL/FSL FEL/FWL Bottom Hole: FNL/FSL FEL/FWL

 1632 FNL 460 FEL 1632 FNL 460 FWL  
 Sec: 10 Twp: 7N Rng: 65W Sec: 9 Twp: 7N Rng: 65W

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

County: WELD

Municipality: N/A

Per § 34-60-106 (1)(f)(I)(A), the following questions pertain to the "local government with jurisdiction to approve the siting of the proposed oil and gas location."

The local government with jurisdiction is: County

Does the local government with jurisdiction regulate the siting of Oil and Gas Locations, with respect to this COGCC application? If the local government has waived its right to precede the COGCC in siting determination, indicate by selecting "NO" here and selecting "Waived" below.

☐ Yes ☒ NoIf yes, in checking this box, I hereby certify that an application has been filed with the local government with jurisdiction to approve the siting of the proposed oil and gas location. ☐

The local government siting permit type is: \_\_\_\_\_

The local government siting permit was filed on: \_\_\_\_\_

The disposition of the application filed with the local government is: Waived

Additional explanation of local process:

Weld County has waived the local permit disposition requirement. Waiver on file with COGCC Director.

## LOCATION SURFACE & MINERALS & RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT

Surface Ownership: ☒ Fee ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ Indian

The Surface Owner is: ☐ is the mineral owner beneath the location.

(check all that apply) ☐ 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 by this Well: No

The right to construct the Oil and Gas Location is granted by: Surface Use Agreement

Surface damage assurance if no agreement is in place: \_\_\_\_\_ Surface Surety ID: \_\_\_\_\_

## LEASE INFORMATION

Using standard QtrQtr, Sec, Twp, Rng format, describe one entire mineral lease that will be produced by this well (Describe lease beneath surface location if produced. Attach separate description page or map if necessary.)

SEC.10-T7N-R65W: N/2NW

Total Acres in Described Lease: 80 Described Mineral Lease is: ☒ Fee ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ Indian

Federal or State Lease # \_\_\_\_\_

Distance from Completed Portion of Wellbore to Nearest Lease Line of described lease: 0 Feet

## CULTURAL DISTANCE INFORMATION

Distance to nearest:

Building:	<u>2787</u> Feet
Building Unit:	<u>2963</u> Feet
High Occupancy Building Unit:	<u>5280</u> Feet
Designated Outside Activity Area:	<u>5280</u> Feet
Public Road:	<u>2405</u> Feet
Above Ground Utility:	<u>2370</u> Feet
Railroad:	<u>5280</u> Feet
Property Line:	<u>225</u> Feet
School Facility:	<u>5280</u> Feet
School Property Line:	<u>5280</u> Feet
Child Care Center:	<u>5280</u> Feet

### INSTRUCTIONS:

- All measurements shall be provided from center of the Proposed Well to nearest of each cultural feature as described in Rule 303.a.(5).
- 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, Designated Outside Activity Area, School Facility, and Child Care Center – as defined in 100 Series Rules.

## 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.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

## SPACING and UNIT INFORMATION

Distance from completed portion of proposed wellbore to nearest completed portion of offset wellbore permitted or completed in the same formation: 314 Feet

Distance from Completed Portion of Wellbore to Nearest Unit Boundary 460 Feet (Enter 5280 for distance greater than 1 mile.)

Federal or State Unit Name (if appl): \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## SPACING & FORMATIONS COMMENTS

SPACING APPLICATION (DOCKET #180400309) APPROVED AT SEPTEMBER, 2018 HEARING.  
DSU CONFIGURATION:  
T7N-R65W-SEC.9 & 10: ALL (1280 ACRES)

## OBJECTIVE FORMATIONS

Objective Formation(s)	Formation Code	Spacing Order Number(s)	Unit Acreage Assigned to Well	Unit Configuration (N/2, SE/4, etc.)
NIOBRARA	NBRR	407-2580	1280	S.9&10 - ALL

## DRILLING PROGRAM

Proposed Total Measured Depth: 17275 Feet

Distance from the proposed wellbore to nearest existing or proposed wellbore belonging to another operator, including plugged wells:

Enter distance if less than or equal to 1,500 feet: \_\_\_\_\_ Feet ☒ No well belonging to another operator within 1,500 feet

Will a closed-loop drilling system be used? Yes

Is H<sub>2</sub>S gas reasonably expected to be encountered during drilling operations at concentrations greater than or equal to 100 ppm? No (If Yes, attach an H<sub>2</sub>S Drilling Operations Plan)

Will salt sections be encountered during drilling? No

Will salt based (>15,000 ppm Cl) drilling fluids be used? No

Will oil based drilling fluids be used? Yes

BOP Equipment Type: ☒ Annular Preventor ☒ Double Ram ☒ Rotating Head ☐ None

## GROUNDWATER BASELINE SAMPLING AND MONITORING AND WATER WELL SAMPLING

Water well sampling required per Rule 318A

## DRILLING WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Drilling Fluids Disposal: OFFSITE Drilling Fluids Disposal Methods: Commercial Disposal

Cuttings Disposal: OFFSITE Cuttings Disposal Method: Commercial Disposal

Other Disposal Description:

PLEASE SEE WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN ATTACHED TO ASSOCIATED FORM 2A.

Beneficial reuse or land application plan submitted? No

Reuse Facility ID: \_\_\_\_\_ or Document Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**CASING PROGRAM**

Casing Type	Size of Hole	Size of Casing	Wt/Ft	Csg/Liner Top	Setting Depth	Sacks Cmt	Cmt Btm	Cmt Top
CONDUCTOR	24	16	42	0	80	100	80	0
SURF	12+1/4	9+5/8	36	0	1500	400	1500	0
1ST	8+1/2	5+1/2	20	0	17275	2380	17275	

☐ Conductor Casing is NOT planned

**DESIGNATED SETBACK LOCATION EXCEPTIONS**

Check all that apply:

- ☐ Rule 604.a.(1)A. Exception Zone (within 500' of Building Unit)
- ☐ 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)

**GREATER WATTENBERG AREA LOCATION EXCEPTIONS**

Check all that apply:

- ☒ Rule 318A.a. Exception Location (GWA Windows).
- ☒ Rule 318A.c. Exception Location (GWA Twinning).

**RULE 502.b VARIANCE REQUEST**

☐ Rule 502.b. Variance Request from COGCC Rule or Spacing Order Number \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER LOCATION EXCEPTIONS**

Check all that apply:

- ☐ Rule 318.c. Exception Location from Rule or Spacing Order Number \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Rule 603.a.(2) Exception Location (Property Line Setback).

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

Distance from completed portion to nearest completed portion of wellbore permitted/completed in the same formation measured to the proposed ELDER 3X-HC-09-07-65. No offset operator wells within 1500'.

Nickel Road requests the approval of a Rule 318A.a. (GWA Window) and Rule 318.c. (GWA Twinning) exception location - please see section 10 on page 2 of attached surface use agreement for waivers. Exception location request letter also attached.

This application is in a Comprehensive Drilling Plan No CDP #: \_\_\_\_\_

Location ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this application being submitted with an Oil and Gas Location Assessment application? Yes

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: JENNIFER LIND

Title: REG & ENV MANAGER Date: 2/28/2018 Email: JENNIFER.LIND@NICKELRO

Operator must have a valid water right or permit allowing for industrial use or purchased water from a seller that has a valid water right or permit allowing for industrial use, otherwise an application for a change in type of use is required under Colorado law. Operator must also use the water in the location set forth in the water right decree or well permit, otherwise an application for a change in place of use is required under Colorado law. Section 37-92-103(5), C.R.S. (2011).  
Based on the information provided herein, this Application for Permit-to-Drill complies with COGCC Rules, applicable orders, and SB 19-101 and is hereby approved.

COGCC Approved:  Director of COGCC Date: 6/26/2019  
Expiration Date: 06/25/2021

<p align="center"><b>API NUMBER</b></p> <p>05 123 50244 00</p>
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### Conditions Of Approval

**All representations, stipulations and conditions of approval stated in the Form 2A for this location shall constitute representations, stipulations and conditions of approval for this Form 2 Permit-to-Drill and are enforceable to the same extent as all other representations, stipulations and conditions of approval stated in this Permit-to-Drill.**

<u>COA Type</u>	<u>Description</u>
	<p>Bradenhead tests shall be performed and reported according to the following schedule and Form 17 submitted within 10 days of each test.:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Within 60 days of rig release, prior to stimulation.</li> <li>2) 6 months after rig release, prior to stimulation.</li> <li>3) Within 30 days of first production, as reported on Form 5A.</li> </ol>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Submit Form 42 electronically to COGCC 48 hours prior to MIRU (Spud Notice), for the first well/activity on the pad and provide 48 hour spud notice for all subsequent wells drilled on the pad.</li> <li>2) Comply with Rule 317.j and provide cement coverage from the end of production casing to a minimum of 200' above Niobrara. Verify coverage with cement bond log.</li> <li>3) Oil-based drilling fluid is to be used only after all aquifers are covered.</li> </ol>
	<p>Operator acknowledges the proximity of the listed non-producing well(s). Operator agrees to provide mitigation Option 3 (per the DJ Basin Horizontal Offset Policy, ensure all applicable documentation is submitted , and submit Form 42(s) "OFFSET MITIGATION COMPLETED" for the remediated well(s), referencing the API Number of the proposed horizontal wells stating what appropriate mitigation occurred and that it has been completed, prior to the hydraulic stimulation of the proposed wells.</p> <p>Simpson 42-4 (API NO 123-11525)</p>

## **Best Management Practices**

<b>No</b>	<b>BMP/COA Type</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	Drilling/Completion Operations	Anti-collision: Operator will perform an anti-collision evaluation of all active (producing, shut in, or temporarily abandoned) offset wellbores that have the potential of being within 150 feet of a proposed well prior to drilling operations for the proposed well. Notice shall be given to all offset operators prior to drilling.
2	Drilling/Completion Operations	Alternative Logging Program: One of the first wells drilled on the pad will be logged with Open Hole Resistivity Log and Gamma Ray Log from the kick-off point to into the surface casing. All wells on the pad will have a cement bond log with gamma-ray run on production casing (or on intermediate casing if production liner is run) into the surface casing. The horizontal portion of every well will be logged with a measured-while-drilling gamma-ray log. The form 5, Completion Report, for each well on the pad will list all logs run and have those logs attached. The Form 5 for a well without open-hole logs shall clearly state "Alternative Logging Program - No open-hole logs were run" and shall clearly identify (by API#, well name & number) the well in which open-hole logs were run.
3	Drilling/Completion Operations	Operator acknowledges and will comply with COGCC policy for Bradenhead Monitoring during Hydraulic Fracturing treatments in the Greater Wattenberg Area dated May 29, 2012.

Total: 3 comment(s)

## **Applicable Policies and Notices to Operators**

Notice Concerning Operating Requirements for Wildlife Protection.  
[http://cogcc.state.co.us/documents/reg/Policies/Wildlife\\_Notice.pdf](http://cogcc.state.co.us/documents/reg/Policies/Wildlife_Notice.pdf)

Policy for Bradenhead Monitoring During Hydraulic Fracturing Treatments in the Greater Wattenberg Area.  
<http://cogcc.state.co.us/documents/reg/Policies/PolicyGwaBradenheadMonitoringFinal.pdf>

## **Attachment Check List**

<b><u>Att Doc Num</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>
401548431	FORM 2 SUBMITTED
401557503	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY
401557504	EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST
401557505	DEVIATED DRILLING PLAN
401557506	WELL LOCATION PLAT
401557507	DIRECTIONAL DATA

Total Attach: 6 Files

### General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit	The Director Objective Criteria Review Summary (Doc #2479095) is attached to this Form 2A. Following additional analysis of the Director Objective Criteria, the Director determined that this application meets the standard for the protection of public health, safety, welfare, the environment and wildlife resources set by SB 19-181.	06/20/2019
Permit	Operator provided local government siting permit status and school and childcare distances via the Local Government Information Google Form - information entered with operator concurrence.	06/09/2019
Permit	With operators concurrence added the spacing order number and updated Open Hole Logging BMP. With operators concurrence removed checks on boxes for surface owner is mineral owner. Final Review Completed.	04/29/2019
Engineer	Offset Wells Evaluated	10/23/2018
Permit	Passed Completeness	10/12/2018
Permit	Returned to draft per Permitting Supervisor.	03/12/2018

Total: 6 comment(s)