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**Subject:** **[\*\*EXTERNAL\*\*]** Re: True 41 - Capitol 07N - ECMC Notice to Sidetrack Capitol 07N API 051235306300  
**Date:** Thursday, July 31, 2025 7:47:31 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Thank you for the information. You may proceed as outlined. Please submit a Form 2 to document the new well path and email Penny and myself the document number once submitted.

Thanks,

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On Wed, Jul 30, 2025 at 7:46 PM Kopp, Nick <[nmkopp@chevron.com](mailto:nmkopp@chevron.com)> wrote:

Diane,

As discussed on our phone call we have verbal approval to move forward on the Capitol 07N sidetrack, original wellbore API: 051235306300.

I have copy and pasted the information needed from the “UNPLANNED SIDETRACK WHILE DRILLING: STATEWIDE APPROVAL AND REPORTING PROCESS.” I have my answers shown in red below.

- i. An explanation of the situation that has resulted in the need to sidetrack
  - a. While drilling ahead at 9,484’ MD a loss of approximately 1,000 psi was observed. The decision was made to TOH fearing that a twist may have occurred. Once the BHA was at surface the twist was confirmed to have

occurred in the Storm vibration reduction tool. The exact reason for the twist off is unknown as drilling parameters at the time of the twist off were within operational limitations. An attempt to fish the BHA was made resulting in losing part of the fishing BHA.

- ii. Total measured depth reached in the wellbore being plugged back
  - a. We reached 9,484' MD.
- iii. Casing set, including size(s) and measured depth(s)
  - a. 9-5/8" 36 lb/ft J-55 LTC surface casing is set at 1,611' MD / 1,602' TVD.
- iv. Description of fish in the hole (if any), including the top and bottom measured depths
  - a. Bakers 7" rotary steerable assembly from 9,484' MD to 9,420.38' MD and part of a Weatherford fishing assembly from 9,420.38' MD to 9,403.62' MD.
- v. Description of the proposed plugs: setting measured depths, heights, and cement volumes
  - a. We do not plan on setting any cement plugs.
- vi. Type of cement to be used for all plugs, including slurry weight (ppg) and yield (cf/sk)
  - a. We do not plan on setting any cement plugs.
- vii. Measured depth of the proposed sidetrack kick-off point
  - a. Approximately 8,985' MD.
- viii. Proposed objective formation(s) for the sidetrack hole, indicate if it will be new or the same as the wellbore being abandoned
  - a. Niobrara. This will be the same objective as the original wellbore.
- ix. BHL target for the sidetrack hole, indicate if it will be new or the same as the wellbore being abandoned (NOTE: a change in the BHL will be reviewed and approved by ECMC Permitting prior to completing the sidetrack. Drilling a sidetrack to an unapproved BHL could result in an NOAV, plugging the well, or both).
  - a. The BHL target will remain the same.

I have attached a wellbore diagram to the email.

Thanks,

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