

**FORM
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04/01State of Colorado
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

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Oil and Gas Location Assessment☐ New Location ☒ Amend Existing Location Location#: 302630

Submit original plus one copy. This form is to be submitted to the COGCC prior to any ground disturbance activity associated with oil and gas development operations. This Assessment may be approved as a stand alone application or submitted as an informational report accompanying an Application for Permit-To-Drill, Form 2. Approval of this 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. This form may serve as notice to land owners and other interested parties, please see the COGCC web site at <http://colorado.gov/cogcc/> for all accompanying information pertinent to this Oil and Gas Location Assessment.

Location ID:

302630

Expiration Date:

11/19/2012☒ This location assessment is included as part of a permit application.**1. 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.

2. Operator

Operator Number: 100322

Name: NOBLE ENERGY INC

Address: 1625 BROADWAY STE 2200

City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202

3. Contact Information

Name: MARI CLARK

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4. Location Identification:

Name: THISTLE DOWN B Number: 31-20D

County: WELD

QuarterQuarter: SENW Section: 31 Township: 5N Range: 64W Meridian: 6 Ground Elevation: 4789

Define a single point as a location reference for the facility location. This point should be used as the point of measurement in the drawings to be submitted with this application. When the location is to be used as a well site then the point shall be a well location.

Footage at surface: 2399 feet, from North or South section line: FNL and 2631 feet, from East or West section line: FWL

Latitude: 40.356240 Longitude: -104.592600 PDOP Reading: 2.1 Date of Measurement: 05/14/2009

5. Facilities (Indicate the number of each type of oil and gas facility planned on location):

Special Purpose Pits: <input type="text"/>	Drilling Pits: <input type="text" value="1"/>	Wells: <input type="text" value="4"/>	Production Pits: <input type="text"/>	Dehydrator Units: <input type="text"/>
Condensate Tanks: <input type="text"/>	Water Tanks: <input type="text" value="0"/>	Separators: <input type="text" value="8"/>	Electric Motors: <input type="text" value="0"/>	Multi-Well Pits: <input type="text"/>
Gas or Diesel Motors: <input type="text" value="0"/>	Cavity Pumps: <input type="text"/>	LACT Unit: <input type="text"/>	Pump Jacks: <input type="text"/>	Pigging Station: <input type="text"/>
Electric Generators: <input type="text" value="0"/>	Gas Pipeline: <input type="text" value="1"/>	Oil Pipeline: <input type="text"/>	Water Pipeline: <input type="text"/>	Flare: <input type="text"/>
Gas Compressors: <input type="text"/>	VOC Combustor: <input type="text" value="3"/>	Oil Tanks: <input type="text" value="8"/>	Fuel Tanks: <input type="text" value="0"/>	

Other: 4 BURIED CEMENT PRODUCED WATER VAULTS, RIG = 8 GAS/DIESEL MOTORS, 2 ELECTRIC GENERATORS, 11 WATER TANKS, 23 ELECTRIC MOTORS, 8 FUEL TANKS

6. Construction:

Date planned to commence construction: 12/15/2009 Size of disturbed area during construction in acres: 3.00
Estimated date that interim reclamation will begin: 02/15/2010 Size of location after interim reclamation in acres: 1.00
Estimated post-construction ground elevation: 4789 Will a closed loop system be used for drilling fluids: Yes ☐
Will salt sections be encountered during drilling: Yes ☐ No ☒ Is H2S anticipated? Yes ☐ No ☒
Will salt (>15,000 ppm TDS Cl) or oil based muds be used: Yes ☐ No ☒
Mud disposal: Offsite ☒ Onsite ☐ Method: Land Farming ☐ Land Spreading ☐ Disposal Facility ☒
Other: _____

7. Surface Owner:

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ Fax: _____
Address: _____ Email: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Date of Rule 306 surface owner consultation: 05/12/2009
Surface Owner: ☒ Fee ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ Indian
Mineral Owner: ☒ Fee ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ Indian
The surface owner is: ☐ the mineral owner ☐ committed to an oil and gas lease
☐ is the executor of the oil and gas lease ☐ the applicant
The right to construct the location is granted by: ☐ oil and gas lease ☒ Surface Use Agreement ☐ Right of Way
☐ applicant is owner
Surface damage assurance if no agreement is in place: ☐ \$2000 ☐ \$5000 ☐ Blanket Surety ID _____

8. Reclamation Financial Assurance:

☐ Well Surety ID: 20030009 ☐ Gas Facility Surety ID: _____ ☐ Waste Mgmt. Surety ID: _____

9. Cultural:

Is the location in a high density area (Rule 603.b.): Yes ☐ No ☒
Distance, in feet, to nearest building: 2000, public road: 2600, above ground utilit: 310
_____, railroad: 5280, property line: 8

10. 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

11. 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

12. Soils:

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.gov/> 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: 44 - OLNEY LOAMY SAND, 1-3% SLOPES

NRCS Map Unit Name: _____

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13. 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: _____

List individual species: _____

Check all plant communities that exist in the disturbed area.

- ☐ Disturbed Grassland (Cactus, Yucca, Cheatgrass, Rye)
- ☐ Native Grassland (Bluestern, 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): _____

14. Water Resources:

Rule 901.e. may require a sensitive area determination be performed. If this determination is performed the data is to be submitted with the Form 2A.

Is this a sensitive area: ☒ No ☐ Yes Was a Rule 901.e. Sensitive Areas Determination performed: ☒ No ☐ Yes

Distance (in feet) to nearest surface water: 1800, water well: 2033, depth to ground water: 35

Is the location in a riparian area: ☒ No ☐ Yes Was an Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 permit filed ☒ No ☐ Yes

Is the location within a Rule 317B Surface Water Suppl Area buffer zone:

☒ No ☐ 0-300 ft. zone ☐ 301-500 ft. zone ☐ 501-2640 ft. 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: ☒ No ☐ Yes

15. Comments:

H2O PERMIT #87482. WELL WILL BE PART OF A MULTI-WELL PAD: EXISTING THISTLE DOWN B31-21, PROPOSED THISTLE DOWN B31-18D, THISTLE DOWN B31-20D & THISTLE DOWN B31-22D. THIS WELL WILL BE TWINNED FROM EXISTING THISTLE DOWN B31-21; AS DRILLED SUNDRY SUBMITTED 9/14/09.

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

Signed: _____ Date: 09/16/2009 Email: mclark@nobleenergyinc.com

Print Name: MARI CLARK Title: REGULATORY ANALYST II

Based on the information provided herein, this Application for Permit-to-Drill complies with COGCC Rules and applicable orders and is hereby approved.

David S. Nash

COGCC Approved: _____

Director of COGCC

Date: 11/20/2009

Attachment Check List

Att Doc Num	Name	Doc Description
1784524	CORRESPONDENCE	LF @2173032 1784524
400005557	LOCATION PICTURES	LF @2150400 400005557
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400005559	HYDROLOGY MAP	LF @2150402 400005559
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