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Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
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RE: Request for Exception to Rule 318A.a.  
Turecek State 16-1H API: 05-123-33424  
Twp: 1N, Rng: 64W, NWNW Sec.16 – Weld County, Colorado

Dear Mr. Neslin,

Great Western Oil and Gas Co. (GWOG) respectfully requests an exception to the surface location rule 318A.a. for the referenced well.

The surface location of the referenced well is not in compliance with rule 318A.a.(1) which requires a well surface location to be drilled and completed in "a square with sides four hundred (400) feet in length, the center of which is the center of any governmental quarter-quarter section" or rule 318A.a.(2) which requires a surface location in the center of any quarter section with the four sides being 800 ft. in length.

The proposed vertical well is set up as an evaluation well to gather geologic information for planning a subsequent horizontal well from the same surface location. This vertical well, once drilled and evaluated, will be plugged back and abandoned. Once the geologic information is analyzed, the well will be re-entered and directionally drilled to the Niobrara formation. Current plans project the top of the producing Niobrara horizon within a standard spacing unit window (732' FNL and 688' FWL) in Section 16 – T1N – R64W.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Regards,

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