

FORM 2A Rev 04/01

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Oil and Gas Location Assessment

New Location Amend Existing Location Location#: 414152

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.

Location ID: 414152 Expiration Date: 07/25/2014

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: Liz Lindow Phone: (303) 228-4342 Fax: (303) 228-4286 email: llindow@nobleenergyinc.com

4. Location Identification:

Name: Rulison Number: 17M Pad County: GARFIELD Quarter: SWSW Section: 17 Township: 7S Range: 94W Meridian: 6 Ground Elevation: 7545 Define a single point as a location reference for the facility location. Footage at surface: 628 feet FNL, from North or South section line, and 470 feet FWL, from East or West section line. Latitude: 39.433462 Longitude: -107.917815 PDOP Reading: 1.7 Date of Measurement: 05/17/2011 Instrument Operator's Name: Ronald Rennke

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

Special Purpose Pits: 0 Drilling Pits: 1 Wells: 23 Production Pits: 0 Dehydrator Units: 0 Condensate Tanks: 9 Water Tanks: 0 Separators: 5 Electric Motors: 0 Multi-Well Pits: 0 Gas or Diesel Motors: 0 Cavity Pumps: 0 LACT Unit: 0 Pump Jacks: 0 Pigging Station: 0 Electric Generators: 0 Gas Pipeline: 1 Oil Pipeline: 0 Water Pipeline: 1 Flare: 0 Gas Compressors: 0 VOC Combustor: 0 Oil Tanks: 0 Fuel Tanks: 0 Other: Emergency Flare Pit

6. Construction:

Date planned to commence construction: 07/13/2011 Size of disturbed area during construction in acres: 6.70  
Estimated date that interim reclamation will begin: 10/13/2011 Size of location after interim reclamation in acres: 5.20  
Estimated post-construction ground elevation: 7545 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: Closed loop

7. Surface Owner:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Rule 306 surface owner consultation: 07/01/2008  
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 executer 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 Mgnt. Surety ID: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Cultural:

Is the location in a high density area (Rule 603.b.): Yes  No   
Distance, in feet, to nearest building: 4187, public road: 5280, above ground utilit: 5280  
, railroad: 5280, property line: 863

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 used when segregating topsoil.

**IMPORTANT: SOME DATA FIELDS HAVE BEEN MODIFIED.**

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: 45: Morval-Tridell complex, 6 to 25 percent 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: Western wheatgrass, needleandthread, bigsagebrush, bluebunch wheatgrass, utah serviceberry

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): \_\_\_\_\_

**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: 234, water well: 4321, depth to ground water: 126

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:**

Well Permit # 230057 was used to find depth to ground water. Location is being amended to add Double B Ranch 18-43D (17M) to pad. Updated construction layout, location drawing, and multiwell plan attached with Double B Ranch 18-43D (17M) as a reference point for distances.

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 06/13/2011 Email: llindow@nobleenergyinc.com

Print Name: Liz Lindow Title: Regulatory Analyst

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

*David S. Nesline*

Director of COGCC

Date: 7/26/2011

**CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY:**

**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.**

**PROJECT RULISON COAs:**

Comply with all DOE Office of Legacy Management requests for sampling and analysis of natural gas and other materials associated with drilling and production.

Operator must ensure 110 percent secondary containment for any volume of fluids contained at well site during drilling and completion operations. If fluids are conveyed via pipeline, operator must implement best management practices to contain any unintentional release of fluids.

Flowback and stimulation fluids must be sent to tanks, separators, or other containment/filtering equipment. The flowback and stimulation fluid tanks must be placed on the well pad in an area with additional downgradient perimeter berming. The area where flowback fluids will be stored/reused must be constructed to be sufficiently impervious to contain any spilled or released material.

Produced water from this location may not be transported to or re-used at another location without specific written approval from COGCC and only after analysis confirms compliance with the Rulison SAP.

Drill solids and cuttings from this location may not be transported to, disposed of or re-used at another location without specific written approval from COGCC and only after analysis confirms compliance with the Rulison SAP.

A closed loop mud system shall be utilized to ensure containment of all materials that have been in contact with downhole strata and fluids. All cuttings and fresh make up water storage pits shall be lined to ensure containment. Contour features, french drains and other stormwater bmps as necessary shall be employed to ensure site integrity.

No individual operator shall utilize more than one rig within one mile of the project rulison blast site at any given time and no individual operator shall utilize more than two rigs within a three mile radius of the site at any given time. The total number of rigs allowed by all operators within three miles of the site shall be limited to five at any given time.

Operator shall comply with all provisions of the most recent COGCC approved revision of the Rulison sampling and analysis plan. In addition to the produced water sampling and analysis outlined in section 5.8 of the plan the operators shall also obtain and analyze produced water samples on wells described in the plan for constituents listed in the plan using the specified method where applicable.

The moisture content of any drill cuttings in a cuttings pit, trench, or pile shall be as low as practicable to prevent accumulation of liquids greater than de minimis amounts. At the time of closure, the drill cuttings must also meet the applicable standards of table 910-1.

No portion of any pit that will be used to hold liquids shall be constructed on fill material, unless the pit and fill slope are designed and certified by a professional engineer, subject to review and approval by the director prior to construction of the pit. The construction and lining of the pit shall be supervised by a professional engineer or their agent. The entire base of the pit must be in cut.

Operator is required to comply with all stipulations of the Rulison Sampling and Analysis Plan

**Attachment Check List**

Att Doc Num	Name
2033902	CORRESPONDENCE
2089454	ACCESS ROAD MAP
2089455	MULTI-WELL PLAN
2089456	HYDROLOGY MAP
2089457	LOCATION PICTURES
2089458	CONST. LAYOUT DRAWINGS
2089459	REFERENCE AREA PICTURES
400174275	FORM 2A SUBMITTED
400174545	CONST. LAYOUT DRAWINGS
400174546	LOCATION DRAWING
400174547	MULTI-WELL PLAN

Total Attach: 11 Files

**General Comments**

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit	Received DOE approval from Art Kleinrath	7/26/2011 9:19:22 AM
Permit	Issues with contingent wells cleared up, multi-well plan will show actual number of wells, Facilities & Construction tab and well construction drawings will show contingent locations Waiting on DOE approval of moving well from 17L pad to 17M pad	7/6/2011 7:42:33 PM
OGLA	Initiated/Completed OGLA Form 2A review on 07-05-11 by Dave Kubeczko; placed Project Rulison COAs on permit; passed by CDOW on 06-29-11 with operator/CDOW WMP acceptable; passed OGLA Form 2A review on 07-26-11 by Dave Kubeczko; Project Rulison COAs.	7/5/2011 12:20:56 PM
DOW	This well pad is located within the boundary of a Noble-CDOW Wildlife Mitigation Plan (WMP). The BMPs for the WMP were developed and agreed to in consultation of the Plan. The BMPs of the WMP agreement are applicable to the wll pad site.  by Michael Warren on Wednesday, June 29, 2011 at 9:15 A.M.	6/29/2011 9:13:02 AM
Permit	Changed name per Liz Lindow	6/24/2011 10:47:35 AM
Permit	Changed to amended location and added location id, added sensitive wildlife habitat, changed to federal minerals	6/20/2011 2:38:10 PM

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**BMP**

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