



# Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP

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Department of Natural Resources  
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
The Chancery Building  
1120 Lincoln St., Suite 801  
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Request for Exigent Approval per 303I.(2)  
Camp 3N-25HZ, 27C-25HZ, 29N-25HZ, 28C-25HZ Locations  
Township: 3N, Range 66W  
Section 25 SE/4 of SW/4  
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Weld County, Colorado

Dear Director Neslin,

Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP ("KMG") respectfully requests the Director to expedite the approval of the above location due to exigent circumstances as documented in section 303I.(2).

KMG originally received Director Approval of this location without pits included in the application. Since this approval, Kerr-McGee's drilling plans have changed in that a rig operating outside of core Wattenberg will now be moved inside of core Wattenberg. This move was made to keep focus on high performing areas as the horizontal program continues to develop.

This rig is unable to efficiently drill surface casing and therefore Kerr-McGee will need to bring in a small pre spud rig to pre-drill the surface casing. Because of this, two small working pits to capture drilling mud and cuttings will be required to pre-drill the surface casing. These pits will be reclaimed shortly after completion of the surface casing drilling. Actual production drilling will continue to access the closed loop system as originally permitted.

KMG has secured a waiver from the surface owner and approval from the local governmental designee (Weld County). In addition, page one of the surface use

agreement specifically states that “mud and reserve pits” are allowed. These were attached to the submitted amended 2A.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

**KERR-MCGEE OIL & GAS ONSHORE LP**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Kulmann', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Kulmann  
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