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State of Colorado  
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

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Oil and Gas Location Assessment

☐ New Location ☐ Refile ☒ Amend Existing Location Location#: 413969

Submit signed original form. This Oil and Gas Location Assessment is to be submitted to the COGCC for approval prior to any ground disturbance activity associated with oil and gas operations. Approval of this Oil and Gas Location 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. Please see the COGCC website at <http://cogcc.state.co.us/> for all accompanying information pertinent this Oil and Gas Location Assessment.

Location ID:

**413969**

Expiration Date:

**06/25/2018**

☒ This location assessment is included as part of a permit application.

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.

Operator

Operator Number: 100322  
Name: NOBLE ENERGY INC  
Address: 1625 BROADWAY STE 2200  
City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202

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RECLAMATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

☒ Plugging and Abandonment Bond Surety ID: 20030009 ☐ Gas Facility Surety ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Waste Management Surety ID: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION IDENTIFICATION

Name: Wells Ranch Number: AE32-670  
County: WELD  
QuarterQuarter: SWNW Section: 32 Township: 6N Range: 62W Meridian: 6 Ground Elevation: 4729  
Define a single point as a location reference for the facility location. When the location is to be used as a well site then the point shall be a well location.  
Footage at surface: 1972 feet FNL from North or South section line  
650 feet FWL from East or West section line  
Latitude: 40.445020 Longitude: -104.354320  
PDOP Reading: 2.0 Date of Measurement: 01/07/2015  
Instrument Operator's Name: Adam Kelly

## RELATED REMOTE LOCATIONS

(Enter as many Related Locations as necessary. Enter the Form 2A document # only if there is no established COGCC Location ID#)

### This proposed Oil and Gas Location is:

**LOCATION ID #**

**FORM 2A DOC #**

Production Facilities Location serves Well(s)

400818861

400818141

Well Site is served by Production Facilities

413969

## FACILITIES

Indicate the number of each type of oil and gas facility planned on location

Wells	8	Oil Tanks*		Condensate Tanks*		Water Tanks*		Buried Produced Water Vaults*	2
Drilling Pits		Production Pits*		Special Purpose Pits		Multi-Well Pits*		Modular Large Volume Tanks	
Pump Jacks	8	Separators*	15	Injection Pumps*		Cavity Pumps*		Gas Compressors*	4
Gas or Diesel Motors*		Electric Motors		Electric Generators*		Fuel Tanks*		LACT Unit*	1
Dehydrator Units*		Vapor Recovery Unit*		VOC Combustor*		Flare*		Pigging Station*	1

## OTHER FACILITIES\*

### Other Facility Type

### Number

Meter building	3
Flare Ko tank	1
Scrubber	1
Blowcase	6
Meters	3
Maintenance Tank	1
Sand Catchers	15

\*Those facilities indicated by an asterisk (\*) shall be used to determine the distance from the Production Facility to the nearest cultural feature on the Cultural Setbacks Tab.

Per Rule 303.b.(3)C, description of all oil, gas, and/or water pipelines:

(15) Fifteen 2-4" Steel Three phase flowlines, (1) one 16" Steel Gas gathering line, (1) one 8" Steel oil line, (2) 2-4" Steel gas lift line, (1) one Temporary 12" Poly line to supply fresh water to site.

## CONSTRUCTION

Date planned to commence construction: 08/17/2015

Size of disturbed area during construction in acres: 22.70

Estimated date that interim reclamation will begin: 02/13/2016

Size of location after interim reclamation in acres: 12.70

Estimated post-construction ground elevation: 4729

## DRILLING PROGRAM

Will a closed loop system be used for drilling fluids: Yes

Is H<sub>2</sub>S anticipated? No

Will salt sections be encountered during drilling: No

Will salt based mud (>15,000 ppm Cl) be used? No

Will oil based drilling fluids be used? No

## DRILLING WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Drilling Fluids Disposal: OFFSITE

Drilling Fluids Disposal Method: Recycle/reuse

Cutting Disposal: OFFSITE

Cuttings Disposal Method: Beneficial reuse

Other Disposal Description:

Beneficial reuse or land application plan submitted? Yes

Reuse Facility ID: \_\_\_\_\_ or Document Number: 2614238

Centralized E&P Waste Management Facility ID, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

## SURFACE & MINERALS & RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT

Name: Wells Ranch

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 32010

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: County Road 63

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City: Gill State: CO Zip: 80624

Surface Owner: ☒ Fee ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ Indian

Check all that apply. The Surface Owner: ☒ is the mineral owner

☒ is committed to an oil and Gas Lease

☒ has signed the Oil and Gas Lease

☐ is the applicant

The Mineral Owner beneath this Oil and Gas Location is: ☒ Fee ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ Indian

The Minerals beneath this Oil and Gas Location will be developed from or produced to this Oil and Gas Location: Yes

The right to construct this Oil and Gas Location is granted by: oil and gas lease

Surface damage assurance if no agreement is in place: \_\_\_\_\_ Surface Surety ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Rule 306 surface owner consultation 01/08/2015

## CURRENT AND FUTURE LAND USE

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

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

## CULTURAL DISTANCE INFORMATION

Provide the distance to the nearest cultural feature as measured from Wells or Production Facilities onsite.

	From WELL	From PRODUCTION FACILITY
Building:	5280 Feet	5280 Feet
Building Unit:	5280 Feet	5280 Feet
High Occupancy Building Unit:	5280 Feet	5280 Feet
Designated Outside Activity Area:	5280 Feet	5280 Feet
Public Road:	5280 Feet	5280 Feet
Above Ground Utility:	5280 Feet	5280 Feet
Railroad:	5280 Feet	5280 Feet
Property Line:	650 Feet	260 Feet

### INSTRUCTIONS:

- All measurements shall be provided from center of nearest Well or edge of nearest Production Facility to nearest of each cultural feature as described in Rule 303.b.(3)A.
- Enter 5280 for distance greater than 1 mile.
- Building - nearest building of any type. If nearest Building is a Building Unit, enter same distance for both.
- Building Unit, High Occupancy Building Unit, and Designated Outside Activity Area - as defined in 100-Series Rules.
- For measurement purposes only, Production Facilities should only include those items with an asterisk(\*) on the Facilities Tab.

## DESIGNATED SETBACK LOCATION INFORMATION

Check all that apply. This location is within a: ☐ Buffer Zone  
☐ Exception Zone  
☐ Urban Mitigation Area

- Buffer Zone - as described in Rule 604.a.(2), within 1,000' of a Building Unit.
- Exception Zone - as described in Rule 604.a.(1), within 500' of a Building Unit.
- Urban Mitigation Area - as defined in 100-Series Rules.

Pre-application Notifications (required if location is within 1,000 feet of a building unit):

Date of Rule 305.a.(1) Urban Mitigation Area Notification to Local Government: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Rule 305.a.(2) Buffer Zone Notification to Building Unit Owners: \_\_\_\_\_

## FOR MULTI-WELL PADS AND PRODUCTION FACILITIES WITHIN DESIGNATED SETBACK LOCATIONS ONLY:

- ☐ Check this box if this Oil and Gas Location has or will have Production Facilities that serve multiple wells (onll or offsite) and the Production Facilities are proposed to be located less than 1,000 feet from a Building Unit. *(Pursuant to Rule 604.c.(2)E.i., the operator must evaluate alternative locations for the Production Facilities that are farther from the Building Unit, and determine whether those alternative locations were technically feasible and economically practicable for the same proposed development.)*
- ☐ By checking this box, I certify that no alternative placements for the Production Facilities, farther from the nearest Building Unit, were available based on the analysis conducted pursuant to Rule 604.c.(2)E.i.

In the space below, explain rationale for siting the multi-well Production Facility(ies) that supports your Rule 604.c.(2)E.i determination. Attach documentation that supports your determination to this Form 2A.

## SOIL

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.org/> 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: 70-Valent sand, 3 to 9 percent slopes

NRCS Map Unit Name: 72- Vona loamy sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes

NRCS Map Unit Name: 74-Vona loamy sand, 5 to 9 percent slopes

## 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: 01/08/2015

List individual species:

### 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):

## WATER RESOURCES

Is this a sensitive area: ☒ No ☐ Yes

Distance to nearest

downgradient surface water feature: 5280 Feet

water well: 3448 Feet

Estimated depth to ground water at Oil and Gas Location 60 Feet

Basis for depth to groundwater and sensitive area determination:

Based on nearest well which has a static water level of 60 and the nearest surface water being over a mile away, this is determined not sensitive.

Is the location in a riparian area: ☒ No ☐ Yes

Was an Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 permit filed ☒ No ☐ Yes If yes attach permit.

Is the location within a Rule 317B Surface Water Supply Area buffer  No

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:

Is the Location within a Floodplain? ☐ No ☐ Yes Floodplain Data Sources Reviewed (check all that apply)

☐ Federal (FEMA)

☐ State

☐ County

☐ Local

☐ Other

## GROUNDWATER BASELINE SAMPLING AND MONITORING AND WATER WELL SAMPLING

Water well sampling required per Rule 318A

## DESIGNATED SETBACK LOCATION EXCEPTIONS

Check all that apply:

- ☐ Rule 604.a.(1)A. Exception Zone (within 500' of Building Unit)
- ☐ Rule 604.b.(1)A. Exception Location (existing or approved Oil & Gas Location now within a Designated Setback as a result of Rule 604.a.)
- ☐ Rule 604.b.(1)B. Exception Location (existing or approved Oil & Gas Location is within a Designated Setback due to Building Unit construction after Location approval)
- ☐ Rule 604.b.(2) Exception Location (SUA or site-specific development plan executed on or before August 1, 2013)
- ☐ Rule 604.b.(3) Exception Location (Building Units constructed after August 1, 2013 within setback per an SUA or site-specific development plan)

## RULE 502.b VARIANCE REQUEST

- ☐ Rule 502.b. Variance Request from COGCC Rule or Spacing Order Number \_\_\_\_\_

ALL exceptions and variances require attached Request Letter(s). Refer to applicable rule for additional required attachments (e.g. waivers, certifications, SUAs).

## OPERATOR COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL

Comments: This location contains an existing well pad, which will be expanded to create room for three new wells. There will be an adjacent production facility to the South, and a new four well pad adjacent to the South of the expanded existing pad. These adjacent pieces will be combined as one disturbance to amend the existing location ID.

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 05/28/2015 Email: regulatorynotification@nobleenergyinc.com

Print Name: Andrea Rawson Title: Regulatory Analyst I

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: Matthew Lee Director of COGCC Date: 6/26/2015

## Conditions Of Approval

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.

COA Type	Description
	Operator shall minimize total area disturbed for this Oil and Gas Location disturbance size, consistent with Rule 1002.d. and 1002.e.
	Operator shall minimize post-completion disturbance per Rule 1003.
	Operator shall provide notice to COGCC 48 hours prior to commencing construction of this Oil and Gas Location via Form 42. Please note that this notice is now required under Rule 316C.c.

## Best Management Practices

No	BMP/COA Type	Description
1	General Housekeeping	<p><b>GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING:</b> Housekeeping will consist of neat and orderly storage of materials and fluids. Wastes will be temporarily stored in sealed containers and regularly collected and disposed of at offsite, suitable facilities. If spills occur prompt cleanup is required to minimize any commingling of waste materials with stormwater runoff. Routine maintenance will be limited to fueling and lubrication of equipment. Drip pans will be used during routine fueling and maintenance to contain spills or leaks. Any waste product from maintenance will be containerized and transported offsite for disposal or recycling. There will be no major equipment overhauls conducted onsite. Equipment will be transported offsite for major overhauls. Cleanup of trash and discarded materials will be conducted at the end of each work day. Cleanup will consist of patrolling the roadway, access areas, and other work areas to pickup trash, scrap debris, other discarded materials, and any contaminated soil. These materials will be disposed of properly.</p>
2	Storm Water/Erosion Control	<p><b>STORM WATER/EROSION CONTROL:</b> Stormwater management plans (SWMP) are in place to address construction, drilling and operations associated with Oil &amp; Gas development throughout the state of Colorado in accordance with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) General Permit No. COR-038637. BMP's will be constructed around the perimeter of the site prior to, or at the beginning of construction. BMP's used will vary according to the location, and will remain in place until the pad reaches final reclamation.</p>
3	Material Handling and Spill Prevention	<p>Spill prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) plans are in place to address any possible spill associated with Oil &amp; Gas operations throughout the state of Colorado in accordance with CFR 112.</p>
4	Drilling/Completion Operations	<p><b>WATER VAULT BMP:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A contiguous spray liner will be installed and will underlay the entire tank battery. The location of a partially buried cement water vault will be excavated prior to liner install.</li> <li>2. A 60 bbl cement water vault will be utilized to collect excess produced water from oil tanks. Produced water in the vault will be removed as needed and disposed of in an approved UIC disposal well. The cement water vault is one piece with no seams designed to minimize potential for leaks. All piping associated with the use of the water vault will be aboveground and visually inspected on a regular basis.</li> <li>3. The partially buried cement water vault will be installed above the spray in liner.</li> <li>4. A sized steel secondary containment ring will be installed surrounding the entire tank battery. Sand and gravel bedding will be installed to protect the liner prior to placing equipment in the containment area.</li> </ol>

Total: 4 comment(s)

## Attachment Check List

<u>Att Doc Num</u>	<u>Name</u>
1345244	MULTI-WELL PLAN
2477648	CORRESPONDENCE
400825937	FORM 2A SUBMITTED
400838739	ACCESS ROAD MAP
400838740	HYDROLOGY MAP
400838742	LOCATION DRAWING
400838743	LOCATION PICTURES
400838746	REFERENCE AREA MAP
400838749	REFERENCE AREA PICTURES
400838751	NRCS MAP UNIT DESC
400838752	WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN
400838766	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY

Total Attach: 12 Files

## General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit	Final Review Completed. No LGD or public comment received.	6/25/2015 3:03:51 PM
OGLA	Operator has indicated that the existing well on this location will continue to produce to the existing nearby tank battery located approximately 1,000 feet to the northeast. No Public Comments. OGLA task passed.	6/25/2015 2:29:06 PM
Permit	Attached new multi well plan with existing well included per the operator.	6/23/2015 8:13:34 AM
Permit	requested multi well plan with existing well on it.	6/22/2015 4:06:05 PM
OGLA	Asked Operator to confirm where the exisitng well will produce to (existing nearby tank battery or to this new proposed production facility). Due by 7/16/15.	6/16/2015 10:14:21 AM
OGLA	Updated the Related Remote Locations to indicate the new wells on the two nearby locations will also produce to this production facility. OGLA review complete. Waiting on Public Comment period.	6/9/2015 11:13:15 AM
Permit	Passed completeness.	6/4/2015 11:22:39 AM
Permit	Added comments per the operator on the submit tab.	6/4/2015 11:22:19 AM

Total: 8 comment(s)