



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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Permitting Department
Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, CO 80203

Subject: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management Review of New Wells
Proposed by Caerus Oil and Gas, LLC

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The U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) has performed a preliminary review of the new wells proposed by Caerus Oil and Gas, LLC, and the well location information provided by the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC). The COGCC table below indicates the planned surface hole and bottom hole locations for gas wells to be drilled near the Rulison, Colorado, Site.

API		APDS in Processing				Bottom	Hole Location	PreScreen DOE Notice	DOE Notice	DOE Notice
05-045	Refile	Operator	Well Name	Well #	SHL Location	N Latitude	W Longitude	Date	Date	Operator
05-045	No	CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	BATTLEMENT MESA	42A-36-795	SWNE Sec 36 75 95W	39.3955584	-107.936563			
05-045	No	CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	BATTLEMENT MESA	42B-36-795	SWNE Sec 36 75 95W	39.3949604	-107.938934			
05-045	No	CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	BATTLEMENT MESA	42C-36-795	SWNE Sec 36 75 95W	39.3938098	-107.936536			
05-045	No	CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	BATTLEMENT MESA	42D-36-795	SWNE Sec 36 75 95W	39.3928332	-107.936467			
05-045	No	CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	BATTLEMENT MESA	43A-36-795	SWNE Sec 36 75 95W	39.3919412	-107.936483			
05-045	No	CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	BATTLEMENT MESA	43B-36-795	SWNE Sec 36 75 95W	39.3910058	-107.936411			
05-045	No	CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	BATTLEMENT MESA	43C-36-795	SWNE Sec 36 75 95W	39.3900835	-107.936474			
05-045	No	CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	BATTLEMENT MESA	32C-36-795	SWNE Sec 36 75 95W	39.3944742	-107.942479			
05-045	No	CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	BATTLEMENT MESA	32D-36-795	SWNE Sec 36 75 95W	39.3934381	-107.942224			
05-045	No	CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	BATTLEMENT MESA	33A-36-795	SWNE Sec 36 75 95W	39.3925318	-107.942217			
05-045	No	CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	BATTLEMENT MESA	33B-36-795	SWNE Sec 36 75 95W	39.3916255	-107.94221			
05-045	No	CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	BATTLEMENT MESA	33C-36-795	SWNE Sec 36 75 95W	39.3907193	-107.942203			
05-045	No	CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	BATTLEMENT MESA	22B-36-795	SWNE Sec 36 75 95W	39.3961259	-107.947499			
05-045	No	CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	BATTLEMENT MESA	22C-36-795	SWNE Sec 36 75 95W	39.3950873	-107.947522			
05-045	No	CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	BATTLEMENT MESA	22D-36-795	SWNE Sec 36 75 95W	39.3941124	-107.947519			
05-045	No	CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	BATTLEMENT MESA	23A-36-795	SWNE Sec 36 75 95W	39.3930958	-107.947493			
05-045	No	CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	BATTLEMENT MESA	23B-36-795	SWNE Sec 36 75 95W	39.3922855	-107.947482			
05-045	No	CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	BATTLEMENT MESA	23C-36-795	SWNE Sec 36 75 95W	39.3912558	-107.94748			
05-045	No	CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	BATTLEMENT MESA	36G_SWD	SWNE Sec 36 75 95W	39.396199	-107.941512			

Abbreviations:

APDS = applications for permit to drill

API = American Petroleum Institute. The API well numbers are assigned by the appropriate state or federal regulatory agency.

SHL = surface hole location



DOE-LM reviewed the proposed location information and determined that six wells are located in Tier I Section 7, four wells are in Tier I Section 6, three wells are in Tier II Section 6, three wells are in Tier I Section 5, and two wells are in Tier II Section 5 of the COGCC sampling areas.

All surface drill pad locations are within NWSW Sec 36 7S 95W, with bottom hole locations within Section 36. The proposed Battlement Mesa well location BM 22B-36-795 (API #05-045) would be the closest to the Rulison site; that bottom hole location is approximately 0.64 mile south of the site.

At this time, DOE-LM is not requesting any additional information but requests that COGCC place general language in the permit requiring that the company accommodate DOE-LM sampling requests in the future. DOE-LM will continue to review the proposed locations and subsurface orientations of the proposed drilling to look for any potential problems involving future DOE-LM sampling at the Rulison site.

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