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Permitting Department
Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
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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	
	No	Caerus	BATTLEMENT MESA	41A-35-795	NENE Sec 35 7S 95W	39.4000486	-107.957137			
	No	Caerus	BATTLEMENT MESA	41B-35-795	NENE Sec 35 7S 95W	39.3992297	107.9572417			
	No	Caerus	BATTLEMENT MESA	41C-35-795	NENE Sec 35 7S 95W	39.3985482	107.9571332			
	No	Caerus	BATTLEMENT MESA	41D-35-795	NENE Sec 35 7S 95W	39.3978688	107.9572344			
	No	Caerus	BATTLEMENT MESA	35C_SWD	NENW Sec 35 7S 95W	39.3994722	107.9653999			
	No	Caerus	BATTLEMENT MESA	22D-35-795	NESW Sec 35 7S 95W	39.3937062	107.9666134			
	No	Caerus	BATTLEMENT MESA	11D-35-795	NWNW Sec 35 7S 95W	39.3980423	107.9726477			
	No	Caerus	BATTLEMENT MESA	33A-35-795	NWSE Sec 35 7S 95W	39.3930608	107.9618785			
	No	Caerus	BATTLEMENT MESA	13A-35-795	NWSW Sec 35 7S 95W	39.393326	107.9712517			
	No	Caerus	BATTLEMENT MESA	42A-35-795	SENE Sec 35 7S 95W	39.3972813	107.9585465			
	No	Caerus	BATTLEMENT MESA	22A-35-795	SENW Sec 35 7S 95W	39.3966265	107.9676677			
	No	Caerus	BATTLEMENT MESA	22B-35-795	SENW Sec 35 7S 95W	39.3954784	107.9666585			
	No	Caerus	BATTLEMENT MESA	22C-35-795	SENW Sec 35 7S 95W	39.3945805	107.9666054			
	No	Caerus	BATTLEMENT MESA	32B-35-795	SWNE Sec 35 7S 95W	39.3959885	107.9629533			
	No	Caerus	BATTLEMENT MESA	32C-35-795	SWNE Sec 35 7S 95W	39.394929	107.9619174			
	No	Caerus	BATTLEMENT MESA	32D-35-795	SWNE Sec 35 7S 95W	39.394022	107.9618835			
	No	Caerus	BATTLEMENT MESA	12A-35-795	SWNW Sec 35 7S 95W	39.3972872	-107.971267			
	No	Caerus	BATTLEMENT MESA	12B-35-795	SWNW Sec 35 7S 95W	39.3959695	107.9712773			
	No	Caerus	BATTLEMENT MESA	12C-35-795	SWNW Sec 35 7S 95W	39.3951386	107.9712666			
	No	Caerus	BATTLEMENT MESA	12D-35-795	SWNW Sec 35 7S 95W	39.3942323	107.9712592			

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



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DOE-LM reviewed the proposed location information and determined that six wells are located in Tier I Section 8, eight wells are in Tier II Section 8, and six wells are in Tier II Section 9 of the COGCC sampling areas.

All surface drill pad locations are within NENW Sec 35 7S 95W, with bottom hole locations within Section 35. The proposed Battlement Mesa well location, BM 41A--35-795 (API #05-045), would be the closest to the Rulison, Colorado, site; that bottom hole location is approximately 0.62 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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