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Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO:

☒ **Drill** ☐ Deepen ☐ Re-enter ☐ Recomplete and Operate

TYPE OF WELL OIL ☒ GAS ☐ COALBED ☐ OTHER: _____

Refilling ☐

ZONE TYPE SINGLE ZONE ☒ MULTIPLE ZONES ☐ COMMINGLE ZONES ☐

Sidetrack ☐

Date Received:
10/21/2020

Well Name: BLEHM Well Number: 8X-HNB-10-07-67
Name of Operator: NICKEL ROAD OPERATING LLC COGCC Operator Number: 10669
Address: 1600 STOUT STREET SUITE 1850
City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202
Contact Name: JENNIFER LIND Phone: (303)406-1117 Fax: ()
Email: JENNIFER.LIND@NICKELROADOPERATING.COM

RECLAMATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

Plugging and Abandonment Bond Surety ID: 20200034

WELL LOCATION INFORMATION

QtrQtr: NENE Sec: 9 Twp: 7N Rng: 67W Meridian: 6
Latitude: 40.594379 Longitude: -104.891021
Footage at Surface: 575 Feet FNL 664 Feet FEL
Field Name: WATTENBERG Field Number: 90750
Ground Elevation: 5091 County: WELD
GPS Data: GPS Quality Value: 1.9 Type of GPS Quality Value: PDOP Date of Measurement: 06/23/2020

If well is ☐ Directional ☒ Horizontal (highly deviated) **submit deviated drilling plan.**

Footage at Top of Prod Zone: FNL/FSL FSL/FWL Bottom Hole: FNL/FSL FEL/FWL
460 FSL 460 FWL 460 FSL 460 FEL
Sec: 9 Twp: 7N Rng: 67W Sec: 10 Twp: 7N Rng: 67W

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

County: WELD Municipality: N/A

Per § 34-60-106 (1)(f)(I)(A), the following questions pertain to the "local government with jurisdiction to approve the siting of the proposed oil and gas location."

The local government with jurisdiction is: County

Does the local government with jurisdiction regulate the siting of Oil and Gas Locations, with respect to this location? If the local government does regulate the siting, but has waived its right to precede the COGCC in siting determination, indicate by selecting "YES" here and selecting "Waived" for the disposition below. ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, in checking this box, I hereby certify that an application has been filed with the local government with jurisdiction to approve the siting of the proposed oil and gas location. ☒

The local government siting permit type is: 1041WOGLA

The local government siting permit was filed on: 09/03/2020

The disposition of the application filed with the local government is: Approved

Additional explanation of local process:

1041WOGLA20-0076 approved on 10/15/20

LOCATION SURFACE & MINERALS & RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT

Surface Ownership: ☒ Fee ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ Indian

The Surface Owner is: ☐ is the mineral owner beneath the location.

(check all that apply) ☐ 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 by this Well: No

The right to construct the Oil and Gas Location is granted by: Surface Use Agreement

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

LEASE INFORMATION

Using standard QtrQtr, Sec, Twp, Rng format, describe one entire mineral lease that will be produced by this well (Describe lease beneath surface location if produced. Attach separate description page or map if necessary.)

T7N-R67W-SEC.10: S/2

Total Acres in Described Lease: 320 Described Mineral Lease is: ☒ Fee ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ Indian

Federal or State Lease # _____

Distance from Completed Portion of Wellbore to Nearest Lease Line of described lease: 0 Feet

CULTURAL DISTANCE INFORMATION

Distance to nearest:

Building:	<u>2065</u> Feet
Building Unit:	<u>2065</u> Feet
High Occupancy Building Unit:	<u>5280</u> Feet
Designated Outside Activity Area:	<u>5280</u> Feet
Public Road:	<u>563</u> Feet
Above Ground Utility:	<u>532</u> Feet
Railroad:	<u>5280</u> Feet
Property Line:	<u>554</u> Feet
School Facility:	<u>5280</u> Feet
School Property Line:	<u>5280</u> Feet
Child Care Center:	<u>5280</u> Feet

INSTRUCTIONS:

- All measurements shall be provided from center of the Proposed Well to nearest of each cultural feature as described in Rule 303.a.(5).
- 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, Designated Outside Activity Area, School Facility, and Child Care Center – as defined in 100 Series Rules.

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: _____

SPACING and UNIT INFORMATION

Distance from completed portion of proposed wellbore to nearest completed portion of offset wellbore permitted or completed in the same formation: 174 Feet

Distance from Completed Portion of Wellbore to Nearest Unit Boundary 460 Feet (Enter 5280 for distance greater than 1 mile.)

Federal or State Unit Name (if appl): _____ Unit Number: _____

SPACING & FORMATIONS COMMENTS

If this Form 2 is associated with a Drilling and Spacing Unit application, provide docket number: _____

OBJECTIVE FORMATIONS

Objective Formation(s)	Formation Code	Spacing Order Number(s)	Unit Acreage Assigned to Well	Unit Configuration (N/2, SE/4, etc.)
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NIOBRARA	NBRR	407-2905	640	Sec.9 & 10: S/2
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DRILLING PROGRAM

Proposed Total Measured Depth: 20178 Feet

Distance from the proposed wellbore to nearest existing or proposed wellbore belonging to another operator, including plugged wells:

Enter distance if less than or equal to 1,500 feet: 150 Feet ☐ No well belonging to another operator within 1,500 feet

Will a closed-loop drilling system be used? Yes

Is H₂S gas reasonably expected to be encountered during drilling operations at concentrations greater than or equal to 100 ppm? No (If Yes, attach an H₂S Drilling Operations Plan)

Will there be hydraulic fracture treatment at a depth less than 2,000 feet in this well? No

Will salt sections be encountered during drilling? No

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

Will oil based drilling fluids be used? Yes

BOP Equipment Type: ☒ Annular Preventor ☒ Double Ram ☒ Rotating Head ☐ None

GROUNDWATER BASELINE SAMPLING AND MONITORING AND WATER WELL SAMPLING

Water well sampling required per Rule 318A

DRILLING WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Drilling Fluids Disposal: OFFSITE Drilling Fluids Disposal Methods: Commercial Disposal

Cuttings Disposal: OFFSITE Cuttings Disposal Method: Commercial Disposal

Other Disposal Description:

Beneficial reuse or land application plan submitted?

Reuse Facility ID: or Document Number:

CASING PROGRAM

Casing Type	Size of Hole	Size of Casing	Grade	Wt/Ft	Csg/Liner Top	Setting Depth	Sacks Cmt	Cmt Btm	Cmt Top
CONDUCTOR	24	16	N/A	42	0	80	100	80	0
SURF	13+1/2	9+5/8	K-55	36	0	1500	415	1500	0
1ST	8+1/2	5+1/2	HCP-110	20	0	20178	2600	20178	1000

☐ Conductor Casing is NOT planned

POTENTIAL FLOW AND CONFINING FORMATIONS

<u>Zone Type</u>	<u>Formation /Hazard</u>	<u>Top M.D.</u>	<u>Top T.V.D.</u>	<u>Bottom M.D.</u>	<u>Bottom T.V.D.</u>	<u>TDS (mg/L)</u>	<u>Data Source</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Groundwater	Upper Pierre	300	300	1314	1314	1001-10000	Other	Water Quality and the Presence and Origin of Methane in the Upper Pierre Aquifer in Northeastern Weld County, Morgan County and Logan County, Colorado COGCC Project Number 2141 October 2017
Hydrocarbon	Niobrara	10260	6760	20178	7021			Btm MD=TD, Btm TVD=TVD @ BHL
Hydrocarbon	Sussex	4735	4145	5507	4494			
Groundwater	Laramie-Fox Hills	0	0	139	139	1001-10000	Groundwater Sample	Data Source: CSU - Domestic Water Analysis Report - Larry Moore Well - 176559
Hydrocarbon	Shannon	5507	4494	5579	4523			
Confining Layer	Pierre Shale	5579	4523	10260	6760			
Confining Layer	Pierre Shale	1314	1314	4735	4145			

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)

GREATER WATTENBERG AREA LOCATION EXCEPTIONS

Check all that apply:

- ☒ Rule 318A.a. Exception Location (GWA Windows).
- ☐ Rule 318A.c. Exception Location (GWA Twinning).

RULE 502.b VARIANCE REQUEST

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

OTHER LOCATION EXCEPTIONS

Check all that apply:

- ☐ Rule 318.c. Exception Location from Rule or Spacing Order Number _____
- ☐ Rule 603.a.(2) Exception Location (Property Line Setback).

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

Distance from completed portion to nearest completed portion of wellbore permitted/completed in the same formation and subject to the proposed spacing order measured to the proposed Blehm 8X-HNC-10-07-67. Distance measured in 3D anti-collision.

Distance to nearest wellbore belonging to another operator measured to the K&M Co. #1 (Vessels, PA, 05-123-10841). There are no other operator wells with treated interval less 175' from the treated interval of the proposed well. Distances measured in 2D map view.

Nickel Road requests the approval of a Rule 318Aa. (GWA Window) exception location. Exception location waiver is included in the attached SUA, request letter attached. See page 4, Section 9.

This application is in a Comprehensive Drilling Plan No CDP #: _____

Location ID: 478497

Is this application being submitted with an Oil and Gas Location Assessment application? No

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

Signed: _____ Print Name: JENNIFER LIND

Title: VP REG & ENV Date: 10/21/2020 Email: JENNIFER.LIND@NICKELRO

Operator must have a valid water right or permit allowing for industrial use or purchased water from a seller that has a valid water right or permit allowing for industrial use, otherwise an application for a change in type of use is required under Colorado law. Operator must also use the water in the location set forth in the water right decree or well permit, otherwise an application for a change in place of use is required under Colorado law. Section 37-92-103(5), C.R.S. (2011).

Based on the information provided herein, this Application for Permit-to-Drill complies with COGCC Rules, applicable orders, and SB 19-181 and is hereby approved.

COGCC Approved:  Director of COGCC Date: 1/10/2021

Expiration Date: 01/09/2023

API NUMBER

05 123 51466 00

Conditions Of Approval

All representations, stipulations and conditions of approval stated in the Form 2A for this location shall constitute representations, stipulations and conditions of approval for this Form 2 Permit-to-Drill and are enforceable to the same extent as all other representations, stipulations and conditions of approval stated in this Permit-to-Drill.

<u>COA Type</u>	<u>Description</u>
Drilling/Completion Operations	Per COGCC Order 1-232, Bradenhead tests shall be performed according to the following schedule and Form 17 submitted within 10 days of each test: 1) Within 60 days of rig release, prior to stimulation. If any pressure greater than 200 psi, must contact COGCC engineer prior to stimulation. 2) If a delayed completion, 6 months after rig release and prior to stimulation. If any pressure greater than 200 psi, must contact COGCC engineer prior to stimulation. 3) A post-production test within 60 days after first sales, as reported on the Form 10, Certificate of Clearance.
Drilling/Completion Operations	1) Submit Form 42 electronically to COGCC 48 hours prior to MIRU (Spud Notice), for the first well/activity on the pad and provide 48 hour spud notice for all subsequent wells drilled on the pad. 2) Comply with Rule 317.j and provide cement coverage from the end of production casing to a minimum of 200' above Niobrara. Verify coverage with cement bond log. 3) Oil-based drilling fluid is to be used only after all aquifers are covered.
Drilling/Completion Operations	Operator acknowledges the proximity of the listed non-operated well: Operator agrees to: provide mitigation option 3 (per the DJ Basin Horizontal Offset Policy) to mitigate the situation, ensure all applicable documentation is submitted based on the selected mitigation option chosen, and submit a Form 42 ("OFFSET MITIGATION COMPLETED") for the remediated wells, referencing the API number of the proposed horizontal well(s) stating what appropriate mitigation occurred and that it has been completed, prior to the hydraulic stimulation of these wells. K&M CO #1-10 (API NO 123-14474)

Best Management Practices

<u>No</u>	<u>BMP/COA Type</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Drilling/Completion Operations	Anti-collision: Operator will perform an anti-collision evaluation of all active (producing, shut in, or temporarily abandoned) offset wellbores that have the potential of being within 150 feet of a proposed well prior to drilling operations for the proposed well. Notice shall be given to all offset operators prior to drilling.
2	Drilling/Completion Operations	Alternative Logging Program: One of the first wells drilled on the pad will be logged with Open Hole Resistivity Log and Gamma Ray Log from the kick-off point to into the surface casing. All wells on the pad will have a cement bond log with gamma-ray run on production casing (or on intermediate casing if production liner is run) into the surface casing. The horizontal portion of every well will be logged with a measured-while-drilling gamma-ray log. The form 5, Completion Report, for each well on the pad will list all logs run and have those logs attached. The Form 5 for a well without open-hole logs shall clearly state "Alternative Logging Program - No open-hole logs were run" and shall clearly identify (by API#, well name & number) the well in which open-hole logs were run.
3	Drilling/Completion Operations	Operator acknowledges and will comply with COGCC policy for Bradenhead Monitoring during Hydraulic Fracturing treatments in the Greater Wattenberg Area dated May 29, 2012.

Total: 3 comment(s)

Applicable Policies and Notices to Operators

Notice Concerning Operating Requirements for Wildlife Protection.
http://cogcc.state.co.us/documents/reg/Policies/Wildlife_Notice.pdf

Policy for Bradenhead Monitoring During Hydraulic Fracturing Treatments in the Greater Wattenberg Area.
<http://cogcc.state.co.us/documents/reg/Policies/PolicyGwaBradenheadMonitoringFinal.pdf>

Attachment List

<u>Att Doc Num</u>	<u>Name</u>
402513120	FORM 2 SUBMITTED
402513162	DIRECTIONAL DATA
402513163	WELL LOCATION PLAT
402513169	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY
402516071	EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST
402531491	OffsetWellEvaluations Data
402533193	DEVIATED DRILLING PLAN
402570869	OFFSET WELL EVALUATION

Total Attach: 8 Files

General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit	Final Review Completed.	12/31/2020
Permit	COGCC conducted the technical review for the related Oil and Gas Location Assessment permit, Form 2A document #402449623 under the statutory authority provided through SB 19-181, including the Objective Criteria. The Director approved the Form 2A on 11/5/2020, establishing Location ID #478497 subject to conditions included in the permit. The well proposed by this related Form 2 was contemplated during COGCC's review of the Form 2A. The Objective Criteria Review Memo (Doc# 1347977) can be found in the document file for this Location.	12/31/2020
Engineer	Offset Wells Evaluated.	12/02/2020
Permit	Passed Completeness.	11/24/2020
Permit	TD of imported directional data and Deviated Drilling Plan do not match. Return to draft.	11/13/2020
Permit	Location ID missing. Return to draft.	10/28/2020

Total: 6 comment(s)