

Well Plats



Onshore Order 1

1. A Complete Form 3160-3
2. **Well Plat**
3. Drilling Plan
4. Surface Use Plan of Operations
5. Bonding
6. Operator Certification
7. Onsite Inspection

Well Plat Goals

- To provide information on the requirements to locate your wellbore on a Federal or Indian lease

Well Plats Overview

- General
- Well plats
- Geospatial database

Well Plats - General Requirements

- All proposed surface disturbance must be surveyed and/or staked by a registered surveyor
- Surveys, stakes, and flags show the orientation and extent of the operation

Well Plats - Purpose

- Ensures your well is actually on the lease or agreement
- Depicts the measurements taken by a registered surveyor when locating the well and associated operations.

Well Plats – Casual Use on SMA Lands

- The casual use of the surface for surveying and staking is only allowed on BLM, FS, and other SMA lands
- Must make access arrangements with SMA's other than the BLM and the FS
- No advance approval is required
- It would be wise to call and inquire about any restrictions, prohibitions, closures, or approvals.

Well Plats – Private Surface

- Must make a good faith effort to notify the owner
- Must make a good faith effort to obtain the appropriate access arrangements
- Considered good operating practice

Well Plats – Indian Lands

- For Tribal and Allotted lands, you must notify the BIA to make access arrangements with the Indian surface owners
- Indian lands that are not under government trust responsibility are treated as private surface

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