

**Decision on Action and Application for Categorical Exclusion
For Activities Associated with Oil and Gas Development
Section 390, Energy Policy Act of 2005**

Northwest Kingsbury Addition 1
Williams Production Company RMT
CX09-3-016
Bureau of Land Management
Buffalo Field Office

CX Number	Well Name	Well #	TWP	RNG	Sec	QTR	Lease
09-3-016	Federal 34-4-4777	34-4	47N	77W	4	SWSEW	WYW266638

Description of the Proposed Action

Williams Production Company proposes to drill and complete one infill CBNG well within the previously approved Northwest Kingsbury POD. The well and associated infrastructure is in T47N R77W sections 4, 9, 10. The location is located on Federal lease WYW0266638. The well is targeting the Big George formation to an approximate depth of 1425 feet. The wells infrastructure will require approximately 1/3 mile of new access/utility corridor and will use approximately 1 mile of an adjoining lease operator's existing access/utility corridor to complete the wells infrastructure requirements.

The water management strategy for produced water from the well; is to connect the wells water pipeline into infrastructure which has been approved and constructed for use with the Northwest Kingsbury POD, EA number WY-070-05-104, approved on 5/20/2005. Water produced by the 1 proposed federal well will be treated and discharged directly into the Powder River.

The total surface disturbance for this action consists of the following. For more site specific information refer to the CBNG Project Surface Use Data Summary Form located in the Northwest Kingsbury Addition 1 Federal POD book:

Facility	Number or Miles	Factor	Acreage of Disturbance	Duration of Disturbance
Constructed Well Pads	1	Site Specific	.63	Long Term
Proposed Improved Roads With Corridor	.30	Site Specific	2.3	Long Term
Existing Improved Roads With Corridor	1.0	Site Specific	3.8	Long Term
Total Disturbance			6.7	

Changes Agreed to at the Onsite

1. The 34-4 location was moved as the proposed location was situated on a narrow rocky ridge with side slopes >25% and highly erosive soils. The location was moved to the South to location that would require considerable less dirt work and provide better reclamation potential.

Plan Conformance

The proposed action is in conformance with the terms and the conditions of the Approved Resource Management Plan for the Public Lands Administered by the Bureau of Land Management, Buffalo Field Office (BFO), April 2001 and the PRB FEIS, as required by 43 CFR 1610.5

Plan of Operations

The proposal is designed in conformance with all bureau standards and incorporates appropriate best management practices, required and designed mitigation measures determined to reduce the effects on the environment.

A surface use plan of operations describing all proposed surface-disturbing activities has been reviewed and is approved pursuant to Section 17 of the Mineral Leasing Act, as amended.

Compliance with the Energy Policy Act of 2005

The proposed activity has been determined to be statutorily categorically excluded from NEPA documentation in accordance with Section 390 of the National Energy Policy Act of 2005.

The applicable Categorical Exclusion reference in Section 390 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 is exclusion number (b)(3) which is *drilling an oil or gas well within a developed field for which an approved land use plan or any environmental document prepared pursuant to NEPA analyzed such drilling as a reasonably foreseeable activity, so long as such plan or document was approved within 5 years prior to the date of spudding the well.*

The following documents have been reviewed and have been determined to consider potential environmental effects associated with the proposed activity at a site specific level.

EA Number	POD	Approval Date
WY-070-06-200	Lance: Sigma-Tua	7/19/06
WY-070-05-104	Williams: Northwest Kingsbury 1	5/20/05

Persons and Agencies Consulted

Cultural

A previously reviewed and accepted Class III cultural resource inventory (BFO project #70050079) adequately covered the proposed project area. No cultural resources are in the area of potential effect. On 8/17/2009, Clint Crago, BLM Archaeologist, electronically notified the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) following section VI(A)(1) of the Wyoming State Protocol, of a finding of no effect for the proposed project.

Wildlife

The wildlife biologist has reviewed the proposal and determined that the project is consistent with the Final Environmental Impact Statement (WY-070-02-065) and programmatic biological opinion (ES-6-WY-07-F012) from the Powder River Basin Oil and Gas Project.

Decision and Rationale on Action

I have decided to implement Northwest Kingsbury Addition 1 Federal POD with the following Conditions of Approval (COAs):

General

1. All changes made at the onsite will be followed. They have been incorporated into the operator's POD.
2. Please contact Eric Holborn, Natural Resource Specialist, @ (307) 684-1044, Bureau of Land Management, Buffalo, if there are any questions concerning these COAs.

Site Specific Conditions of Approval

Surface Use

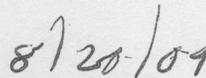
1. The operator is committed to terms and conditions of approval as outlined in the Northwest Kingsbury POD approved 5/20/2005.
2. The well pad and engineered portions of the access road will be built to finished parameters and soil stabilization measures applied to all cut and fill slopes before the well is to be drilled.

The above COAs and/or terms and conditions provide justification for this decision and may not be segregated from project implementation without further NEPA review. In addition, I have reviewed the plan conformance statement and have determined that the proposed activity is in conformance with the applicable land use plan(s). Further, I have reviewed the proposal to ensure the appropriate exclusion category as described in Section 390 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 has been correctly applied. It is my determination that no further environmental analysis is required.

The above described action must be completed by: 8/21/14



Duane W. Spencer
Field Manager



Date

Administrative Review or Appeal Opportunities

This decision is subject to administrative review in accordance with 43 CFR 3165. Any request for administrative review of this decision must include information required under 43 CFR 3165.3(b) (State Director Review), including all supporting documentation. Such a request must be filed in writing with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003, no later than 20 business days after this Decision Record is received or considered to have been received.

Any party who is adversely affected by the State Director's decision may appeal that decision to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, as provided in 43 CFR 3165.4.

Contact Person

For additional information concerning this decision, contact
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