

Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation  
Environmental Assessment

Operator: Nance Petroleum Corp.  
Well Name/Number: Asbeck 15-35  
Location: SW SE 35 T24N R59E  
County: Richland, MT; Field (or Wildcat) Ridgelawn

Air Quality

(possible concerns)  
Long drilling time no  
Unusually deep drilling (high horsepower rig) no  
Possible H<sub>2</sub>S gas production possible  
In/near Class I air quality area no  
Air quality permit for flaring/venting (if productive) no

Mitigation:

- Air quality permit (AQB review)
- Gas plants/pipelines available for sour gas
- Special equipment/procedures requirements
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: Gas plants in area should be able to handle associated gas production.

Water Quality

(possible concerns)  
Salt/oil based mud Yes  
High water table no  
Surface drainage leads to live water no  
Water well contamination no  
Porous/permeable soils no  
Class I stream drainage no

Mitigation:

- Lined reserve pit
- Adequate surface casing
- Berms/dykes, re-routed drainage
- Closed mud system
- Off-site disposal of solids/liquids (in approved facility)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: will use pit liner, 1900' of surface casing is adequate. Free water disposed off-site.

Soils/Vegetation/Land Use

(possible concerns)  
Stream crossings no  
High erosion potential no  
Loss of soil productivity no  
Unusually large wellsite no  
Damage to improvements no  
Conflict with existing land use/values no

Mitigation

- Avoid improvements (topographic tolerance)
- Exception location requested
- Stockpile topsoil
- Stream Crossing Permit (other agency review)
- Reclaim unused part of wellsite if productive
- Special construction methods to enhance reclamation
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: minor amount of dirt work required for location preparation

Health Hazards/Noise

(possible concerns)  
Proximity to public facilities/residences about 1/4 mile  
Possibility of H<sub>2</sub>S no  
Size of rig/length of drilling time

Mitigation:

- Proper BOP equipment
- Topographic sound barriers
- H<sub>2</sub>S contingency and/or evacuation plan
- Special equipment/procedures requirements
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: no special concerns

Wildlife/recreation

(possible concerns)

Proximity to sensitive wildlife areas (DFWP identified) no  
Proximity to recreation sites none in immediate area  
Creation of new access to wildlife habitat no  
Conflict with game range/refuge management no  
Threatened or endangered Species no

Mitigation:

Avoidance (topographic tolerance/exception)  
 Other agency review (DFWP, federal agencies, DSL)  
 Screening/fencing of pits, drillsite  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: no special concerns in this area

Historical/Cultural/Paleontological

(possible concerns)

Proximity to known sites none identified

Mitigation

avoidance (topographic tolerance, location exception)  
 other agency review (SHPO, DSL, federal agencies)  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: no concerns

Social/Economic

(possible concerns)

Substantial effect on tax base  
 Create demand for new governmental services  
 Population increase or relocation

Comments: no special concerns

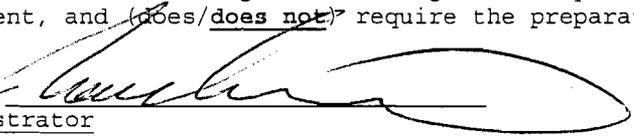
Remarks or Special Concerns for this site

Well is a 12,650 Red River test. SU is S ¼ Red River not spaced in Ridgelawn Field

Summary: Evaluation of Impacts and Cumulative effects

Only minor, short term impacts associated with this project.

I conclude that the approval of the subject Notice of Intent to Drill (does/does not) constitute a major action of state government significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, and (~~does/does not~~) require the preparation of an environmental impact statement.

Prepared by (BOGC)   
(title:) Administrator  
Date: December 2, 2003

Other Persons Contacted:

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(Name and Agency)

(subject discussed)

(date)

If location was inspected before permit approval:

Inspection date: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspector: \_\_\_\_\_

Others present during inspection: \_\_\_\_\_