

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION



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STATE OF MONTANA

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LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL
POLICY OFFICE

Mr. Todd Everts
Environmental Quality Council
Room 106, State Capitol
Helena, MT 59620

Re: Environmental Assessment Reports

Dear Todd:

Enclosed please find a copy of the environmental assessments completed by this office covering the period from April 1 through June 30, 2004 with regard to applications for permits to drill oil or gas wells on state and privately owned lands in the State of Montana.

Let us know if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Richmond", written over a horizontal line.

Thomas P. Richmond
Administrator

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Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation
Environmental Assessment

Operator: Klabzuba Oil and Gas Inc.
Well Name/Number: Pleskac 25-13-37-15
Location: SW SW 25 T37N R15E
County: Hill, MT; Field (or Wildcat) w/c

Air Quality

(possible concerns)
Long drilling time no
Unusually deep drilling (high horsepower rig) no
Possible H2S gas production no
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: No special concerns

Water Quality

(possible concerns)
Salt/oil based mud no
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: Fresh mud - No special concerns - Surface casing OK

Soils/Vegetation/Land Use

(possible concerns)
Steam 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: no special concerns - Location requires minor amount of dirt work

Health Hazards/Noise

(possible concerns)
Proximity to public facilities/residences over 1/4 mile
Possibility of H2S no
Size of rig/length of drilling time

Mitigation:

- Proper BOP equipment
- Topographic sound barriers
- H2S 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) none
Proximity to recreation sites none
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

Historical/Cultural/Paleontological

(possible concerns)

Proximity to known sites none in area

Mitigation

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

Comments: no sites identified - location on private

Social/Economic

(possible concerns)

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

Comments: no concerns

Remarks or Special Concerns for this site

Well is a 2600' Judith River/Eagle/Niobrara test.

Summary: Evaluation of Impacts and Cumulative effects

Impacts are minor and short term.

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 (BOGE): 

(title:) Administrator

Date: April 2, 2004

Other Persons Contacted:

(Name and Agency)

(subject discussed)

(date)

If location was inspected before permit approval:

Inspection date: _____

Inspector: _____

Others present during inspection: _____