

**Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation  
Environmental Assessment**

**Operator:** Primary Petroleum Corporation  
**Well Name/Number:** Primary Bynum North 7-34  
**Location:** SW NE Section 34T27N R6W  
**County:** Teton, **MT;** **Field (or Wildcat)** Wildcat

**Air Quality**

(possible concerns)

Long drilling time: No, 3 to 4 days drilling time.

Unusually deep drilling (high horsepower rig): No, single derrick drilling rig, to drill to 2842' TD.

Possible H<sub>2</sub>S gas production: Yes

In/near Class I air quality area: No

Air quality permit for flaring/venting (if productive): Yes, DEQ air quality permit required under rule 75-2-211.

Mitigation:

Air quality permit (AQB review)

Gas plants/pipelines available for sour gas

Special equipment/procedures requirements

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: No special concerns – using small rig to drill to 2842' TD.

**Water Quality**

(possible concerns)

Salt/oil based mud: No, freshwater and freshwater mud system. Mainhole drilled with air, air/mist and freshwater/mud.

High water table: No

Surface drainage leads to live water: No, closest drainage is an unnamed ephemeral tributary drainage to Jones Creek, about 1/16 of a mile to the west of this location.

Water well contamination: None, closest water wells are 1/2 mile to the south.

Porous/permeable soils: No, sandy bentonitic soils.

Class I stream drainage: None

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: 300' of surface casing cemented to surface adequate to protect freshwater zones and if productive 4 1/2" casing to be run back to surface. Air, air/mist and freshwater mud to be used to drill the mainhole.

**Soils/Vegetation/Land Use**

(possible concerns)

Steam crossings: None

High erosion potential: No, small cut, up to 4.7' and small fill, up to 4.7', required.

Loss of soil productivity: No, location will be restored after drilling, if nonproductive. If productive unused portion of drillsite will be reclaimed.

Unusually large wellsite: No, 300'X300' location size required.

Damage to improvements: Slight, appears to be cultivation.

Conflict with existing land use/values Slight

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: Access will be over existing county road, Halvorson Road and existing ranch trails. About 400' of new access road will be built into this location off the existing ranch trails. Cuttings will be buried in the unlined reserve pit. Drilling fluids will be land spread with surface owner approval or recycled to the next drilling location. Pit will be backfilled when dry. No special concerns.

### Health Hazards/Noise

(possible concerns)

Proximity to public facilities/residences: None nearby, nearest residence is 1/2 of a mile to the south of this location.

Possibility of H2S: Yes

Size of rig/length of drilling time: Small drilling rig/short 3 to 4 days drilling time.

Mitigation:

Proper BOP equipment

Topographic sound barriers

H2S contingency and/or evacuation plan

Special equipment/procedures requirements

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: No concerns. Distance is sufficient to not be a problem with noise.

### Wildlife/recreation

(possible concerns)

Proximity to sensitive wildlife areas (DFWP identified): None identified.

Proximity to recreation sites: 6 miles to the southwest to Bynum Reservoir and 13.5 miles to the west is Blackleaf State Wildlife Management Area boundary.

Creation of new access to wildlife habitat: No

Conflict with game range/refuge management: No

Threatened or endangered Species: None

Mitigation:

Avoidance (topographic tolerance/exception)

Other agency review (DFWP, federal agencies, DSL)

Screening/fencing of pits, drillsite

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: Private surface lands. No concerns

**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: Private surface lands. No concerns.

**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 2842' TD Madison Formation test.

**Summary: Evaluation of Impacts and Cumulative effects**

No long term impacts expected. Some short term impacts will occur, but can be mitigated in a short time.

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.

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Date: December 12, 2007

Other Persons Contacted:

Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology, GWIC website

(Name and Agency)

Teton

(subject discussed)

December 12, 2007

(date)

If location was inspected before permit approval:

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

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

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

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