

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

**Operator:** KeeSun Corporation  
**Well Name/Number:** Conlin 1-14  
**Location:** NE NE Section 14 T35N R1W  
**County:** Toole 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, 1500' TD  
Possible H2S gas production: Yes, slight.  
In/near Class I air quality area: No  
Air quality permit for flaring/venting (if productive): Yes, DEQ air quality permit required under 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 1500'

**Water Quality**

(possible concerns)

Salt/oil based mud: No, freshwater, freshwater mud system, air, air mist.  
High water table: No  
Surface drainage leads to live water: No, closest drainage is an unnamed ephemeral tributary drainage to Black Coulee, an ephemeral drainage, about 1/4 of a mile to the southwest of this location. Within this ephemeral drainage are stock ponds.  
Water well contamination: No water wells within 1 mile of this location.  
Porous/permeable soils: No, silty sandy bentonitic soils.  
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: Surface casing casing will be drilled to 200' and cemented to surface. This is adequate to protect freshwater zones. Also, air/air mist and/or fresh water mud systems to be used.

**Soils/Vegetation/Land Use**

(possible concerns)

Stream crossings: No, stream crossings.  
High erosion potential: No, small cut, up to 3.4' and small fill, up to 5.2', 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, 200'X200' location size required.

Damage to improvements: Slight, surface use is cultivated field.

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 paved county road and existing compress access road. About 1/2 mile of new access road will be built into this location from the compressor site. Cuttings will be disposed of in the unlined drilling pit. Drilling fluids if any will be allowed to evaporate. Pits will be backfilled after allowing pit to dry. No special concerns.

### Health Hazards/Noise

(possible concerns)

Proximity to public facilities/residences: Closest residences is 1.5 mile to the southwest of this location.

Possibility of H2S: Slight

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

### Wildlife/recreation

(possible concerns)

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

Proximity to recreation sites: None identified.

Creation of new access to wildlife habitat: No

Conflict with game range/refuge management: No

Threatened or endangered Species: None identified.

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: Existing shallow gas field, Kevin-Sunburst Gas Field. No concerns

**Remarks or Special Concerns for this site**

Well is a 1500' 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.

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: March 14, 2008

Other Persons Contacted:

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(Name and Agency)

Toole County water wells

(subject discussed) \_\_\_\_\_

March 14, 2008

(date)

If location was inspected before permit approval:

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

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

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