

DECISION RECORD
DOI-BLM-UT-G010-2014-0193-EA

PROPOSED ACTION:

Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore, LP Proposes to Drill and complete 22 wells on 5 existing well pads to explore and potentially develop productive subsurface formations underlying oil and gas leases owned by KMG within the Uintah and Ouray (U&O) Reservation. The wells will be drilled from Section 19, T9S, R21E, SLB&M. The wells are located on the Federal mineral leases UTU-0581. The location is approximately 30 miles south of Vernal, Utah. All disturbed surface resulting from this action are on Ute Tribal Lands and the mineral estate is Federal Minerals in the Natural Buttes Unit.

DECISION:

It is my decision to accept the Environmental Assessment U&O-FY13-Q3-010 prepared for the Kerr McGee Oil and Gas Onshore LP, wells: NBU 921-19A1BS, NBU 921-19A1CS, NBU 921-19A4BS, NBU 921-19A4CS, NBU 921-19H1BS, NBU 921-19B1BS, NBU 921-19B1CS, NBU 921-19B4BS, NBU 921-19G1BS, NBU 921-19C1BS, NBU 921-19C1CS, NBU 921-19C4BS, NBU 921-19D1BS, NBU 921-19G4BS, NBU 921-19G4CS, NBU 921-19J1BS, NBU 921-19J4CS, NBU 921-19K1CS, NBU 921-19K4BS, NBU 921-19K4CS, NBU 921-19L4CS, and NBU 921-19M1BS.

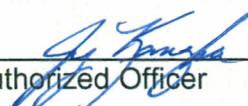
The Uintah and Ouray Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) prepared the environmental documents for the well location in April of 2013 and approved the related actions in their concurrence letter of 9 June, 2014. The well files contain the documents provided by the BIA. Additional NEPA analysis is not required.

RATIONALE:

The Uintah and Ouray Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs has the responsibility to ensure that appropriate environmental analysis be completed for surface disturbing activities on lands held in trust for an Indian or Indian Tribe. Review of the Environmental Assessments by this office has determined that the documents adequately analyze the proposed action in accordance with Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 1, Approval of Operations for Onshore Federal and Indian Oil and Gas Leases.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

Based on the site specific NEPA analysis prepared by the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the potential environmental impacts for Kerr McGee Oil and Gas Onshore LP proposed 156; i.e. wells, access roads, and pipelines, I have determined that the proposed action, with the measures incorporated by the applicant, along with the Conditions of Approval deemed necessary by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, would not result in significant impacts on the human environment. Therefore, the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not necessary.



Authorized Officer

JUN 19 2014

Date