

DECISION RECORD
DOI-BLM-UT-G010-2015-0030-EA

PROPOSED ACTION:

QEP Energy Company proposes to drill four new gas wells on four new pads with the associated facilities. The four wells would be drilled from the following locations.

Table 1 Well Location and Legal Description

#	Well Name	Lease	¼ / ¼	Sec	Township	Range
1	GB 12-27-8-21	UTU-0803	NW SW	27	8 South	21 East
2	GB 11C-20-8-21	UTU-0140740	NE SW	20	8 South	21 East
3	WV 2B-22-8-21	UTU-0804	NW NE	22	8 South	21 East
4	WV 8D-22-8-21	UTU-0804	SE NE	22	8 South	21 East

There would be 22.96 acres of new surface disturbance associated with the proposed action, as four well bores would be drilled on one new well pad, including construction of access road and pipeline. The mineral estate for the four wells is Indian Minerals.

DECISION:

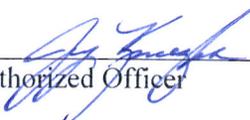
It is my decision to accept the Environmental Assessment No. U&O-FY13-Q4-129 prepared for ~~Berry Petroleum~~ ^{QEP Energy} Company, for the wells GB 12-27-8-21, GB 11C-20-8-21, WV 2B-22-8-21 & WV 8D-22-8-21. The Uintah and Ouray Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) prepared the environmental documents for the well locations on May 2, 2014 and approved the related actions in their concurrence letter. The well files contain the documents provided by the BIA which were received at the BLM on October 21, 2014. 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 Individual Indian Mineral owner 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:

Based on the site specific NEPA analysis prepared by the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the potential environmental impacts for QEP Energy Company's proposed four wells; i.e. well sites, 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

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Date