

**United States Department of the Interior
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**DOI-BLM-MT-C020-2016-0114-DNA
June 27, 2016**

DECISION RECORD

**ANADARKO MINERALS, INCORPORATED'S
REQUEST TO FLARE**

Location(s):

Sun Tribal 2, SWSE Section 32, T31N-R44E
Sun Tribal 14-32, SWSW Section 32, T31N-R44E
Ft. Peck 6-32, NWSW Section 32, T31N-R44E

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Decision

It is my decision to implement the Proposed Action as described in DOI-BLM-MT-C020-2016-0114-DNA, authorizing the flaring of casinghead gas from the following three wells producing on Indian lease 14-20-0256-4579 per NTL-4A:

Sun Tribal 2, SWSE Section 32, T31N-R44E
Sun Tribal 14-32, SWSW Section 32, T31N-R44E
Ft. Peck 6-32, NWSW Section 32, T31N-R44E.

BIA Environmental Assessment for the Iron Bear 1-1H APD prepared by Pearl, LLC for the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Peck Agency, Poplar, MT (pages 9 & 23) approved on September 16, 2009. Based on the Documentation of NEPA Adequacy, I have determined that the proposed action involves no significant impact to the human environment and no further analysis is required.

Your NTL-4A application for the above captioned facilities has been approved effective June 17, 2016 as authorized by NTL-4A, IV.B.1. This approval is based on the following:

1. It is necessary to flare an uneconomic volume of casinghead gas in order to produce oil from these wells.

Terms and Conditions of Approval:

1. No royalty shall accrue if the gas is vented or flared from the above captioned facilities.
2. This approval does not constitute approval via permit or rule to vent gas from the Oil and Gas Conservation Division, Department of Natural Resource and Conservation of the State of Montana or the Air Quality Division, Montana Department of Health and Environmental Sciences. Venting and flaring cannot occur unless it is in compliance with the aforementioned agencies' permits and administrative rules.
3. This approval remains in effect provided conditions remain such that occasional flaring of the gas is deemed appropriate by this office.

Compliance with Laws & Conformance with the Land Use Plan

The BLM does not have land use management authority for Indian lands. Therefore there are no BLM land use management plans or decisions which apply to those lands. Additionally, BLM does not write surface NEPA documents for resources on Indian lands in accordance with the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding between BLM and the BIA (BLM-MOU-MT920-0121); that responsibility belongs to the BIA as the surface management agency for the affected tribal and allotted lands.

Administrative Remedies

You have the right to request a State Director Review of this decision and these Conditions of Approval pursuant to 43 CFR 3165.3(b). An SDR request, including all supporting documentation shall be filed with the Montana State Office, State Director (MT-920) at 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669 within 20 business days of your receipt of this decision. If adversely affected by the State Director's decision, it can be further appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA) pursuant to 43 CFR 3165.4, 43 CFR 4.411, and 43 CFR 4.413. Should you fail to timely request an SDR, or after receiving the State Director's decision, fail to timely file an appeal with IBLA, no further administrative review of this decision would be possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Paul Helland at 406-233-3668.

Signature of Authorized Official

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7/21/16
Date