

Permit SI061EM

**PART 3**  
**MINIMAL IMPACT EXPLORATION OPERATION**  
**PERMIT APPLICATION**

Accompanying instructions for this permit application are available from MMD, and on MMD webpage:

<http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/MMD/MARP/MARPAApplicationandReportingForms.htm>

Send 6 copies of the completed application to:

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
**ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

Director  
Mining and Minerals Division  
1220 South Saint Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505  
Telephone: (505) 476-3400

Webpage: [www.emnrd.state.nm.us/MMD/index.htm](http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/MMD/index.htm)



**CHECK OFF LIST TO DETERMINE YOUR PROJECT'S STATUS AS A MINIMAL IMPACT EXPLORATION OPERATION:**

- ☐ Yes ☒ No My project will exceed 1000 cubic yards of excavation, per permit.
- ☐ Yes ☒ No Surface disturbances for constructed roads, drill pads and mud pits will exceed 5 acres total for my project.
- ☐ Yes ☒ No My project is located in or is expected to have a direct surface impact on wetlands, springs, perennial or intermittent streams, lakes, rivers reservoirs or riparian areas.
- ☐ Yes ☒ No My project is located in designated critical habitat areas as determined in accordance with the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 or in areas determined by the Department of Game and Fish likely to result in an adverse impact on an endangered species designated in accordance with the Wildlife Conservation Act, Sections 17-2-37 through 17-2-46 NMSA 1978 or by the State Forestry Division for the Endangered Plants Act, section 75-6-1 NMSA 1978.
- ☐ Yes ☒ No My project is located in an area designated as Federal Wilderness Area,

Wilderness Study Area, Area of Critical Environmental Concern, or an area within the National Wild and Scenic River System.

- ☐ Yes ☒ No My project is located in a known cemetery or other burial ground.
- ☐ Yes ☒ No My project is located in an area with cultural resources listed on either the National Register of Historic Places or the State Register of Cultural Properties.
- ☐ Yes ☒ No My project will or is expected to have a direct impact on ground water that has a total dissolved solids concentration of less than 10,000 mg/L, except exploratory drilling intersecting ground water may be performed as a minimal impact operation.
- ☐ Yes ☒ No My project is expected to use or using cyanide, mercury amalgam, heap leaching or dump leaching in its operations.
- ☐ Yes ☒ No My project is expected to result in point or non-point source surface or subsurface releases of acid or other toxic substances from the permit area.
- ☐ Yes ☒ No My project requires a variance from any part of the Mining Act Rules as part of the permit application.

If you answer yes to any of the above questions, your project does not qualify as a minimal impact exploration operation.

### Confidential Information

- ☐ Yes ☒ No Is any of the information submitted in this application considered by the applicant to be confidential in nature? If yes, please provide this information separately and marked as "confidential."

### Timeline

- Exploration applications must be provided no less than 45 days prior to the anticipated date of operations desired by the applicant.
- Renewal applications shall be filed at least 30 days preceding expiration of the current permit. Permits are valid for one year.
- Approved permit is valid for one year from the date of approval.

## SECTION 1 – OPERATOR INFORMATION (§304.D.1)

Project Name: Copper Flat

Nearest Town To Project: Hillsboro, Sierra County

Applicant Name and Contact Information (entity obligated under the Mining Act):

Name: JEFF Smith

Address: P.O. Box 4209

TRUTH or CONSEQUENCES, NM 87901

Office Phone: (520) 991-4588 Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: jsmith50921@msn.com

Name of On-Site Contact, Representative, or Consultant:

Name: Raymond Irwin

Address: 420 Alvarado Drive NE

Albuquerque, NM 87108

Office Phone: (505) 256-5340 Cell Phone: (505) 217-5677

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: raymondirwin10@yahoo.com

## SECTION 2 – RIGHT TO ENTER INFORMATION (§302.D.1)

- A. Describe or attach copies of documents that give the applicant the right to enter the property to conduct the exploration and reclamation, include: lease agreements, access agreements, right of way agreements, surface owner agreements, and claim numbers, if applicable.

Attachment \_\_\_\_\_

- B. List the names and addresses of surface and mineral ownership within the proposed permit area. If the mineral is federal mineral, indicate as federal mineral, but provide the name of the claim holder or lease holder.

### Surface Estate Owner(s):

Name	Address	Phone #
<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. BLM	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Forest Service	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> State of NM	_____	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private/Corporate THE Mac Resources Name: <u>Group</u>	<u>P.O. Box 4209</u> <u>TORC, New Mexico 87901</u>	<u>(505) 382-5770</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____

**Lease Holder(s) of Surface Estate (if applicable):**

Name	Address	Phone #
<u>N/A</u>	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**Mineral Estate Owner(s):**

Name	Address	Phone #
<input type="checkbox"/> Bureau of Land Management	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> US Forest Service	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> State of NM	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

☒ Claim/Lease Holder P.O. Box 4209 (480) 286-4204  
THE MAC Resources  
Name: GROUP TorC, New Mexico 87401

Claim Numbers: All claims are owned by THE Mac Resources Group

☐ Claim/Lease Holder \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Claim Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Has a Cultural Resource Survey been performed on the site? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide the author, title, date and report number, and include a copy of the survey with this application, if possible:

Attachment \_\_\_\_\_

D. Has a wildlife survey or vegetation survey been performed for the permit area?

☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, please provide the author, title, date and report number, and include a copy of the survey with this application, if possible:

Attachment \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 3 – MAPS AND PROJECT LOCATION (§302.D.2)

**A. Project Location:**

Township 155 Range 7W Section S 1/2 Sec 26

Township 155 Range 7W Section N 1/2 Sec 35

Township \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

List the drill hole/exploration name and the GPS coordinates for each site. *See Attachment*

I.D. Number	Northing / Latitude	Easting / Longitude	I.D. Number	Northing / Latitude	Easting / Longitude

Coordinate system used to collect GPS data points:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAD83 Geographic | <input type="checkbox"/> NAD27 Geographic          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NAD83 UTM Zone 13 (or 12)   | <input type="checkbox"/> NAD27 UTM Zone 13 (or 12) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WGS 1984                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____              |

Attachment \_\_\_\_\_ (for listing additional boreholes)

**B. Maps (see application form instructions for examples of maps to be included):**

Are topographic maps included with the application that show the following items:

☒ Yes – The boundary of the proposed exploration project Permit Area

☒ Yes – The proposed exploration locations (i.e., borehole locations)

☒ Yes – Existing roads, new roads and overland travel routes

☐ Yes ☐ N/A – Areas of proposed road improvement

Attachments \_\_\_\_\_

Are maps or figures included with the application showing the approximate dimensions and locations of drill pads and other disturbances:

☐ Yes – Drill pad dimensions and constructed drill pad locations *Individual drill pads will be approximately 125' in length by 40' in width.*

Attachments \_\_\_\_\_

C. Provide detailed driving directions to access the site:

*Proceed South From Truth or Consequences, NM on I-25 To The Silver City-Hillsboro Exit. Turn Right Onto Highway 158 And Proceed West For a distance of 10 miles to its intersection with Gold Dust Road. Turn right onto Gold Dust Road an all weather gravel road and proceed West-Northwest Approximately 2.0 miles to the project.*



## SECTION 4 – EXPLORATION DESCRIPTION (§302.D.3 & 4)

- A. Anticipated exploration: Start Date: approx May 1, 2024 End Date: AUGUST 30, 2024
- B. List the mineral(s)/element(s) to be explored for: Copper, molybdenum, gold and silver
- C. Proposed method(s) of exploration:

☐ **Air drilling (air rotary, coring, etc.):**

\_\_\_\_\_ # of holes \_\_\_\_\_ Depth (ft.) \_\_\_\_\_ Diameter (in.)

\_\_\_\_\_ # of drill pads \_\_\_\_\_ Length (ft.) \_\_\_\_\_ Width (ft.)

Will drill pads be graded/bladed or overland: ☒ Graded/bladed ☐ Overland

Will drill pads need some mechanical leveling (grading/blading): Yes ☐ No ☐

Approx. Weight of Drill Rig (lbs.) \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Axles: \_\_\_\_\_

Total length of drill stem that can be carried on the rig: \_\_\_\_\_

Is a support pipe truck anticipated? ☐ Yes ☐ No \_\_\_\_\_ Weight (lbs.)

Weight of support compressor (lbs.): \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer mounted? \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Drilling Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_

☒ **Mud/fluid drilling:**

@ 26 # of holes 600'-900' Depth (ft.) 2 7/8" Diameter (in.)

@ 26 # of drill pads 125 Length (ft.) 40 Width (ft.)

Will drill pads be graded/bladed or overland: ☒ Graded/bladed ☐ Overland  
Some drill pads will require grading/leveling, but some will not

Will drill pads need some mechanical leveling (grading/blading): ☒ Yes ☐ No  
Some of the drill pads will require mechanical leveling

Will a closed loop system be used or will mud/fluid pits be used? mud pits will be used  
but as much as possible the mud will be recirculated.

If mud/fluid pits are proposed:

26 # of pits 20 Length (ft.) 8 Width (ft.) 5 Depth (ft.)

NOTE THAT THE PITS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE DRILL PADS

Anticipated excavating equipment: backhoe

How will excavating equipment be transported to the site (i.e., driven, low-boy, etc.):

THE EXCAVATING EQUIPMENT (SMALL BULLDOZER AND BACKHOE) WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO THE PROJECT BY A LOW-BOY TRAILER AND THEN DRIVEN TO THE INDIVIDUAL DRILL SITES ON EXISTING ROADS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE

Will mud pits be lined?: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, proposed material to line the mud pits: PLASTIC SHEETING

Approx. Weight of Drill Rig (lbs.) Track mounted drill rig @ 20,000 lbs Number of Axles: N/A

Anticipated Drilling Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Test pits / exploratory trenches:** N/A

0 # of pits \_\_\_\_\_ Length (ft.) \_\_\_\_\_ Width (ft.) \_\_\_\_\_ Depth (ft.)

Anticipated excavating equipment: \_\_\_\_\_

How will excavating equipment be transported to the site (i.e., driven, low-boy, etc.):

☐ **Other methods of exploration** (i.e., cuts, shafts, tunnels, adits, declines, blasting, etc.). Indicate method and details:

NONE

**TOTAL ACREAGE TO BE DISTURBED DUE TO DRILL PADS = 2.98 acres**  
(to convert to acres, multiply total square footage of drill pads by 0.0000229)

D. Disposal of drill cuttings

If this exploration project is for uranium or other radioactive elements/minerals, applicant agrees to perform a gamma radiation survey at each drill site prior to, and after, exploration activities. Applicant/Owner/Operator agrees to restore gamma radiation levels at each drill site to pre-exploration levels. ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Will excess drill cuttings be buried at each drill site location or within a single disposal pit?

☒ At each drill pad location ☐ Within a single disposal pit

If a single disposal pit is proposed, please provide the following:

Description or GPS coordinates of the proposed cuttings disposal pit location:

Dimensions of the single proposed cuttings disposal pit (length, width, and depth):

\_\_\_\_\_ Length (ft.) \_\_\_\_\_ Width (ft.) \_\_\_\_\_ Depth (ft.)

**TOTAL ACREAGE TO BE DISTURBED DUE TO DISPOSAL PIT = -0- acres**  
(to convert to acres, multiply total square footage of disposal pit by 0.0000229)

E. Other Supporting Equipment (check all that apply):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4x4 Trucks/Vehicles	Quantity:	<u>2-3 4x4 Vehicles</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Truck	Weight (lbs.):	<u>1- 4WD water truck</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Geophysical Truck	Weight (lbs.):	<u>N/A</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pipe Truck (rig support)	Weight (lbs.):	<u>1- pipe truck</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Bulldozer	Type:	<u>1- D6 type bulldozer</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Backhoe	Type:	<u>1- wheeled backhoe</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Trackhoe	Type:	<u>N/A</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scaper/Grader	Type:	<u>1- Grader for repair of existing roads</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trailers	Quantity/Type:	<u>1- pipe trailer</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Portable Toilet	Quantity:	<u>1- portable toilet</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	List:	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

F. Roads and Overland Travel:

List of new roads to be constructed for this exploration project:

Description of <i>NEW</i> Roads	Length (ft.)	Width (ft.)	Total Acres (length x width x 0.0000229)
75-105 Target (NE 1/4 Sec 35)	550'	10'	0.12
Copper Flat resource expansion (SW 1/4 Sec 26)	150'	10'	0.03
Northeast Target (SE 1/4 Sec 26)	900'	10'	0.20
<b>TOTAL ACRES DISTURBED BY NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION :</b>			<b>0.35 AC</b>

Describe how new roads will be constructed: New roads will be constructed with a bulldozer. The newly constructed roads will follow topography as much as possible and will be kept out of drainages except where crossings are necessary. The roads will consist of shallow cuts a few inches in depth to remove vegetation and loose rock debris to produce a flat, safe and temporary driving surface.

List for extension or widening of existing roads:

Description of Modification to <i>EXISTING</i> Roads	Length (ft.)	Width (ft.)	Total Acres (length x width x 0.0000229)
Northeast Target (SE 1/4 Sec 26)	900'	10'	0.20
West Extension (SE 1/4 Sec 26)	500'	10'	0.11
South Extension (NE 1/4 Sec 35)	500'	10'	0.11
<b>TOTAL ACRES DISTURBED BY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS :</b>			<b>0.42 AC</b>

Describe how existing roads will be extended or widened: To minimize surface disturbance, overland access or minor repair of existing roads will be relied upon as much as possible. Where existing roads exist and need repair the road will be back dragged by a bulldozer's blade. New road construction will be undertaken to minimize surface disturbance and yet produce a safe, compacted flat driving surface.

List for routes of overland travel:

Description of OVERLAND TRAVEL Routes	Length (ft.)	Width (ft.)	Total Acres (length x width x 0.0000229)
75-100 Target (NE 1/4 Sec 35) 1250' x 10' = 0.28 Ac			
<b>TOTAL ACRES DISTURBED BY OVERLAND TRAVEL :</b>			<b>0.28</b>

#### G. Support Facilities

Describe (location and size) any support facility disturbances (equipment staging, equipment and material storage and/or lay down areas, vehicle parking, temporary housing and/or trailers) to be created or situated on the site during exploration operations.

IN SUPPORT OF THIS Proposed drilling program, The same gravelled area that was used in The 2011 and 2012 drilling programs will be used Again For a laydown Yard and Temporary Storage of drilling supplies. Drilling personnel And geologists will commute daily to the project so No Temporary housing or Trailers will be needed on the project.

H. TOTAL ACREAGE TO BE DISTURBED BY PROJECT = 4.03 acres  
(include all disturbed acreage from drill pads, cuttings disposal pit, new roads, improved roads and overland travel routes)

## SECTION 5 – CHEMICAL USE (§302.D.4)

A. Check any and all chemicals that will be used for this project.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drilling Mud (i.e., EZ Mud)	Type/Quantity:	<u>AS Needed</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diesel Fuel <del>Drilling</del> <u>Drilling and water truck</u>	Quantity:	<u>AS Needed</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Down-hole Lubricants	Type/Quantity:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lost Circulation Materials	Type/Quantity:	<u>AS Needed</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oils/Grease	Quantity:	<u>AS Needed</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gasoline	Quantity:	<u>AS Needed</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydraulic Fluid	Quantity:	<u>AS Needed</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Ethylene Glycol	Quantity:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cement	Type/Quantity:	<u>NEET CEMENT AS needed</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water	Source:	<u>COMPANY WELL</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bentonite	Quantity:	<u>AS Needed</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Fertilizer	Type/Quantity:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	Type/Quantity:	

B. Describe, in detail, a plan for the containment, use and disposal of all chemicals listed above: All chemicals used will be brought to individual drill sites on an AS Needed basis. Drilling and water truck will be parked on plastic tarps to minimize leakage of diesel, oil or hydraulic fluid on to the ground.

C. Describe where equipment fueling/refueling will occur: Drilling and water truck will be refueled at individual drill sites on a daily basis. Crew pick ups will be refueled in Torc.

D. Describe how hazardous material spills/leaks will be handled: The only potentially hazardous materials that will be used during this proposed program are gasoline, diesel, hydraulic fluid and greaser. Should any of this material leak on the ground it will be scooped up and placed in a bucket or barrel to be transported off site to a hazardous waste storage facility.

E. Identify spill cleanup materials that will be kept on-site (check all that apply):

☒ Bentonite clay or cat litter

☒ Adsorbent pads, rolls, mats, socks, pillows, dikes, etc.

☒ Drum or barrel for containing contaminated soil/adsorbent materials

☐ Other/list: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other/list: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other/list: \_\_\_\_\_

F. Applicant/owner/representative agrees to immediately notify the State of New Mexico immediately of any spills of hazardous materials (see page 1 of this application for phone numbers to notify): ☒ Yes ☐ No

## SECTION 6 – GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER INFORMATION (§302.D.5)

- A. Provide an estimate of depth to ground water and the total dissolved solids (TDS) concentration.

Depth to groundwater (ft.): >100' TDS concentration (mg/L): UNKNOWN

Describe the source of this information:

- B. Will dewatering activities be conducted: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please describe:

- C. Is groundwater anticipated to be encountered during exploration: ☒ Yes ☐ No  
Possibly, but groundwater is fracture controlled

If **YES**:

Have you completed Form WR-07 (Application for permit to drill a well with no consumptive use of water) and mailed it to the District Office of the State Engineer? ☒ Yes

Have you completed Form WD-08 (Well plugging plan of operations) and mailed it to the District Office of the State Engineer? ☒ Yes

Attachment \_\_\_\_\_ (copies of the completed WR-07 and WD-08 forms)

- D. Exploration Borehole Abandonment

### Dry Boreholes

- ☐ Dry hole abandonment (option 1): 100% bentonite pellets/chips (i.e. HOLEPLUG® manufactured by Baroid Industrial Products), dropped from surface then hydrated in place according to the manufacturer's recommendations, emplaced from total depth to within 12 feet of the original ground surface, followed by 10 feet of neat cement, followed by 2 feet of topsoil/topdressing.



- ☐ Dry hole abandonment (option 2): Neat cement slurry, mixed according to the manufacturer's recommendations, emplaced with a tremie pipe from total depth to within 2 feet of the original ground surface, followed by 2 feet of topsoil/topdressing.
- ☐ Dry hole abandonment (option 3): Cement + 6% bentonite slurry, mixed according to the manufacturer's recommendations, emplaced with a tremie pipe from total depth to within 2 feet of the original ground surface, followed by 2 feet of topsoil/topdressing.
- ☐ Dry hole abandonment (option 4): High-density bentonite clay ( $\geq 20\%$  active solids; i.e. QUIK-GROUT® manufactured by Baroid Industrial Products), mixed according to the manufacturer's recommendations, emplaced with a tremie pipe from total depth to within 12 feet of the original ground surface, followed by 10 feet of neat cement, followed by 2 feet of topsoil/topdressing.
- ☐ Dry hole abandonment (option 5): Other materials / describe and justify use:

### **Wet Boreholes**

- ☐ Wet hole abandonment (option 1): Neat cement slurry, mixed according to the manufacturer's recommendations, emplaced with a tremie pipe from total depth to within 2 feet of the original ground surface, followed by 2 feet of topsoil/topdressing.
- ☒ Wet hole abandonment (option 2): High-density bentonite clay ( $\geq 20\%$  active solids; i.e. QUIK-GROUT® manufactured by Baroid Industrial Products), mixed according to the manufacturer's recommendations, emplaced with a tremie pipe from total depth to within 12 feet of the original ground surface, followed by 10 feet of neat cement, followed by 2 feet of topsoil/topdressing.
- ☐ Wet hole abandonment (option 3): Other sealing material approved by the Office of the State Engineer. Describe and include well plugging plan approval by the State Engineer:

D. Applicant agrees to contain any water produced from the exploration borehole at the drill site and acknowledges that discharge of this water to a watercourse may be a violation of the Federal Clean Water Act: ☒ Yes ☐ No

E. Is any drilling proposed to occur within the channel of any perennial, intermittent, or ephemeral streams? ☐ Yes ☒ No

F. Is any drilling anticipated to occur within 100 feet of any perennial, intermittent, or ephemeral streams? ☐ Yes ☒ No

## SECTION 7 – RECLAMATION & OPERATION PLAN (§302.D.6 AND 302.I.K)

### A. Salvage/Preservation of Topsoil

Before any grading/blading or similar activities occur in relation to this project, operator agrees to salvage and preserve all topsoil and topdressing for use in future reclamation of this project ☒ Yes ☐ No

Describe how topsoil will be salvaged prior to initiation of exploration activities (check all that apply):

- ☐ N/A – no construction work will occur, therefore no soil salvage is needed.
- ☒ Excavated from drill pads and stored at each drill pad
- ☒ Excavated from road improvements/construction and stored adjacent to road
- ☒ Excavated from mud/fluid pits and storage at each pit
- ☐ Other, describe:

### B. Erosion Control

Describe the best management practices that will be implemented to control erosion: *SINCE MANY OF THE PROPOSED DRILL SITES ARE LOCATED ON FLAT-GENTLE TOPOGRAPHY EROSION CONTROL WILL ONLY BE MINIMAL IN MOST CASES*

- |  |                |   |
|--|----------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Silt fencing                | Location:      |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Straw waddles    | Location:      | <i>DOWN SLOPE OF MUD PITS AS NEEDED</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Straw bales      | Location:      | <i>DOWN SLOPE OF MUD PITS AS NEEDED</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ditches/swales              | Location:      |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Berms/dikes/dams | Location:      | <i>AS NEEDED ON STEEPER TOPOGRAPHY</i>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment basins             | Location:      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other or N/A                | Type/Location: |   |

C. Wildlife Protection / Noxious Weed Prevention

Will the perimeter of drill pits be fenced to prevent wildlife entrapment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Proposed pit perimeter fence material: T-POSTS SUPPORTING PLASTIC FENCING

Describe how the pit perimeter fencing will be installed and secured (i.e., T-posts, wooden stakes, etc.): SEE ABOVE

Will at least one side of the interior of the drill pits be sloped at 3:1 as a ramp for wildlife escape? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If No, will another type of constructed escape ramp be installed? Describe:

Applicant/Owner/Operator commits to pressure-washing or steam-clean all equipment prior to entering the permit area: ☒ Yes ☐ No

D. Reclamation Details

Describe in general how re-contouring or re-establishment of the surface topography will be restored: BERMS ON NEWLY CONSTRUCTED DRILL ACCESS ROADS AND DRILL SITES WILL BE PULLED TOWARD THE OUTSIDE OF THE SUBJECT EXCAVATION USING A BACKHOE OR BULLDOZER AND SUBSEQUENTLY SLOPED TO THE ORIGINAL CONTOUR AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

Describe how the reclamation of portals, adits, drilling fluid/mud and/or waste pits, shafts, ponds, roads and other disturbances will be performed: There are no portals, adits, waste pits or shafts to be reclaimed in this proposed program. Fenced mud pits containing drill cuttings will be allowed to dry (water to evaporate) and subsequently back filled and leveled to original topography and then seeded with the appropriate BLM recommended seed mixture.

Is seeding of the reclaimed areas proposed: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, provide a justification as to why no revegetation is needed:

Plant mix to be used in the re-establishment of vegetation:

- ☐ US Forest Service specified mix applied through broadcast at their recommended rate  
☒ BLM specified mix applied through broadcast at their recommended rate  
☐ Other:

Plant Name	Seeding Rate (lbs./acre)

Broadcast applied or drill-seeded: ☐ Broadcast ☐ Drill-seeded

Scarification Methods (check all that apply):

- ☐ Primary tillage to greater than 6-inches depth of all constructed drill pads and roads
- ☐ Secondary tillage of all constructed drill pads and roads, and/or overland travel routes
- ☒ Chain drag or tire drag over seeds in areas used for overland travel
- ☐ Light raking of soil over seeds in areas used for overland travel
- ☐ None
- ☐ Other/describe:

Mulch Use:

- ☐ Certified weed-free straw mulch will be placed over areas that have been tilled/disc'd or ripped at a rate of 2 tons per acre, and will be crimped in place
- ☒ No mulch is proposed

#### E. Reclamation Timeline

Applicant/Owner/Operator commits to reclamation of the disturbed area as soon as possible following the completion or abandonment of the exploration operation, unless the disturbed area is included within a complete permit application for a new mining permit:

- ☒ Yes    ☐ No

Anticipated Start of Reclamation:

- ☒ 0-30 days after completion of drilling
- ☐ 31-60 days after completion of drilling
- ☐ Other/specify: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 8 – PERMIT FEES AND FINANCIAL ASSURANCE (§302.1.2 AND 5)

- A. Financial assurance must be posted with Mining and Minerals Division prior to approval of this application. The acceptable forms of financial assurance are surety bonds, letters of credit, and certificates of deposit. Provide an estimate of, and an instrument for, the proposed financial assurance required by Subpart 3.

- ☐ Surety Bond  
☐ Letter of Credit  
☐ Cash Account / Certificate of Deposit

☐ Estimated amount of financial assurance: \_\_\_\_\_

Or

☒ Applicant will provide the amount of financial assurance calculated by MMD.

- B. Attach the permit fees as determined pursuant to Subpart 2. The application fee for a minimal impact exploration permit is \$500.00.

- ☐ Money Order/Cashier's Check  
☐ Check

Check Number : \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 9 – CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT (§302.I.3 & 4)

I certify that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted herein, and based on my inquiry of those individuals responsible for obtaining the information; I believe the submitted information is true, accurate, and complete. I agree to comply with the reclamation requirements set forth in this permit application and related correspondence, the New Mexico Mining Act and the Rules. Further, I certify that I am not in violation of any other obligation under the New Mexico Mining Act or the Rules adopted pursuant to that Act and I allow the Director to enter the permit area, without delay, for the purposes of conducting inspections during exploration and reclamation.

Signature of Permittee or Authorized Agent:

Raymond Irwin For THEMAC

Name (type or print):

Raymond Irwin

Title/Position:

Geologic Consultant

Date:

4/23/2024



## Minimal Impact Exploration Operation- Permit Application

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75-105 E o/s	35	15S	7W	E of 75-105	3650562	264068	90	750'

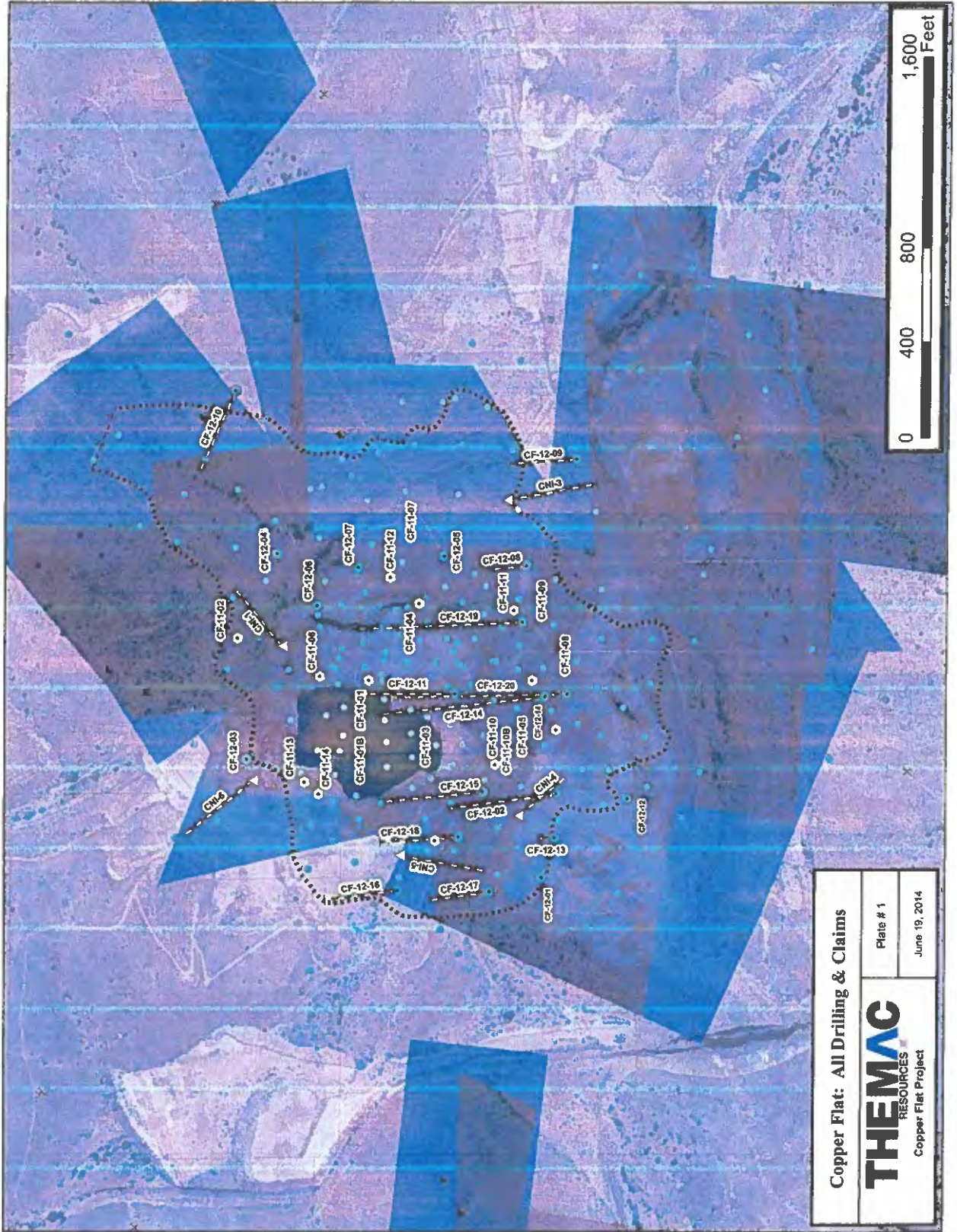
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IDC 7 SW o/s	35	15S	7W	SW of IDC-7	3650364	263294	90	750'
C-10 SE o/s	35	15S	7W	SE of C-10	3650349	263197	90	750'

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## Legend

### Drilling

- Holes Drilled 2012
- Holes Drilled 2011
- Holes Drilled Before 2011
- ▲ Geotechnical Holes (Drilled 2012)

--- 2012 Drill Traces

— 2011 Drill Traces

### Workings

— Adit

× Prospect

▢ Shaft

### Mineralization

..... Approximate location of significant Cu-Mo-Ag-Au mineralization

--- Open to extension of mineralization

### Claims

■ Patented Claims

□ Unpatented Claims

1 inch = 400 feet

Coordinate System: NAD\_1983\_UTM\_Zone\_13N  
 Projection: Transverse\_Mercator  
 False\_Easting: 500000.000000  
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 Linear Unit: Meter



Copper Flat: All Drilling & Claims

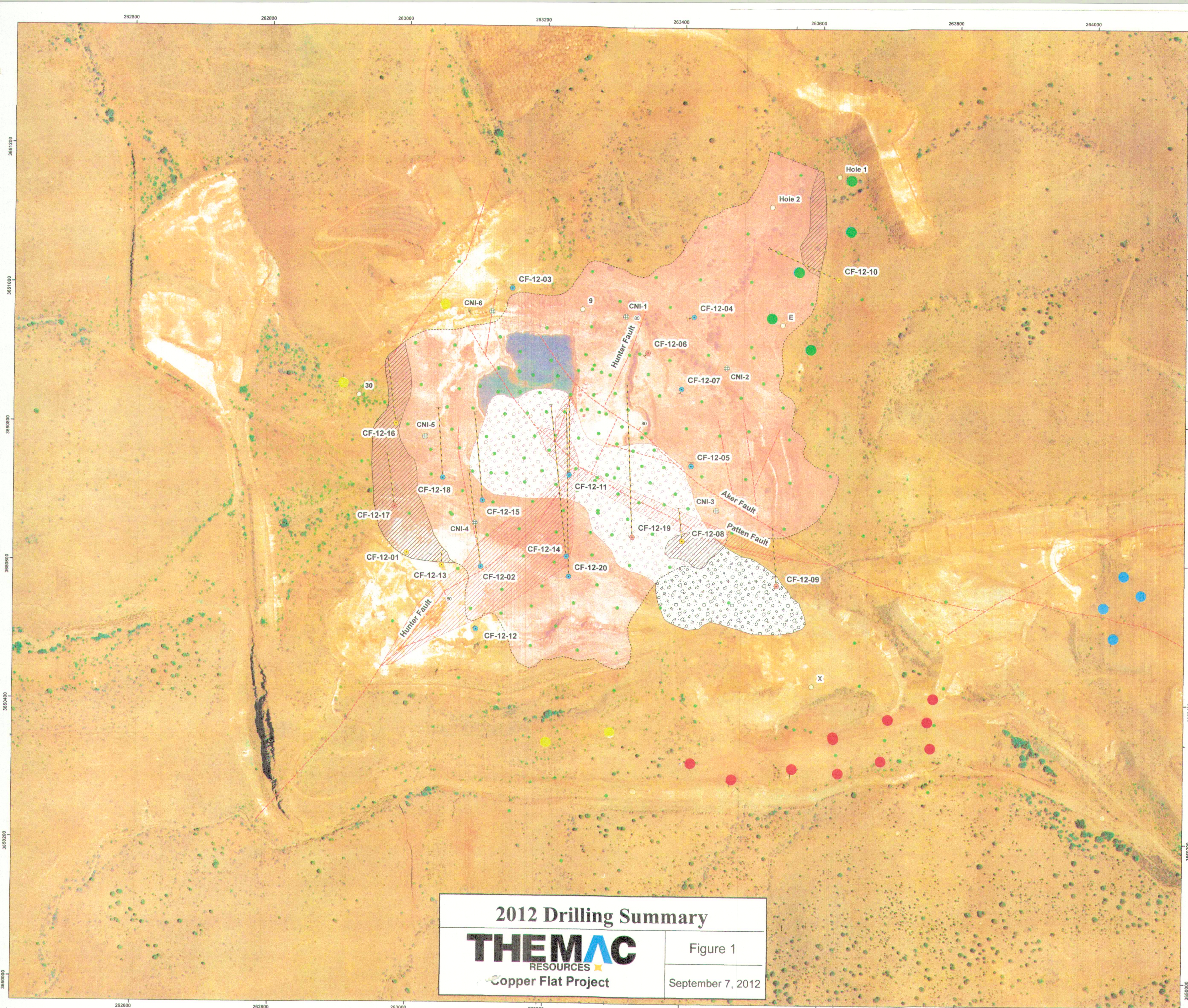
**THEMAC**  
 RESOURCES

Copper Flat Project

Plate # 1

June 19, 2014





## Legend

### 2012 Drilling

- Depth
- Extension
- Infill
- 2012 Surface Traces

### Major Structures

- Approximately Located
- Inferred Location
- Fault Zones

- Drillholes (Historic through 2010)
- Proposed Holes
- CNI (Geotechnical) Holes
- Quartz Monzonite Breccia
- Approximate Location of Significant Cu-Mo-Au-Ag Mineralization
- Significant Cu-Mo-Au-Ag Mineralization
- Expansion of Mineralization From 2012 Drilling

Notes:  
1. Base map is from Cooper Aerial 2011.  
2. Shown are the surveyed locations of the 2012 holes and the permitted locations for the CNI and remaining drill holes.

1 inch = 200 feet  
0 200 400 800 Feet

Coordinate System: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 13N  
Projection: Transverse Mercator  
Datum: North American 1983  
False Easting: 500,000.0000  
False Northing: 0.0000  
Central Meridian: -105.0000  
Scale Factor: 0.9996  
Latitude Of Origin: 0.0000  
Units: Meters







February 17, 2024

Mr. Joseph Navarro, Environmental Protection Specialist  
Bureau of Land Management  
Las Cruces District Office  
1800 Marquess Street  
Las Cruces, NM 88005

**RE: Copper Flat Project, Sierra County, NM- 2024 Exploration Notice of Intent to Conduct Exploration Drilling**

Dear Mr. Navarro:

As you are aware, New Mexico Copper Corporation (a wholly owned subsidiary of THEMAC Resources Group) is the owner of an advanced stage copper exploration and development project located in Sierra County, NM. Since 2013, New Mexico Copper Corporation has been focusing its attention on activities related to its mine permitting efforts and securing additional water rights for the planned mining operation. Management has recently decided to potentially undertake a new phase of core drilling designed to expand and better define the existing copper resource, which is located in the S1/2 Sec 26 and the N1/2 Sec 35, T15S, R7W. As a result of this decision, this letter is to serve as the 2024 Exploration Notice of Intent as required under 43 CFR 3809 Regulations.

**Claimant Information:**

The Copper Flat project that occupies parts of TWPS 15 and 16S, R6E and 7W, consists of approximately 5,100 acres of wholly owned patented and unpatented lode claims, patented and unpatented placer claims and fee acreage. As stated above, the project is owned by New Mexico Copper Corporation a wholly owned subsidiary of THEMAC Resources Group. The local address for New Mexico Copper/THEMAC Resources is P.O. Box 4209, Truth or Consequences, NM 87901. Mr. Jeff Smith, the current Executive Vice President of Development and Operations, can be reached at this address or by phone at (520) 991-4588.

**Operator Information:**

The operator of this proposed exploration/development drilling program is New Mexico Copper Corporation the wholly owned subsidiary of THEMAC Resources Group, whose contact information appears in the previous section of this Notice.

**Previous Disturbance:**

As previously stated, and as shown on the accompanying aerial photograph on which the proposed drill holes are plotted, the entire planned drilling program falls within the footprint of Quintana Minerals former open pit mine and mill facilities and related roads and waste dumps. The proposed drilling will use existing roads within and adjacent to these disturbed areas as much as possible to minimize further

surface disturbance. Ideally, a track mounted core drill will be used to reduce the need for road repairs and minimize the size of drill sites and new access roads. As stated elsewhere in this Notice only five of the 23 proposed holes are located on unpatented lode claims owned by THEMAC Resources.

#### **Mining Claim Information:**

This notice covers the potential drilling of as many as 23-core holes located in the S1/2 Sec 26, T15S, R7W, and the N1/2 Sec. 35, T15S, R7W. Of these planned holes, only five holes are located on unpatented lode claims. The specific unpatented lode claims on which the five holes may be drilled consist of MS 15 (NMMC # 60106), which is in the SE1/4 Sec 26 and the NE1/4 Sec 35, and Gluck Auf (NMMC # 60058), which is in the SW1/4 Sec 26. For completeness, a tabulated list of all the proposed core holes is included as part of this Notice.

#### **Proposed Operations:**

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Thank you for your time in reviewing this 2024 Exploration Notice of Intent.

Best Regards,

Raymond Irwin, CPG  
Geologic Consultant  
New Mexico Copper Corporation  
(a wholly owned subsidiary of THEMAC Resources Group)  
P.O. Box 4209  
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER**

Trn Nbr: 756772  
File Nbr: LRG 18640

Mar. 05, 2024

THE MAC RESOURCES GROUP  
RAYMOND IRWIN, CPG  
420 ALVARADO DRIVE NE  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87108

Greetings:

Your approved copy of the above numbered permit to drill a well for non-consumptive purposes is enclosed. You must obtain an additional permit if you intend to use the water. It is your responsibility to provide the contracted well driller with a copy of the permit that must be made available during well drilling activities.

Carefully review the attached conditions of approval for all specific permit requirements.

- \* If use of this well is temporary in nature and the well will be plugged at the end of the well usage, the OSE must initially approve of the plugging. If plugging approval is not conditioned in this permit, the applicant must submit a Plugging Plan of Operations for approval prior to the well being plugged. The Plugging Record must be properly completed and submitted to the OSE within 30 days of the well plugging.
- \* If the final intended purpose and condition requires a well ID tag and meter installation, the applicant must immediately send a completed meter report form to this office.
- \* The well record and log must be submitted within 30 days of the completion of the well or if the attempt was a dry hole.
- \* This permit expires and will be cancelled if no well is drilled and/or a well log is not received by the date set forth in the conditions of approval.

Appropriate forms can be downloaded from the OSE website [www.ose.state.nm.us](http://www.ose.state.nm.us).

Sincerely,

Cheryl Thacker  
Water Resource Manager  
(575)524-6161

Enclosure  
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# NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

## WR-07 APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL

### A WELL WITH NO WATER RIGHT

(check applicable box):



For fees, see State Engineer website: <http://www.ose.state.nm.us/>

Purpose:

☐ Exploratory Well\*(Pump test)

☐ Monitoring Well

☐ Pollution Control And/Or Recovery

☐ Construction Site/Public Works Dewatering

☐ Mine Dewatering

☐ Ground Source Heat Pump

☒ Other(Describe):  
**Minerals Exploration**

A separate permit will be required to apply water to beneficial use regardless if use is consumptive or nonconsumptive.

\*New Mexico Environment Department-Drinking Water Bureau (NMED-DWB) will be notified if a proposed exploratory well is used for public water supply.

☐ Temporary Request - Requested Start Date:

Requested End Date:

Plugging Plan of Operations Submitted? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 1. APPLICANT(S)

Name: <b>THE Mac Resources Group</b>		Name: <b>THE Mac Resources Group</b>	
Contact or Agent: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if Agent <b>Raymond Irwin</b>		Contact or Agent: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if Agent <b>JEFF SMITH</b>	
Mailing Address: <b>420 Alvarado Drive NE</b>		Mailing Address: <b>P.O. Box 4209</b>	
City: <b>Albuquerque</b>		City: <b>Truth or Consequences</b>	
State: <b>NM</b>	Zip Code: <b>87108</b>	State: <b>NM</b>	Zip Code: <b>87901</b>
Phone: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell Phone (Work): <b>(505) 256-5340</b>		Phone: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell Phone (Work): <b>(520) 991-4588</b>	
E-mail (optional): <b>raymondirwin10@yahoo.com</b>		E-mail (optional): <b>j.smith50921@msn.com</b>	

FOR OSE INTERNAL USE

Application for Permit, Form WR-07, Rev 07/12/22

File No.: <b>LRG-18640</b>	Tm. No.: <b>756772</b>	Receipt No.:
Trans Description (optional): <b>LRG-18640-P001-26</b>		
Sub-Basin: <b>U80</b>	PCW/LOG Due Date: <b>3-5-2025</b>	

2. WELL(S) Describe the well(s) applicable to this application.

<b>Location Required:</b> Coordinate location must be reported in NM State Plane (NAD 83), UTM (NAD 83), or Latitude/Longitude (Lat/Long - WGS84). District II (Roswell) and District VII (Cimarron) customers, provide a PLSS location in addition to above.			
<input type="checkbox"/> NM State Plane (NAD83) (Feet) <input type="checkbox"/> NM West Zone <input type="checkbox"/> NM East Zone <input type="checkbox"/> NM Central Zone		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UTM (NAD83) (Meters) <input type="checkbox"/> Zone 12N <input type="checkbox"/> Zone 13N	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lat/Long (WGS84) (to the nearest 1/10 <sup>th</sup> of second)			
Well Number (if known):	X or Easting or Longitude:	Y or Northing or Latitude:	Provide if known: -Public Land Survey System (PLSS) (Quarters or Halves, Section, Township, Range) OR - Hydrographic Survey Map & Tract; OR - Lot, Block & Subdivision; OR - Land Grant Name
See Attachment			
NOTE: If more well locations need to be described, complete form WR-08 (Attachment 1 - POD Descriptions)			
Additional well descriptions are attached: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, how many <u>26</u>			
Other description relating well to common landmarks, streets, or other: <u>S 1/2 Sec 26 AND N 1/2 Sec 35, T15S, R 7W</u>			
Well is on land owned by: <u>THE MAC RESOURCES GROUP (patented) or BLM (unpatented)</u>			
Well Information: NOTE: If more than one (1) well needs to be described, provide attachment. Attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, how many <u>26</u>			
Approximate depth of well (feet): <u>650' - 900'</u>		Outside diameter of well casing (inches): <u>3"</u>	
Driller Name: <u>TBD</u>		Driller License Number: <u>TBD</u>	

3. ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS OR EXPLANATIONS

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**4. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:** The applicant must include the following, as applicable to each well type. Please check the appropriate boxes, to indicate the information has been included and/or attached to this application:

<p><b>Exploratory:</b> Is proposed well a future public water supply well? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO If Yes, an application must be filed with NMED-DWB, concurrently. <input type="checkbox"/> Include a description of the requested pump test if applicable.</p>	<p><b>Pollution Control and/or Recovery:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Include a plan for pollution control/recovery, that includes the following: <input type="checkbox"/> A description of the need for the pollution control or recovery operation. <input type="checkbox"/> The estimated maximum period of time for completion of the operation. <input type="checkbox"/> The annual diversion amount. <input type="checkbox"/> The annual consumptive use amount. <input type="checkbox"/> The maximum amount of water to be diverted and injected for the duration of the operation. <input type="checkbox"/> The method and place of discharge. <input type="checkbox"/> The method of measurement of water produced and discharged. <input type="checkbox"/> The source of water to be injected. <input type="checkbox"/> The method of measurement of water injected. <input type="checkbox"/> The characteristics of the aquifer. <input type="checkbox"/> The method of determining the resulting annual consumptive use of water and depletion from any related stream system. <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of any permit required from the New Mexico Environment Department. <input type="checkbox"/> An access agreement if the applicant is not the owner of the land on which the pollution plume control or recovery well is to be located.</p>	<p><b>Construction De-Watering:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Include a description of the proposed dewatering operation, <input type="checkbox"/> The estimated duration of the operation, <input type="checkbox"/> The maximum amount of water to be diverted, <input type="checkbox"/> A description of the need for the dewatering operation, and, <input type="checkbox"/> A description of how the diverted water will be disposed of.</p> <p><b>Ground Source Heat Pump:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Include a description of the geothermal heat exchange project, <input type="checkbox"/> The number of boreholes for the completed project and required depths. <input type="checkbox"/> The time frame for constructing the geothermal heat exchange project, and, <input type="checkbox"/> The duration of the project. <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary surveys, design data, and additional information shall be included to provide all essential facts relating to the request.</p>	<p><b>Mine De-Watering:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Include a plan for pollution control/recovery, that includes the following: <input type="checkbox"/> A description of the need for mine dewatering. <input type="checkbox"/> The estimated maximum period of time for completion of the operation. <input type="checkbox"/> The source(s) of the water to be diverted. <input type="checkbox"/> The geohydrologic characteristics of the aquifer(s). <input type="checkbox"/> The maximum amount of water to be diverted per annum. <input type="checkbox"/> The maximum amount of water to be diverted for the duration of the operation. <input type="checkbox"/> The quality of the water. <input type="checkbox"/> The method of measurement of water diverted. <input type="checkbox"/> The recharge of water to the aquifer. <input type="checkbox"/> Description of the estimated area of hydrologic effect of the project. <input type="checkbox"/> The method and place of discharge. <input type="checkbox"/> An estimation of the effects on surface water rights and underground water rights from the mine dewatering project. <input type="checkbox"/> A description of the methods employed to estimate effects on surface water rights and underground water rights. <input type="checkbox"/> Information on existing wells, rivers, springs, and wetlands within the area of hydrologic effect.</p>
<p><b>Monitoring</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The reason and duration of the monitoring is required.</p>			

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, We (name of applicant(s)), Raymond E Irwin, CPG  
Print Name(s)

affirm that the foregoing statements are true to the best of (my, our) knowledge and belief.

Raymond E. Irwin  
Applicant Signature

Applicant Signature

#### ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER

This application is:

☒ approved

☐ partially approved

☐ denied

provided it is not exercised to the detriment of any others having existing rights, and is not contrary to the conservation of water in New Mexico nor detrimental to the public welfare and further subject to the attached conditions of approval.

Witness my hand and seal this 5th day of March 20 24, for the State Engineer,

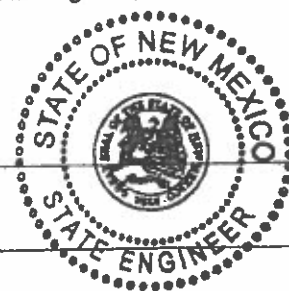
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Site #	Location	North	East	TD
S-A	E of I-7	3650410	263235	750'
S-B	N of 75-100	3650370	263670	600'
S-C	S of 75-100	3650315	263690	600'
S-D	At 76-17	3650360	263765	600'
S-E	S of 76-17	3650325	263765	600'
S-F	N of 76-17	3650395	263770	600'
S-G	N of 78-5	3650350	263620	600'
S-H	S of 78-5	3650300	263620	600'
S-I	S of 75-87	3650310	263560	600'
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S-K	SW of 75-87	3650295	263460	600'

### 75-105 Target:

The 75-105 target is located on unpatented mining claim MS 15 in the NE1/4 Sec 35. The proposed hole summary is as follows:

Sec. 35, T-15S, R07W

Site #	Location	North	East	TD
75-105 o/s	At 75-105	3650600	264040	750'
75-105 N o/s	N 75-105	3650661	264040	750'

POD 20	75-105 S o/s	S of 75-105	3650540	264040	750'	32°58'3.8"N 107°31'28.8"W
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The Copper Flat Resource Expansion is located on the unpatented claim Gluck Auf located in the SW ¼ Sec 26 and the patented claim Allhutzen located in the SW ¼ Sec 26 and the patented claims Craze Martin and Copenhagen located in the NW ¼ Sec 35. The proposed hole summary is as follows:

Sec.						
Site #	Location	North	East	TD		
POD 23	75-76 W o/s	W of 75-76	3650865	262915	800'	32°58'5.8"N 107°31'30.4"W
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POD 25	IDC-7 W o/s	W of IDC-7	3650390	263235	750'	32°57'58.3"N 107°31'58.6"N
POD 26	IDC-7 SW o/s	S of IDC-7	3650365	263295	750'	32°57'57.6"N 107°31'57.3"W

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**SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

- 17-4 No water shall be appropriated and beneficially used under this permit.
- 17-6 The well authorized by this permit shall be plugged completely using the following method per Rules and Regulations Governing Well Driller Licensing, Construction, Repair and Plugging of Wells; Subsection C of 19.27.4.30 NMAC unless an alternative plugging method is proposed by the well owner and approved by the State Engineer upon completion of the permitted use. All pumping appurtenance shall be removed from the well prior to plugging. To plug a well, the entire well shall be filled from the bottom upwards to ground surface using a tremie pipe. The bottom of the tremie shall remain submerged in the sealant throughout the entire sealing process; other placement methods may be acceptable and approved by the state engineer. The well shall be plugged with an office of the state engineer approved sealant for use in the plugging of non-artesian wells. The well driller shall cut the casing off at least four (4) feet below ground surface and fill the open hole with at least two vertical feet of approved sealant. The driller must fill or cover any open annulus with sealant. Once the sealant has cured, the well driller or well owner may cover the seal with soil. A Plugging Report for said well shall be filed with the Office of the State Engineer in a District Office within 30 days of completion of the plugging.
- 17-7 The Permittee shall utilize the highest and best technology available to ensure conservation of water to the maximum extent practical.
- 17-B The well shall be drilled by a driller licensed in the State of New Mexico in accordance with 72-12-12 NMSA 1978. A licensed driller shall not be required for the construction of a well driven without the use of a drill rig, provided that the casing shall not exceed two and three-eighths (2 3/8) inches outside diameter.

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**SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL (Continued)**

- 17-C     The well driller must file the well record with the State Engineer and the applicant within 30 days after the well is drilled or driven. It is the well owner's responsibility to ensure that the well driller files the well record.  
The well driller may obtain the well record form from any District Office or the Office of the State Engineer website.
- 17-Q     The State Engineer retains jurisdiction over this permit.
- 17-R     Pursuant to section 72-8-1 NMSA 1978, the permittee shall allow the State Engineer and OSE representatives entry upon private property for the performance of their respective duties, including access to the ditch or acequia to measure flow and also to the well for meter reading and water level measurement.
- LOG     The Point of Diversion LRG 18640 POD1 must be completed and the Well Log filed on or before 03/05/2025.
- LOG     The Point of Diversion LRG 18640 POD10 must be completed and the Well Log filed on or before 03/05/2025.
- LOG     The Point of Diversion LRG 18640 POD11 must be completed and the Well Log filed on or before 03/05/2025.
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**SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL (Continued)**

- LOG      The Point of Diversion LRG 18640 POD14 must be completed and the Well Log filed on or before 03/05/2025.
  
- LOG      The Point of Diversion LRG 18640 POD15 must be completed and the Well Log filed on or before 03/05/2025.
  
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LOG      The Point of Diversion LRG 18640 POD7 must be completed and the Well Log filed on or before 03/05/2025.

LOG      The Point of Diversion LRG 18640 POD8 must be completed and the Well Log filed on or before 03/05/2025.

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SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL (Continued)

LOG      The Point of Diversion LRG 18640 POD9 must be completed and the  
Well Log filed on or before 03/05/2025.

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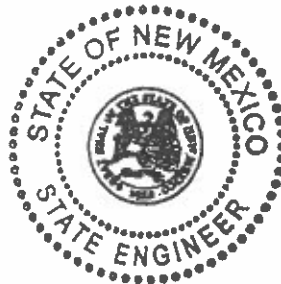
Notice of Intention Rcvd:	Date Rcvd. Corrected:
Formal Application Rcvd: 02/27/2024	Pub. of Notice Ordered:
Date Returned - Correction:	Affidavit of Pub. Filed:

This application is approved provided it is not exercised to the detriment of any others having existing rights, and is not contrary to the conservation of water in New Mexico nor detrimental to the public welfare of the state; and further subject to the specific conditions listed previously.

Witness my hand and seal this 05 day of Mar A.D., 2024

Mike A. Hamman, P.E., State Engineer

By: *Cheryl S. Thacker*  
Cheryl Thacker



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# OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER/INTERSTATE STREAM COMMISSION – LAS CRUCES OFFICE

OFFICIAL RECEIPT NUMBER: 4 - 26390 DATE: 2-27-24 FILE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \$ 130.00 RECEIVED: One Hundred & Thirty DOLLARS ☐ CASH: ☒ CHECK NO: 44167

PAYOR: Raymond Ivain ADDRESS: 480 Alameda Drive CITY: Albuquerque  
STATE: NM ZIP: 87108 RECEIVED BY: S. Gray

INSTRUCTIONS: Indicate the number of actions to the left of the appropriate type of filing. Complete the receipt information. **Original** to payor; **pink** copy to Program Support/ASD; and **yellow** copy for Water Rights. If a mistake is made, void the original and all copies and submit to Program Support/ASD as part of your daily deposit.

## A. Ground Water Filing Fees

1. Change of Ownership of Water Right \$ 2.00
2. Application to Appropriate or Supplement Domestic 72-12-1 Well \$ 125.00
3. Application to Repair or Deepen 72-12-1 Well \$ 75.00
4. Application for Replacement 72-12-1 Well \$ 75.00
5. Application to Change Purpose of Use 72-12-1 Well \$ 75.00
6. Application for Stock Well/Temp. Use \$ 5.00

## B. Surface Water Filing Fees

1. Change of Ownership of a Water Right \$ 5.00
2. Declaration of Water Right \$ 10.00
3. Amended Declaration \$ 25.00
4. Application to Change Point of Diversion and Place and/or Purpose of Use from Surface Water to Surface Water \$ 200.00
5. Application to Change Point of Diversion and Place and/or Purpose of Use from Ground Water to Surface Water \$ 200.00
6. Application to Change Point of Diversion \$ 100.00
7. Application to Change Place and/or Purpose of Use \$ 100.00
8. Application to Appropriate \$ 25.00
9. Notice of Intent to Appropriate \$ 25.00
10. Application for Extension of Time \$ 50.00
11. Supplemental Well to a Surface Right \$ 100.00
12. Return Flow Credit \$ 100.00
13. Proof of Completion of Works \$ 25.00
14. Proof of Application of Water to Beneficial Use \$ 25.00
15. Water Development Plan \$ 100.00
16. Declaration of Livestock Water Impoundment \$ 10.00
17. Application for Livestock Water Impoundment \$ 10.00

## C. Well Driller Fees

1. Application for Well Driller's License \$ 50.00
2. Application for Renewal of Well Driller's License \$ 50.00

## D. Reproduction of Documents

- \_\_\_\_\_ @ 0.25¢ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Map(s) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## E. Certification

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

## F. \*Credit Card Convenience Fee

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

G. Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Comments:

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15. Application for Test, Expl. Observ. Well \$ 5.00
16. Application for Extension of Time \$ 25.00
17. Proof of Application to Beneficial Use \$ 25.00
18. Notice of Intent to Appropriate \$ 25.00

**All fees are non-refundable.**

Mike A. Hamman, P.E.  
State Engineer



Las Cruces Office- District 4  
1680 HICKORY LOOP, SUITE J  
LAS CRUCES, NM 88005

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
**OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER**

March 5, 2024

File No. LRG-18640

THEMAC Resources Group  
Raymond Irwin, CPG  
420 Alvarado Drive NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87108

RE: Plugging Plan Approval for wells LRG-18640 POD1 thru LRG-18640 POD26

Greetings:

Enclosed is your copy of the Well Plugging Plan of Operations for wells LRG-18640 POD1 thru LRG-18640 POD26, approved subject to the attached conditions. You are responsible for submitting a properly completed Plugging Record to the office within thirty (30) days after plugging is completed. The Plugging record is available at:

[http://www.ose.state.nm.us/STST/Forms/WD-11%20Plugging%20Record\\_2009-09-08\\_final.pdf](http://www.ose.state.nm.us/STST/Forms/WD-11%20Plugging%20Record_2009-09-08_final.pdf)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl S. Thacker".

Cheryl S. Thacker  
Water Resources Manager  
WRAP, District IV

Encl (2): Well Plugging Plan of Operations and Conditions of Approval



# WELL PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATIONS



**NOTE:** A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be filed with and accepted by the Office of the State Engineer prior to plugging. This form may be used to plug a single well, or if you are plugging multiple monitoring wells on the same site using the same plugging methodology.

Alert! Your well may be eligible to participate in the Aquifer Mapping Program (AMP)-NM Bureau of Geology [geoinfo.nmt.edu/resources/water/egm/](http://geoinfo.nmt.edu/resources/water/egm/) if within an area of interest and meets the minimum construction requirements, such as there is still water in your well, and the well construction reflected in a well record and log is not compromised, contact AMP at 575-835-5038 or -6951, or by email [nmbg-waterlevels@nmt.edu](mailto:nmbg-waterlevels@nmt.edu), prior to completing this prior form. Showing proof to the OSE that your well was accepted in this program, may delay the plugging of your well until a later date.

**I. FILING FEE:** There is no filing fee for this form.

**II. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:** ☒ Check here if proposing one plan for multiple monitoring wells on the same site and attaching WD-08m

Existing Office of the State Engineer POD Number (Well Number) for well to be plugged: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of well owner: THE MAC Resources Group

Mailing address: P.O. BOX 4209 County: Sierra

City: TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES State: NM Zip code: 87901

Phone number: (520) 941-4588 E-mail: j.smith50921@MSN.com  
or RaymondIrwin10@yahoo.com

## III. WELL DRILLER INFORMATION:

Well Driller contracted to provide plugging services: TBD

New Mexico Well Driller License No.: TBD Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. WELL INFORMATION:** ☐ Check here if this plan describes method for plugging multiple monitoring wells on the same site and attach supplemental form WD-08m and skip to #2 in this section.

Note: A copy of the existing Well Record for the well(s) to be plugged should be attached to this plan.

1) GPS Well Location: Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_ deg, \_\_\_\_\_ min, \_\_\_\_\_ sec  
Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_ deg, \_\_\_\_\_ min, \_\_\_\_\_ sec, NAD 83

2) Reason(s) for plugging well(s):

TO COMPLY WITH OSE REGULATIONS AS WELL AS PREVENT GROUND WATER, IF ANY INTERSECTED, FROM CONTAMINATION.

3) Was well used for any type of monitoring program? NO If yes, please use section VII of this form to detail what hydrogeologic parameters were monitored. If the well was used to monitor contaminated or poor quality water, authorization from the New Mexico Environment Department may be required prior to plugging.

4) Does the well tap brackish, saline, or otherwise poor quality water? NO If yes, provide additional detail, including analytical results and/or laboratory report(s): \_\_\_\_\_

5) Static water level: > 100 feet below land surface / feet above land surface (circle one)

6) Depth of the well: \_\_\_\_\_ feet

- 7) Inside diameter of innermost casing: N/A inches.
- 8) Casing material: N/A
- 9) The well was constructed with:  
☐ an open-hole production interval, state the open interval: N/A  
☐ a well screen or perforated pipe, state the screened interval(s): N/A
- 10) What annular interval surrounding the artesian casing of this well is cement-grouted? N/A
- 11) Was the well built with surface casing? NO If yes, is the annulus surrounding the surface casing grouted or otherwise sealed? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please describe:
- 12) Has all pumping equipment and associated piping been removed from the well? Yes If not, describe remaining equipment and intentions to remove prior to plugging in Section VII of this form.

**Y. DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED WELL PLUGGING:** ☐ If plugging method differs between multiple wells on same site, a separate form must be completed for each method.

**Note:** If this plan proposes to plug an artesian well in a way other than with cement grout, placed bottom to top with a tremie pipe, a detailed diagram of the well showing proposed final plugged configuration shall be attached, as well as any additional technical information, such as geophysical logs, that are necessary to adequately describe the proposal. Attach a copy of any signed OSE variance to this plugging plan.

Also, if this planned plugging plan requires a variance to 19.27.4 NMAC, attach a detailed variance request signed by the applicant.

- 1) Describe the method by which cement grout shall be placed in the well, or describe requested plugging methodology proposed for the well:

Each Proposed hole will be Filled From The bottom To The Top Of The hole Using A tremie pipe To 10' bgl With a bentonite plug mud and From 10' bgl To The Surface With a Nuet cement Plug/cap.

- 2) Will well head be cut-off below land surface after plugging? yes, should this be necessary

## VI. PLUGGING AND SEALING MATERIALS:

**Note:** The plugging of a well that taps poor quality water may require the use of a specialty cement or specialty sealant. Attach a copy of the batch mix recipe from the cement company and/or product description for specialty cement mixes or any sealant that deviates from the list of OSE approved sealants.

- 1) For plugging intervals that employ cement grout, complete and attach Table A.
- 2) For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s), complete and attach Table B.
- 3) Theoretical volume of grout required to plug the well to land surface: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Type of Cement proposed: NEST
- 5) Proposed cement grout mix: \_\_\_\_\_ gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.
- 6) Will the grout be: \_\_\_\_\_ batch-mixed and delivered to the site  
✓ mixed on site



7) Grout additives requested, and percent by dry weight relative to cement:

8) Additional notes and calculations:

**VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

**VIII. SIGNATURE:**

I, Raymond E. Irwin, CPG, say that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Raymond E Irwin, CPG

Signature of Applicant

2/15/2024

Date

**IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:**

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

☒ Approved subject to the attached conditions.  
☐ Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

Witness my hand and official seal this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024



John R. D'Antonio Jr. P.E., New Mexico State Engineer

By: Cheryl S. [Signature]

# Minimal Impact Exploration Operation- Permit Application

## Page 7 Attachment listing Proposed Core Holes at Copper Flat

The 2024 drilling program for the Copper Flat Project consists of four parts designed to evaluate four distinct targets. The four target areas are on either patented or unpatented claims located in the S1/2 Sec 26 and the N1/2 Sec 35, T16S, R7W. These proposed holes which may be drilled in different drilling campaigns are listed below with approximate NAD 83 coordinates.

### Northeast Target:

The Northeast target is located entirely on a patented mining claims (Old Mac and 83) in the SE1/4 Sec 26. The proposed hole summary is as follows:

Sec. 26, T-15S, R07W

Site #	Location	North	East	TD	
P001 NE-A	NE of C-12	3651045	263295	750'	32° 58' 19.6" N 107° 31' 57.9" W
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P004 NE-D	SE of C-19	3651090	263635	750'	32° 58' 21.4" N 107° 31' 44.9" W
P005 NE-E	SW of 76-22	3650970	263525	750'	32° 58' 17.4" N 107° 31' 49" W
P006 NE-F	SE of 76-22	3650900	263590	750'	32° 58' 15.2" N 107° 31' 46.4" W

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Trn Nbr: 756772  
File Nbr: LRG 18640

Mar. 05, 2024

THE MAC RESOURCES GROUP  
RAYMOND IRWIN, CPG  
420 ALVARADO DRIVE NE  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87108

Greetings:

Your approved copy of the above numbered permit to drill a well for non-consumptive purposes is enclosed. You must obtain an additional permit if you intend to use the water. It is your responsibility to provide the contracted well driller with a copy of the permit that must be made available during well drilling activities.

Carefully review the attached conditions of approval for all specific permit requirements.

- \* If use of this well is temporary in nature and the well will be plugged at the end of the well usage, the OSE must initially approve of the plugging. If plugging approval is not conditioned in this permit, the applicant must submit a Plugging Plan of Operations for approval prior to the well being plugged. The Plugging Record must be properly completed and submitted to the OSE within 30 days of the well plugging.
- \* If the final intended purpose and condition requires a well ID tag and meter installation, the applicant must immediately send a completed meter report form to this office.
- \* The well record and log must be submitted within 30 days of the completion of the well or if the attempt was a dry hole.
- \* This permit expires and will be cancelled if no well is drilled and/or a well log is not received by the date set forth in the conditions of approval.

Appropriate forms can be downloaded from the OSE website [www.ose.state.nm.us](http://www.ose.state.nm.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl S. Thacker".

Cheryl Thacker  
Water Resource Manager  
(575)524-6161

Enclosure  
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File No. LRG-18640

# NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

## WR-07 APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL

### A WELL WITH NO WATER RIGHT

(check applicable box):



For fees, see State Engineer website: <http://www.ose.state.nm.us/>

- Purpose:
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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exploratory Well*(Pump test) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pollution Control And/Or Recovery         | <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Source Heat Pump                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring Well              | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Site/Public Works Dewatering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other(Describe): <u>Minerals Exploration</u> |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mine Dewatering                           |  |

A separate permit will be required to apply water to beneficial use regardless if use is consumptive or nonconsumptive.

\*New Mexico Environment Department-Drinking Water Bureau (NMED-DWB) will be notified if a proposed exploratory well is used for public water supply.

☐ Temporary Request - Requested Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Requested End Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Plugging Plan of Operations Submitted? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 1. APPLICANT(S)

Name: <u>THE Mac Resources Group</u>	Name: <u>THE Mac Resources Group</u>
Contact or Agent: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if Agent <u>Raymond Irwin</u>	Contact or Agent: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if Agent <u>JEFF SMITH</u>
Mailing Address: <u>420 Alvarado Drive NE</u>	Mailing Address: <u>P.O. Box 4209</u>
City: <u>Albuquerque</u>	City: <u>Truth or Consequences</u>
State: <u>NM</u>	State: <u>NM</u>
Zip Code: <u>87108</u>	Zip Code: <u>87901</u>
Phone: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell Phone (Work): <u>(505) 256-5340</u>	Phone: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell Phone (Work): <u>(520) 991-4588</u>
E-mail (optional): <u>raymondirwin10@yahoo.com</u>	E-mail (optional): <u>j.smith50921@msn.com</u>

FOR OSE INTERNAL USE

Application for Permit, Form WR-07, Rev 07/12/22

File No.: <u>LRG-18640</u>	Trn. No.: <u>756772</u>	Receipt No.:
Trans Description (optional): <u>LRG-18640-P001-26</u>		
Sub-Basin: <u>LRD</u>	PCW/LOG Due Date: <u>3-5-2025</u>	

**4. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:** The applicant must include the following, as applicable to each well type. Please check the appropriate boxes, to indicate the information has been included and/or attached to this application:

<b>Exploratory:</b> Is proposed well a future public water supply well? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO If Yes, an application must be filed with NMED-DWB, concurrently. <input type="checkbox"/> Include a description of the requested pump test if applicable.  <b>Monitoring</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The reason and duration of the monitoring is required.	<b>Pollution Control and/or Recovery:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Include a plan for pollution control/recovery, that includes the following: <input type="checkbox"/> A description of the need for the pollution control or recovery operation. <input type="checkbox"/> The estimated maximum period of time for completion of the operation. <input type="checkbox"/> The annual diversion amount. <input type="checkbox"/> The annual consumptive use amount. <input type="checkbox"/> The maximum amount of water to be diverted and injected for the duration of the operation. <input type="checkbox"/> The method and place of discharge. <input type="checkbox"/> The method of measurement of water produced and discharged. <input type="checkbox"/> The source of water to be injected. <input type="checkbox"/> The method of measurement of water injected. <input type="checkbox"/> The characteristics of the aquifer. <input type="checkbox"/> The method of determining the resulting annual consumptive use of water and depletion from any related stream system. <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of any permit required from the New Mexico Environment Department. <input type="checkbox"/> An access agreement if the applicant is not the owner of the land on which the pollution plume control or recovery well is to be located.	<b>Construction De-Watering:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Include a description of the proposed dewatering operation, <input type="checkbox"/> The estimated duration of the operation, <input type="checkbox"/> The maximum amount of water to be diverted, <input type="checkbox"/> A description of the need for the dewatering operation, and, <input type="checkbox"/> A description of how the diverted water will be disposed of.  <b>Ground Source Heat Pump:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Include a description of the geothermal heat exchange project, <input type="checkbox"/> The number of boreholes for the completed project and required depths. <input type="checkbox"/> The time frame for constructing the geothermal heat exchange project, and, <input type="checkbox"/> The duration of the project. <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary surveys, design data, and additional information shall be included to provide all essential facts relating to the request.	<b>Mine De-Watering:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Include a plan for pollution control/recovery, that includes the following: <input type="checkbox"/> A description of the need for mine dewatering. <input type="checkbox"/> The estimated maximum period of time for completion of the operation. <input type="checkbox"/> The source(s) of the water to be diverted. <input type="checkbox"/> The geohydrologic characteristics of the aquifer(s). <input type="checkbox"/> The maximum amount of water to be diverted per annum. <input type="checkbox"/> The maximum amount of water to be diverted for the duration of the operation. <input type="checkbox"/> The quality of the water. <input type="checkbox"/> The method of measurement of water diverted. <input type="checkbox"/> The recharge of water to the aquifer. <input type="checkbox"/> Description of the estimated area of hydrologic effect of the project. <input type="checkbox"/> The method and place of discharge. <input type="checkbox"/> An estimation of the effects on surface water rights and underground water rights from the mine dewatering project. <input type="checkbox"/> A description of the methods employed to estimate effects on surface water rights and underground water rights. <input type="checkbox"/> Information on existing wells, rivers, springs, and wetlands within the area of hydrologic effect.
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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I, We (name of applicant(s)), Raymond E. Irwin, CPG  
Print Name(s)

affirm that the foregoing statements are true to the best of (my, our) knowledge and belief.

Raymond E. Irwin  
Applicant Signature

Applicant Signature

**ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER**

This application is:

☒ approved

☐ partially approved

☐ denied

provided it is not exercised to the detriment of any others having existing rights, and is not contrary to the conservation of water in New Mexico nor detrimental to the public welfare and further subject to the attached conditions of approval.

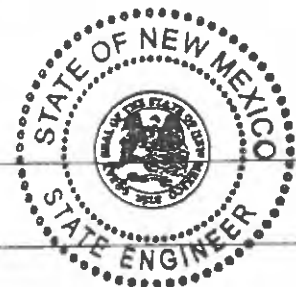
Witness my hand and seal this 5th day of March 20 24, for the State Engineer,

Mike A. Hamman, P.E, STATE ENGINEER

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BY Cheryl Thacker  
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Cheryl Thacker  
Water Resource Manager

\_\_\_\_\_, State Engineer

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File No.: URG-18640

Tm No.: 756772

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POD 26	IDC-7 SW o/s	S of IDC-7	3650365	263295	750'	32°57'57.4"N 107°31'57.3"W

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SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL (Continued)

- 17-C     The well driller must file the well record with the State Engineer and the applicant within 30 days after the well is drilled or driven. It is the well owner's responsibility to ensure that the well driller files the well record.  
The well driller may obtain the well record form from any District Office or the Office of the State Engineer website.
- 17-Q     The State Engineer retains jurisdiction over this permit.
- 17-R     Pursuant to section 72-8-1 NMSA 1978, the permittee shall allow the State Engineer and OSE representatives entry upon private property for the performance of their respective duties, including access to the ditch or acequia to measure flow and also to the well for meter reading and water level measurement.
- LOG     The Point of Diversion LRG 18640 POD1 must be completed and the Well Log filed on or before 03/05/2025.
- LOG     The Point of Diversion LRG 18640 POD10 must be completed and the Well Log filed on or before 03/05/2025.
- LOG     The Point of Diversion LRG 18640 POD11 must be completed and the Well Log filed on or before 03/05/2025.
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Trn Desc: LRG 18640 POD1-26

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**All fees are non-refundable.**

Mike A. Hamman, P.E.  
State Engineer



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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
**OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER**

March 5, 2024

File No. LRG-18640

THEMAC Resources Group  
Raymond Irwin, CPG  
420 Alvarado Drive NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87108

RE: Plugging Plan Approval for wells LRG-18640 POD1 thru LRG-18640 POD26

Greetings:

Enclosed is your copy of the Well Plugging Plan of Operations for wells LRG-18640 POD1 thru LRG-18640 POD26, approved subject to the attached conditions. You are responsible for submitting a properly completed Plugging Record to the office within thirty (30) days after plugging is completed. The Plugging record is available at:

[http://www.ose.state.nm.us/STST/Forms/WD-11%20Plugging%20Record\\_2009-09-08\\_final.pdf](http://www.ose.state.nm.us/STST/Forms/WD-11%20Plugging%20Record_2009-09-08_final.pdf)

Sincerely,

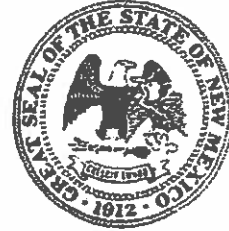
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl S. Thacker".

Cheryl S. Thacker  
Water Resources Manager  
WRAP, District IV

Encl (2): Well Plugging Plan of Operations and Conditions of Approval



# WELL PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATIONS



NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be filed with and accepted by the Office of the State Engineer prior to plugging. This form may be used to plug a single well, or if you are plugging multiple monitoring wells on the same site using the same plugging methodology.

Alert! Your well may be eligible to participate in the Aquifer Mapping Program (AMP)-NM Bureau of Geology [geoinfo.nmt.edu/resources/water/cgaw/](http://geoinfo.nmt.edu/resources/water/cgaw/) if within an area of interest and meets the minimum construction requirements, such as there is still water in your well, and the well construction reflected in a well record and log is not compromised, contact AMP at 575-835-5038 or -6951, or by email [nmbg-waterlevels@nmt.edu](mailto:nmbg-waterlevels@nmt.edu), prior to completing this prior form. Showing proof to the OSE that your well was accepted in this program, may delay the plugging of your well until a later date.

**I. FILING FEE:** There is no filing fee for this form.

**II. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:** ☒ Check here if proposing one plan for multiple monitoring wells on the same site and attaching WD-08m

Existing Office of the State Engineer POD Number (Well Number) for well to be plugged: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of well owner: THE MAC Resources Group

Mailing address: P.O. BOX 4209 County: Sierra

City: TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES State: NM Zip code: 87901

Phone number: (520) 941-4588 E-mail: j.smith50921@MSN.com  
or  
raymond.l.rwin10@yahoo.com

## III. WELL DRILLER INFORMATION:

Well Driller contracted to provide plugging services: TBD

New Mexico Well Driller License No.: TBD Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. WELL INFORMATION:** ☐ Check here if this plan describes method for plugging multiple monitoring wells on the same site and attach supplemental form WD-08m and skip to #2 in this section.

Note: A copy of the existing Well Record for the well(s) to be plugged should be attached to this plan.

1) GPS Well Location: Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_ deg, \_\_\_\_\_ min, \_\_\_\_\_ sec  
Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_ deg, \_\_\_\_\_ min, \_\_\_\_\_ sec, NAD 83

2) Reason(s) for plugging well(s):

To comply with OSE regulations as well as prevent ground water, if any intersected, from contamination.

3) Was well used for any type of monitoring program? NO If yes, please use section VII of this form to detail what hydrogeologic parameters were monitored. If the well was used to monitor contaminated or poor quality water, authorization from the New Mexico Environment Department may be required prior to plugging.

4) Does the well tap brackish, saline, or otherwise poor quality water? NO If yes, provide additional detail, including analytical results and/or laboratory report(s): \_\_\_\_\_

5) Static water level: 2100 feet below land surface / feet above land surface (circle one)

6) Depth of the well: \_\_\_\_\_ feet

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- 7) Grout additives requested, and percent by dry weight relative to cement:

- 8) Additional notes and calculations:

**VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

**VIII. SIGNATURE:**

I, Raymond E. Irwin, CPG, say that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Raymond E Irwin, CPG

Signature of Applicant

2/15/2024

Date

**IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:**

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

- ☒ Approved subject to the attached conditions.  
☐ Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

Witness my hand and official seal this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024



John R. D'Antonio Jr. P.E., New Mexico State Engineer

By: Cheryl S. [Signature]

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**TABLE B - For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s). Start with deepest interval.**

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of sealant placement (ft bgl)			From TD TO 10' bgl
Bottom of proposed sealant of grout placement (ft bgl)			From 10' bgl TO Surface
Theoretical volume of sealant required per interval (gallons)			
Proposed abandonment sealant (manufacturer and trade name)			

**Attachment**  
**Conditions of Approval**

**Well Plugging Plan of Operations**  
**Well Numbers LRG-18640 POD1 thru LRG-18640 POD26**

**File No.: LRG-18640**

- 1) Wells LRG-18640 POD1 thru LRG-18640 POD26 shall each be plugged using the methods and materials identified in the State Engineer approved Well Plugging Plan of Operations filed on February 27, 2024.
- 2) In addition, wells LRG-18640 POD1 thru LRG-18640 POD26 shall each be plugged completely using the following method per Rules and Regulations Governing Well Driller Licensing, Construction, Repair and Plugging of Wells; Subsection C of 19.27.4.30 NMAC:

All pumping appurtenances shall be removed from the well prior to plugging. To plug a well, the entire well shall be filled from the bottom upwards to ground surface using a tremie pipe. The bottom of the tremie shall remain submerged in the sealant throughout the entire sealing process; other placement methods may be acceptable and approved by the State Engineer

The well shall be plugged with an Office of the State Engineer approved sealant for use in the plugging of non-artesian wells.

The well driller shall cut the casing off at least four (4) feet below ground surface and fill the open hole with at least two (2) vertical feet of approved sealant.

Wells that do not encounter a water bearing stratum shall at a minimum be plugged by filling the well with drill cuttings or clean native fill to within 10 feet of land surface and by plugging the remaining 10 feet of the well to ground surface with a plug of the office of the state engineer approved sealant.

The driller must fill or cover any open annulus with sealant. Once the sealant has cured, the well driller or well owner may cover the seal with soil.

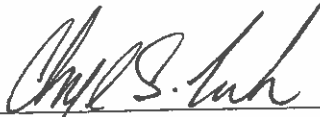
A plugging report for said wells shall be filed with the Office of the State Engineer in the District IV office in Las Cruces within thirty (30) days of completion of the plugging.

- 2) A licensed well driller shall keep a record of the plugging work as it progresses and file a complete Plugging Record (Office of the State Engineer Form No.: WR-20) with the State Engineer no later than thirty (30) days after completion of plugging.



- 3) New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE) witnessing of the plugging will not be required unless artesian conditions are encountered but shall be facilitated if a NMOSE observer is onsite. NMOSE witnessing may be requested during normal work hours by calling the District IV NMOSE office at 575-524-6161 at least 48 hours in advance. NMOSE inspection will occur depending on personnel availability.
- 4) Should another regulatory agency sharing jurisdiction of the project authorize or by regulation require more stringent requirements than stated herein, the more stringent procedure shall be followed. This in part includes provisions regarding preauthorization to proceed, type of methods and materials used, inspection, or prohibition of free discharge of any fluid or other material to or from the well that is related to the plugging process.

Date: 3/5/2024

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Cheryl S. Thacker  
Water Resources Manager  
WRAP District IV