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October 5, 2022

Al Salomone, Manager
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Dear Mr. Salomone:

Thank you for your application filed August 29, 2022, requesting approval to drill an oil well at a location that is an exception to Alum Creek field spacing. The well is located 2,200 feet from the south line and 2,100 feet from the west line in Section 9, Township 11 South, Range 1 East, approximately 13 miles southwest of Edgemont, Fall River County, SD.

The department published a Notice of Recommendation, Oil and Gas Case No. 4-2022, recommending approval of the application. The date for intervention was September 28, 2022, and no parties petitioned the Board of Minerals and Environment for a hearing on the application by the deadline.

Therefore, in accordance with the Administrative Rules of South Dakota 74:12:02:08 and 74:12:09, approval of the application is hereby granted. Enclosed is the Notice of Recommendation.

If our office can be of further assistance to you, please contact Lucy Blocker at (605) 773-4201.

Sincerely,

Hunter Roberts, Secretary

Enclosure

cc w/enc: Brett Koenecke, May, Adam, Gerdes & Thompson, P. O. Box 160, Pierre, SD

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
SECRETARY OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF GULF EXPLORATION CO., OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, FOR A PERMIT TO DRILL AN OIL AND GAS WELL AT AN EXCEPTION LOCATION TO ALUM CREEK FIELD SPACING, DESCRIBED AS THE OPERATION TEARDROP 1-9 WELL, LOCATED 2,200 FEET FROM THE SOUTH LINE AND 2,100 FEET FROM THE WEST LINE IN SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST; APPROXIMATELY 13 MILES SOUTHWEST OF EDGEMONT, FALL RIVER COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA.	NOTICE OF RECOMMENDATION OIL AND GAS CASE NO. 4-2022
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Notice is hereby given to the public and to all interested persons of an oil and gas well field spacing exception request pursuant to South Dakota Codified Laws (SDCL) Chapter 1-26 and Chapter 45-9 and further pursuant to the Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) 74:12:02:08 and 74:12:09.

The Secretary recommends approval of the oil and gas well field spacing exception well location for the following reasons:

1. The applicant asserts that drilling this well at the location prescribed by Alum Creek Field spacing would likely result in a well unable to produce in economic quantities, as indicated by three-dimensional seismic interpretation.
2. No other producing or drilled oil and gas wells are located within 1,000 feet of the proposed location.

Authority for the Secretary to approve this application is contained in ARSD 74:12:02:08 and 74:12:09. Unless a person files a petition requesting a hearing on the above application pursuant to the provisions of ARSD 74:09:01 on or before September 28, 2022, the Secretary's recommendation will be final and the Secretary will approve the application in accordance with that recommendation.

The application and notice of recommendation are also posted on the department's website at: <https://danr.sd.gov/Environment/MineralsMining/OilGas/OilGasCases.aspx> and <https://danr.sd.gov/public/default.aspx>. Additional information about this application is available from Mike Lees, Administrator, Minerals and Mining Program, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501, telephone (605) 773-4201, email michael.lees@state.sd.us.

August 31, 2022



Hunter Roberts
Secretary

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