



January 12, 2018

Mr. Matt Lepore, Director  
Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
Denver, Colorado 80203

**RE: COGCC Rule 318A.a.: Exception Location Request**  
**Pochard West Pad: SWSW Section 2, Township 7 North, Range 61 West**  
**Proposed Wells: Pochard 2-35-1HN Doc #401507569, Pochard 2-35-2HC Doc #401507570,**  
**Pochard 2-35-3HN Doc #401507571, Pochard 2-35-4HN Doc #401507572, Pochard 2-35-5HN**  
**Doc #401507573, Pochard 2-35-6HC Doc #401507574, Pochard 2-35-7HN Doc #401507575,**  
**Pochard 2-35-8HN Doc #401507576**  
**Weld County, Colorado**

Dear Director Lepore:

Mallard Exploration, LLC (Mallard) is applying to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) to drill 8 wells on the above referenced pad. The surface locations of Mallard's proposed wells have been staked outside of the Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) Rule 318A.a. Greater Wattenberg Area Drilling Window and are being permitted as exception locations. These wells are being proposed outside of the Drilling Window due to an agreed upon location in the Surface Use Agreement with the surface owner. Mallard has obtained written permission from the surface owner via Surface Use Agreement.

Mallard respectfully requests the COGCC approve the exception location request and Application for Permit to Drill for the wells on the subject pad. Many thanks for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,

Justin Garrett  
Regulatory Analyst  
Agent for Mallard Exploration, LLC

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