



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 East Pad: SESE Section 2, Township 7 North, Range 61 West
Proposed Wells: Pochard 2-35-9HN Doc #401507578, Pochard 2-35-10HN Doc #401507579,
Pochard 2-35-11HC Doc #401507581, Pochard 2-35-12HN Doc #401507582, Pochard 2-35-13HN
Doc #401507583, Pochard 2-35-14HN Doc #401507584, Pochard 2-35-15HC Doc #401507585,
Pochard 2-35-16HN Doc #401507586
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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