References to "1-xx" or "§1-xx" are to the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act., 225 ILCS 732/1-1 et seq. References to "240.xxx" and "245.xxx" are to 62 Ill. Admin. Code 240 and 245, respectively

Attachment:  CasingandCementingPlan

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Casing and Cementing Plan §1-35(b)(14); 245.210(a)(14), 245.530, 245.560, 245.570.

NOTE: review 245.530, 245.560 and 245.570, surface casing requirements, intermediate casing requirements, and production casing requirements.

Describe the casing and cementing practices to be employed, including, at minimum,

(a) The casing and cementing practices used
(b) The size of each string of pipe
(c) The starting point
(d) The depth to which each string is to be set, and
(e) The extent to which each string is cemented
(f) If any part of the well or well site is in an area identified by the U.S. Geological Service as having a 2% or greater probability of exceedance in 50 years of peak ground acceleration of 0.4 standard gravity or more, identify measures you will take to protect the components in this plan against earthquakes of M4.5 or more.
Surface Casing:

A 17 ½” hole will be drilled to +/-800’ or such depth to be 100’ below the base of the deepest fresh water. The hole will be conditioned prior to running casing. 13 3/8”, 54.5#/ft. API*J-55 grade steel casing will be set to bottom using API approved centralizers at the bottom of the string and through the fresh water zone(s) and every 4th joint to the last joint. Casing make-up thread compound will be API compliant. Prior to setting and cementing of the casing the IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present. The hole will then be circulated and a pre-flush pumped ahead of the cement slurry consisting of 775 sacks of Class A Cement, 500# of Calcium Chloride, 3 sacks of Flake. Cement will be circulated to surface with an estimated 65% excess. No operations will be conducted for a minimum of 8 hrs. to allow for the cement to cure. A mechanical integrity test (MIT) will be run in accordance with 245.540(b) prior to drilling ahead. Cementing activities will conform to Section 245.520 including a compressive strength test. Prior to drilling out the shoe, the surface casing shall be pressure tested to a pressure of 1,500 psi. Pursuant to 245.550, prior to drilling out the casing shoe a Blow Out Preventer (BOP) shall be installed on the well by certified personal. Prior to testing the BOP, IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present when the tests are performed. The BOP will remain on the well in good working condition throughout all drilling and completion operations.

7” Frac String/Intermediate Casing/Production Casing:

A 9 7/8” hole will be drilled from the base of surface casing to a point where the wellbore is at or near 90°. This is estimated to be 5,800’ MD / 5,280’ TVD. At that point the well will be conditioned in preparation for running casing. 7”, 32#/ft. API P-110 grade casing will be run to TD using API approved centralizers from the base of the vertical portion of the hole (KOP) to base of surface casing on every 4th joint. Casing make-up thread compound will be API compliant. Prior to setting and cementing of the casing the IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by
phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present. This casing will be cemented to the surface and thus, fulfills the requirement of intermediate casing. During different phases of the drilling, completion and production process, this casing will be used as intermediate casing, frac string and production casing and fulfills the requirements of each. The hole will again be conditioned and a pre-flush spacer pumped ahead of the cement slurry. Due to the depth there will be two different slurry’s pumped. The lead will be 65-35-10 Blend – 11.4 to 11.6 ppg with a yield of 2.5 ft³ / sack. The tail slurry will be ESC 10-10 L.F.L Blend – 14.6 to 14.8 ppg “Schwartz Class A Equivalent” with a yield of 1.6 ft³ / sack. The tail slurry will be raised to a depth of 2,900’ or 600’ above the shallowest hydrocarbon producing zone. The cement will be brought to surface. After allowing the cement to set a temperature survey will be conducted to verify cement placement. Cementing activities will conform to Section 245.520 including a compressive strength test. Following this the casing will be tested as a production and intermediate casing string. Prior to testing the casing the IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present. The casing will be tested using brine to fill the casing and pressure tested to 70% of its minimum internal yield for 30 minutes.

4 ½” Liner (also to be used as production casing): A 6 1/8” hole will be drilled from the 7” casing shoe to RTD (10,580’ MD). At RTD the hole will be conditioned in preparation for running casing. 4 ½”, 13.5 #/ft. API P-110 grade casing will be run to TD with rigid solid turbulizing centralizers spaced along the lateral portion of the hole allowing for 80% standoff. Casing make-up thread compound will be API compliant. Prior to setting and cementing of the casing the IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present. The casing will be secured into the cemented 7” intermediate casing with a liner hanger assembly positioned approximately 150’ above the 7” shoe (5,550/MD). The hole will once again be circulated and conditioned and followed by a flush and cement slurry consisting of 550 sacks of Class H 3% KCL L.F.L with Gilsonite and 2.5 sacks of Flake. Prior to HVHHF operations the liner will be tested as a production string in accordance with 245.540(c). Cementing activities will conform to Section 245.520 including a compressive strength test. Following this, the casing will be tested as a production casing string. Prior to testing the casing the IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present. The casing will be tested using brine to fill the casing and pressure tested to 70% of its minimum internal yield for 30 minutes.

*API; API stands for American Petroleum Institute. API maintains 685 standards and recommended practices. Many have been incorporated into state and federal regulations; and increasingly, they’re also being adopted by the International Organization for Standardization, a global federation of more than 100 standards groups. API graded casing is recognized as the highest industry standard.