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- (a) Plugged and abandoned all wells;
- (b) Reclaimed the surface and other resources; and
- (c) Met all the requirements of § 3200.4.

§ 3261.20 How will BLM review applications submitted under this subpart and notify me of its decision?

- (a) When we receive your operations plan, we will make sure it is complete and review it for compliance with the requirements of § 3200.4.
- (b) If another Federal agency manages the surface of your lease, we will consult with it before we approve your drilling permit.
- (c) We will review your drilling permit and drilling program or your Sundry Notice for well pad construction, to make sure they conform with your operations plan and any mitigation measures we developed while reviewing your plan.
- (d) We will check your drilling permit and drilling program for technical adequacy and may require additional information.
- (e) We will check your drilling permit for compliance with the requirements of § 3200.4.
- (f) If we need any further information to complete our review, we will contact you in writing and suspend our review until we receive the information.
- (g) After our review, we will notify you as to whether your permit has been approved or denied, as well as any conditions of approval.

§ 3261.21 How do I get approval to change an approved drilling operation?

- (a) Send BLM a Sundry Notice, form 3260-3, describing the proposed changes. Do not proceed with the changes until we have approved them in writing, except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section. If your operations such as re-drilling, deepening, drilling a new directional leg, or plugging back a well would significantly change your approved permit, BLM may require you to send us a new drilling permit (see 43 CFR 3261.13). A significant change would be, for example, re-drilling the well to a completely different target, especially a target in an unknown area.
- (b) If your changed drilling operation would cause additional surface disturb-

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ance, we may also require you to submit an amended operations plan.

- (c) If immediate action is required to properly continue drilling operations, or to protect public health, safety, property or the environment, BLM may provide oral approval to change an approved drilling operation. However, you must submit a written Sundry Notice within 48 hours after we orally approve your change.

§ 3261.22 How do I get approval for subsequent well operations?

Send BLM a Sundry Notice describing your proposed operation. For some routine work, such as cleanouts, surveys, or general maintenance (see § 3264.11(b)), we may waive the Sundry Notice requirement. Contact your local BLM office to ask about waivers for subsequent well operations. Unless you receive a waiver, you must submit a Sundry Notice. Do not start your operations until we grant a waiver or approve the Sundry Notice.

Subpart 3262—Conducting Drilling Operations

§ 3262.10 What operational requirements must I meet when drilling a well?

- (a) When drilling a well, you must:
 - (1) Keep the well under control at all times by:
 - (i) Conducting training during your operation to maintain the capability of your personnel to perform emergency procedures quickly and effectively;
 - (ii) Using properly maintained equipment; and
 - (iii) Using operational practices that allow for quick and effective emergency response.
 - (b) You must use sound engineering principles and take into account all pertinent data when:
 - (1) Selecting and using drilling fluid types and weights;
 - (2) Designing and implementing a system to control fluid temperatures;
 - (3) Designing and using blowout prevention equipment; and
 - (4) Designing and implementing a casing and cementing program.
 - (c) Your operation must always comply with the requirements of § 3200.4.