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1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

Form C-144
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Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, NM 87505

For drilling and production facilities, submit to appropriate NMOCD District Office.
For downstream facilities, submit to Santa Fe office

Pit or Below-Grade Tank Registration or Closure

Is pit or below-grade tank covered by a "general plan"? Yes No

Type of action: Registration of a pit or below-grade tank Closure of a pit or below-grade tank

Operator: **COG Operating LLC** Telephone: **432-685-4372** e-mail address: **dkuykendall@conchoresources.com**
 Address: **Fasken Center Tower II, 550 W. Texas Ave., Suite 1300, Midland, TX 79701**
 Facility or well name: **Gold Rush 30 Federal #8** API #: **30-015-29949** U/L or Qtr/Qtr: **J** Sec: **30** T: **23S** R: **30E**
 County: **Eddy** Latitude: **N 32° 16' 32"** Longitude: **W 103° 55' 09"** NAD: 1927 1983
 Surface Owner: Federal State Private Indian

Pit Type: Drilling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Production <input type="checkbox"/> Disposal <input type="checkbox"/> Workover <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Lined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unlined <input type="checkbox"/> Liner type: Synthetic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thickness: 12 mil Clay <input type="checkbox"/> Pit Volume: 30,000 bbl	Below-grade tank		RECEIVED SEP - 6 2005 OGD-ARTEZIA
	Volume: _____ bbl Type of fluid: _____ Construction material: _____ Double-walled, with leak detection? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If not, explain why no		
Depth to ground water (vertical distance from bottom of pit to seasonal high water elevation of ground water.)	Less than 50 feet 50 feet or more, but less than 100 feet 100 feet or more - X	(20 points) (10 points) (0 points)	
Wellhead protection area: (Less than 200 feet from a private domestic water source, or less than 1000 feet from all other water sources.)	Yes No - X	(20 points) (0 points)	
Distance to surface water: (horizontal distance to all wetlands, playas, irrigation canals, ditches, and perennial and ephemeral watercourses.)	Less than 200 feet 200 feet or more, but less than 1000 feet 1000 feet or more - X	(20 points) (10 points) (0 points)	
	Ranking Score (Total Points)	0 points	

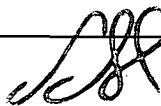
If this is a pit closure: (1) Attach a diagram of the facility showing the pit's relationship to other equipment and tanks. (2) Indicate disposal location: (check the onsite box if you are burying in place) onsite offsite If offsite, name of facility _____ (3) Attach a general description of remedial action taken including remediation start date and end date. (4) Groundwater encountered: No Yes If yes, show depth below ground surface _____ ft. and attach sample results. (5) Attach soil sample results and a diagram of sample locations and excavations.

Additional Comments: **Pit Closure Plan attached**

I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that the above-described pit or below-grade tank has been/will be constructed or closed according to NMOCD guidelines , a general permit , or an (attached) alternative OCD-approved plan .

Date: 9/02/05
 Printed Name/Title: Diane Kuykendall, Regulatory Analyst Signature: 

Your certification and NMOCD approval of this application/closure does not relieve the operator of liability should the contents of the pit or tank contaminate ground water or otherwise endanger public health or the environment. Nor does it relieve the operator of its responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

Approval: _____
 Printed Name/Title: Field Supervisor Signature:  Date: **SEP 7 2005**

Pit Closure Plan – Drilling Pit

Operator: COG Operating LLC
Well Name: Gold Rush 30 Federal #8
Location: Unit J, Section 30, Township 23 S, Range 30 E, Eddy County, NM

The drilling pit associated with this well will be closed as per New Mexico OCD “Pit and Below-Grade Tank Guidelines” dated November 1, 2004. The visual inspection of the pit indicated that the pit liner has maintained its integrity.

1. Any remaining liquids will be removed from the pit.
2. Remaining solid wastes (i.e. buckets, cans, miscellaneous trash, debris, contaminated solids, etc.) will be removed from the pit, except for dried mud and cuttings, cement, and frac materials in drilling and reserve pits which have been approved by the OCD for encapsulation.
3. **This well did penetrate a salt section, and 9.5 lb/gal brine or greater was used during drilling. Therefore, the pit will be closed by capping and encapsulation:**

Capping and encapsulation will be accomplished by mixing earthen materials with the pit contents, as necessary to stiffen the pit contents sufficiently to provide physical stability and support for the pit cover; folding the edges of the liner over the stiffened mud and cuttings; capping with a 20 mil minimum thickness impervious, reinforced, synthetic or fabricated liner meeting ASTM standards that is designed to be resistant to the material encapsulated; the liner will overlap the underling pit by at least 3 feet on all directions; and covering the liner cap with minimum of 3 feet of clean soil that is capable of supporting native plant growth.

4. Upon closure of the pit, the surface where the pit was located will be contoured to prevent erosion and ponding of rainwater over the site.
5. Since this is a federal well, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be contacted for site reclamation requirements.