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Form C-144 CLEZ
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For closed-loop systems that only use above ground
steel tanks or haul off bins and propose to implement
waste removal for closure, submit to the appropriate
NMOCD District Office.

Closed-Loop System Permit or Closure Plan Application

(that only use above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure)

Type of action: ☒ Permit ☒ Closure

Instructions: Please submit one application (Form C-144 CLEZ) per individual closed-looped system request. For any application request other than for a closed-loop system that only use above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure, please submit a Form C-144. Please be advised that approval of this request does not relieve the operator of liability should operations result in pollution of surface water, ground water or the environment. Nor does approval relieve the operator of its responsibility to comply with any other applicable government authority's rules, regulations or ordinances.

Operator: Apache Corporation OGRID# 873
Address: 303 Veterans Airpark Lane, Ste 3000, Midland, TX 79705
Facility or Well Name: Empire Abo Unit "I" #12
API Number: 30-015-00749 OCD Permit Number: 213379
Well or Qtr/Qtr: A Section 3 Township 18S Range 27E County: Eddy
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude _____ Longitude _____ NAD: ☐ 1927 ☐ 1983
Surface Owner: ☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ Private ☐ Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

☒ **Closed-loop System:** Subsection H of 19.15.17.11 NMAC

Operation: ☐ Drilling a new well ☐ Workover of Drilling (Applies to activities which require prior approval of a permit or notice of intent)
☐ Above Ground Steel Tanks or ☐ Haul-off Bins

☒ P&A

Notes: Subsection C of 19.15.17.11 NMAC

- ☒ 12" x 24", 2" lettering, providing Operator's name, site location, and emergency telephone numbers
- ☒ Signed in compliance with 19.15.3.103 NMAC

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Closed-loop Systems Permit Application Attachment Checklist: Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC

Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.

- ☒ Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☒ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC
- ☒ Closure Plan (Please complete Box 5) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Previously approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: _____
- ☐ Previously Approved Operating and Maintenance Plan API Number: _____

Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Above ground Steel Tanks or Haul-off Bins Only: 19.15.17.13.D NMAC

Instructions: Please identify the facility or facilities for the disposal of liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings. Use attachment if more than two facilities are required.

Disposal Facility Name: Sundance Services Disposal Facility Permit Number: NM-01-0003
Disposal Facility Name: Controlled Recovery Inc. Disposal Facility Permit Number: NM-01-0006

If any of the proposed closed-loop system operations and associated activities occur on or in areas that will not be used for future service and operations?
☐ Yes (If yes, please provide the information below) ☒ No

Required for impacted areas which will not be used for future service and operations:

- ☒ Soil Backfill and Cover Design Specifications -- based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☒ Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☒ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

Operator Application Certification:

I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name (Print): Guinn Burks Title: Reclamation Foreman
Signature: Guinn Burks Date: 8/6/2012
e-mail address: guinn.burks@apachecorp.com Telephone: 432-556-9143

CD Approval:

☒ Permit Application (including closure plan)

☐ Closure Plan (only)

CD Representative Signature:

AD Cole

Approval Date:

8/31/12

Title:

Dist HS Supervisor

OCD Permit Number:

213379

Closure Report (required within 60 days of closure completion): Subsection K of 19.15.17.13. NMAC

Instructions: Operators are required to obtain an approved closure plan prior to implementing any closure activities and submitting the closure report. The closure report is required to be submitted to the division within 60 days of the completion of the closure activities. Please do not complete this section of the form until an approved closure plan has been obtained and the closure activities have been completed.

☒ Closure Completion Date:

9-14-12

Closure Report Regarding Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Above Ground Steel Tanks or Haul-off Bins Only:

Instructions: Please identify the facility or facilities for where the liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings were disposed. Use attachment if more than one facility was utilized.

Disposal Facility Name:

Disposal facility Permit Number:

Disposal Facility Name:

Disposal facility Permit Number:

Were the closed-loop system operations and associated activities performed on or in areas that will not be used for future service and operations?

☐ Yes (If yes, please demonstrate compliance to the items below)

☐ No

Required for impacted areas which will not be used for future service and operations:

☐ Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation)

☐ Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation

☐ Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique

Operator Closure Certification:

I hereby certify that the information and attachments submitted with this closure report is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge

and belief. I also certify that the closure complies with all applicable closure requirements and conditions specified in the approved closure plan.

Name (Print)

Guinn Burks

Title:

Reclamation Foreman

Signature:

Guinn Burks

Date:

9/25/12

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