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1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240
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State of New Mexico
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-144
June 1, 2004

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

Below-Grade Tank Registration or Closure

Is this below-grade tank covered by a "general plan"? Yes ☐ No ☐
Type of action: Register ☐ Pit or below-grade tank ☐ Closure of a pit or below-grade tank ☒

Operator: Nadel & Gussman Permian, LLC Telephone: 432-682-4429 e-mail address: kemm@naguss.com
Address: 601 N. Marientfeld, Suite 508, Midland, Texas 79701
Facility or well name: Bond Fee No. 2 API #: 30-015-34861 U/L C Sec 20 T21S R28E, 660' FNL, 1650' FWL
County: Eddy Latitude N Longitude W NAD: 1927 ☐ 1983 ☐
Surface Owner: Federal State Private X Indian ☐



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| Pit Type: Drilling X Production <input type="checkbox"/> Disposal <input type="checkbox"/> Workover <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Lined X Unlined <input type="checkbox"/> Liner type: Synthetic X Thickness: 12mil HDPE liner Clay <input type="checkbox"/> Pit Volume: 1500 bbl. Approximately | Below-grade tank N/A Volume: N/A bbl Type of fluid: N/A Construction material: N/A Double-walled, with leak detection? <input type="checkbox"/> If not, explain why not. |
| Depth to ground water (vertical distance from bottom of pit to seasonal high water elevation of groundwater.) Two water wells exist in Sec 20 showing high water elevation of groundwater ranging between 120' and 160' at the ranch house. NGP drilled a test hole in the area and produced water at 22'. However, there had been no record of water being produced at this depth. See Closure Plan for details. | Less than 50 feet (20 points) 20 pts. 50 feet or more, but less than 100 feet (10 points) 100 feet or more (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 (20 points) No X (0 points) 0 pts. |
| Distance to surface water: (horizontal distance to all wetlands, playas, irrigation canals, ditches, and perennial and ephemeral watercourses.) | Less than 200 feet (20 points) 20 pts. 200 feet or more, but less than 1000 feet (10 points) 1000 feet or more (0 points) |
| Ranking Score (Total Points) 40 pts. | |

If this is a pit closure: (1) Attach a diagram of the facility showing the pit's relationship to other equipment and tanks. Digital Photos shall be submitted for before and after remediation activity in closure report. (2) Indicate disposal location: Solidification 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 X 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: Please refer to the attached letter for detailed "Closure Plan" information.

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 X, a general permit ☐, or an (attached) alternative OCD-approved plan ☐.

Date: 17 March 2007

Printed Name/Title Kem McCready, Operations Engineer

Signature *Kem McCready*

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 *Mike Bratcher Asst Dir*

Signature *Mike Bratcher*

Date: 3/20/07

Notify the District NMOCD office in the event water is encountered during closure process

Mr. Kem McCready
Operations Engineer
NADEL AND GUSSMAN PERMIAN, LLC
601 N. Marienfeld
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March 17, 2007

Mr. Mike Bratcher
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
1301 West Grand Avenue
Artesia, NM 88210

Re: Bond Fee No. 2 Pit Closure Documents

Dear Mr. Bratcher:

Pursuant to the State of New Mexico regulatory requirements for permanent closure of drilling pits, enclosed herewith is the completed Form C-144 and additional information constituting the "Closure Plan" for closure of the Nadel and Gussman Permian, LLC, hereinafter "NGP", Bond Fee No. 2 drilling pit (API No. 30-015-34861) located in U/L C S20 T21S, R28E, 660' FNL, 1650' FWL of Eddy County, New Mexico.

INTRODUCTION

Remediation of the NGP Bond Fee No. 2, hereinafter "Bond", drilling pit is targeted to begin 13 April 2007 with completion expected by 23 April 2007, permitting weather and the occurrence of unexpected conditions not within the Operator's control do not create delays or exacerbate the proposed schedule in any way. NGP intends to maintain its commitment to environmental health and safety and fully comply with the Regulatory Performance of the State of New Mexico, OCD regarding this disposal action and permanent closure of the Bond drilling pit.

Potential, temporary contamination from the Bond drilling pit site, should any exist, resulted solely from oil and gas production activities. Potential contaminants of concern are typical mid to high-level concentrations of brines, typical polymers (such as xanthium gum and starch) and in general, drilling mud and fluids remaining upon completion of said drilling operations.

Area land use is primarily ranching with domestic pasturage and oil and gas production activities. The NGP, Bond Fee No. 2 drilling pit is located in an area wherein groundwater depth to surface demonstrates an average depth of approximately 160 feet at the ranch house well and 190 feet in two other wells in the area. However, due to the State Engineer's database NGP drilled a test hole in the area in October 2006 and found water at 22'. According to the rancher this depth of water has never been seen in this area. Nonetheless, NGP has elected to solidify the drilling pit contents due to the presence of water in at least one well. The disposal pit, however, will not be placed near

the more shallow water area but rather in the known deeper area within the existing pit to ensure compliant environmental performance and reduction of liability in this potentially designated water sensitive area as defined by New Mexico, OCD Rule 50 regulations.

Mode of Closure: Insitu Solidification Burial

NGP shall use the Certified Kiln Dust (CKD) solidification process, depositing the material into a 20ml HDPE lined pit on location capped with a 20 ml HDPE liner. The process utilized in this disposal method shall be as described above with the exception of the solidification itself prior to initiation of the insitu burial action.

The CKD solidification procedure shall be as follows:

Two trenches shall be established, one for encapsulation and one to function as a CKD work pit constructed within the original reserve pit immediately adjacent to the existing two pits.

1. Cuttings will be mixed with a track hoe and the contents lifted and dropped in a stirring fashion. Once the Certified Kiln Dust (CKD) and the pit contents are sufficiently bonded solidification will occur.
2. The CKD ratio to measured pit contents on the average shall be 1 yard drill fines to 240 pounds CKD or 1K cy to 240 pounds of drill fines. Should the fines be too dry fresh water will be introduced to initiate the bonding process.
3. To ensure proper QA/QC, the CKD is precisely weighed before delivery and pit size is set for a predetermined volume of pit contents.

CLOSURE PLAN

Prior to commencement of closure activities, NGP contractor will contact One-Call for line spot clearance confirming the State of New Mexico, OCD is in agreement with the proposed "Closure Plan" for removal of approximately 1,500 bbl. of liquid followed by the removal of all fines (drill cuttings) assuming these fines have sufficiently dried allowing for maneuverability of heavy equipment in the pit area, enabling final closure.

Environmental health and safety regulations mandate control of pit volumes at all times. Thus, the liquid material was pumped off as needed and properly disposed of during active drilling operations. Water accumulated since this time is either due to liquid material not completely hauled from actual drilling operations or rain. This water has subsequently been hauled from the location and properly disposed of pursuant to OCD Regulatory Performa.

- ❖ Contractor shall mobilize to Bond Fee No. 2 drilling pit site located east of Carlsbad, New Mexico (see Form C-144). Personnel necessary to provide for the initiation and

completion of said remediation activities presented above shall be engaged as is appropriate to the mandated exercise.

- ❖ No remediation activity shall occur off the existing pad or already disturbed areas as authorized by the APD and approved Best Management Practices (BMP's). NGP shall consider weather conditions and necessary equipment positioning to provide a clear area for adequate staging for site control and safety compliance, ensuring operations shall be compliant with New Mexico, OCD Regulatory Performa.
- ❖ The Bond Fee No. 2 drilling pit is currently lined with a 12ml HDPE liner, which shall be removed by heavy equipment and disposed of with the solidified drilling fines pursuant to New Mexico, OCD requirements.
- ❖ Prior to initiation of backfilling, the Operator shall take appropriate samples of the pit area to ensure compliance with OCD Standards for remediation of possible TPH, ND for BTEX and levels of less than 250ppm of chlorides. However if levels at the bottom of the drilling pit test too high, a background set of samples shall be obtained for testing from the immediate vicinity and compared to those of the pit bottom. Simultaneously, more soil shall be removed from the "hot spots". Once completed, new data acquisition shall occur and sample results determine whether or not compliance has been reached in order to begin backfilling. No backfilling shall begin without authorization by the State of New Mexico, OCD.
- ❖ Backfilling of the Bond Fee No. 2 drilling pit shall be commensurate with existing topography and terrain relief features (contouring) so as to return it to its "near-as" previous condition, including a contour for prevention of water impoundment.
- ❖ The "Closure Plan" shall include a final report providing lab analysis of the backfill material, digital project photos and evidentiary narrative to support the completed disposition of the reclaimed Bond Fee No. 2 drilling pit site.

Should you have questions, please call 432-682-4429 (office) or 432-425-6347 (cell).

Sincerely,


Kem McCready
Operations Engineer

cc: State of New Mexico, OCD, Form C-144