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State of New Mexico
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources
Department
Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, NM 87505

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Form C-144
July 21, 2008

For temporary pits, closed loop systems, and below-grade tanks, submit to the appropriate NMOC District Office.
For permanent pits and exceptions submit to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office and provide a copy to the appropriate NMOC District Office.

Pit, Closed-Loop System, Below-Grade Tank, or
Proposed Alternative Method Permit or Closure Plan Application

- Type of action: ☐ Permit of a pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method
☐ Closure of a pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method
☐ Modification to an existing permit
☒ Closure plan only submitted for an existing permitted or non-permitted pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method

Instructions: Please submit one application (Form C-144) per individual pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank or alternative request

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 governmental authority's rules, regulations or ordinances

1. Operator: XOG Operating, LLC DQRID #: 236790
Address: 1801 W. TEXAS
Facility or well name: Catclaw 18-1
API Number: 30-015-34574 OCD Permit Number: _____
U/L or Qtr/Qtr: P Section: 18 Township: 21S Range: 26E County: Eddy
Center of Proposed Design Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____ NAD: ☐ 1927 ☐ 1983
Surface Owner: ☐ Federal ☒ State ☐ Private ☐ Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

2. ☒ **Pit:** Subsection F or G of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
Temporary: ☒ Drilling ☐ Workover
☐ Permanent ☐ Emergency ☐ Cavitation ☐ P&A
☒ Lined ☐ Unlined Liner type: Thickness 12 mil ☐ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other _____
☐ String-Reinforced
Liner Seams: ☐ Welded ☐ Factory ☒ Other STITCHED Volume: 14,000 bbl Dimensions: L 150 x W 110 x D 5

3. ☐ **Closed-loop System:** Subsection H of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
Type of Operation: ☐ P&A ☐ Drilling a new well ☐ Workover or Drilling (Applies to activities which require prior approval of a permit or notice of intent)
☐ Drying Pad ☐ Above Ground Steel Tanks ☐ Haul-off Bins ☐ Other _____
☐ Lined ☐ Unlined Liner type: Thickness _____ mil ☐ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other _____
Liner Seams: ☐ Welded ☐ Factory ☐ Other _____

4. ☐ **Below-grade tank:** Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
Volume: _____ bbl Type of fluid: _____
Tank Construction material: _____
☐ Secondary containment with leak detection ☐ Visible sidewalls, liner, 6-inch lift and automatic overflow shut-off
☐ Visible sidewalls and liner ☐ Visible sidewalls only ☐ Other _____
Liner type: Thickness _____ mil ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other _____

5. ☐ **Alternative Method:**
Submittal of an exception request is required. Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

Rule 50 permitted

LOV #02-09-022

Fencing: Subsection D of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (*Applies to permanent pits, temporary pits and below-grade tanks*)

- ☐ Chain link, six feet in height, two strands of barbed wire at top (*Required if located within 1000 feet of a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church*)
- ☒ Four foot height, four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced between one and four feet
- ☐ Alternate Please specify _____

Netting: Subsection E of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (*Applies to permanent pits and permanent open top tanks*)

- ☐ Screen ☐ Netting ☐ Other _____
- ☐ Monthly inspections (If netting or screening is not physically feasible)

Signs: 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

Administrative Approvals and Exceptions:

Justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17 NMAC for guidance.

Please check a box if one or more of the following is requested, if not leave blank:

- ☐ Administrative approval(s): Requests must be submitted to the appropriate division district or the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.
- ☐ Exception(s): Requests must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

Siting Criteria (regarding permitting): 19.15.17.10 NMAC

Instructions: The applicant must demonstrate compliance for each siting criteria below in the application. Recommendations of acceptable source material are provided below. Requests regarding changes in certain siting criteria may require administrative approval from the appropriate district office or may be considered an exception which must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval. Applicant must attach justification for request. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance. Siting criteria does not apply to drilling pads or above-grade tanks associated with a closed-loop system.

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| Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the temporary pit, permanent pit, or below-grade tank. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells | |
| Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse or lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark). | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site | |
| Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application (<i>Applies to temporary, emergency, or cavitation pits and below-grade tanks</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image | <input type="checkbox"/> NA |
| Within 1000 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. (<i>Applies to permanent pits</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image | <input type="checkbox"/> NA |
| Within 500 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring that less than five households use for domestic or stock watering purposes, or within 1000 horizontal feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in existence at the time of initial application. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site | |
| Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality | |
| Within 500 feet of a wetland | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site | |
| Within the area overlying a subsurface mine. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division | |
| Within an unstable area. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Engineering measures incorporated into the design, NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map | |
| Within a 100-year floodplain. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - FEMA map | |

11.

Temporary Pits, Emergency Pits, and Below-grade Tanks Permit Application Attachment Checklist: Subsection B of 19.15.17.1 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.

- ☐ Hydrogeologic Report (Below-grade Tanks) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (4) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
- ☒ Hydrogeologic Data (Temporary and Emergency Pits) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (2) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
- ☒ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC
- ☐ 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 Boxes 14 through 18, if applicable) - 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: _____ or Permit Number: _____

12.

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.

- ☐ Geologic and Hydrogeologic Data (only for on-site closure) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (3) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
- ☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations (only for on-site closure) - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC
- ☐ 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 Boxes 14 through 18, if applicable) - 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: _____ (Applies only to closed-loop system that use above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure)

13.

Permanent Pits Permit Application 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.

- ☐ Hydrogeologic Report - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (1) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
- ☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC
- ☐ Climatological Factors Assessment
- ☐ Certified Engineering Design Plans - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Dike Protection and Structural Integrity Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Leak Detection Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Liner Specifications and Compatibility Assessment - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Quality Control/Quality Assurance Construction and Installation Plan
- ☐ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC
- ☐ Freeboard and Overtopping Prevention Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Nuisance or Hazardous Odors, including H₂S, Prevention Plan
- ☐ Emergency Response Plan
- ☐ Oil Field Waste Stream Characterization
- ☐ Monitoring and Inspection Plan
- ☐ Erosion Control Plan
- ☐ Closure Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC

14.

Proposed Closure: 19.15.17.13 NMAC**Instructions:** Please complete the applicable boxes, Boxes 14 through 18, in regards to the proposed closure plan.

- Type: ☒ Drilling ☐ Workover ☐ Emergency ☐ Cavitation ☒ P&A ☐ Permanent Pit ☐ Below-grade Tank ☐ Closed-loop System
- ☐ Alternative
- Proposed Closure Method: ☒ Waste Excavation and Removal
- ☐ Waste Removal (Closed-loop systems only)
- ☐ On-site Closure Method (Only for temporary pits and closed-loop systems)
- ☐ In-place Burial ☐ On-site Trench Burial
- ☐ Alternative Closure Method (Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau for consideration)

15.

Waste Excavation and Removal Closure Plan Checklist: (19.15.17.13 NMAC) **Instructions:** Each of the following items must be attached to the closure plan. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.

- ☒ Protocols and Procedures - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☒ Confirmation Sampling Plan (if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☒ Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number (for liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings)
- ☒ 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

16. Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Above Ground Steel Tanks or Haul-off Bins Only: (19.15.17.13.1) 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: CRF Disposal Facility Permit Number: 6
 Disposal Facility Name: _____ Disposal Facility Permit Number: _____

Will 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

17. Siting Criteria (regarding on-site closure methods only): 19.15.17.10 NMAC
Instructions: Each siting criteria requires a demonstration of compliance in the closure plan. Recommendations of acceptable source material are provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria may require administrative approval from the appropriate district office or may be considered an exception which must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval. Justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance.

Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the buried waste - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Ground water is between 50 and 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Ground water is more than 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse or lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark). - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo, Satellite image	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within 500 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring that less than five households use for domestic or stock watering purposes, or within 1000 horizontal feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in existence at the time of initial application - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended - Written confirmation or verification from the municipality. Written approval obtained from the municipality	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within 500 feet of a wetland. - US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within the area overlying a subsurface mine - Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within an unstable area - Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources; USGS, NM Geological Society; Topographic map	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within a 100-year floodplain. - FEMA map	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

18. On-Site Closure Plan Checklist: (19.15.17.13 NMAC) **Instructions:** Each of the following items must be attached to the closure plan. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.

☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC
☐ Proof of Surface Owner Notice - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
☐ Construction/Design Plan of Burial Trench (if applicable) based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
☐ Construction/Design Plan of Temporary Pit (for in-place burial of a drying pad) - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
☐ Protocols and Procedures - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
☐ Confirmation Sampling Plan (if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
☐ Waste Material Sampling Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
☐ Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number (for liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings or in case on-site closure standards cannot be achieved)
☐ Soil Cover Design - 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

19. 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): <u>Nick Hood</u>	Title: <u>ENGINEER</u>
Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>5-29-09</u>
e-mail address: <u>nhood@xogoperating.com</u>	Telephone: <u>432 683 3121</u>

20. OCD Approval: <input type="checkbox"/> Permit Application (including closure plan) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Closure Plan (only) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCD Conditions (see attachment)	
OCD Representative Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>	Approval Date: <u>JUN 02 2009</u>
Title: <u>ENV. Spec</u>	OCD Permit Number: _____

21. 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: _____

22. Closure Method: <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Excavation and Removal <input type="checkbox"/> On-Site Closure Method <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Closure Method <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Removal (Closed-loop systems only) <input type="checkbox"/> If different from approved plan, please explain.	
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23. 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 two facilities were 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

24. Closure Report Attachment Checklist: *Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure report. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.*

<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Closure Notice (surface owner and division)
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Deed Notice (required for on-site closure)
<input type="checkbox"/> Plot Plan (for on-site closures and temporary pits)
<input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation Sampling Analytical Results (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/> Waste Material Sampling Analytical Results (required for on-site closure)
<input type="checkbox"/> Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number
<input type="checkbox"/> Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation
<input type="checkbox"/> Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique
<input type="checkbox"/> Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation)

On-site Closure Location: Latitude _____ Longitude _____ NAD: ☐ 1927 ☐ 1983

25. 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): _____	Title: _____
Signature: _____	Date: _____
e-mail address: _____	Telephone: _____

New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Bill Richardson
Governor

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Cabinet Secretary
Reese Fullerton
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

Mark Fesmire
Division Director
Oil Conservation Division



Conditions of approval for closure of a drilling or work over pit

Notify OCD District 2 office 48 hours prior to commencement of closure activities.

Notify OCD District 2 office 48 hours prior to obtaining samples where analyses of samples obtained are to be submitted to OCD.

Sampling requirements are listed in 19.15.17.13 [NMAC] (Pit Rule)

Final closure report is to be submitted to OCD not later than 60 days after completion of closure.

Surface restoration per OCD/BLM requirements.



XOG OPERATING, LLC
CATCLAW 18-1
API #30-015-34574
Unit P, Section 18, 21S, 26E
Eddy County, NM

PIT CLOSURE PROCEDURE

Pit was de-watered after drilling and allowed to dry through natural evaporation.

OCD will be notified 24 hours before work begins. All waste will be dug out and hauled to CRI disposal facility (Permit #6). Samples will be taken after pit and waste have been removed to verify that soil standards have been met.

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