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

## State of New Mexico Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis Dr.

Form C-144 Revised June 6, 2013

For temporary pits, below-grade tanks, and multi-well fluid management pits, submit to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.

For permanent pits submit to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office and provide a copy to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.

Santa Fe, NM 87505 **RECEIVED** Pit, Below-Grade Tank, or By kcollins at 1:31 pm, Dec 17, 2015 14472 Proposed Alternative Method Permit or Closure Plan Application Type of action: Below grade tank registration Permit of a pit or proposed alternative method Closure of a pit, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method Modification to an existing permit/or registration Closure plan only submitted for an existing permitted or non-permitted pit, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method Instructions: Please submit one application (Form C-144) per individual pit, 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. OGRID # 14538 Operator: Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company, LP P.O. Box 4289, Farmington, New Mexico 87499 Facility or well name: Galt A 1R API Number: 30-045-30499 OCD Permit Number: U/L or Qtr/Qtr G Section 6 Township 27N Range 10W County: San Juan Center of Proposed Design: Latitude <u>36.606518</u> °N Longitude <u>-107.934436 °W</u> NAD: 1927 ☐ 1983 🛛 Surface Owner: ☑ Federal ☐ State ☐ Private ☐ Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment No Attached Design & Pit: Subsection F, G or J of 19.15.17.11 NMAC NOTAPPROVED Construction Plan, Please Temporary: Drilling Workover Review, and resubmit. ☐ Permanent ☐ Emergency ☐ Cavitation ☐ P&A ☐ Multi-Well Fluid Management Low Chloride Drilling Fluid yes no ☐ Lined ☐ Unlined Liner type: Thickness mil ☐ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other ☐ String-Reinforced Liner Seams: Welded Factory Other Volume: bbl Dimensions: L x W x D ■ Below-grade tank: Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC Volume: Max 120 bbl Type of fluid: Produced Water Tank Construction material: Metal Secondary containment with leak detection \( \subseteq \text{Visible sidewalls, liner, 6-inch lift and automatic overflow shut-off} \) ✓ Visible sidewalls and liner ☐ Visible sidewalls only ☐ Other mil HDPE PVC Other Unspecified Alternative Method: Submittal of an exception request is required. Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval. 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 4' hog wire fence with a single strand of barbed wire on top

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)	
7.  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 19.15.16.8 NMAC	
Natiances 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:  □ Variance(s): Requests must be submitted to the appropriate division district for consideration of approval.  □ Exception(s): Requests must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.	
9. 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 accematerial are provided below. Siting criteria does not apply to drying pads or above-grade tanks.	eptable source
General siting	
Ground water is less than 25 feet below the bottom of a low chloride temporary pit or below-grade tank.  - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	☐ Yes ⊠ No ☐ NA
Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of a Temporary pit, permanent pit, or Multi-Well Fluid Management pit.  NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	Yes 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. (Does not apply to below grade tanks)  - Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within the area overlying a subsurface mine. (Does not apply to below grade tanks)  - Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division	☐ Yes ☐ No
<ul> <li>Within an unstable area. (Does not apply to below grade tanks)</li> <li>Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology &amp; Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map</li> </ul>	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within a 100-year floodplain. (Does not apply to below grade tanks) - FEMA map	Yes No
Below Grade Tanks	
Within 100 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, significant watercourse, lake bed, sinkhole, wetland or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).  - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☑ No
Within 200 horizontal feet of a spring or a fresh water well used for public or livestock consumption;.  - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☒ No
Temporary Pit using Low Chloride Drilling Fluid (maximum chloride content 15,000 mg/liter)	
Within 100 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or any other significant watercourse or within 200 feet of any lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark). (Applies to low chloride temporary pits.)  - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 300 feet from a occupied permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.	☐ Yes ☐ No
- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image	
Within 200 horizontal feet of a spring or a private, domestic fresh water well used by less than five households for domestic or stock watering purposes, or 300feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in existence at the time of the initial application.  NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No

Within 100 feet of a wetland.  - US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No
Temporary Pit Non-low chloride drilling fluid	
Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or any other significant watercourse, or within 200 feet of any lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).  - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ 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	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 500 horizontal feet of a spring or a private, domestic fresh water well used by less than five households for domestic or stock watering purposes, or 1000 feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in the existence at the time of the initial application; - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 300 feet of a wetland.  - US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No
Permanent Pit or Multi-Well Fluid Management Pit	
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	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 1000 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	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 500 horizontal feet of a spring or a fresh water well used for domestic or stock watering purposes, in existence at the time of initial application.  - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 500 feet of a wetland.  - US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No
10. Temporary Pits, Emergency Pits, and Below-grade Tanks Permit Application Attachment Checklist: Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 N	MAC
Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the docattached.	
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 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. and 19.15.17.13 NMAC	
Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: or Permit Number:	
Multi-Well Fluid Management Pit 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 doc 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  A List of wells with approved application for permit to drill associated with the pit.  Closure Plan (Please complete Boxes 14 through 18, if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19. and 19.15.17.13 NMAC  Hydrogeologic Data - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (4) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC  Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC	15.17.9 NMAC
Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: or Permit Number:	

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	
<ul> <li>□ Certified Engineering Design Plans - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC</li> <li>□ Dike Protection and Structural Integrity Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC</li> <li>□ Leak Detection Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC</li> <li>□ Liner Specifications and Compatibility Assessment - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC</li> <li>□ Quality Control/Quality Assurance Construction and Installation Plan</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>□ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC</li> <li>□ Freeboard and Overtopping Prevention Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC</li> <li>□ Nuisance or Hazardous Odors, including H₂S, Prevention Plan</li> <li>□ Emergency Response Plan</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>□ Oil Field Waste Stream Characterization</li> <li>□ Monitoring and Inspection Plan</li> <li>□ Erosion Control Plan</li> </ul>	
Closure Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC	E
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 Multi-well F Alternative	luid Management Pit
Proposed Closure Method: Waste Excavation and Removal Waste Removal (Closed-loop systems only)	
<ul> <li>☐ On-site Closure Method (Only for temporary pits and closed-loop systems)</li> <li>☐ In-place Burial ☐ On-site Trench Burial</li> <li>☐ Alternative Closure Method</li> </ul>	
Waste Excavation and Removal Closure Plan Checklist: (19.15.17.13 NMAC) Instructions: Each of the following items must be 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 C 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 H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC	
15. 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 sour provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria require justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency. I 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance.	
Ground water is less than 25 feet below the bottom of the buried waste.  - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
Ground water is between 25-50 feet below the bottom of the buried waste - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ 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	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
Within 100 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse, lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).  - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ 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	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 300 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring used for domestic or stock watering purposes, in existence at the time of initial application.  - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No
Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 300 feet of a wetland. US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ 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	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within the area overlying a subsurface mine.  - Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within an unstable area.  - Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map	□ Vaa□ Na
Within a 100-year floodplain FEMA map	☐ Yes         No           ☐ Yes         No
16.  On-Site Closure Plan Checklist: (19.15.17.13 NMAC) Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure plan 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 E of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  Construction/Design Plan of Burial Trench (if applicable) based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection K of 19.15.17.  Construction/Design Plan of Temporary Pit (for in-place burial of a drying pad) - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.  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 19.15.17.13 NMAC  Waste Material Sampling Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements 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 cann 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 H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC	an. Please indicate,  11 NMAC  15.17.11 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 beling the certify that the information submitted with this application is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and beling the certification.  Name (Print): Kelly G. Roberts  Title: Staff Regulatory Technician  Date: 126/15  e-mail address: Kelly.Roberts@conocophillip.com  Telephone: 505-326-9775	ef.
OCD Approval: Permit Application (including closure plan) Closure Plan (only) OCD Conditions (see attachment)  OCD Representative Signature NOT APPROVED  Title: OCD Permit Number:	5-2016
19. Closure Report (required within 60 days of closure completion): 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 is required to be submitted to the division within 60 days of the completion of the closure activities. Please do not section of the form until an approved closure plan has been obtained and the closure activities have been completed.  Closure Completion Date:	
20.  Closure Method:  Waste Excavation and Removal On-Site Closure Method Alternative Closure Method Waste Removal (Closed-lo If different from approved plan, please explain.	op systems only)
21.  Closure Report Attachment Checklist: Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure report. Please incommark in the box, that the documents are attached.  Proof of Closure Notice (surface owner and division)  Proof of Deed Notice (required for on-site closure for private land only)  Plot Plan (for on-site closures and temporary pits)	dicate, by a check

Operator Closure Certification:	
I hereby certify that the information and attachments submitted with this closure report belief. I also certify that the closure complies with all applicable closure requirements	
Name (Print):	Title:
Signature:	Date:
e-mail address:	Telephone:

#### Galt A 1R (BELOW GRADE TANK)

Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company, LP requests a variance for the items listed below. The requested variance, per 19.15.17.15.A, provides equal or better protection of fresh water, public health & the environment.

#### 1. Fencing

Fencing as described in Section 5 under Alternate, BR will construct all new fences around the below
grade tank utilizing 48" steel mesh field-fence (hog-wire) on the bottom with a single strand of
barbed wire on top. T-posts shall be installed every 12 feet and corners shall be anchored utilizing a
secondary T-post. Below grade tanks will be fenced at all times, regardless of location.

#### 2. Geo-membrane Liner

- The geo-membrane liner consists of a 45-mil flexible LLDPE material manufactured by Raven Industries as J45BB. This product is a four layer reinforced laminated containing no adhesives. The outer layers consist of a high strength polyethylene film manufactured using virgin grade resins and stabilizers for UV resistance in exposed applications. The J45BB is reinforced with 1300 denier (minimum) tri-directional scrim reinforcement. It exceeds ASTMD3083 standard by 10%. J45BB has a warranty for 20 years from Raven Industries and is attached. It is typically used in Brine Pond, Oilfield Pit liner and other industrial applications. The manufacture specific sheet is attached and the design attached displays the proper installation of the liner.
- 3. BR will notify Public Entity Surface Owners by email in lieu of certified mail. Private Entity Surface Owners will still be notified via certified mail.

### DATA SHEET FOR DEEP GROUND BED CATHODIC. PROTECTION WELLS NORTHWESTERN NEW MEXICO

Operator Meridian Oil INC. Location: Unit K Sec. 07 Two 27 Rag 10
Name of Well/Wells or Pipeline Serviced
Rowley #500
Elevation Completion Date Total Depth Land Type F
Casing Strings, Sizes, Types & Depths Set 60018" PVC CASING.
If Casing Strings are cemented, show amounts & types used CemenTed
WITH 16 SACKS.
If Cement or Bentonite Plugs have been placed, show depths & amounts used
Ves Installed 54' cement plug
Depths & thickness of water zones with description of water: Fresh, Clear,
Salty, Sulphur, Etc. Hit Fresh WHIET AT 15, During CASING. WATER AT 100'
CAUGHT SAMPLE
Depths gas encountered: No
Ground bed depth with type & amount of coke breeze used: 392 with
5500 lbs of Asbury ZIER Flo Cone
Depths anodes placed: 372, 360,340, 329, 320, 310, 223, 214, 206, 197, 188, 178, 168, 158, 148
Vent pipe perforations: batter 300' DEGE 100
18 1 1994 IAM 31 1994
CIL CON. DIV
DIST: 3

If any of the above data is unavailable, please indicate so. Copies of all logs, including Drillers Log, Water Analyses & Well Bore Schematics should be submitted when available. Unplugged abandoned wells are to be included.

Land Type may be shown: F-Federal; I-Indian; S-State; P-Fee. If Federal or Indian, add Lease Number.

ConocoPhillips well. Cathodic well has GW @ 100'. Therefore the GW for Galt A 1R is 78'. elevation than the cathodic Galt A 1R is 22' less in COP Cathodic iWater DSM TOPO Map - Galt A 1R, Sec. 6, T27N, R10W pynight:© 2013 National Geographic Soo Galt A 1R Subject Well Elev: 5813' GW @ 78' Cathodic Well Elev: 5835' GW @ 100' Rowley 500

Aerial Map - Galt A 1R, Sec. 6, T27N, R10W

Galt A 1R Subject Well Elev: 5813' GW @ 78' Rowley 500 Cathodic Well Elev: 5835' GW @ 100'

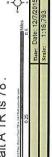
DSM

iWater

COP Cathodic

# ConocoPhillips

elevation than the cathodic well. Cathodic well has GW @ 100'. Therefore the GW for Galt A 1R is 78'. Galt A 1R is 22' less in



#### Below Grade Tank (BGT) Siting Criteria and Compliance Demonstrations

Well Name: Galt A 1R

Depth to groundwater (should not be less than 25 feet):
 The nearest recorded well with available water-depth information is the Rowley 500 with groundwater @ 100' as indicated in the Cathodic Data Sheet attached. The subject well is 22' less in elevation making depth to groundwater at 78'.

2. <u>Distance to watercourse (should not be within 100 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, other significant watercourse, lakebed, sinkhole, wetland or playa lake [measured from the ordinary high-water mark]):</u>

Aerial map attached indicates that there are **no** lakebeds, sinkholes, playa lakes, or watercourses within 100 feet of the proposed Below Grade Tank.

3. <u>Distance to springs or wells (should not be within 200 feet of a spring or a fresh water well used for public or livestock consumption):</u>

Aerial map attached indicates that the Below Grade Tank will **not** be within 200 feet of any recorded well or spring.

#### Hydrogeological Report for Galt A 1R

#### Regional Geological context:

The Nacimiento Formation is of Paleocene age (Baltz, 1967, p. 35). It crops out in a broad band inside the southern and western margins of the central basin and in a narrow band along the west face of the Nacimiento Uplift. The Nacimiento is a nonresistant unit and typically erodes to low, rounded hills or forms badland topography.

The Nacimiento Formation occurs in approximately only the southern two-thirds of the San Juan Basin where it conformably overlies and intertongues with the Ojo Alamo Sandstone (Fassett, 1974, p. 229). The Nacimiento Formation grades laterally into the main part of the Animas Formation (Fassett and Hinds, 1971, p. 34); thus, in this area, the two formations occupy the same stratigraphic interval.

Strata of the Nacimiento Formation were deposited in lakebeds in the central basin area with lesser deposition in stream channels (Brimhall, 1973, p. 201). In general, the Nacimiento consists of drab, interbedded black and gray shale with discontinuous, white, medium- to very coarse grained arkosic sandstone (Stone e al., 1983, p.30). Stone et al. indicated that the formation may contain more sandstone than commonly reported because some investigators assume the slope-forming strata in the unit area shales, whereas in many places the strata actually are poorly consolidated sandstones. Total thickness of the Nacimiento Formation ranges from about 500 to 1,300 feet. The unit generally thickens from the basin margins toward the basin center (Steven et al., 1974). The sandstone deposits within the Nacimiento Formation are much thinner than the total thickness of the formation because their environment of deposition was localized stream channels (Brimhall, 1973, p. 201). The thickness of the combined San Jose, Animas, and Nacimiento Formations ranges from 500 to more than 3.500 feet.

#### **Hydraulic Properties:**

Reported well yields for 53 wells completed in either the Animas or Nacimiento Formations range from 2 to 90 gallons per minute and the median yield is 7.5 gallons per minute. The primary use of water from Nacimiento and Animas Formations is domestic and livestock supplies. There are no known aquifer tests for the Animas or Nacimiento Formations, but specific capacities reported for six wells range from 0.24 to 2.30 gallons per minute per foot of drawdown (Levings et al., 1990).

The Animas and Nacimiento Formations are in many ways hydrologically similar to the San Jose Formation because sands in both units produce approximately the same quantities of water. However, the greater percentage of fine materials in the Animas and Nacimiento Formations may restrict downward vertical leakage to the Ojo Alamo Sandstone or Kirtland Shale. The poorly cemented fine material is highly erodible, forms a badland terrain, and supports only spotty vegetation. These conditions are more conductive to runoff than retention of precipitation.

#### References:

Baltz, E.H., 1967, Stratigraphy and regional tectonic implications of part of Upper Cretaceous rocks, east-central San Juan Basin, New Mexico: USGS Professional Paper 552, 101 p.

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Fassett, J.E., 1974, Cretaceous and Tertiary rocks of the eastern San Juan Basin, New Mexico and Colorado, in Guidebook of Ghost Ranch, central-northern New Mexico: New Mexico Geological Society, 25th Field Conference, p. 225-230.

Fassett, J.E., and Hinds, J.S., 1971, Geology and fuel resources of the Fruitland Formation and Kirtland Shale of the San Juan Basin, New Mexico and Colorado: USGS Professional Paper 676, 76 p.

Levings, G.W., Craigg, S.d., Dam, W.L., Kernodle, J.M., and Thorn, C.R., 1990, Hydrogeology of the San Jose, Nacimiento, and Animas Formations in the San Juan structural basin, New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, and Utah: USGS Hydrologic Investigations Atlas HA-720-A, 2 sheets.

Stone, W.J., Lyford, F.P., Frenzel, P.F., Mizell, N.H., and Padgett, E.T., 1983, Hydrogeology and water resources of San Juan Basin, New Mexico: New Mexico Bureau of Mines and Mineral Resources, Hydrologic Report 6.

#### Burlington Resources Oil Gas Company, LP San Juan Basin Below Grade Tank Maintenance and Operating Plan

In accordance with Rule 19.15.17 the following information describes the operation and maintenance of Below Grade Tank (BGT) on Burlington Resources Oil Gas Company, LP (BR) locations. This is BR's standard procedure for all BGT. A separate plan will be submitted for any BGT which does not conform to this plan.

#### General Plan:

- BR will operate and maintain a BGT to contain liquids and solids and maintain
  the integrity of the liner, liner system and secondary containment system to
  prevent contamination of fresh water and protect public health and environment.
  BR will perform an inspection on a monthly basis, installing cathodic protection,
  and automatic overflow shutoff devices as seen on the design plan.
- 2. BR will not discharge into or store any hazardous waste in the BGT.
- 3. BR shall operate and install the below-grade tank to prevent the collection of surface water run-on. BR has built in shut off devices that do not allow a belowgrade tank to overflow. BR constructs berms and corrugated retaining walls at least 6" above ground to keep from surface water run-on from entering the below grade tank as shown on the design plan.
- 4. As per 19.17.15.12 Subsection D, Paragraph 3, BR will inspect the below-grade tank for leakage and damage at least monthly. The operator will document the integrity of each tank at least annually and maintain a written record for five years. Inspections may include 1) confainment berms adequate and no oil present, 2) tanks had no visible leaks or sign of corrosion, 3) tank valves, flanges, and hatches had no visible leaks and 4) no evidence of significant spillage of produced liquids. BR shall remove any visible or measurable layer of oil from the fluid surface of a below-grade tank in an effort to prevent significant accumulation of oil overtime.
- BR shall require and maintain a 10" adequate freeboard to prevent overtopping of the below-grade tank.

If the below grade tank develops a leak, or if any penetration of the pit liner or below grade tank, occurs below the liquid's surface, then BR will remove all liquid above the damage or leak line within 48 hours of discovery, notify the appropriate division office pursuant to 19.15.29 NMAC and repair the damage or replace the pit liner or below-grade tank as applicable. BR will repair or replace the pit liner or below grade tank. If the below grade tank or pit liner does not demonstrate integrity, BR will promptly remove and install a below grade tank or pit liner that complies with Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC

A Major Release shall be reported by giving both immediate verbal notice and timely written notice by filing form C-141 within 15 days pursuant to Subsection C, Paragraphs (1) and (2) of 19.15.3.116 NMAC. A Major Release is:

- (a) an unauthorized release of a volume, excluding natural gases, in excess of 25 barrels;
- (b) an unauthorized release of any volume which:
  - (i) results in a fire;

(ii) will reach a water course;

- (iii) may with reasonable probability endanger public health; or
- (iv) results in substantial damage to property or the environment;

(c) an unauthorized release of natural gases in excess of 500 mcf; or

- (d) a release of any volume which may with reasonable probability be defrimental to water or cause an exceedance of the standards in Section 19, Subsection B, Paragraphs (1) and (2) or (3) of 19.15.1 NMAC.
- A Minor Release shall be reported by giving timely written notice by the filing of form C-141 within 15 days pursuant to Subsection C, Paragraph (2) of 19.15.3.116 NMAC. A Minor Release is an unauthorized release of a volume, greater than 5 barrels but not more than 25 barrels; or greater than 50 mcf but less than 500 mcf of natural gases.

#### Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company San Juan Basin: New Mexico Assets Production BGT Closure Plan

In accordance with Rule 19.15.17.13 NMAC, the following plan describes the general closure requirements of below-Grade Tanks (BGT) on Burlington Resources. Oil & Gas Company, LP locations in the San Juan Basin of New Mexico. This is BR's standard closure procedure for all BGTs regulated under Rule 19.15.17 NMAC and operated by BR. For those closures which do not conform to this standard closure plan, a separate BGT specific closure plan will be developed and utilized.

#### Closure Conditions and Timing for BGT:

Within 60 days of cessation of operation BR will:

Remove all liquids and sludge and dispose in a division approved manner.

Within 72 Hrs or 1 week prior to closure BR will:

 Give notice to surface owners by certified mail. For public entities by email as specified on the variance page.

o Give notice to Division District Office verbally and in writing/emaîl.

Within 6 months of cessation of operation BR will:

- Remove BGT and dispose, recycle, reuse, or reclaim in a division approved manner.
- Remove unused onsite equipment associated with the BGT.

Within 60 days of closure BR will:

o Send the Division District Office a Closure Report per 19.15.17.13.F (1).

General Plan Requirements:

- Prior to initiating any BGT closure, except in the case of an emergency, BR will notify the surface owner of the intent to close the BGT by certified mail no later than 72 hours or one week before closure and a copy of this notification will be included in the closure report. In the case of an emergency, the surface owner will be notified as soon as practical.
- Notice of closure will be given to the Division District office between 72 hours and one week
  of the scheduled closure via email or phone. The notification of closure will include the
  following:

a. Operators Name

b. Well Name and API Number

c. Location

- All liquids will be removed from the BGT following cessation of operation. Produced water will be disposed of at one of COP's approved Salt Water Disposal facilities or at a Division District Office approved facility.
- 4. Solids and sludge's will be shoveled and/or vacuumed out for disposal at one of the Division District Office approved facilities, depending on the proximity of the BGT site: Envirotech Land Farm (Permit #NM-01-011), Industrial Ecosystems Inc. JFJ Land Farm (Permit #NM-01-0010B), and Basin Disposal (Permit #NM-01-005).
- 5. BR will obtain prior approval from the Division District Office to dispose, recycle, reuse, or reclaim the BGT and provide documentation of the disposition of the BGT in the closure report. Steel materials will be recycled or reused as approved by the Division District Office. Fiberglass tanks will be empty, cut up or shredded, and EPA cleaned for disposal as solid waste. Liner materials will be cleaned without soils or contaminated material for disposal as solid waste. Fiberglass tanks and liner materials will meet the conditions of 19.15.35 NMAC.

Disposal will be at a licensed disposal facility, presently San Juan County Landfill operated by Waste Management under NMED Permit SVVM-052426.

- 6. Any equipment associated with the BGT that is no longer required for some other purpose, following the closure, will be removed.
- 7. Following removal of the tank and any liner material, BR will test the soils beneath the BGT as follows:
  - At a minimum, a five-point composite sample will be taken to include any obvious stained or wet soils or any other evidence of contamination.
  - The laboratory sample shall be analyzed for the constituents listed in Table I of 19.15.17.13.

	•	Table I		
Closure Criteria for Soils Beneath Below-Grade Tanks, Drying Pads Associated with Closed-Loop				
Depth below bottom of pit to	stems and Pits i Constituent	where Confents are Removed  Method*	Limit**	
groundwater less than 10,000	No. Sec.			
	Chloride	EPA 300.0	600 mg/kg	
≤50 feet	TPH	EPA SW-846 Method 418.1	100 mg/kg	
	BTEX	EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8260B	50 mg/kg	
	Benzene	EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8015M	10 mg/kg	
	Chloride	EPA 300.0	10,000 mg/kg	
51 feet-100 feet	rph -	EPA SW-846 Method 418.1	2,500 mg/kg	
	3RO+DRO	EPA SVV-846 Method 8015M	1,000 mg/kg	
Ē	BTEX	EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8260B	50 mg/kg	
Ē	Benzene E	EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8015M	10 mg/kg	
C	hloride E	PA 300.0	20,000 mg/kg	
> 100 feet T	PH E	PA SW-846 Method 418:1	2,500 mg/kg	
G	RO+DRO E	PA SW-846 Method 8015M	1,000 mg/kg	
B'	TEX E	PA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8260B	50 mg/kg	
Be	enzene E	PA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8015M	10 mg/kg	

<sup>\*</sup>Or other test methods approved by the division

<sup>\*\*</sup>Numerical limits or natural background level, whichever is greater (19.15.17.13 NMAC-Ro, 19.15.17.13 NMAC 3/28/2013)

- 8. If the Division District Office and/or BR determine there is a release, BR will comply with 19.15.17.13.C.3b.
- 9. Upon completion of the tank removal, pursuant to 19.15.17.13.C.3c, if all contaminant concentrations are less than or equal to the parameters listed in Table I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC, the excavation will be backfilled with non-waste containing earthen material compacted and covered with a minimum of one foot top soil, or background thickness of top soil, whichever is greater. The surface will then be re-contoured to match the native grade, prevent ponding of water, and prevent erosion of cover material.
- 10. For those portions of the former BGT area no longer required for production activities, BR will seed the disturbed area in the first favorable growing season following the closure of the BGT. Seeding will be accomplished via drilling on the contour whenever practical, or by other Division District Office approved methods. BR will notify the Division District Office when reclamation and re-vegetation is complete.

Reclamation of the BGT shall be considered complete when:

- Established vegetative cover reflects a life form ratio of +/- 50% of pre disturbance levels.
- Total plant cover is at least 70% of pre-disturbance levels (Excluding noxious weeds)
- Pursuant to 19.15.17.13.H.5d BR will comply with obligations imposed by other
  applicable federal or tribal agencies in which there re-vegetation and reclamation
  requirements provide equal or better protection of fresh water, human health and the
  environment.
- 11. For those portions of the former BGT area required for production activities, reseeding will be done at well abandonment, and following the procedure noted above.

Closure Report:

All closure activities will include proper documentation and will be submitted to OCD within 60 days of the BGT closure on a Closure Report using Division District Office Form C-144. The Report will include the following:

- Proof of Closure Notice (surface owner and Division District Office)
- Backfilling & cover installation
- Confirmation Sampling Analytical Results
- Application Rate & Seeding techniques
- Photo Documentation of Reclamation