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District II  
811 S. First St., Artesia, NM 88210  
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1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410  
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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.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

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.

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

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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

45-25641

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*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.

1.

Operator: Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company, LP OGRID # 14538

Address: P.O. Box 4289, Farmington, New Mexico 87499

Facility or well name: State 16 3

API Number: 30-045-25641 OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

U/L or Qtr/Qtr M Section 16 Township 28N Range 9W County: San Juan

Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 36.657052 °N Longitude -107.799893 °W NAD: 1927 ☐ 1983 ☒

Surface Owner: ☐ Federal ☒ State ☐ Private ☐ Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

2.

☐ **Pit:** Subsection F, G or J of 19.15.17.11 NMAC

Temporary: ☐ Drilling ☐ Workover

☐ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

3.

☒ **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 ☒ Visible sidewalls, liner, 6-inch lift and automatic overflow shut-off

☐ Visible sidewalls and liner ☐ Visible sidewalls only ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Liner type: Thickness 45 mil ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☒ Other LLDPE

4.

☐ **Alternative Method:**

Submittal of an exception request is required. Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

5.

**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

clw

6.  
**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

8.  
**Variances 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 acceptable source material are provided below. Siting criteria does not apply to drying pads or above-grade tanks.*

### 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  
☐ NA

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

Within an unstable area. (Does not apply to below grade tanks)

- Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map

☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within a 100-year floodplain. (Does not apply to below grade tanks)

- FEMA map

### 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.

- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image

☐ Yes ☐ No

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



<p>Within 100 feet of a wetland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p><b><u>Temporary Pit Non-low chloride drilling fluid</u></b></p>	
<p>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).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>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;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Within 300 feet of a wetland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p><b><u>Permanent Pit or Multi-Well Fluid Management Pit</u></b></p>	
<p>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).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Within 1000 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Within 500 feet of a wetland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

10.

**Temporary Pits, Emergency Pits, and Below-grade Tanks 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.*

☒ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

11.

**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 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  
☐ 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 19.15.17.9 NMAC 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

☐ Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design)    API Number: \_\_\_\_\_ or Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_



12.

**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 H<sub>2</sub>S, 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

13.

**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 Fluid Management Pit  
☐ 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

14.

**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 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  
☐ Site Reclamation 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 source material are provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria require justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance.*

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| Ground water is less than 25 feet below the bottom of the buried waste.<br>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> NA |
| Ground water is between 25-50 feet below the bottom of the buried waste<br>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> NA |
| Ground water is more than 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste.<br>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> 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).<br>- 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.<br>- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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.<br>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within 300 feet of a wetland.<br>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 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 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

16. **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.*

<input type="checkbox"/> Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Surface Owner Notice - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection E of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Design Plan of Burial Trench (if applicable) based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection K of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
<input type="checkbox"/> 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
<input type="checkbox"/> Protocols and Procedures - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
<input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation Sampling Plan (if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
<input type="checkbox"/> Waste Material Sampling Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
<input type="checkbox"/> Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number (for liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings or in case on-site closure standards cannot be achieved)
<input type="checkbox"/> Soil Cover Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
<input type="checkbox"/> Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
<input type="checkbox"/> Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

17. **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): Larissa Farrell \_\_\_\_\_ Title: Regulatory Technician

Signature: *Larissa Farrell* Date: 12/9/15

e-mail address: Larissa.L.Farrell@conocophillip.com Telephone: 505-326-9504

18. **OCD Approval:** ☒ Permit Application (including closure plan) ☐ Closure Plan (only) ☐ OCD Conditions (see attachment)

OCD Representative Signature: *[Signature]* Approval Date: 10/19/16

Title: Environmental Specialist OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

20. **Closure Method:**

☐ Waste Excavation and Removal ☐ On-Site Closure Method ☐ Alternative Closure Method ☐ Waste Removal (Closed-loop systems only)

☐ If different from approved plan, please explain.

21. **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 for private land only)
<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

22.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

### State 16 3 (BELOW GRADE TANK)

Burlington Resources 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 ASTM D3083 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.



**TIERRA CORROSION CONTROL, INC.**  
**DRILLING LOG**

COMPANY: Conoco Phillips  
LOCATION: Sanchez A Com #2S  
STATE: NM  
BIT SIZE: 7 7/8"  
LBS COKE BACKFILL: 2,600#  
ANODE TYPE: 2" X 60" Duriron

DATE: September 15, 2008  
LEGALS: Sec16 T28N R9W  
DRILLER: Gilbert Peck  
CASING SIZE/TYPE: 8" X 20' PVC  
VENT PIPE: 300'  
ANODE AMOUNT: 10

COUNTY: San Juan  
DEPTH: 300'  
COKE TYPE: Asbury  
PERF PIPE: 140'  
BOULDER DRILLING: None

DEPTH	DRILLER'S LOG	AMPS	DEPTH	DRILLER'S LOG	AMPS
20	Sandstone		310		
25			315		
30		.2	320		
35		.3	325		
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45		.6	335		
50		.5	340		
55		.5	345		
60		1.6	350		
65		1.3	355		
70		1.0	360		
75		1.0	365		
80		1.0	370		
85		.7	375		
90		.4	380		
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100		.4	390		
105		.8	395		
110		1.2	400		
115		.8	405		
120		.6	410		
125		.5	415		
130		.4	420		
135		.7	425		
140		1.4	430		
145		1.1	435		
150		.6	440		
155		.6	445		
160	Shale	1.2	450		
165		1.5	455		
170		1.5	460		
175		2.1	465		
180		2.4	470		
185		2.4	475		
190		2.1	480		
195		1.9	485		
200		1.1	490		
205		1.5	495		
210		1.1	500		
215		1.0			
220	Sandstone	.9			
225		.5			
230		.5			
235		.5			
240		1.3			
245		1.0			
250		.7			
255		.6			
260		1.0			
265		1.5			
270	Shale	1.5			
275		1.5			
280		2.0			
285		2.4			
290					
295					
300					
305					

ANODE #	DEPTH	NO COKE	COKE
1	285	2.4	5.2
2	275	2.2	6.1
3	265	1.5	5.9
4	255	1.5	5.4
5	245	1.0	4.7
6	235	.6	3.7
7	225	1.2	3.9
8	215	1.3	3.6
9	205	.5	3.0
10	195	1.1	2.8
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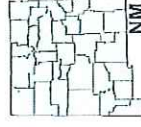
WATER DEPTH: None  
ISOLATION PLUGS: None  
LOGGING VOLTS: 12.15  
VOLT SOURCE: AUTO BATTERY  
TOTAL AMPS: 10.5  
TOTAL GB RESISTANCE: 1.15  
REMARKS:







# Aerial Map - State 16 3 Sec.16, T28N, R9W



**ConocoPhillips**

State 16 3 is 3' lower in elevation than the Cathodic Well. Cathodic Well has GW @ 300'. Therefore the GW for the State 16 3 is 297'.

Author: [Name]  
Threat: Date: 12/3/2015  
Scale: 1:5,893



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

Well Name: State 16 3

1. Depth to groundwater (should not be less than 25 feet):

The nearest recorded well with available water-depth information is the **Sanchez A Com 2S** with groundwater @ 300' as indicated in the **Cathodic Data Sheet** attached. The subject well is 3' lower in elevation making depth to groundwater at 297'.

2. 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]):

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

3. 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):

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

## ***Hydrogeological Report for State 16 3***

### **Regional Geological context:**

The Nacimient 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 Nacimient Uplift. The Nacimient is a nonresistant unit and typically erodes to low, rounded hills or forms badland topography.

The Nacimient 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 Nacimient 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 Nacimient Formation were deposited in lakebeds in the central basin area with lesser deposition in stream channels (Brimhall, 1973, p. 201). In general, the Nacimient consists of drab, interbedded black and gray shale with discontinuous, white, medium- to very coarse grained arkosic sandstone (Stone et 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 Nacimient 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 Nacimient 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 Nacimient Formations ranges from 500 to more than 3,500 feet.

### **Hydraulic Properties:**

**Reported well yields** for 53 wells completed in either the Animas or Nacimient 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 Nacimient and Animas Formations is domestic and livestock supplies. There are no known aquifer tests for the Animas or Nacimient 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 Nacimient 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 Nacimient 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 conducive to runoff than retention of precipitation.

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**Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company  
San Juan Basin  
Below Grade Tank Design and Construction**

In accordance with NMAC 19.15.17 the following information describes the design and construction of below grade tanks on Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company, hereinafter known as BROG, locations. This is BROG's standard procedure for all below grade tanks (BGT). A separate plan will be submitted for any BGT which does not conform to this plan.

**General Plan:**

1. BROG will design and construct a properly sized and approved BGT which will contain liquids and should prevent contamination of fresh water to protect the public health and environment.
2. BROG signage will comply with 19.15.17.11.C NMAC.
3. BROG 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.
  - a. If the below grade tank is located within 1000 feet of an occupied permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church, BROG will construct all new fences utilizing 72" chain link security fence with two strands of barbed wire on top. The operator shall ensure that all gates associated with the fence are closed and locked when responsible personnel are not onsite.
4. BROG will construct a screened, expanded metal covering, on the top of the BGT.
5. BROG will ensure that a below-grade tank is constructed of materials resistant to the below-grade tank's particular contents and resistant to damage from sunlight as shown on design drawing and specification sheet.
6. The BROG below-grade tank system will have a properly constructed foundation consisting of a level base free of rocks, debris, sharp edges or irregularities to prevent punctures, cracks or indentations of the liner or tank bottom as shown on design drawing.
7. BROG shall operate and install the below-grade tank to prevent the collection of surface water run-on. BROG has built in shut off devices that do not allow a below-grade tank to overflow. BROG constructs berms and corrugated retaining walls at least 6" above ground to keep from surface water run-on entering the below grade tank as shown on the design plan.
8. BROG will construct and use a below-grade tank that does not have double walls. The below-grade tank's side walls will be open for visual inspection for leaks, the below-grade tank's bottom is elevated a minimum of six inches above



the underlying ground surface and the below-grade tank is underlain with a geomembrane liner to divert leaked liquid to a location that can be visually inspected.

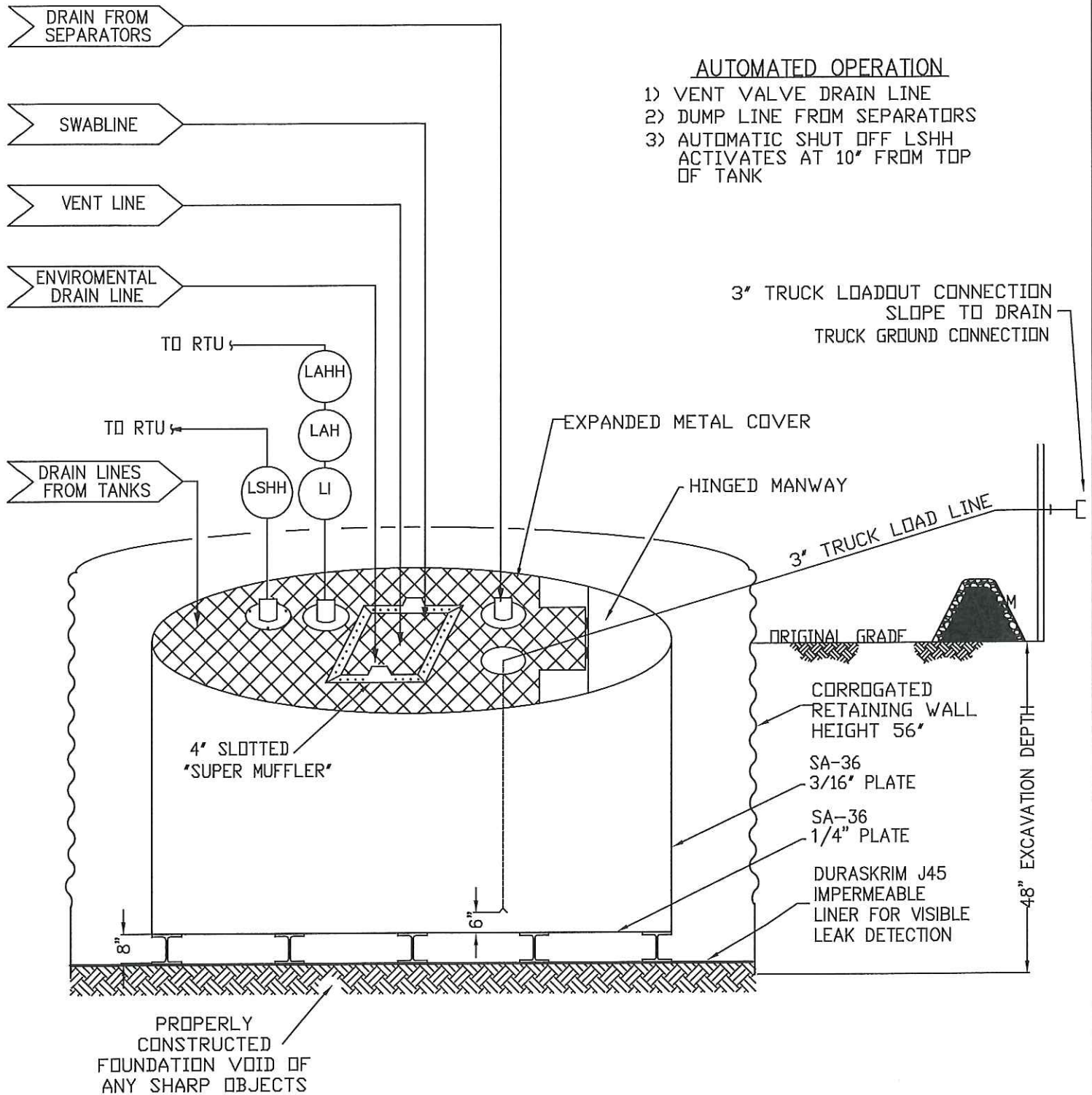
9. BROG has equipped the below-grade tanks with the ability to detect high level in the tank and provide alarm notification and shutdown process streams into the tank. Once high level is detected RTU logic closes the inlet separator sales valve and does not permit vent valve to open. This shutdown of the sales valve and gagging of the vent valves prevents any hydrocarbon process streams from entering the pit tank once a high level is detected. Furthermore, an electronic page is sent to the BROG MSO for that well site and to the designated contract "Water-Hauling" Company indicating a high level and that action must be taken to address this alarm. The environmental drain line from BROG'S compressor skid under normal operating conditions is in the open position. The environmental drain line is in place to capture any collected rain water or spilled lubricants from our compressor skids. The swab drain line is a manually operated drain and by normal operating procedures is in the closed position. The tank drain line is also a manually operated drain and during normal operations it is in the closed position.
10. The geomembrane 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 ASTM D3083 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.
11. The general specification for design and construction are attached in the BROG document.

## MANUAL OPERATION

- 1) PRODUCTION TANKS DRAINLINE
- 2) SWABLINE DRAIN LINE
- 3) ENVIROMENTAL DRAIN LINE FROM COMPRESSOR SKID

## AUTOMATED OPERATION

- 1) VENT VALVE DRAIN LINE
- 2) DUMP LINE FROM SEPARATORS
- 3) AUTOMATIC SHUT OFF LSHH ACTIVATES AT 10" FROM TOP OF TANK



**ConocoPhillips**

San Juan Business Unit

## PRODUCED WATER PIT TANK

OPEN TOP GRAVITY FLOW TANK  
INTERNALLY COATED WITH  
12-14 MILS AMERON AMERCOAT 385



# DURA-SKRIM®

# J30, J36 & J45

PROPERTIES	TEST METHOD	J30BB		J36BB		J45BB	
		Min. Roll Averages	Typical Roll Averages	Min. Roll Averages	Typical Roll Averages	Min. Roll Averages	Typical Roll Averages
Appearance		Black/Black		Black/Black		Black/Black	
Thickness	ASTM D 5199	27 mil	30 mil	32 mil	36 mil	40 mil	45 mil
Weight Lbs Per MSF (oz/yd <sup>2</sup> )	ASTM D 5261	126 lbs (18.14)	140 lbs (20.16)	151 lbs (21.74)	168 lbs (24.19)	189 lbs (27.21)	210 lbs (30.24)
Construction		**Extrusion laminated with encapsulated tri-directional scrim reinforcement					
Ply Adhesion	ASTM D 413	16 lbs	20 lbs	19 lbs	24 lbs	25 lbs	31 lbs
1" Tensile Strength	ASTM D 7003	88 lbf MD 63 lbf DD	110 lbf MD 79 lbf DD	90 lbf MD 70 lbf DD	113 lbf MD 87 lbf DD	110 lbf MD 84 lbf DD	138 lbf MD 105 lbf DD
1" Tensile Elongation @ Break % (Film Break)	ASTM D 7003	550 MD 550 DD	750 MD 750 DD	550 MD 550 DD	750 MD 750 DD	550 MD 550 DD	750 MD 750 DD
1" Tensile Elongation @ Peak % (Scrim Break)	ASTM D 7003	20 MD 20 DD	33 MD 33 DD	20 MD 20 DD	30 MD 31 DD	20 MD 20 DD	36 MD 36 DD
Tongue Tear Strength	ASTM D 5884	75 lbf MD 75 lbf DD	97 lbf MD 90 lbf DD	75 lbf MD 75 lbf DD	104 lbf MD 92 lbf DD	100 lbf MD 100 lbf DD	117 lbf MD 118 lbf DD
Grab Tensile	ASTM D 7004	180 lbf MD 180 lbf DD	218 lbf MD 210 lbf DD	180 lbf MD 180 lbf DD	222 lbf MD 223 lbf DD	220 lbf MD 220 lbf DD	257 lbf MD 258 lbf DD
Trapezoid Tear	ASTM D 4533	120 lbf MD 120 lbf DD	146 lbf MD 141 lbf DD	130 lbf MD 130 lbf DD	189 lbf MD 172 lbf DD	160 lbf MD 160 lbf DD	193 lbf MD 191 lbf DD
* Dimensional Stability	ASTM D 1204	<1	<0.5	<1	<0.5	<1	<0.5
Puncture Resistance	ASTM D 4833	50 lbf	64 lbf	65 lbf	83 lbf	80 lbf	99 lbf
Maximum Use Temperature		180° F	180° F	180° F	180° F	180° F	180° F
Minimum Use Temperature		-70° F	-70° F	-70° F	-70° F	-70° F	-70° F

MD = Machine Direction  
DD = Diagonal Directions

Note: Minimum Roll Averages are set to take into account product variability in addition to testing variability between laboratories.

\*Dimensional Stability Maximum Value

\*\*DURA-SKRIM J30BB, J36BB & J45BB are a four layer reinforced laminate 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. DURA-SKRIM J30BB, J36BB & J45BB are reinforced with a 1300 denier (minimum) tri-directional scrim reinforcement.

Note: RAVEN INDUSTRIES MAKES NO WARRANTIES AS TO THE FITNESS FOR A SPECIFIC USE OR MERCHANTABILITY OF PRODUCTS REFERRED TO, no guarantee of satisfactory results from reliance upon contained information or recommendations and disclaims all liability for resulting loss or damage.

## PLANT LOCATION

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**RAVEN INDUSTRIES INC.**  
**EXPOSED GEOMEMBRANE LIMITED WARRANTY**

Raven Industries Inc. warrants Dura-Skrim J30BB, J36BB, and J45BB to be free from manufacturing defects and to be able to withstand normal exposure to sunlight for a period of 20 years from the date of sale for normal use in approved applications in the U.S and Canada, excluding Hawaii. This warranty is effective for products sold and shipped from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008. These dates will be updated prior to December 31, 2008.

This Limited Warranty does not include damages or defects in the Raven geomembrane resulting from acts of God, casualty or catastrophe including but not limited to: earthquakes, floods, piercing hail, or tornadoes. The term "normal use" as used herein does not include, among other things improper handling during transportation, unloading, storage or installation, the exposure of Raven geomembranes to harmful chemicals, atypical atmospheric conditions, abuse of Raven geomembranes by machinery, equipment or people; improper site preparation or covering materials, excessive pressures or stresses from any source or improper application or installation. Raven geomembrane material warranty is intended for commercial use only and is not in effect for the consumer as defined in the Magnuson Moss Warranty or any similar federal, state, or local statutes. The parties expressly agree that the sale hereunder is for commercial or industrial use only.

Should defects or premature loss of use within the scope of the above Limited Warranty occur, Raven Industries Inc. will, at its option, repair or replace the Raven geomembrane on a pro-rata basis at the then current price in such manner as to charge the Purchaser/User only for that portion of the warranted life which has elapsed since purchase of the material. Raven Industries Inc. will have the right to inspect and determine the cause of any alleged defect in the Raven geomembrane and to take appropriate steps to repair or replace the Raven geomembrane if a defect exists which is covered under this warranty. This Limited Warranty extends only to Raven's geomembrane, and does not extend to the installation service of third parties nor does it extend to materials furnished or installed by others in connection with the intended use of the Raven geomembranes.

Any claim for any alleged breach of this warranty must be made in writing, by certified mail, to the General Manager of Engineered Films Division of Raven Industries Inc. within ten (10) days of becoming aware of the alleged defect. Should the required notice not be given, the defect and all warranties are waived by the Purchaser, and Purchaser shall not have any rights under this warranty. Raven Industries Inc. shall not be obligated to perform repairs or replacements under this warranty unless and until the area to be repaired or replaced is clean, dry, and unencumbered. This includes, but is not limited to, the area made available for repair and/or replacement of Raven geomembrane to be free from all water, dirt, sludge, residuals and liquids of any kind. If after inspection it is determined that there is no claim under this Limited Warranty, Purchaser shall reimburse Raven Industries Inc. for its costs associated with the site inspection.

In the event the exclusive remedy provided herein fails in its essential purpose, and in that event only, the Purchaser shall be entitled to a return of the purchase price for so much of the material as Raven Industries Inc. determines to have violated the warranty provided herein. Raven Industries Inc. shall not be liable for direct, indirect, special, consequential or incidental damages resulting from a breach of this warranty including, but not limited to, damages for loss of production, lost profits, personal injury or property damage. Raven Industries Inc. shall not be obligated to reimburse Purchaser for any repairs, replacement, modifications or alterations made by Purchaser unless Raven Industries Inc. specifically authorized, in writing, said repairs, replacements, modifications or alteration in advance of them having been made. Raven Industry's liability under this warranty shall in no event exceed the replacement cost of the material sold to the Purchaser for the particular installation in which it failed.

Raven Industries Inc. neither assumes nor authorizes any person other than the undersigned of Raven Industries Inc. to assume for it any other or additional liability in connection with the Raven geomembrane made on the basis of the Limited Warranty. The Limited Warranty on the Raven geomembrane herein is given in lieu of all other possible material warranties, either expressed or implied, and by accepting delivery of the material; Purchaser waives all other possible warranties, except those specifically given. This Limited Warranty may only be modified by written document mutually executed by Owner and Raven Industries Inc.

Limited Warranty is extended to the purchaser/owner and is non-transferable and non-assignable; i.e., there are no third-party beneficiaries to this warranty.

Purchaser acknowledges by acceptance that the Limited Warranty given herein is accepted in preference to any and other possible materials warranties.

THIS LIMITED WARRANTY SHALL BE GOVERNED BY SOUTH DAKOTA LAW AND VENUE FOR ALL LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS LIMITED WARRANTY SHALL BE IN MINNEHAHA COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA. RAVEN INDUSTRIES INC. MAKES NO WARRANTY OF ANY KIND OTHER THAN THAT GIVEN ABOVE AND HEREBY DISCLAIMS ALL WARRANTIES, BOTH EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. THIS IS THE ONLY WARRANTY THAT APPLIES TO THE MATERIALS REFERRED TO HEREIN AND RAVEN INDUSTRIES INC. DISCLAIMS ANY LIABILITY FOR ANY WARRANTIES GIVEN BY ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY, EITHER WRITTEN OR ORAL.

RAVEN INDUSTRIES' WARRANTY BECOMES AN OBLIGATION OF RAVEN INDUSTRIES INC. TO PERFORM UNDER THE WARRANTY ONLY UPON RECEIPT OF FINAL PAYMENT AND EXECUTION BY A DULY AUTHORIZED OFFICER OF RAVEN INDUSTRIES INC.



**ConocoPhillips Company**  
**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 ConocoPhillips, 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:

1. COP 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. COP will perform an inspection on a monthly basis, installing cathodic protection, and automatic overflow shutoff devices as seen on the design plan.
2. COP will not discharge into or store any hazardous waste in the BGT.
3. COP shall operate and install the below-grade tank to prevent the collection of surface water run-on. COP has built in shut off devices that do not allow a below-grade tank to overflow. COP 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, COP 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) containment 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. COP 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.
5. COP 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 COP 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. COP will repair or replace the pit liner or below grade tank. If the below grade tank or pit liner does not demonstrate integrity, COP 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 detrimental 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.



**ConocoPhillips 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 ConocoPhillips Company locations in the San Juan Basin of New Mexico. This is COP's standard closure procedure for all BGTs regulated under Rule 19.15.17 NMAC and operated by COP. 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 COP will:
  - Remove all liquids and sludge and dispose in a division approved manner.
- Within 72 Hrs or 1 week prior to closure COP will:
  - Give notice to surface owners by certified mail. For public entities by email as specified on the variance page.
  - Give notice to Division District Office verbally and in writing/email.
- Within 6 months of cessation of operation COP 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 COP will:
  - Send the Division District Office a Closure Report per 19.15.17.13.F (1).

**General Plan Requirements:**

1. Prior to initiating any BGT closure, except in the case of an emergency, COP 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.
2. 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
3. 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. COP 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 SWM-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, COP will test the soils beneath the BGT as follows:
  - a. 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.
  - b. 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 Systems and Pits where Contents are Removed			
Depth below bottom of pit to groundwater less than 10,000	Constituent	Method*	Limit**
≤50 feet	Chloride	EPA 300.0	600 mg/kg
	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
51 feet-100 feet	Chloride	EPA 300.0	10,000 mg/kg
	TPH	EPA SW-846 Method 418.1	2,500 mg/kg
	GRO+DRO	EPA SW-846 Method 8015M	1,000 mg/kg
	BTEX	EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8260B	50 mg/kg
	Benzene	EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8015M	10 mg/kg
> 100 feet	Chloride	EPA 300.0	20,000 mg/kg
	TPH	EPA SW-846 Method 418.1	2,500 mg/kg
	GRO+DRO	EPA SW-846 Method 8015M	1,000 mg/kg
	BTEX	EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8260B	50 mg/kg
	Benzene	EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8015M	10 mg/kg

\*Or other test methods approved by the division

\*\*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 COP determine there is a release, COP 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, COP 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. COP 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)  
OR
- Pursuant to 19.15.17.13.H.5d COP 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

12.