

District I  
1625 N. French Dr. Hobbs, NM 88240  
District II  
1301 W. Grand Avenue Artesia, NM 88210  
District III  
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410  
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.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-144  
July 21, 2008

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

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

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

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

Please be advised that approval of this request does not relieve the operator of liability should operations result in pollution of surface water, ground water or the environment. Nor does approval relieve the operator of its responsibility to comply with any other applicable governmental authority's rules, regulations, or ordinances.

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| Operator                  | <u>XTO Energy, Inc.</u>   | OGRIID #                    | <u>5380</u>  |
| Address                   | <u>382 Road 3100, Aztec, New Mexico 87410</u>   |                             |  |
| Facility or well name     | <u>Florance LS #4</u>   |                             |  |
| API Number                | <u>30-045-0472</u>  | OCD Permit Number           |  |
| U/L or Qtr/Qtr            | <u>K</u>  | Section                     | <u>18</u>  |
|                           |   | Township                    | <u>27N</u>   |
|                           |   | Range                       | <u>8W</u>  |
|                           |   | County                      | <u>San Juan</u>  |
| Center of Proposed Design | Latitude <u>36.56972</u>  | Longitude <u>-108.00250</u> | NAD <input type="checkbox"/> 1927 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1983 |
| Surface Owner             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment |                             |  |

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pit:</b> Subsection I or G of 19-15-17-11 NMAC  | <b>RCVD MAR 13 '12<br/>OIL CONS. DIV.<br/>DIST. 3</b>   |
| Temporary <input type="checkbox"/> Drilling <input type="checkbox"/> Workover   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Cavitation <input type="checkbox"/> P&A  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lined <input type="checkbox"/> Unlined Liner type Thickness _____ mil <input type="checkbox"/> LLDPE <input type="checkbox"/> HDPE <input type="checkbox"/> PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> String-Reinforced  |   |
| Liner Seams <input type="checkbox"/> Welded <input type="checkbox"/> Factory <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   | Volume _____ bbl Dimensions L _____ x W _____ x D _____ |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Closed-loop System:</b> Subsection H of 19-15-17-11 NMAC   |
| Type of Operation <input type="checkbox"/> P&A <input type="checkbox"/> Drilling a new well <input type="checkbox"/> Workover or Drilling (Applies to activities which require prior approval of a permit or notice of intent) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drying Pad <input type="checkbox"/> Above Ground Steel Tanks <input type="checkbox"/> Haul-off Bins <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lined <input type="checkbox"/> Unlined Liner type Thickness _____ mil <input type="checkbox"/> LLDPE <input type="checkbox"/> HDPE <input type="checkbox"/> PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |
| Liner Seams <input type="checkbox"/> Welded <input type="checkbox"/> Factory <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Below-grade tank:</b> Subsection I of 19-15-17-11 NMAC   |
| Volume <u>21</u> bbl Type of fluid <u>Produced Water</u>  |
| Tank Construction material <u>Steel</u>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary containment with leak detection <input type="checkbox"/> Visible sidewalls, liner, 6-inch lift and automatic overflow shut-off |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visible sidewalls and liner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visible sidewalls only <input type="checkbox"/> Not labeled              |
| Liner type: Thickness _____ mil <input type="checkbox"/> HDPE <input type="checkbox"/> PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                   |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Alternative Method:</b>   |
| Submission of an exception request is required. Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval. |

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**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 Four foot height, steel mesh field fence (hogwire) with pipe top railing

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

- ☐ Screen ☐ Netting ☒ Other Expanded Metal or Solid Vaulted Top
- ☐ Monthly inspections (If netting or screening is not physically feasible)

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**Signs:** Subsection C of 19.15.17.11 NMAC

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

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**Administrative Approvals and Exceptions:**

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

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

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

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**Siting Criteria (regarding permitting):** 19.15.17.10 NMAC

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

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| Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the temporary pit, permanent pit, or below-grade tank.<br>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search, USGS, Data obtained from nearby wells   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| 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).<br>- Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application ( <i>Applies to temporary, emergency, or cavitation pits and below-grade tanks</i> )<br>- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> NA |
| Within 1000 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. ( <i>Applies to permanent pits</i> )<br>- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA |
| Within 500 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring that less than five households use for domestic or stock watering purposes, or within 1000 horizontal feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in existence at the time of initial application.<br>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search, Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within 500 feet of a wetland   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within the area overlying a subsurface mine.<br>- Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within an unstable area<br>- Engineering measures incorporated into the design, NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources, USGS, NM Geological Society, Topographic map   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within a 100-year floodplain<br>FEMA map   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                |

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

- ☐ Geologic and Hydrogeologic Data (only for on-site closure) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (3) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC  
☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations (only for on-site closure) - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC  
☐ Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
☐ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC  
☐ Closure Plan (Please complete Boxes 14 through 18, if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
☐ Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Previously Approved Operating and Maintenance Plan API Number \_\_\_\_\_ (Applies only to closed-loop system that use above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure)

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**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

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**Proposed Closure:** 19.15.17.13 NMAC

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

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

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

- ☒ Protocols and Procedures - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
☒ Confirmation Sampling Plan (if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
☒ Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number (for liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings)  
☒ Soil Backfill and Cover Design Specifications - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
☒ Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
☒ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

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

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

Disposal Facility Name \_\_\_\_\_ Disposal Facility Permit Number \_\_\_\_\_

Disposal Facility Name \_\_\_\_\_ Disposal Facility Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Will any of the proposed closed-loop system operations and associated activities occur on or in areas that will not be used for future service and operations?

☐ Yes (If yes, please provide the information below) ☐ No

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

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

**Siting Criteria (regarding on-site closure methods only):** 19.15.17.10 NMAC

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

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| Ground water is less than 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 between 50 and 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 |
| 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 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)<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 500 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring that less than five households use for domestic or stock watering purposes or within 1000 horizontal feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in existence at the time of initial application<br>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database, Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended.<br>- Written confirmation or verification from the municipality: Written approval obtained from the municipality   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within 500 feet of a wetland<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 the area overlying a subsurface mine<br>- 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.<br>- 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<br>- FEMA map  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                |

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

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

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**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): Logan Hixon Title Environmental Technician

Signature [Signature] Date 3/13/12

E-mail address: Logan\_Hixon@xtoenergy.com Telephone (505)333-3683

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

OCD Representative Signature: [Signature] Approval Date: 3/13/2012

Title: Compliance Officer OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

☐ Closure Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Disposal Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Disposal Facility Permit Number \_\_\_\_\_

Disposal Facility Name \_\_\_\_\_ Disposal Facility Permit Number \_\_\_\_\_

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

☐ Yes (If yes, please demonstrate compliance to the items below) ☐ No

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

- ☐ Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation)  
☐ Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation  
☐ Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique

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**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.

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

On-site Closure Location Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_ NAD ☐ 1927 ☐ 1983

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

# **XTO Energy Inc. San Juan Basin Below Grade Tank Closure Plan**

**Lease Name:** Florance LS #4

**API No.:** 30-045-06472

**Description:** Unit K, Section 18, Township 27N, Range 8W, San Juan County

In accordance with Rule 19.15.17.13 NMAC the following information describes the closure requirements of below-grade tanks on XTO Energy Inc. (XTO) locations. This is XTO's standard procedure for all below-grade tanks. A separate plan will be submitted for any below-grade tank which does not conform to this plan.

## **General Plan**

1. XTO will close below-grade tanks within the time periods provided in 19.15.17.13 NMAC, or by an earlier date that the division requires because of imminent danger to fresh water, public health or the environment
2. XTO will close a below-grade tank that does not meet the requirements of Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC or is not included in Paragraph (5) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC within five years after June 16, 2008, if not retrofitted to comply with Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC.
3. XTO will close a permitted below-grade tank within 60 days of cessation of the below-grade tank's operation or as required by the transitional provisions of Subsection B of 19.15.17.17 NMAC in accordance with a closure plan that the appropriate division district office approves. The closure report will be filed on form C-144.
4. XTO will remove liquids and sludge from below-grade tanks prior to implementing a closure method and will dispose of the liquids and sludge in a division-approved facility. Approved facilities and waste streams include:
  - Envirotech Permit No. NM01-0011 and IEI Permit No. NM 01-0010B
  - Soil contaminated by exempt petroleum hydrocarbons
  - Produced sand, pit sludge and contaminated bottoms from storage of exempt wastes
  - Basin Disposal Permit No. NM01-005
  - Produced water
5. XTO will remove the below-grade tank and dispose of it in a division approved facility or recycle, reuse, or reclaim it in a manner that the appropriate division district office approves.
6. XTO will remove any on-site equipment associated with a below-grade tank unless the equipment is required for some other purpose.

7. XTO will test the soils beneath the below-grade tank to determine whether a release has occurred. At a minimum 5 point composite sample will be collected along with individual grab samples from any area that is wet, discolored or showing other evidence of a release. Samples will be analyzed for BTEX, TPH and chlorides to demonstrate that the benzene concentration, as determined by EPA SW-846 methods 8021B or 8260B or EPA method that the division approves, does not exceed 0.2 mg/kg; total BTEX concentration, as determined by EPA SW-846 methods 8021B or 8260B or other EPA method that the division approves, does not exceed 50 mg/kg; the TPH concentration, as determined by EPA method 418.1 or other EPA method that the division approves, does not exceed 100mg/kg; and the chloride concentration, as determined by EPA method 300.1 or other EPA method that the division approves, does not exceed 250 mg/kg, or the background concentration, whichever is greater. XTO will notify the division of its results on form C-141.

| Components | Test Method               | Limit (mg/Kg)     |
|------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Benzene    | EPA SW-846 8021B or 8260B | 0.2               |
| BTEX       | EPA SW-846 8021B or 8260B | 50                |
| TPH        | EPA SW-846 418.1          | 100               |
| Chlorides  | EPA 300.1                 | 250 or background |

8. If XTO or the division determines that a release has occurred, XTO will comply with 19.15.3.116 NMAC and 19.15.1.19NMAC as appropriate.
9. If the sampling program demonstrates that a release has not occurred or that any release does not exceed the concentrations specified in Paragraph (4) of Subsection E of 19.15.17.13 NMAC, XTO will backfill the excavation with compacted, non-waste containing, earthen material; construct a division prescribed soil cover; recontour and re-vegetate the site
10. Notice of Closure operations will be given to the Aztec Division District III office between 72 hours and one week prior to the start of closure activities via email or verbally.  
The notification will include the following:
- Operator's name
  - Well Name and API Number
  - Location by Unit Letter, Section, Township, and Range

The surface owner shall be notified of XTO's proposal to close the BGT as per the approved closure plan using certified mail, return receipt requested

11. Re-contouring of location will match fit, shape, line, form and texture of the surrounding area. Re-shaping will include drainage control, prevent ponding, and prevent erosion. Natural drainages will be unimpeded and water bars and/or silt traps will be placed in areas where needed to prevent erosion on a large scale. Final re-contour shall have a uniform appearance with smooth surface, fitting the natural landscape
12. A minimum of 4 feet of cover shall be achieved and the cover shall include 1 foot of suitable material to establish vegetation at the site, or the background thickness of topsoil, whichever is greater
13. XTO will seed the disturbed areas the first growing season after the operator closes the pit. Seeding will be accomplished via drilling on the contour whenever practical or by other division-approved methods. BLM or Forest Service stipulated seed mixes will be used on federal lands.

Vegetative cover will equal 70% of the native perennial vegetative cover (un-impacted) consisting of at least three native plant species, including at least one grass, but not including noxious weeds, and maintain that cover through two successive growing seasons. Repeat seeding or planting will be continued until successful vegetative growth occurs.

14. All closure activities will include proper documentation and be available for review upon request and will be submitted in closure report form to OCD within 60 days of closure of the below-grade tank. Closure report will be filed on form C-144 and incorporate the following:
  - i. Proof of closure notice to division and surface owner;
  - ii. Details on capping and covering, where applicable;
  - iii. Inspection reports,
  - iv. Confirmation sampling analytical results;
  - v. Disposal facility name(s) and permit number(s);
  - vi. Soil backfilling and cover installation;
  - vii. Re-vegetation application rates and seeding techniques, (or approved alternative to re-vegetation requirements if applicable);
  - viii. Photo documentation of the site reclamation