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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 CLEZ  
Revised August 1, 2011

For closed-loop systems that only use above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure, submit to the appropriate NMOC District Office.

**Closed-Loop System Permit or Closure Plan Application**

(that only use above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure)

Type of action: ☒ Permit ☐ Closure

Instructions: Please submit one application (Form C-144 CLEZ) per individual closed-loop system request. For any application request other than for a closed-loop system that only use above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure, please submit a Form C-144.

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: HUNTINGTON ENERGY, L.L.C. OGRID #: 208706  
Address: 908 N.W. 71<sup>ST</sup> ST., OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73116  
Facility or well name: UTE MOUNTAIN UTE #79  
API Number: 30-045-34480 OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
U/L or Qtr/Qtr SESE Section 17 Township 32N Range 14W County: San Juan  
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 36.98426 N Longitude -108.32801 W NAD: ☐ 1927 ☒ 1983  
Surface Owner: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ Private ☒ Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

2.  
☒ **Closed-loop System:** Subsection H of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
Operation: ☐ Drilling a new well ☒ Workover or Drilling (Applies to activities which require prior approval of a permit or notice of intent) ☐ P&A  
☒ Above Ground Steel Tanks or ☐ Haul-off Bins

3.  
**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

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4.  
**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.  
☒ 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 Box 5) - 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: \_\_\_\_\_

5.  
**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: IEI Disposal Facility Permit Number: 010010B  
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

6.  
**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): Catherine Smith Title: Regulatory  
Signature: Catherine Smith Date: 1/16/2013  
e-mail address: csmith@huntingtonenergy.com Telephone: 405-840-9876

7. **OCD Approval:** ☒ Permit Application (including closure plan) ☐ Closure Plan (only)

OCD Representative Signature: Donald D. Kelly Approval Date: 1/23/2013

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

8. **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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Instructions: Please indentify 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

10. **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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Closed Loop Design Plan**

Huntington Energy's closed loop system will include an above ground tank suitable for holding the cuttings and fluids for rig operations. The tank will be able to maintain a safe free board while allowing for sufficient volume between disposal of the liquids and solids from rig operations. It will be in compliance with 19.15.3.103 NMAC. Fencing is not required. A frac tank will be on location to store fresh water.

**Closed-Loop Operating and Maintenance Plan**

1. Only fluids or cutting used or generated by rig operations will be placed or stored in the tank.
2. Liquids will be vacuumed out and disposed of at IEI (#NM-010010B) Solids in the closed-loop tank will be vacuumed out and disposed of at IEI (Permit # 010010B) on a scheduled basis to prevent over topping.
3. Closed Loop equipment will be inspected daily, by each tour and any necessary maintenance performed. The Division District Office will be notified within 48 hrs of any leak at the closed loop tank. Repairs will occur immediately.
4. Once drilling rig is released, all fluids will be disposed in IEI. After completion rig is released, all fluids will be sent to the disposal as well.

**Closed-Loop Closure Plan**

The closed loop tank will be moved as part of the rig move and removed from location. The tanks will be closed in accordance with 19.15.17.13. All cuttings and remaining sludge will be transported to IEI - Industrial Eco Systems, Inc. (Permit # 010010B) or Envirotech (Permit # NM-01-0011). All remaining fluids will be hauled and disposed to IEI. At time of well abandonment, the site will be reclaimed and re-vegetated to pre-existing conditions as provided by 19.15.17.B NMAC.

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**Soil Backfill and Cover Design**

- 1) The soil cover shall consist of the background thickness of topsoil or one foot of suitable material to establish growth at the site, whichever is greater.
- 2) Huntington will build the soil cover to the site's existing grade and prevent ponding of water and erosion.

**Re-Vegetation Plan**

The first growing season after the closed loop pit closure, Huntington will seed the disturbed area. The vegetative cover will be the approved mixture meeting the Bureau of Land Management and/or New Mexico Oil Conservation requirements (70% of native perennial vegetative cover—three native plant species and at least one grass). The cover will be maintained through two successive growing seasons. Until the required vegetative cover is established, Huntington will repeat the seeding. The division will be notified when seeding takes place and when re-vegetation occurs.

**Site Reclamation Plan**

Huntington Energy will reclaim the location and all areas associated with the closed-loop system to a safe and stable condition that blends with the surrounding undisturbed area. The area will be restored to the condition that existed prior to any construction by placement of the soil cover as provided in Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC, re-contour the location and associated areas to a contour that approximates the original contour and blends with the surrounding topography and re-vegetate according to Subsection I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC.

