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

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

Closure of a pit, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method

Permit of a pit or proposed alternative method

Modification to an existing permit/or registration Closure plan only submitted for an existing permitted or non-permitted pit, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method
Instructions: Please submit one application (Form C-144) per individual pit, below-grade tank or alternative request
Please be advised that approval of this request does not relieve the operator of liability should operations result in pollution of surface water, ground water or the environment. Nor does approval relieve the operator of its responsibility to comply with any other applicable governmental authority's rules, regulations or ordinances.
Operator:EnerVest Operating, L.L.C. OGRID#: 143199
Address: 1001 Fannin St., Suite 800, Houston, TX 77002
Facility or well name:
API Number:
U/L or Qtr/Qtr C Section 13 Township 25N Range 5W County: Rio Arriba
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 36.40453 Longitude -107.31505 NAD: 1927 X 1983
Surface Owner:  Federal State Private Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment
Pit: Subsection F, G or J of 19.15.17.11 NMAC RCVD JUL 18 '13
Temporary: Drilling Workover OIL CONS. DIV.
Permanent Emergency Cavitation P&A Multi-Well Fluid Management Low Chloride Drilling Fluid yes no
Lined Unlined Liner type: Thicknessmil LLDPE HDPE PVC Other
String-Reinforced
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Liner Seams: Welded Factory Other Volume: bbl Dimensions: L x W x D
3.  X Below-grade tank: Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
Volume: 95 bbl Type of fluid: Produced Water
Tank Construction material: Steel
☐ Secondary containment with leak detection ☐ Visible sidewalls, liner, 6-inch lift and automatic overflow shut-off
☐ Visible sidewalls and liner X Visible sidewalls only X Other See Closure Plan
Liner type: Thicknessmil
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)

X Alternate. Please specify

Four foot height, four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced between one and four feet

4' Hog Wire

Netting: Subsection E of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (Applies to permanent pits and permanent open top tanks)  Screen Netting Other				
Monthly inspections (If netting or screening is not physically feasible)				
Signs: Subsection C of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  12"x 24", 2" lettering, providing Operator's name, site location, and emergency telephone numbers  Signed in compliance with 19.15.16.8 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 accematerial are provided below. Siting criteria does not apply to drying pads or above-grade tanks.	ptable source			
General siting				
Ground water is less than 25 feet below the bottom of a low chloride temporary pit or below-grade tank.  -   NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search;   USGS;   Data obtained from nearby wells	☐ Yes ☐ No ☑ NA			
Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of a Temporary pit, permanent pit, or Multi-Well Fluid Management pit. NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	Yes X No			
Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended. (Does not apply to below grade tanks)  - Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality	Yes No			
Within the area overlying a subsurface mine. (Does not apply to below grade tanks)  - Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division	☐ Yes ☐ No			
<ul> <li>Within an unstable area. (Does not apply to below grade tanks)</li> <li>Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology &amp; Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map</li> </ul>	☐ Yes ☐ No			
Within a 100-year floodplain. (Does not apply to below grade tanks) - FEMA map	Yes No			
Below Grade Tanks				
Within 100 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, significant watercourse, lake bed, sinkhole, wetland or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).  - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☒ No			
Within 200 horizontal feet of a spring or a fresh water well used for public or livestock consumption;.  - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☒ No			
Temporary Pit using Low Chloride Drilling Fluid (maximum chloride content 15,000 mg/liter)				
Within 100 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or any other significant watercourse or within 200 feet of any lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark). (Applies to low chloride temporary pits.)  - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No			
Within 300 feet from a occupied permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.				
- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image				
Within 200 horizontal feet of a spring or a private, domestic fresh water well used by less than five households for domestic or stock watering purposes, or 300feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in existence at the time of the initial application.  NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No			

Within 100 feet of a wetland.  - US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site						
Temporary Pit Non-low chloride drilling fluid						
Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or any other significant watercourse, or within 200 feet of any lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).  - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site						
Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.  - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image						
Within 500 horizontal feet of a spring or a private, domestic fresh water well used by less than five households for domestic or stock watering purposes, or 1000 feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in the existence at the time of the initial application;  - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site						
Within 300 feet of a wetland.  - US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site						
Permanent Pit or Multi-Well Fluid Management Pit						
Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse, or lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).  - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No					
Within 1000 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.  - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image						
Within 500 horizontal feet of a spring or a fresh water well used for domestic or stock watering purposes, in existence at the time of initial application.  - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site						
Within 500 feet of a wetland.  - US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site						
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   Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: or Permit Number:						
Multi-Well Fluid Management Pit Checklist: Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC  Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the doc attached.  Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC A List of wells with approved application for permit to drill associated with the pit. Closure Plan (Please complete Boxes 14 through 18, if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19. and 19.15.17.13 NMAC Hydrogeologic Data - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (4) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: or Permit Number:						

Permanent Pits Permit Application Checklist: Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC  Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the	documents are
attached.  ☐ Hydrogeologic Report - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (1) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC ☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC ☐ Climatological Factors Assessment ☐ Certified Engineering Design Plans - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC ☐ Dike Protection and Structural Integrity Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC ☐ Leak Detection Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC ☐ Liner Specifications and Compatibility Assessment - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC ☐ Quality Control/Quality Assurance Construction and Installation Plan ☐ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC ☐ Freeboard and Overtopping Prevention Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC ☐ Nuisance or Hazardous Odors, including H₂S, Prevention Plan ☐ Emergency Response Plan ☐ Oil Field Waste Stream Characterization ☐ Monitoring and Inspection Plan ☐ Erosion Control Plan ☐ Closure Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC	uocumenis are
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 F 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	luid Management Pit
Waste Excavation and Removal Closure Plan Checklist: (19.15.17.13 NMAC) Instructions: Each of the following items must be closure plan. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.  □ Protocols and Procedures - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC □ Confirmation Sampling Plan (if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.13 NMAC □ Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number (for liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings) □ Soil Backfill and Cover Design Specifications - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC □ Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC □ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H 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 sour provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria require justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency. F 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance.	
Ground water is less than 25 feet below the bottom of the buried waste.  - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
Ground water is between 25-50 feet below the bottom of the buried waste - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
Ground water is more than 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste.  - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
Within 100 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse, lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).  - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.  - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 300 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring used for domestic or stock watering purposes, in existence at the time of initial application.  - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No
Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality	Yes No
Within 300 feet of a wetland. US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	□ Vas □ Na
Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance	☐ Yes ☐ No

adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended.  - Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within the area overlying a subsurface mine.  - Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within an unstable area.	
<ul> <li>Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology &amp; Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map</li> </ul>	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within a 100-year floodplain.  FEMA map	Yes No
16. On-Site Closure Plan Checklist: (19.15.17.13 NMAC) Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure plan	an. 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 E of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  Construction/Design Plan of Burial Trench (if applicable) based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection K of 19.15.17.  Construction/Design Plan of Temporary Pit (for in-place burial of a drying pad) - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.  Protocols and Procedures - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  Confirmation Sampling Plan (if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  Waste Material Sampling Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number (for liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings or in case on-site closure standards cannot Soil Cover Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC	11 NMAC 15.17.11 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 beli	ef.
Name (Print): Bart Trevino Title: Regulatory Analyst	
Signature: Date: July 17, 2013	
Signature: Date: July 17, 2013	
Signature:	
Signature:	the closure report.
Signature:	the closure report.
e-mail address: btrevino@enervest.net Telephone: 713-659-3500  18.  OCD Approval: Permit Application (including closure plan) Closure Plan (only) OCD Conditions (see attachment) See  OCD Representative Signature: Approval Date: 7/25/  Title: 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 is required to be submitted to the division within 60 days of the completion of the closure activities. Please do not section of the form until an approved closure plan has been obtained and the closure activities have been completed.	the closure report.

Operator Closure Certification:	
I hereby certify that the information and attachments submitted with this closu belief. I also certify that the closure complies with all applicable closure requi	
Name (Print):	Title:
Signature:	Date:
e-mail address:	6 Telephone:

## **EnerVest Operating, LLC (EV)**

#### BELOW-GRADE TANK CLOSURE PLAN

#### Rule 19.15.17.13

Before June 15, 2013, EV shall close, retrofit, or replace an existing below-grade tank that has not demonstrated integrity.

EV shall close a below-grade tank 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.

A. EV shall close an existing below-grade tank that does not meet the requirements of Subsection I, paragraphs (1) through (4), of 19.15.17.11 NMAC if not retrofitted to comply with said requirements prior to any sale or change of operator to 19.15.9.9 NMAC.

Any below-grade tank installed prior to June 16, 2008 that is single walled and where any portion of the tank sidewall is below the ground surface and not visible shall equip or retrofit the below-grade tank to comply with paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC, or close it, within 5 years after June 16, 2008.

Within 60 days of cessation of the permitted below-grade tanks operation or as required by Subsection B of 19.15.17.17 NMAC, EV shall close the below-grade tank in accordance with a closure plan that the appropriate division district office approves.

J. Prior to implementing any closure operations EV shall research county tax records to determine the name and address of the surface owner of the properties involved. EV shall notify this surface owner via Certified U.S. Mail, return receipt requested, of their intent to close said below-grade tank.

Upon determination, EV will notify the appropriate district office prior to any closure operations beginning. Such notification shall be at least 72 hours, via U.S. Mail, prior to beginning work but not more than one week prior to beginning work. Such notice shall contain at a minimum the following:

Operators Name
Unit letter, Section, Township, & Range of well
Well name and well number
API Number of well

E. .All free standing liquids and sludge will be removed at the start of the below-grade tank closure process from the below-grade tank and disposed of in one of the below division-approved facility as indicated below:

TNT Land Farm Permit # NM-01-0008 Liquids & Sludge Environtech Land Farm Permit # NM-01-0011 Solids AguaMoss Permit # 247130 Liquids

EV will obtain prior approval from the division to dispose, recycle, reuse, or reclaim the below-grade tanks and provide documentation of the final disposition of the below-grade tank in the closure report.

Existing liners that are removed as a result of closure will be wiped cleaned and disposed of at a solid waste facility listed below in compliance with Subparagraph (M) of Paragraph (I) of Subsection C 19.15.35.8 NMAC..

San Juan Regional Landfill Permit # SWM 052426 or Special Waster Permit # SWM052433 "sp"

If there is any on-site equipment associated with a below0grade tank, EV shall remove the equipment, unless the equipment is required for some other purpose.

Upon removal of the below-grade tank, EV will take, at a minimum, a five point composite sample from where the tank was sitting. EV shall collect individual grab samples will be taken from any area that is wet, discolored or showing other evidence of a release. All samples will be analyzed for the following:

		3	* modification	approved for	the circled	groundwater
Consituent	Method	Groundwater < 50FT	Groundwater 51-100 FT	Groundwater >100 FT	Old Standard	based off original
			10,000	20,000		permits
Chloride	EPA 300.0	600 mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	250 Mg/kg	sitting
	EPA SW-846					Criteria.
TPH	Method 418.1	100 mg/kg	2,500 mg/kg	2,500 mg/kg	100 mg/kg	Childre.
	EPA SW-846					
	Method 8021B					
BTEX	or8260B	50 mg/kg	50 mg/kg	50 mg/kg	50 mg/kg	
	EPA -SW-846		1			
	Method 8021B or			1		
Benzene	8015M	10 mg/kg	10 mg/kg	10 mg/kg	0.2 mg/kg	
	EPA SW-846					
GRO/DRO	Method 8015B	Not listed	1,000 mg/kg	1,000 mg/kg	500 mg/kg	

EV will insure that the results of all sampling shall be reported to the division on approved form C-141. EV understands that the division may require additional delineation upon review of the results.

If sampling demonstrates that concentrations specified above have NOT been exceeded, or that a release has NOT occurred, EV will backfill the excavation with compacted, non-waste containing, earthen material, construct a division prescribed soil cover, and recontour and re-vegetate the site. The division prescribed soil cover, recontouring, and re-vegetation shall comply with 19.15.17.13.

If EV or the division determines that a release has occurred, EV shall fully comply with 19.15.29 NMAC and 19.15.30 NMAC as appropriate.

G. Once EV has closed a below-grade tank, we shall reclaim the site to a safe and stable condition that blends with the surrounding undisturbed area. When possible, EV will restore the impacted surface area to the condition that existed prior to oil and gas operations by the placement of soil cover.

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If the closed area is within the confines of the pad location EV will blend the site to match the pad location as much as possible. Such activities shall prevent erosion, protect fresh water, human health and the environment. EV will obtain written agreement from the surface owner for any alternate re-vegetation proposals and submit to the division for final approval.

- H. The soil cover design will be consistent with the requirements of 19.15.17.13(H)(1) and (3). The soil cover will consist of the background thickness of topsoil or one foot of suitable material to establish vegetation at the site, whichever is greater. The soil cover will be constructed to the site's existing grade and prevent ponding of water and erosion of the cover material.
- I. EV will seed the disturbed areas the first growing season after closing the below grade tank. 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 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. During the two growing seasons that prove viability, there shall be no artificial irrigation of the vegetation.

EV shall notify the division when it has seeded or planted and when it successfully achieves re-vegetation by U.S. Mail.

K. Within 60 days of completion of closure operations, EV will file Form C-144, with attachments, outlining the detailed operations of the closing operations. Such attachments shall include, but not limited to, proof of surface owner and division notifications, confirmation of sampling analysis, disposal facility names and permit numbers, soil backfilling and cover installation, re-vegetation application rates and seeding techniques, and photo documentations.