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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

12273 Proposed Alternative Method Permit or Closure Plan Application

Type of action: ☐ Below grade tank registration  
☐ Permit of a pit or proposed alternative method  
45-25151 ☒ 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

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OIL CONS. DIV.  
DIST. 3

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: XTO Energy, Inc. OGRID #: 5380  
Address: 382 Road 3100, Aztec, New Mexico 87410  
Facility or well name: EH Pipkin # 19  
API Number: 30-045-25151 OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
U/L or Qtr/Qtr D Section 12 Township 27N Range 11W County: San Juan  
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 36.59402 Longitude -107.96088 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: 120 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 ☐ Visible sidewalls only ☒ Other Visible sidewalls, vaulted, automatic high-level shut off  
Liner type: Thickness \_\_\_\_\_ mil ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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6.

**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)

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

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

☐ 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 300 feet 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. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <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). - 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. - 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. - 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. 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

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within the area overlying a subsurface mine.

- Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within an unstable area.

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

☐ 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. 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 19.15.17.11 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 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 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 H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
☐ 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): \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

18.

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

OCD Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Approval Date: 2/16/15

Title: Environmental Spec 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: 5-19-2009

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.*

- ☐ Proof of Closure Notice (surface owner and division)  
☐ Proof of Deed Notice (required for on-site closure for private land only)  
☐ Plot Plan (for on-site closures and temporary pits)  
☒ 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

**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): Kurt Hoekstra Title: EHS Coordinator

Signature:  Date: 10-8-14

e-mail address: Kurt.Hoekstra@xtoenergy.com Telephone: 505-333-3100

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Form C-141  
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Submit 1 Copy to appropriate District Office in  
accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.

## Release Notification and Corrective Action

### OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company: XTO Energy, Inc.	Contact: Kurt Hoekstra	
Address: 382 Road 3100, Aztec, New Mexico 87410	Telephone No.: (505) 333-3100	
Facility Name: EH Pipkin # 19	Facility Type: Gas Well (Fulcher Kutz Pictured Cliffs)	
Surface Owner: Federal	Mineral Owner	API No.: 30-045-25151

### LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
D	12	27N	11W	1100	FNL	810	FWL	San Juan

Latitude 36.59402 Longitude -107.96088

### NATURE OF RELEASE


Type of Release: Produced Water	Volume of Release: Unknown	Volume Recovered: None
Source of Release: Below Grade Tank	Date and Hour of Occurrence: Unknown	Date and Hour of Discovery: 12-18-2008
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom?	
By Whom?	Date and Hour	
Was a Watercourse Reached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse.	

If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.\*

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.\* The below grade tank was removed at the EH Pipkin # 19 well site due to P & A of the location. The soil beneath the BGT was sampled for TPH via USEPA Method 418.1, for BTEX via USEPA Method 8021, and for total chlorides. The sample returned results below the 'Pit Rule' spill confirmation standards for benzene, total BTEX, and TPH, but above the Chloride Standard of 250 ppm at 3600 ppm, confirming that a release has occurred at this location. The site was then ranked according to the NMOCD Guidelines for the Remediation of Leaks, Spills and Releases. The site was ranked a 0 due to an estimated depth to groundwater of greater than 100 feet, distance to a water well greater than 1000 feet, and distance to surface water greater than 1000 feet. This set the closure standard to 5000 ppm TPH, 10 ppm benzene, and 50 ppm total BTEX.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\* Based on Chloride results of 3600 ppm via USEPA Method 300.0 a release has been confirmed at this location.

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to NMOCD rules and regulations all operators are required to report and/or file certain release notifications and perform corrective actions for releases which may endanger public health or the environment. The acceptance of a C-141 report by the NMOCD marked as "Final Report" does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, NMOCD acceptance of a C-141 report does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

Signature: 		<u>OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION</u>	
Printed Name: Kurt Hoekstra		Approved by Environmental Specialist:	
Title: EHS Coordinator	Approval Date:	Expiration Date:	
E-mail Address: Kurt_Hoekstra@xtoenergy.com	Conditions of Approval:		Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: 10-8-14	Phone: 505-333-3100		

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary





## COVER LETTER

Thursday, December 18, 2008

Martin Nee  
XTO Energy  
382 County Road 3100  
Aztec, NM 87410

TEL: (505) 333-3100  
FAX (505) 333-3280

RE: EH Pipkin #19 Below Grade Tank Samples

Order No.: 0812171

Dear Martin Nee:

Hall Environmental Analysis Laboratory, Inc. received 1 sample(s) on 12/9/2008 for the analyses presented in the following report.

These were analyzed according to EPA procedures or equivalent. Below is a list of our accreditations. To access our accredited tests please go to [www.hallenvironmental.com](http://www.hallenvironmental.com) or the state specific web sites.

Reporting limits are determined by EPA methodology. No determination of compounds below these (denoted by the ND or < sign) has been made.

Please don't hesitate to contact HEAL for any additional information or clarifications.

Sincerely,

Andy Freeman, Business Manager  
Nancy McDuffie, Laboratory Manager

NM Lab # NM9425  
AZ license # AZ0682  
ORELAP Lab # NM100001  
Texas Lab# T104704424-08-TX





**Hall Environmental Analysis Laboratory, Inc.**

Date: 18-Dec-08

<b>CLIENT:</b>	XTO Energy	<b>Client Sample ID:</b>	EH Pipken #19 B.G.T. Cellar
<b>Lab Order:</b>	0812171	<b>Collection Date:</b>	12/4/2008 2:30:00 PM
<b>Project:</b>	EH Pipkin #19 Below Grade Tank Samples	<b>Date Received:</b>	12/9/2008
<b>Lab ID:</b>	0812171-01	<b>Matrix:</b>	SOIL

Analyses	Result	PQL	Qual	Units	DF	Date Analyzed
<b>EPA METHOD 8021B: VOLATILES</b>						Analyst: DAM
Benzene	ND	0.050		mg/Kg	1	12/13/2008 12:35:39 AM
Toluene	ND	0.050		mg/Kg	1	12/13/2008 12:35:39 AM
Ethylbenzene	ND	0.050		mg/Kg	1	12/13/2008 12:35:39 AM
Xylenes, Total	ND	0.10		mg/Kg	1	12/13/2008 12:35:39 AM
Surr: 4-Bromofluorobenzene	94.5	66.8-139		%REC	1	12/13/2008 12:35:39 AM
<b>EPA METHOD 300.0: ANIONS</b>						Analyst: RAGS
Chloride	3600	15		mg/Kg	50	12/15/2008 11:26:21 AM
<b>EPA METHOD 418.1: TPH</b>						Analyst: LRW
Petroleum Hydrocarbons, TR	ND	20		mg/Kg	1	12/9/2008

<b>Qualifiers:</b>	<b>*</b>	Value exceeds Maximum Contaminant Level	<b>B</b>	Analyte detected in the associated Method Blank
	<b>E</b>	Estimated value	<b>H</b>	Holding times for preparation or analysis exceeded
	<b>J</b>	Analyte detected below quantitation limits	<b>MCL</b>	Maximum Contaminant Level
	<b>ND</b>	Not Detected at the Reporting Limit	<b>RL</b>	Reporting Limit
	<b>S</b>	Spike recovery outside accepted recovery limits		

## QA/QC SUMMARY REPORT

Client: XTO Energy  
 Project: EH Pipkin #19 Below Grade Tank Samples

Work Order: 0812171

Analyte	Result	Units	PQL	%Rec	LowLimit	HighLimit	%RPD	RPDLimit	Qual
<b>Method: EPA Method 300.0: Anions</b>									
Sample ID: MB-17845		MBLK			Batch ID: 17845	Analysis Date: 12/13/2008 4:35:13 AM			
Chloride	ND	mg/Kg	0.30						
Sample ID: LCS-17845		LCS			Batch ID: 17845	Analysis Date: 12/13/2008 4:52:38 AM			
Chloride	15.10	mg/Kg	0.30	101	90	110			
<b>Method: EPA Method 418.1: TPH</b>									
Sample ID: MB-17813		MBLK			Batch ID: 17813	Analysis Date: 12/9/2008			
Petroleum Hydrocarbons, TR	ND	mg/Kg	20						
Sample ID: LCS-17813		LCS			Batch ID: 17813	Analysis Date: 12/9/2008			
Petroleum Hydrocarbons, TR	89.38	mg/Kg	20	89.4	82	114			
Sample ID: LCSD-17813		LCSD			Batch ID: 17813	Analysis Date: 12/9/2008			
Petroleum Hydrocarbons, TR	82.54	mg/Kg	20	82.5	82	114	7.96	20	
<b>Method: EPA Method 8021B: Volatiles</b>									
Sample ID: MB-17819		MBLK			Batch ID: 17819	Analysis Date: 12/12/2008 6:30:58 PM			
Benzene	ND	mg/Kg	0.050						
Toluene	ND	mg/Kg	0.050						
Ethylbenzene	ND	mg/Kg	0.050						
Xylenes, Total	ND	mg/Kg	0.10						

## Qualifiers:

E	Estimated value	H	Holding times for preparation or analysis exceeded
J	Analyte detected below quantitation limits	ND	Not Detected at the Reporting Limit
R	RPD outside accepted recovery limits	S	Spike recovery outside accepted recovery limits



# Hall Environmental Analysis Laboratory, Inc.

## Sample Receipt Checklist

Client Name XTO ENERGY

Date Received:

12/9/2008

Work Order Number 0812171

Received by:

ARS

Checklist completed by:

Signature

Date

Sample ID labels checked by:

Initials

Matrix:

Carrier name FedEx

Shipping container/cooler in good condition?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Not Present ☐

Custody seals intact on shipping container/cooler?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Not Present ☐

Not Shipped ☐

Custody seals intact on sample bottles?

Yes ☐

No ☐

N/A ☒

Chain of custody present?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Chain of custody signed when relinquished and received?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Chain of custody agrees with sample labels?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Samples in proper container/bottle?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Sample containers intact?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Sufficient sample volume for indicated test?

Yes ☒

No ☐

All samples received within holding time?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Water - VOA vials have zero headspace?

No VOA vials submitted ☒

Yes ☐

No ☐

Water - Preservation labels on bottle and cap match?

Yes ☐

No ☐

N/A ☒

Water - pH acceptable upon receipt?

Yes ☐

No ☐

N/A ☒

Container/Temp Blank temperature?

3°

<6° C Acceptable

If given sufficient time to cool.

COMMENTS:

Client contacted

Date contacted:

Person contacted

Contacted by:

Regarding:

Comments:

Corrective Action

Client: XTO ENERGY

Mailing Address: 382 ROAD 3100  
AZTEC, NM 87410

Phone #: 505-333-3207

email or Fax#: \_\_\_\_\_

QA/QC Package:

☐ Standard ☐ Level 4 (Full Validation)

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

☐ EDD (Type) \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Standard      ☐ Rush

Project Name: E.H. PIPKIN # 19  
BELOW GRADE TANK SAMPLES  
Project #: E.H. PIPKIN # 19  
B.G.T. CELLAR

Project Manager:

MARTIN NEE

Sampler: KURT

On Ice ☒ Yes ☐ No

Sample Temperature: 3

Container  
Type and #Preservative  
Type

HEALING

0842141

~~BTEX + MTBE + TMB<sup>a</sup> (8021)~~

BTEX + MTBE + TPH (Gas only)

TPH Method 8015B (Gas/Diesel)

TPH (Method 418.1)

EDB (Method 504.1)

8310 (PNA or PAH)

RCRA 8 Metals

Anions (F, Cl, NO<sub>3</sub>)

8081 Pesticides / 8082 PCB's

8260B (VOA)

8270 (Semi-VOA)

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Air Bubbles (Y or N)



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### Analysis Request

Date	Time	Matrix	Sample Request ID	Container Type and #	Preservative Type	HEAL No. 081211	BTEX + MTE	BTEX + MTE	TPH Method	TPH (Method)	EDB (Method)	8310 (PNA o	RCRA 8 Met	Anions (F, Cl	8081 Pesticid	8260B (VOA	8270 (Semi-	Chloride	Air Bubbles
12/4	2:30	Soil	EA Pipkin #19 B.G.T. Cleanup	(2) 4oz. Jars	ON ICE	1	X			X								X	
GPS			N 36° 35.629 W 107° 57.689																
Date:	Time:	Relinquished by:	Received by:	Date:	Time:	Remarks:													
12/8	8:00	Kurt Hoekstra	WHS	9:40	12/9/08	E-MAIL RESULTS TO: KURT HOEKSTRA KIM CHAMPLIN													
Date:	Time:	Relinquished by:	Received by:	Date:	Time:														

If necessary, samples submitted to Hall Environmental may be subcontracted to other accredited laboratories. This serves as notice of this possibility. Any sub-contracted data will be clearly notated on the analytical report.



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

**Lease Name:** EH Pipkin # 19

**API No.:** 30-045-25151

**Description:** Unit D, Section 12, Township 27N, Range 11W, 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.  
**Closure Date is May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009**
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.  
**Closure Date is May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009**
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.  
**Required C-144 Form is attached to this document.**
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**All liquids and sludge were removed from the tank prior to closure activities.**
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.  
**XTO has removed the below grade tank, and will dispose of it at a division approved facility, or recycle, reclaim or reuse it in a manner that is approved by the division.**

6. XTO will remove any on-site equipment associated with a below-grade tank unless the equipment is required for some other purpose.

**All Equipment has been removed due to the plugging and abandoning of the EH Pipkin # 19 well.**

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.

**A five point composite sample was taken of the pit using sampling tools and all samples tested per Subsection B of 19.15.17.1 3(B)( 1 )(b). (Sample results attached).**

Components	Test Method	Limit (mg/Kg)	Results
Benzene	EPA SW-846 8021B or 8260B	0.2	<0.050 mg/kg
BTEX	EPA SW-846 8021B or 8260B	50	< 0.25 mg/kg
TPH	EPA SW-846 418.1	100	< 20 mg/kg
Chlorides	EPA 300.1	250 or background	3600 mg/kg

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.

**A release has been confirmed for this location due to a Chloride result of 3600 ppm.**

**A C-141 Release Notification and Corrective Action report will be submitted outlining any remediation activities at this location.**

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.

**The pit cellar was backfilled using compacted, non-waste containing earthen material, with a division prescribed soil cover.**

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:

- i. Operator's name
- ii. Well Name and API Number
- iii. Location by Unit Letter, Section, Township, and Range

**Due to misunderstanding regarding the 'pit rule' in 2008-2009, the proper notifications were not made prior to the beginning of closure activities. These misunderstandings have been corrected, and proper notifications are made currently.**



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.

**Due to misunderstanding regarding the 'pit rule' in 2008-2009, the proper notifications were not made prior to the beginning of closure activities. These misunderstandings have been corrected, and proper notifications are made currently.**

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.  
**The location has been recontoured to match the above specifications.**
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.  
**The site has been backfilled to match these specifications after P&A.**
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.  
**The site has been reclaimed pursuant to the surface use agreement after P&A.**
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; **Not made**
  - ii. Details on capping and covering, where applicable; **per OCD Specifications**
  - iii. Inspection reports; **attached**
  - iv. Confirmation sampling analytical results; **attached**
  - v. Disposal facility name(s) and permit number(s); **see above**
  - vi. Soil backfilling and cover installation; **per OCD Specifications**
  - vii. Re-vegetation application rates and seeding techniques, (or approved alternative to re-vegetation requirements if applicable); **per BLM MOU**
  - viii. Photo documentation of the site reclamation. **attached**
15. **This closure report is being submitted after the 60 day deadline required by the 'Pit Rule' due to a misunderstanding of the 'Pit Rule' in 2008-2009.**

Division	Dates	Type	Type Value
Denver	06/01/2008 - 06/01/2011	Route Stop	E
StopName			
Eh Pipkin # 19	Inspection Time	Visible Liner Tears	No
Pumper	Visible Tank Leak	Overflow	No
Blackburn, Shawn	Collection	Surface Run	No
Foreman	Visible Layer Oil	Visible Leak	No
EH PIPKIN 19 (PA)	Freeboard	Esift	5
API Well Number	Pit Location	Pit Type	Well Water Pit Below Ground
3004525151	12	11W	27N
Section Rang Townsh	Notes		



