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State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources  
Department  
Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
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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

13685 Proposed Alternative Method Permit or Closure Plan Application

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

OIL CONS. DIV DIST. 3

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

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

1.

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

Address: PO BOX 4289, Farmington, NM 87499

Facility or well name: Huerfano Unit 556

API Number: 30-045-34620 OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

U/L or Qtr/Qtr L (NWSW) Section 34 Township 26N Range 9W County: San Juan

Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 36.442948 °N Longitude -107.781560 °W NAD: ☐ 1927 ☒ 1983

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

2.

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

Temporary: ☐ Drilling ☐ Workover

☐ Permanent ☐ Emergency ☐ Cavitation ☐ P&A ☐ Multi-Well Fluid Management Low Chloride Drilling Fluid ☐ yes ☐ no

☐ Lined ☐ Unlined Liner type: Thickness \_\_\_\_\_ mil ☐ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

☐ String-Reinforced

Liner Seams: ☐ Welded ☐ Factory ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Volume: \_\_\_\_\_ bbl Dimensions: L \_\_\_\_\_ x W \_\_\_\_\_ x D \_\_\_\_\_

3.

☒ **Below-grade tank:** Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC

Volume: 120 bbl Type of fluid: Produced Water

Tank Construction material: Metal

☐ Secondary containment with leak detection ☒ Visible sidewalls, liner, 6-inch lift and automatic overflow shut-off

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

Liner type: Thickness 30 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 \_\_\_\_\_



6.  
**Netting:** Subsection E of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (*Applies to permanent pits and permanent open top tanks*)

- ☐ Screen ☐ Netting ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Monthly inspections (If netting or screening is not physically feasible)

7.  
**Signs:** Subsection C of 19.15.17.11 NMAC

- ☐ 12"x 24", 2" lettering, providing Operator's name, site location, and emergency telephone numbers  
☐ Signed in compliance with 19.15.16.8 NMAC

8.  
**Variations 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 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

☐ Yes ☐ No

### **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

☐ 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 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

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within 300 feet of a wetland.

- US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

☐ Yes ☐ No

### **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

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within 500 feet of a wetland.

- US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

☐ Yes ☐ 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.

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|---|---|
| Ground water is less than 25 feet below the bottom of the buried waste.<br>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> NA |
| Ground water is between 25-50 feet below the bottom of the buried waste<br>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> NA |
| Ground water is more than 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste.<br>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> NA |
| Within 100 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse, lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).<br>- Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.<br>- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within 300 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring used for domestic or stock watering purposes, in existence at the time of initial application.<br>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within 300 feet of a wetland.<br>US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

- 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: Yanessa Approval Date: 12/21/2015

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

19.

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

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

☒ Closure Completion Date: 6/24/2010

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 N Longitude W 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): Crystal Walker Title: Regulatory Coordinator

Signature:  Date: 12/19/15

e-mail address: crystal.walker@cop.com Telephone: (505) 326-9837



**Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company, LP**  
**San Juan Basin**  
**Below Grade Tank Closure Report**

**Lease Name: Huerfano Unit 556**

**API No.: 30-045-34620**

In accordance with Rule 19.15.17.13 NMAC the following information describes the closure of the below-grade tank referenced above. All proper documentation regarding closure activities is being included with the C-144.

General Plan:

1. BR shall close a below-grade tank within 60 days of cessation of operations per Subsection G.4 of 19.15.17.13 NMAC. This will include a) below-grade tanks that do 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, if not retrofitted to comply with Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC; b) an earlier date that the division requires because of imminent danger to fresh water, public health or the environment. For any closure, BR will file the C144 Closure Report as required.

**The below-grade tank referenced above was permitted and closed within 60 days of cessation of the below-grade tanks operation.**

2. BR shall remove liquids and sludge from a below-grade tank prior to implementing a closure method and shall dispose of the liquids and sludge in a division-approved facility. The facilities to be used will be Basin Disposal (Permit #NM-01-005), JFJ Landfarm % Industrial Ecosystem Inc. (Permit # NM-01-0010B) and Envirotech Land Farm (Permit #NM-01-011). The liner after being cleaned well (Subsection D, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph (m) of 19.15.9.712 NMAC) will be disposed of at the San Juan County Regional Landfill located on CR 3100.

**All recovered liquids were disposed of at Basin Disposal (Permit #NM-01-005) and any sludge or soil required to be removed to facilitate closure was hauled to Envirotech Land Farm (Permit #NM-01-011) and JFJ Landfarm % IEI (Permit #NM-01-0010B). The liner was cleaned per Subsection D, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph (m) of 19.15.9.712 NMAC was disposed of at the San Juan County Regional Landfill located on CR 3100.**

3. BR will receive prior approval to 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.

**The below-grade tank was disposed of in a division-approved manner.**

4. If there is any on-site equipment associated with a below-grade tank, then BR shall remove the equipment, unless the equipment is required for some other purpose.

**All on-site equipment associated with the below-grade tank was removed.**

5. BR will test the soils beneath the below-grade tank to determine whether a release has occurred. BR shall collect, at a minimum, a five point, composite sample; collect individual grab samples from any area that is wet, discolored or showing other evidence of a release; and analyzed for the constituents listed in Table I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC. COPC shall notify the division of its results on form C-141.



A five point composite sample was taken of the below-grade tank using sampling tools and all samples tested per Subsection B of 19.15.17.1 3(B)(1)(b). (Sample results attached). Form C-141 is attached.

Components	Tests 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 300.0	250

6. If BR or the division determines that a release has occurred, then BR shall comply with 19.15.3.116 NMAC and 19.15.1.19 NMAC, as appropriate.

**A release was not determined for the above referenced well.**

7. If the sampling program demonstrates that a release has not occurred or that any release does not exceed the concentrations specified in Table I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC, then BR shall backfill the excavation with compacted, non-waste containing, earthen material; construct a division-prescribed soil cover; recontour and re-vegetate the site.

**The below-grade tank area passed all requirements of Paragraph (4) of Subsection E of 19.15.17.13 NMAC and was backfilled with compacted, non-waste containing, earthen material.**

8. Notice of Closure will be given prior to closure to the Aztec Division office between 72 hours and one week via email or verbally. The notification of closure will include the following:
- Operator's name
  - Location by Unit Letter, Section, Township, and Range. Well name and API number.

**Notification is missing.**

9. The surface owner shall be notified of BR's closing of the below-grade tank 72 hours, but not more than one week, prior to closure as per the approved closure plan via certified mail, return receipt requested.

**The closure process notification to the landowner was not found.**

10. Re-contouring of location will match fit, shape, line, form and texture of the surrounding. 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 place 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 below-grade tank area was re-contoured to match fit, shape, line, form and texture of the surrounding area. Re-shaping including drainage control, to prevent ponding and erosion. Natural drainages were unimpeded and water bars and/or silt traps were placed in areas where needed to prevent erosion on a large scale. Final recontour has a uniform appearance with smooth surface, fitting the natural landscape.**

11. BR shall seed the disturbed areas the first favorable growing season following closure of a below-grade tank. Seeding will be accomplished via drilling on the contour whenever practical or by other division-approved methods. BLM stipulated seed mixes will used on federally regulated lands and division-approved seed mixtures (administratively approved if required) will be utilized on all State or private lands. A uniform vegetative cover has been established that reflects a life-form ratio of plus or minus fifty percent (50%) of pre- disturbance levels and a total percent plant cover of at least seventy percent (70%) of pre-disturbance levels, excluding noxious weeds. If alternate seed mix is required by the state, private owner or tribe, it will be implemented with administrative approval if needed. COPC will repeat seeding or planting will be continued until successful vegetative growth occurs.



**Provision 13 was accomplished through complying with BLM seeding requirements as allowed by the BLM/OCD MOU.**

12. A minimum of four feet of cover shall be achieved and the cover shall include one foot of suitable material, with chloride concentrations less than 600 mg/kg as analyzed by EPA Method 300.0, to establish vegetation at the site, or the background thickness of topsoil, whichever is greater.

**The below-grade tank area was backfilled and more than four feet of cover was achieved and the cover included one foot of suitable material to establish vegetation at the site.**

13. All closure activities will include proper documentation and be available for review upon request and will be submitted to OCD within 60 days of closure of the below-grade tank. Closure report will be filed on C-144 and incorporate the following:
  - Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation **(See Report)**
  - Re-vegetation application rates and seeding techniques **(See Report)**
  - Photo documentation of the site reclamation **(Included as an attachment)**
  - Confirmation Sampling Results **(Included as an attachment)**
  - Proof of closure notice **(Missing)**



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1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-141  
Revised August 8, 2011

Submit 1 Copy to appropriate District Office to  
accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.

### Release Notification and Corrective Action

#### OPERATOR

☐ Initial Report ☒ Final Report

Name of Company <b>Burlington Resources Oil &amp; Gas Company</b>	Contact <b>Crystal Walker</b>
Address <b>3401 East 30<sup>th</sup> St, Farmington, NM</b>	Telephone No. <b>(505) 326-9837</b>
Facility Name: <b>Huerfano Unit 556</b>	Facility Type: <b>Gas Well</b>
Surface Owner <b>BLM</b>	Mineral Owner <b>BLM</b>
API No. <b>30-045-34620</b>	

#### LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter <b>L</b>	Section <b>34</b>	Township <b>26N</b>	Range <b>9W</b>	Feet from the <b>2000</b>	North/South Line <b>South</b>	Feet from the <b>1115</b>	East/West Line <b>West</b>	County <b>San Juan</b>
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Latitude **36.442948** Longitude **-107.781560**

#### NATURE OF RELEASE

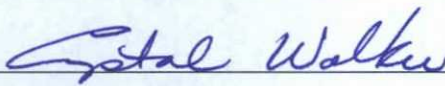
Type of Release	Volume of Release	Volume Recovered
Source of Release	Date and Hour of Occurrence	Date and Hour of Discovery
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom?	
By Whom?	Date and Hour	
Was 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.\*  
N/A

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.\*  
No release was encountered during the BGT Closure.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\*  
N/A

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: 	<b>OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION</b>		
Printed Name: Crystal Walker	Approved by Environmental Specialist:		
Title: <b>Regulatory Coordinator</b>	Approval Date:	Expiration Date:	
E-mail Address: crystal.walker@cop.com	Conditions of Approval:		Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: <b>12/14/15</b> Phone: (505) 326-9837			

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary





July 16, 2010

Project No. 92115-1338

Ms. Kelsi Gurvitz  
ConocoPhillips  
3401 East 30<sup>th</sup> Street  
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

Phone: (505) 599-3403

**RE: BELOW GRADE TANK CLOSURE DOCUMENTATION FOR THE HUERFANO UNIT #556  
(HBR) WELL SITE, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Dear Ms. Gurvitz,

Enclosed please find the field notes and analytical results for below grade tank (BGT) closure activities conducted at the Huerfano Unit #556 (hBr) well site located in Section 35, Township 26N, Range 9W, San Juan County, New Mexico. On June 24, 2010, a five (5)-point composite sample was collected from directly beneath the BGT; see attached *Field Notes*. The sample was screened in the field for total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) using USEPA Method 418.1, for organic vapors using a photo-ionization detector (PID), and for chlorides. Additionally, the sample was placed into a four (4)-ounce glass jar, capped headspace free, and transported on ice under chain of custody to Envirotech's laboratory to be analyzed for benzene and BTEX using USEPA Method 8021 and for total chlorides using USEPA Method 4500. The sample was non-detect for benzene, and returned results below the regulatory limits for all constituents analyzed; confirming a release did not occur; see attached *Analytical Results*. Envirotech, Inc. recommends no further action in regards to this incident.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact our office at (505) 632-0615.

Respectfully submitted,  
ENVIROTECH, INC.

Barian Williamson  
Senior Environmental Technician  
[bwilliamson@envirotech-inc.com](mailto:bwilliamson@envirotech-inc.com)

Enclosures: Field Notes  
Analytical Results

Cc: Client File No. 92115



PAGE NO: <u>1</u> OF <u>1</u> DATE STARTED: <u>6-24-10</u> DATE FINISHED:	<b>ENVIROTECH INC</b> ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTISTS & ENGINEERS 5796 U.S. HIGHWAY 64 - 3014 FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO 87401 PHONE: (505) 632-0615	ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST: <u>B. Williamson</u> LAT: <u>36.442962</u> LONG: <u>107.781946</u>
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### FIELD REPORT: BGT / PIT CLOSURE VERIFICATION

LOCATION:	NAME: <u>Huerfano Unit</u>	WELL #: <u>556</u>	TEMP PIT:	PERMANENT PIT:	BGT:
LEGAL ADD:	UNIT:	SEC: <u>35</u>	TWP: <u>20N</u>	RNG: <u>9W</u>	PM:
QTR/FOOTAGE:	CNTY: <u>ST</u>		ST: <u>NM</u>		
EXCAVATION APPROX:	<u>N/A</u> FT.	<u>X</u> FT.	<u>X</u> FT.	DEEP	CUBIC YARDAGE:
DISPOSAL FACILITY:	<u>N/A</u>	REMEDICATION METHOD: <u>N/A</u>			
LAND OWNER:	API: <u>3004534620</u>		BGT / PIT VOLUME:		
CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL:	DOUBLE-WALLED, WITH LEAK DETECTION:				
LOCATION APPROXIMATELY:	<u>150</u> FT.	<u>SW</u>	FROM WELLHEAD		
DEPTH TO GROUNDWATER:	<u>264</u>				

#### TEMPORARY PIT - GROUNDWATER 50-100 FEET DEEP

BENZENE  $\leq$  0.2 mg/kg, BTEX  $\leq$  50 mg/kg, GRO & DRO FRACTION (8015)  $\leq$  500 mg/kg, TPH (418.1)  $\leq$  2500 mg/kg, CHLORIDES  $\leq$  500 mg/kg

#### TEMPORARY PIT - GROUNDWATER $\geq$ 100 FEET DEEP

BENZENE  $\leq$  0.2 mg/kg, BTEX  $\leq$  50 mg/kg, GRO & DRO FRACTION (8015)  $\leq$  500 mg/kg, TPH (418.1)  $\leq$  2500 mg/kg, CHLORIDES  $\leq$  1000 mg/kg

#### ☒ PERMANENT PIT OR BGT

BENZENE  $\leq$  0.2 mg/kg, BTEX  $\leq$  50 mg/kg, TPH (418.1)  $\leq$  100 mg/kg, CHLORIDES  $\leq$  250 mg/kg

#### FIELD 418.1 ANALYSIS

TIME	SAMPLE I.D.	LAB NO.	WEIGHT (g)	mL FREON	DILUTION	READING	CALC. (mg/kg)
9:34	200 STD		-	-	-	225	
9:44	511	1	5	20	4	11	44
		2					
		3					
		4					
		5					
		6					

#### PERIMETER

#### FIELD CHLORIDES RESULTS

#### PROFILE

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#### LAB SAMPLES

SAMPLE ID	ANALYSIS	RESULTS
	BENZENE	
	BTEX	
	GRO & DRO	
	CHLORIDES	

NOTES: Called Monica Johnson 326-9829

arrived @ 9:15 left @ 10:08

WORKORDER #

WHO ORDERED





**EPA METHOD 418.1  
TOTAL PETROLEUM  
HYDROCARBONS**

Client:	ConocoPhillips	Project #:	92115-1338
Sample No.:	1	Date Reported:	6/28/2010
Sample ID:	Composite under BGT	Date Sampled:	6/24/2010
Sample Matrix:	Soil	Date Analyzed:	6/24/2010
Preservative:	Cool	Analysis Needed:	TPH-418.1
Condition:	Cool and Intact		

Parameter	Concentration (mg/kg)	Det. Limit (mg/kg)
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<b>Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>5.0</b>
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ND = Parameter not detected at the stated detection limit.


References: Method 418.1, Petroleum Hydrocarbons, Total Recoverable, Chemical Analysis of Water and Waste, USEPA Storet No. 4551, 1978.

Comments: **Huerfano Unit #556 (hBr)**

Instrument calibrated to 200 ppm standard. Zeroed before each sample

  
Analyst

Barian Williamson  
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Toni McKnight, EIT  
Printed





CONTINUOUS CALIBRATION  
EPA METHOD 418.1  
TOTAL PETROLEUM  
HYDROCARBONS

Cal. Date: 24-Jun-10

Parameter	Standard Concentration mg/L	Concentration Reading mg/L
TPH	100	225
	200	
	500	
	1000	

The accepted percent relative deviation (%RSD) of the calibration factor is less than 20% over the working range.

  
Analyst

7-6-10

Date

Barian Williamson

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Date

Toni McKnight, EIT

Print Name





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**EPA METHOD 8021  
AROMATIC VOLATILE ORGANICS**

Client: ConocoPhillips  
Sample ID: 5 Pt Compsite Under Liner  
Laboratory Number: 54861  
Chain of Custody: 9749  
Sample Matrix: Soil  
Preservative: Cool  
Condition: Intact

Project #: 92115-1338  
Date Reported: 06-28-10  
Date Sampled: 06-24-10  
Date Received: 06-24-10  
Date Analyzed: 06-25-10  
Date Extracted: 06-24-10  
Analysis Requested: BTEX

Parameter	Concentration (ug/Kg)	Det. Limit (ug/Kg)
Benzene	ND	0.9
Toluene	9.7	1.0
Ethylbenzene	6.8	1.0
p,m-Xylene	15.9	1.2
o-Xylene	11.1	0.9
Total BTEX	43.5	

ND - Parameter not detected at the stated detection limit.

Surrogate Recoveries:	Parameter	Percent Recovery
	Fluorobenzene	100 %
	1,4-difluorobenzene	100 %
	Bromochlorobenzene	100 %

References: Method 5030B, Purge-and-Trap, Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, SW-846, USEPA, December 1996.

Method 8021B, Aromatic Volatile Organics, Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, SW-846, USEPA, December 1996.

Comments: Huerfano Unit #556

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**EPA METHOD 8021  
 AROMATIC VOLATILE ORGANICS**

Client: N/A  
 Sample ID: 0625BBLK QA/QC  
 Laboratory Number: 54854  
 Sample Matrix: Soil  
 Preservative: N/A  
 Condition: N/A

Project #: N/A  
 Date Reported: 06-28-10  
 Date Sampled: N/A  
 Date Received: N/A  
 Date Analyzed: 06-25-10  
 Analysis: BTEX

Calibration and Detection Limits (ug/L)	I-Cal RF:	C-Cal RF:	%Diff. Accept. Range 0 - 15%	Blank Conc	Detect. Limit
Benzene	1.4619E+006	1.4648E+006	0.2%	ND	0.1
Toluene	1.3371E+006	1.3398E+006	0.2%	ND	0.1
Ethylbenzene	1.2048E+006	1.2072E+006	0.2%	ND	0.1
p,m-Xylene	3.0291E+006	3.0351E+006	0.2%	ND	0.1
o-Xylene	1.1249E+006	1.1272E+006	0.2%	ND	0.1

Duplicate Conc. (ug/Kg)	Sample	Duplicate	%Diff.	Accept Range	Detect. Limit
Benzene	142	149	4.7%	0 - 30%	0.9
Toluene	2.7	3.0	11.1%	0 - 30%	1.0
Ethylbenzene	1.5	1.7	13.3%	0 - 30%	1.0
p,m-Xylene	2.5	3.0	20.0%	0 - 30%	1.2
o-Xylene	4.3	5.5	27.9%	0 - 30%	0.9

Spike Conc. (ug/Kg)	Sample	Amount Spiked	Spiked Sample	% Recovery	Accept Range
Benzene	142	50.0	187	97.4%	39 - 150
Toluene	2.7	50.0	50.8	96.3%	46 - 148
Ethylbenzene	1.5	50.0	50.2	97.5%	32 - 160
p,m-Xylene	2.5	100	98.6	96.2%	46 - 148
o-Xylene	4.3	50.0	49.4	91.0%	46 - 148

ND - Parameter not detected at the stated detection limit.

References: Method 5030B, Purge-and-Trap, Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, SW-846, USEPA, December 1996.  
 Method 8021B, Aromatic and Halogenated Volatiles by Gas Chromatography Using Photoionization and/or Electrolytic Conductivity Detectors, SW-846, USEPA December 1996.

**Comments: QA/QC for Samples 54828-54830; 54850; 54854; 54861; 54868 & 54785**

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Analytical Laboratory

Chloride

Client:	ConocoPhillips	Project #:	92115-1338
Sample ID:	5 Pt Composite Under Liner	Date Reported:	06-28-10
Lab ID#:	54861	Date Sampled:	06-24-10
Sample Matrix:	Soil	Date Received:	06-24-10
Preservative:	Cool	Date Analyzed:	06-25-10
Condition:	Intact	Chain of Custody:	9749

Parameter


Concentration (mg/Kg)

Total Chloride

25

Reference: U.S.E.P.A., 4500B, "Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes", 1983.  
Standard Methods For The Examination of Water And Waste Water", 18th ed., 1992.

Comments: Huerfano Unit #556

  
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# CHAIN OF CUSTODY RECORD

09749 KUSH

Client: <b>Conoco Phillips</b>			Project Name / Location: <b>Huerfano Unit # 556</b>			ANALYSIS / PARAMETERS																	
Client Address:			Sampler Name: <b>Brian Williamson</b>																				
Client Phone No.:			Client No.: <b>92115-1338</b>																				
Sample No./ Identification	Sample Date	Sample Time	Lab No.	Sample Matrix	No./Volume of Containers	Preservative HgCl <sub>2</sub> HCl Na <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>			TPH (Method 8015)	BTEX (Method 8021)	VOC (Method 8260)	RCRA 8 Metals	Cation / Anion	RCI	TCLP with H/P	PAH	TPH (418.1)	CHLORIDE			Sample Cool	Sample Intact	
5 point Composite Under liner	6/24/10	9:44	54861	Soil Solid	1-4oz			X		X									X			Y	Y
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## Huerfano Unit 556

