

District I  
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240

District II  
1301 W. Grand Ave., Artesia, NM 88210

District III  
1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

District IV  
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

Department  
Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-144  
July 21, 2008

For temporary pits, closed-loop systems, and below-grade tanks, submit to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.

For permanent pits and exceptions submit to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office and provide a copy to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.

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

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

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

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

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Operator: ConocoPhillips Company OGRID#: 217817  
Address: PO Box 4289, Farmington, NM 87499  
Facility or well name: SUTER 4C  
API Number: 3004533501 OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
U/L or Qtr/Qtr: K Section: 15 Township: 32N Range: 11W County: San Juan  
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude: 36.98436°N Longitude: -107.97927°W NAD:  1927  1983  
Surface Owner:  Federal  State  Private  Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

2  
 **Pit:** Subsection F or G of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
Temporary:  Drilling  Workover  
 Permanent  Emergency  Cavitation  P&A  
 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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 **Closed-loop System:** Subsection H of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
Type of Operation:  P&A  Drilling a new well  Workover or Drilling (Applies to activities which require prior approval of a permit or notice of intent)  
 Drying Pad  Above Ground Steel Tanks  Haul-off Bins  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lined  Unlined Liner type: Thickness \_\_\_\_\_ mil  LLDPE  HDPE  PVD  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Liner Seams:  Welded  Factory  Other \_\_\_\_\_

4  
 **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 \_\_\_\_\_ mil  HDPE  PVC  Other Unspecified

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 **Alternative Method:**  
Submittal of an exception request is required. Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

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6 **Fencing:** Subsection D of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (Applies to permanent pit, 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 4' hog wire fencing topped with two strands barbed wire.

7 **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)

8 **Signs:** Subsection C of 19.15.17.11 NMAC

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

9 **Administrative Approvals and Exceptions:**  
Justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17 NMAC for guidance.

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

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

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

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

**Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the temporary pit, permanent pit, or below-grade tank.**

- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells

Yes  No

**Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other 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.**

(Applies to temporary, emergency, or cavitation pits and below-grade tanks)

- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image

Yes  No

NA

**Within 1000 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.**

(Applied to permanent pits)

- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image

Yes  No

NA

**Within 500 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring that less than five households use for domestic or stock watering purposes, or within 1000 horizontal feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in existence at the time of initial application.**

- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site.

Yes  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 500 feet of a wetland.**

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

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

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**Temporary Pits, Emergency Pits and Below-grade Tanks Permit Application Attachment Checklist:** Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC  
*Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.*

- Hydrogeologic Report (Below-grade Tanks) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (4) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC  
 Hydrogeologic Data (Temporary and Emergency Pits) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (2) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9  
 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 \_\_\_\_\_ or Permit \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

- Geologic and Hydrogeologic Data (only for on-site closure) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (3) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9  
 Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations (only for on-site closure) - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC  
 Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
 Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC  
 Closure Plan (Please complete Boxes 14 through 18, if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC

Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API \_\_\_\_\_

Previously Approved Operating and Maintenance Plan API \_\_\_\_\_

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**Permanent Pits Permit Application Checklist:** Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC

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

- Hydrogeologic Report - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (I) 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

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**Proposed Closure:** 19.15.17.13 NMAC

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

Type:  Drilling  Workover  Emergency  Cavitation  P&A  Permanent Pit  Below-grade Tank  Closed-loop System  
 Alternative

Proposed Closure Method:  Waste Excavation and Removal (Below-Grade Tank)  
 Waste Removal (Closed-loop systems only)  
 On-site Closure Method (only for temporary pits and closed-loop systems)  
 In-place Burial  On-site Trench  
 Alternative Closure Method (Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau for consideration)

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

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

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

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

Disposal Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Disposal Facility Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Yes (If yes, please provide the information)  No

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

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

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

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

Ground water is less than 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  
 N/A

Ground water is between 50 and 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  
 N/A

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  
 N/A

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 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 private, domestic fresh water well or spring that less than five households use for domestic or stock watering purposes, or within 1000 horizontal feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in existence at the time of the initial application.

- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

Yes  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 500 feet of a wetland

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

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

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

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**Operator Application Certification:**

I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name (Print): Crystal Tafoya Title: Regulatory Technician  
Signature: *Crystal Tafoya* Date: 12/22/2008  
e-mail address: crystal.tafoya@conocophillips.com Telephone: 505-326-9837

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

**OCD Representative Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Approval Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ **OCD Permit Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Closure Completion Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Closure Method:**

- Waste Excavation and Removal
- On-site Closure Method
- Alternative Closure Method
- Waste Removal (Closed-loop systems only)
- If different from approved plan, please explain.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Closure Report Attachment Checklist:** *Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure report. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.*

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

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

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**Operator Closure Certification:**

*I hereby certify that the information and attachments submitted with this closure report is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also certify that the closure complies with all applicable closure requirements and conditions specified in the approved closure plan.*

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**New Mexico Office of the State Engineer  
POD Reports and Downloads**

Township: 32N Range: 11W Sections:

NAD27 X:  Y:  Zone:   Search Radius:

County:   Basin:   Number:  Suffix:

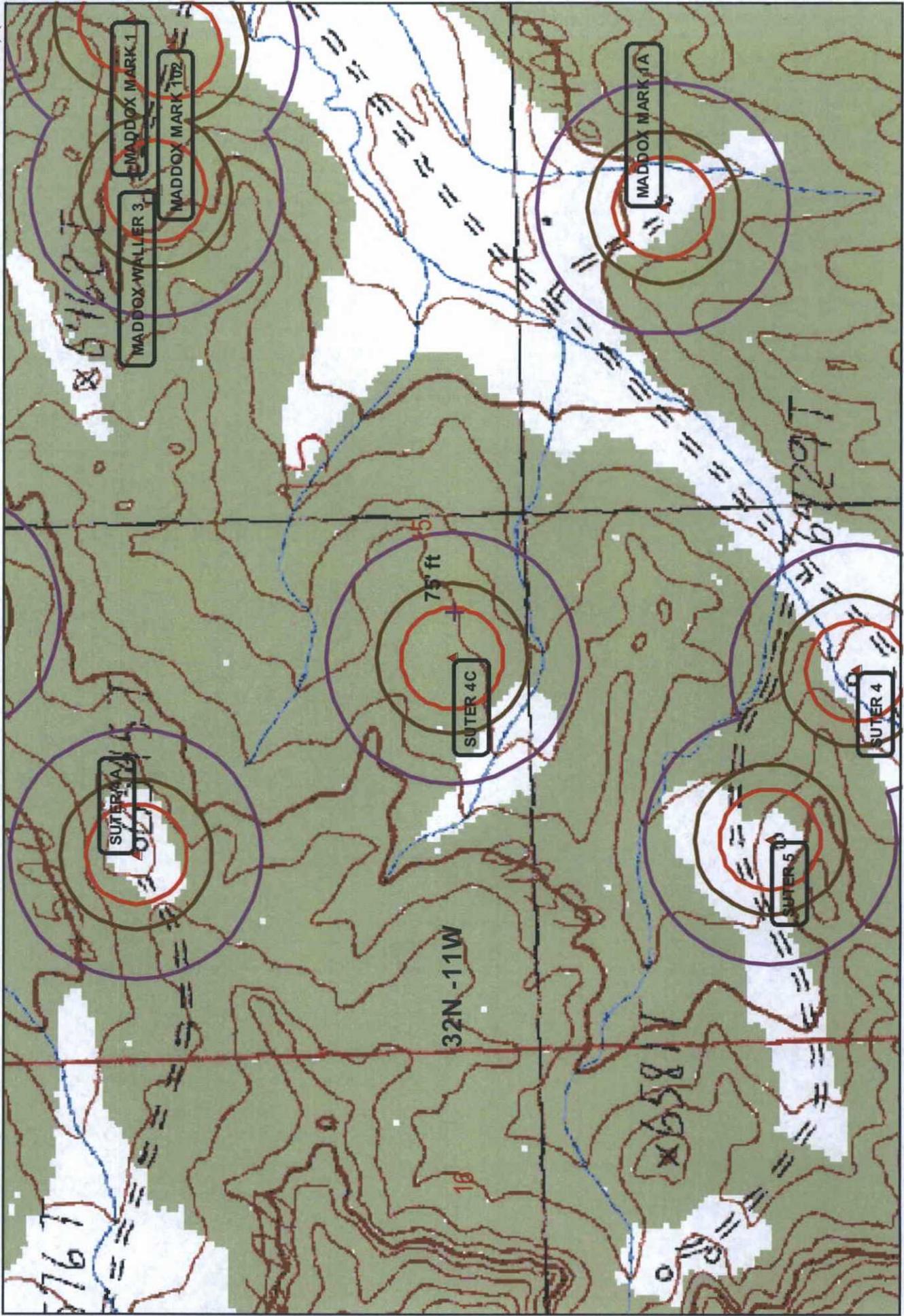
Owner Name: (First)  (Last)   Non-Domestic  Domestic  
 All

**WATER COLUMN REPORT 09/15/2008**

(quarters are 1=NW 2=NE 3=SW 4=SE)  
(quarters are biggest to smallest)

POD Number	Tws	Rng	Sec	q	q	q	Zone	X	Y	Depth Well	Depth Water	Water Column
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SJ 01327	32N	11W	23	2	2	3				90	50	4
SJ 00021	32N	11W	23	3						585		
SJ 00017	32N	11W	24	2						105		
SJ 00020	32N	11W	29	3						588		
SJ 00026	32N	11W	33	2						321		

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Wetlands data aquired from U.S. Fish and Wildlife  
<http://wetlands.wms.er.usgs.gov>

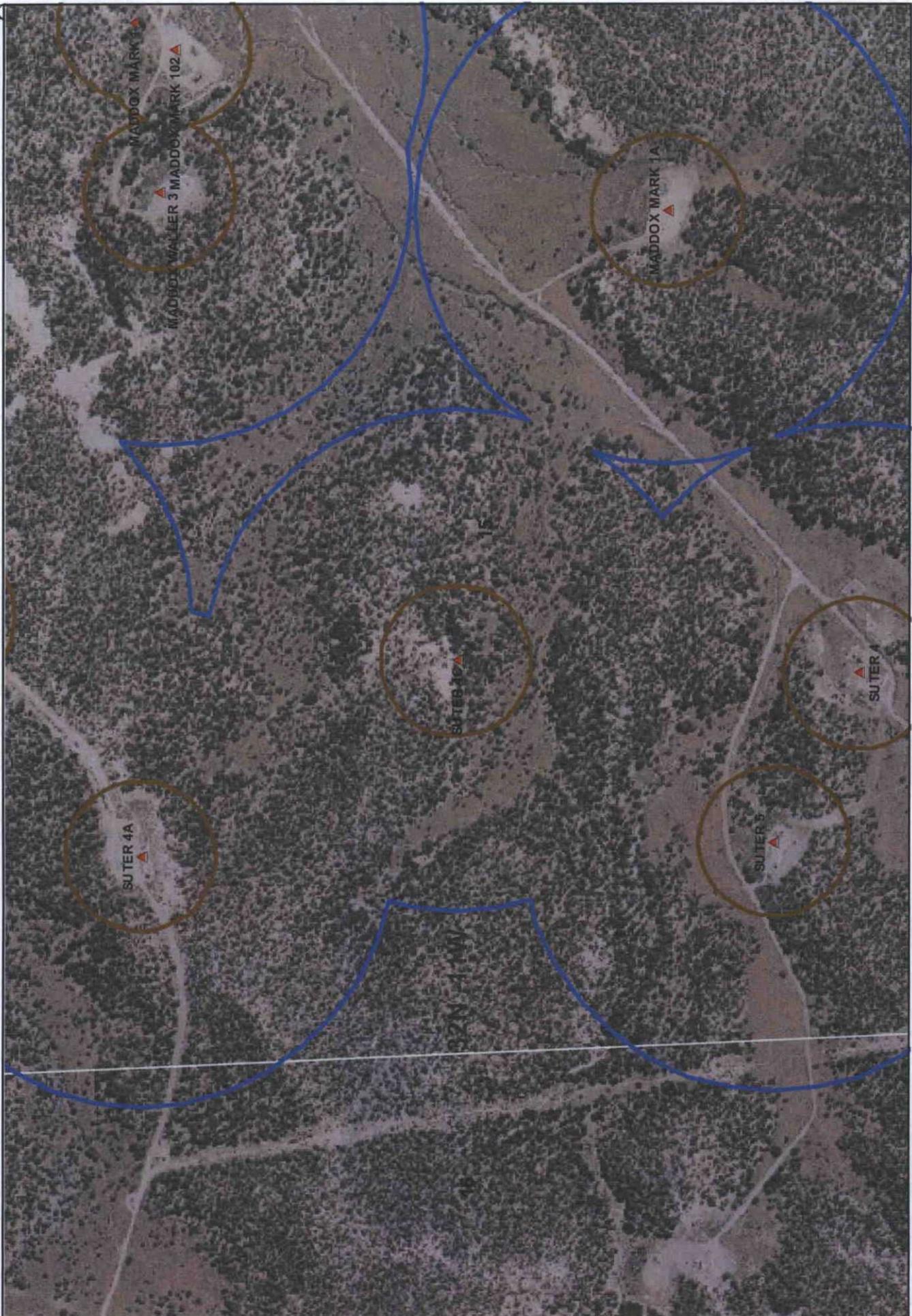
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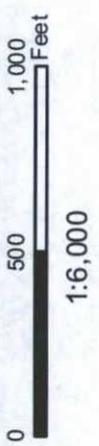
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# AERIAL MAP SUTER 4C



Data Source  
Aerial flown locally Sedgewick in 2005.



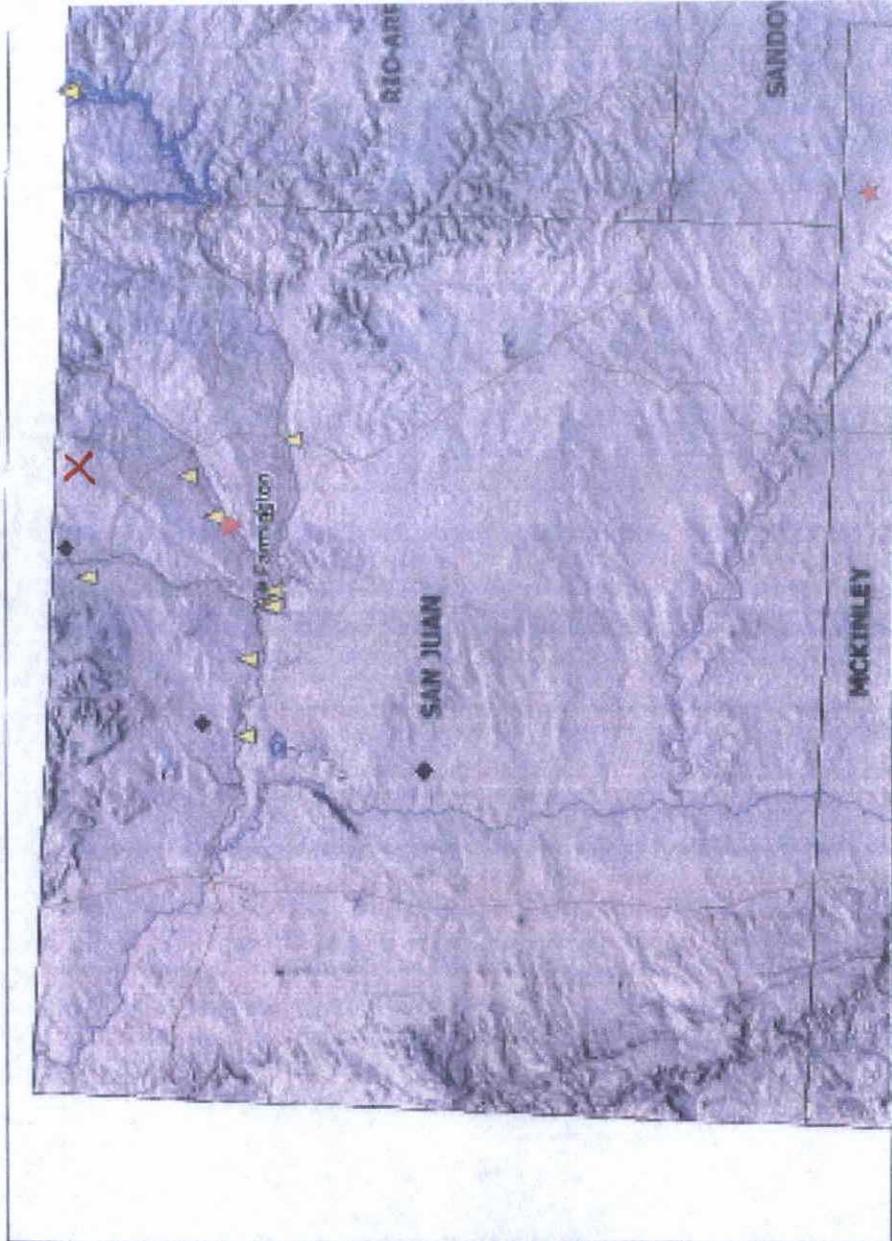
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# Mines, Mills and Quarries Web Map

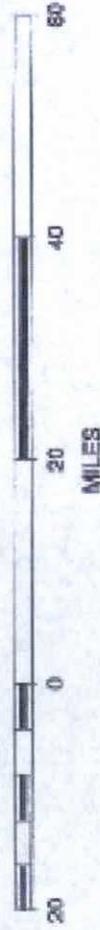
**SUTER 4C**

Unit Letter: K, Section: 15, Town: 032N, Range: 011W

<b>Mines, Mills &amp; Quarries Commodity Groups</b>
▲ Aggregate & Stone Mines
◆ Coal Mines
★ Industrial Minerals Mines
▼ Industrial Minerals Mills
▣ Metal Mines and Mill Concentrate
■ Potash Mines & Refineries
⌘ Smelters & Refinery Ops.
⋈ Uranium Mines
⊕ Uranium Mills
<b>Population</b>
● Cities - major
<b>transportation</b>
— Railways
— Interstate Highways
— Major Roads

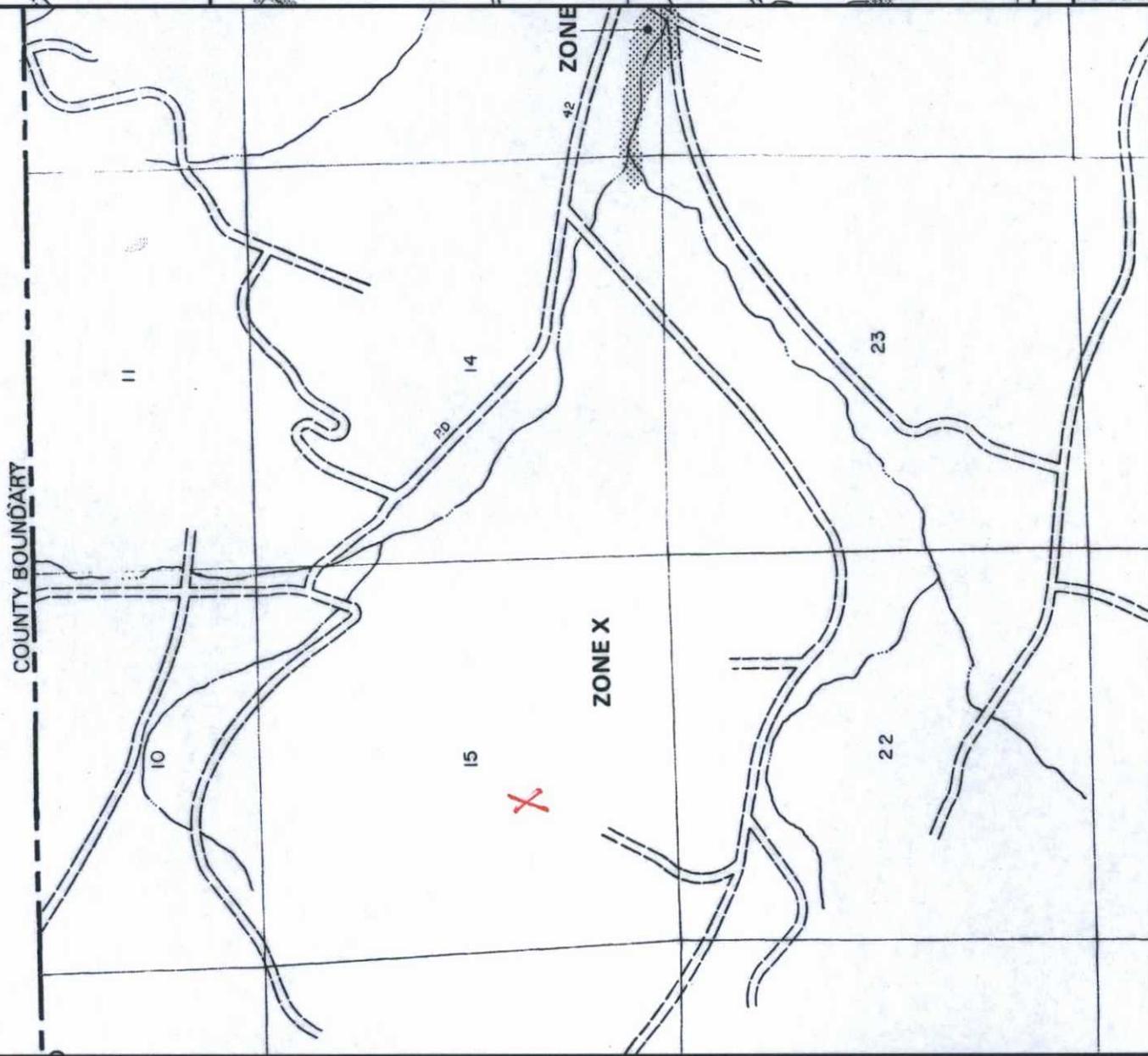


SCALE 1 : 1,180,363



Suter # 4C

COUNTY BOUNDARY



APPROXIMATE SCALE



NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

**FIRM**  
FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

SAN JUAN COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO  
UNINCORPORATED AREAS

PANEL 150 OF 1450

(SEE MAP INDEX FOR PANELS NOT PRINTED)



PANEL LOCATION

COMMUNITY-PANEL NUMBER  
350064 0150

EFFECTIVE DATE:  
AUGUST 4, 1988



Federal Emergency Management Agency

This is an official copy of a portion of the above referenced flood map. It was extracted using F-MIT On-Line. This map does not reflect changes or amendments which may have been made subsequent to the date on the title block. For the latest product information about National Flood Insurance Program flood maps check the FEMA Flood Map Store at [www.msc.fema.gov](http://www.msc.fema.gov)

## SUTER 4C

### Site Specific Hydrogeology

A visual site inspection confirming the information contained herein was performed on the well 'SUTER 4C', which is located at 36.98436 degrees North latitude and 107.97927 degrees West longitude. This location is located on the Cedar Hill 7.5' USGS topographic quadrangle. This location is in section 15 of Township 32 North Range 11 West of the Public Land Survey System (New Mexico Principal Meridian). This location is located in San Juan County, New Mexico. The nearest town is Cedar Hill, located 5.9 miles to the southeast. The nearest large town (population greater than 10,000) is Durango, located 20.8 miles to the north (National Atlas). The nearest highway is US Highway 550, located 5.3 miles to the east. The location is on Private land and is 119 feet from the edge of the parcel as notated in the BLM land status layer updated January 2008. This location is in the Animas, Colorado, New Mexico, Sub-basin. This location is located 1959 meters or 6425 feet above sea level and receives 15 inches of rain each year. The vegetation at this location is classified as Colorado Plateau Pinion-Juniper Woodland as per the Southwest Regional Gap Analysis Program.

The estimated depth to ground water at this point is 51 feet. This estimation is based on the data published on the New Mexico Engineer's iWaters Database website and water depth data from ConocoPhillips' Cathodic wells. Groundwater data available from the NM State Engineer's iWaters Database for wells near the proposed site are attached. The nearest stream is 292 feet to the southeast and is classified by the USGS as an intermittent stream. The nearest perennial stream is 3,197 feet to the northeast. The nearest water body is 3,112 feet to the northeast. It is classified by the USGS as an intermittent lake and is 0.2 acres in size. The nearest spring is 6,027 feet to the east. All stream, river, water body and spring information was determined as per the USGS Hydrographic Dataset (High Resolution), downloaded 3/2008. The nearest water well is 179 feet to the west. The nearest wetland is a 1.2 acre other located 13,298 feet to the south. The slope at this location is 4 degrees to the southeast as calculated from USGS 30M National Elevation Dataset. This information is also discerned from the aerial and topographic map included. The surface geology at this location is NACIMIENTO FORMATION--Shale and sandstone with a Shale dominated formations of all ages substrate. The soil at this location is 'Rock outcrop-Travessilla-Weska complex, extremely steep' and is well drained and not hydric with severe erosion potential as taken from the NRCS SSURGO map unit, downloaded January 2008. The nearest underground mine is 5.0 miles to the east as indicated on the Mines, Mills and Quarries Map of New Mexico provided.

### Regional Geological context:

The Nacimiento Formation is of Paleocene age (Baltz, 1967, p. 35). It crops out in a broad band inside the southern and western margins of the central basin and in a narrow band along the west face of the Nacimiento Uplift. The Nacimiento is a nonresistant unit and typically erodes to low, rounded hills or forms badland topography.

The Nacimiento Formation occurs in approximately only the southern two-thirds of the San Juan Basin where it conformably overlies and intertongues with the Ojo Alamo Sandstone (Fassett, 1974, p. 229). The Nacimiento Formation grades laterally into the main part of the Animas Formation (Fassett and Hinds, 1971, p. 34); thus, in this area, the two formations occupy the same stratigraphic interval.

Strata of the Nacimiento Formation were deposited in lakebeds in the central basin area with lesser deposition in stream channels (Brimhall, 1973, p. 201). In general, the Nacimiento consists of drab, interbedded black and gray shale with discontinuous, white, medium- to very coarse grained arkosic sandstone (Stone et al., 1983, p.30). Stone et al. indicated that the formation may contain more sandstone than commonly reported because some investigators assume the slope-forming strata in the unit area shales, whereas in many places the strata actually are poorly consolidated sandstones.

Total thickness of the Nacimiento Formation ranges from about 500 to 1,300 feet. The unit generally thickens from the basin margins toward the basin center (Steven et al., 1974). The sandstone deposits within the Nacimiento Formation are much thinner than the total thickness of the formation because their environment of deposition was localized stream channels (Brimhall, 1973, p. 201). The thickness of the combined San Jose, Animas, and Nacimiento Formations ranges from 500 to more than 3,500 feet.

#### Hydraulic Properties:

Reported well yields for 53 wells completed in either the Animas or Nacimiento Formations range from 2 to 90 gallons per minute and the median yield is 7.5 gallons per minute. The primary use of water from Nacimiento and Animas Formations is domestic and livestock supplies. There are no known aquifer tests for the Animas or Nacimiento Formations, but specific capacities reported for six wells range from 0.24 to 2.30 gallons per minute per foot of drawdown (Levings et al., 1990).

The Animas and Nacimiento Formations are in many ways hydrologically similar to the San Jose Formation because sands in both units produce approximately the same quantities of water. However, the greater percentage of fine materials in the Animas and Nacimiento Formations may restrict downward vertical leakage to the Ojo Alamo Sandstone or Kirtland Shale. The poorly cemented fine material is highly erodible, forms a badland terrain, and supports only spotty vegetation. These conditions are more conducive to runoff than retention of precipitation.

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5. COPC shall require and maintain a 10" adequate freeboard to prevent overtopping of the below-grade tank.
6. If the below grade tank develops a leak, or if any penetration of the pit liner or below grade tank, occurs below the liquid's surface, then COPC shall remove all liquid above the damage or leak line within 48 hours. COPC shall notify the appropriate district office. COPC shall repair or replace the pit liner or below grade tank, within 48 hours of discovery. If the below grade tank or pit liner does not demonstrate integrity, COPC shall promptly remove and install a below grade tank or pit liner that complies with Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC. COPC shall notify the appropriate district office of a discovery of leaks less than 25 barrels as required pursuant to Subsection B of 19.15.3.116 NMAC shall be reported within twenty-four (24) hours of discovery of leaks greater than 25 barrels. In addition, immediate verbal notification pursuant to Subsection B, Paragraph (1), and Subparagraph (d) of 19.15.3.116 NMAC shall be reported to the division's Environmental Bureau Chief.

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General Requirements:

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7. 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, then COPC shall backfill the excavation with compacted, non-waste containing, earthen material; construct a division-prescribed soil cover; recontour and re-vegetate the site.
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:
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9. The surface owner shall be notified of COPC's closing of the below-grade tank prior to closure as per the approved closure plan via certified mail, return receipt requested.
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Conoco Phillips/Burlington Checklist  
Below Grade Tank Registration**

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**19.15.17.9 Permit application**

- Signed C-144 (Page 5 of C-144)
- Site Specific Hydrogeology

**19.15.17.10 Siting requirements**

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- Aerial Map
- Mines, Mills and Quarries Web Map
- FIRM map (flood insurance rate map from Federal Emergency Management Agency)

**19.15.17.11 Design Plan Contents**

- Below Grade Tank Design and Construction Plan.

**19.15.17.12 Operating and Maintenance Plan**

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**Requirements:** \_\_\_\_\_

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