Form C-144 Revised June 6, 2013

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Energy Minerals and Natural Resources
Department
Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, NM 87505

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

	Propo	sed Alternativ	e Metho	d Permit or	Closure Plan A	pplication
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In	structions: Ple	ase submit one applic	cation (Form	C-144) per individi	ual pit, below-grade ta	nk or alternative request
						on of surface water, ground water or the tal authority's rules, regulations or ordinar
Operator: BP AME	ERICA PROD	UCTION COMPA	.NY	0	GRID#: 778	
Address: 200 Ene	rgy Court, Fa	rmington, NM 874	101	HIT-KI		
		Blanco Unit 009A				
API Number:				OCD Permit Nu	mber:	
J/L or Qtr/Qtr	C Se	ction 12.0	Township	30.0N Range	08W County:	San Juan County
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Alternate. Please		arbed wire evenly spa	icea between	one and four feet		
Alternate Please	specify					

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)	
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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	
Signed in compliance with 15.15.16.6 PARTE	
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 acceptant are provided below. Siting criteria does not apply to drying pads or above-grade tanks.	ptable source
General siting	
Ground water is less than 25 feet below the bottom of a low chloride temporary pit or below-grade tank.  - X 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
Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended. (Does not apply to below grade tanks)  - Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within the area overlying a subsurface mine. (Does not apply to below grade tanks)  - Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division	☐ Yes ☐ No
<ul> <li>Within an unstable area. (Does not apply to below grade tanks)</li> <li>Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology &amp; Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map</li> </ul>	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within a 100-year floodplain. (Does not apply to below grade tanks) - FEMA map	☐ Yes ☐ No
Below Grade Tanks	
Within 100 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, significant watercourse, lake bed, sinkhole, wetland or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).  - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes 🗷 No
Within 200 horizontal feet of a spring or a fresh water well used for public or livestock consumption;.  - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☒ No
Temporary Pit using Low Chloride Drilling Fluid (maximum chloride content 15,000 mg/liter)	
Within 100 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or any other significant watercourse or within 200 feet of any lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark). (Applies to low chloride temporary pits.)  - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	Yes No
Within 300 feet from a occupied permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.	☐ Yes ☐ No
<ul> <li>Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image</li> </ul>	
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
Temporary Pits, Emergency Pits, and Below-grade Tanks Permit Application Attachment Checklist: Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 N  Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the doc attached.    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 19.1 and 19.15.17.13 NMAC   Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design)   API Number: or Permit Number:	NMAC 15.17.9 NMAC
Multi-Well Fluid Management Pit Checklist: Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC  Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the doc attached.  Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  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. 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:	15.17.9 NMAC

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
### Author of Paragraph** Assessment	
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 Flank Alternative  Proposed Closure Method: Waste Excavation and Removal Waste Removal (Closed-loop systems only) On-site Closure Method (Only for temporary pits and closed-loop systems) In-place Burial On-site Trench Burial Alternative Closure Method	luid Management Pit
Waste Excavation and Removal Closure Plan Checklist: (19.15.17.13 NMAC) Instructions: Each of the following items must be a 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	
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 sour provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria require justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency. F 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance.	
Ground water is less than 25 feet below the bottom of the buried waste.  - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
Ground water is between 25-50 feet below the bottom of the buried waste  - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	Yes No
Ground water is more than 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste.  - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
Within 100 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse, lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).  - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.  - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 300 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring used for domestic or stock watering purposes, in existence at the time of initial application.  - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No
Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 300 feet of a wetland. US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	
Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance	Yes No

<ul> <li>adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended.</li> <li>Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality</li> </ul>	
written community with the manierparty, written approval commence from the manierparty	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within the area overlying a subsurface mine.  - Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division	Yes No
Within an unstable area.	
<ul> <li>Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology &amp; Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map</li> </ul>	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within a 100-year floodplain FEMA map	☐ Yes ☐ No
16.	
On-Site Closure Plan Checklist: (19.15.17.13 NMAC) Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure public by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.  Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC  Proof of Surface Owner Notice - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection E of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  Construction/Design Plan of Burial Trench (if applicable) based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection K of 19.15.17  Construction/Design Plan of Temporary Pit (for in-place burial of a drying pad) - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 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 Soil Cover Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC	.11 NMAC .15.17.11 NMAC
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 bel	ief.
Name (Print): Steve Moskal Title: Field Environmental Coordin	nator
Signature: Date: 09\19\2016	
e-mail address: steven.moskal@bp.com Telephone: 505-326-9497	
OCD Approval: Permit Application (including of sure plan) Closure Plan (only) OCD Conditions (see attachment)  OCD Representative Signature:  Approval Date: OCD Permit Number:	22/2016
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OCD Approval:	oop systems only)

Operator Closure Certification:	
	submitted with this closure report is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and applicable closure requirements and conditions specified in the approved closure plan.
Name (Print):	Title:
Signature:	Date:
e-mail address:	Telephone:

### SITING AND HYDRO-GEOLOGICAL REPORT FOR NORTHEAST BLANCO UNIT 009A

#### SITING CRITERIA 19.15.17.10 NMAC

Depth to groundwater at the site is well in excess of 100 feet (ft.). Local topography and proximity to adjacent water features were also considered. Based on a search of the New Mexico State Engineer's Office (attached), there are no freshwater wells or springs used for public or livestock consumption within 200 horizontal ft. of the below-grade tank (BGT). The site had a cathodic ground bed installed in 1993 and recorded groundwater at approximately 160 ft. below grade (attached). A topographic map (Figure 2) demonstrates that the BGT is not within 100 ft. of any continuously flowing watercourse, significant watercourse, lake bed, sinkhole, wetland or playa lake as measured from the ordinary high water mark.

#### LOCAL GEOLOGY AND HYDROLOGY

The well site is located on a mesa top approximately 0.7 miles west-northwest of Navajo Reservoir. This particular site is located on a cliff top north of the San Juan River, and east of Simon Canyon, but hundreds of feet higher in elevation. The cliff top is composed of San Jose Formation sandstone. Topography is dominated by the main channel of the river, its floodplain and terrace deposits. Moving away from the San Juan River, eroded surfaces of the Nacimiento Formation form slopes that are capped by the resistant sandstones of the San Jose Formation. The BGT ground elevation (6,358 ft.) is greater than 270 ft. when the reservoir is at its maximum capacity (estimated at 6,085 ft.).

### REGIONAL GEOLOGY AND HYDROLOGY

The San Juan Basin is situated in the Navajo section of the Colorado Plateau and is characterized by broad open valleys, mesas, buttes and hogbacks. Away from major valleys and canyons topographic relief is generally low. Native vegetation is sparse and shrubby. Drainage is mainly by the San Juan River, the only permanent stream in the Navajo Section of the Colorado Plateau. The San Juan River is a tributary of the Colorado River. Major tributaries include the Animas, Chaco and La Plata Rivers. Flow of the San Juan River across the basin is regulated by the Navajo Dam, located about 30 miles northeast of Farmington, New Mexico. The climate is arid to semiarid with an average annual precipitation of 8 to 10 inches. Soils within the basin consist of weathered parent rock derived from predominantly physical means mostly from eolian depositional system with fluvial having a lesser impact.

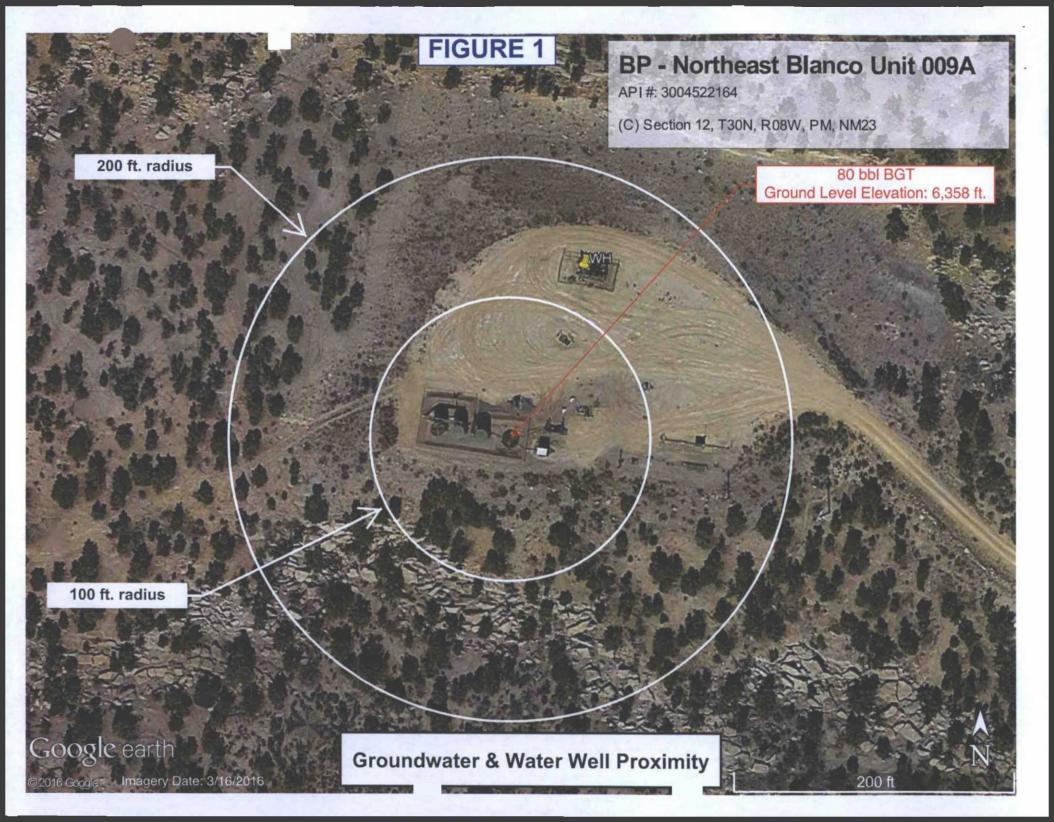
Cretaceous and Tertiary sandstones, as well as Quaternary Alluvial deposits, serve as the primary aquifers in the San Juan Basin (Stone et al., 1983). The San Jose Formation of Eocene age occurs in both New Mexico and Colorado, and its outcrop forms the land surface over much of the eastern half of the central basin. It overlies the Nacimiento Formation in the area generally south of the Colorado-New Mexico border and overlies the Animas Formation in the general area north of the State Line. The San Jose Formation was deposited in various fluvial-type environments. In general, the unit consists of an interbedded sequence of sandstone, siltstone, and shale. Thickness of the San Jose Formation increases from west to east. Groundwater is associated with alluvial and fluvial sandstone aquifers. The occurrence of groundwater is mainly controlled by distribution of sandstone in the formation.

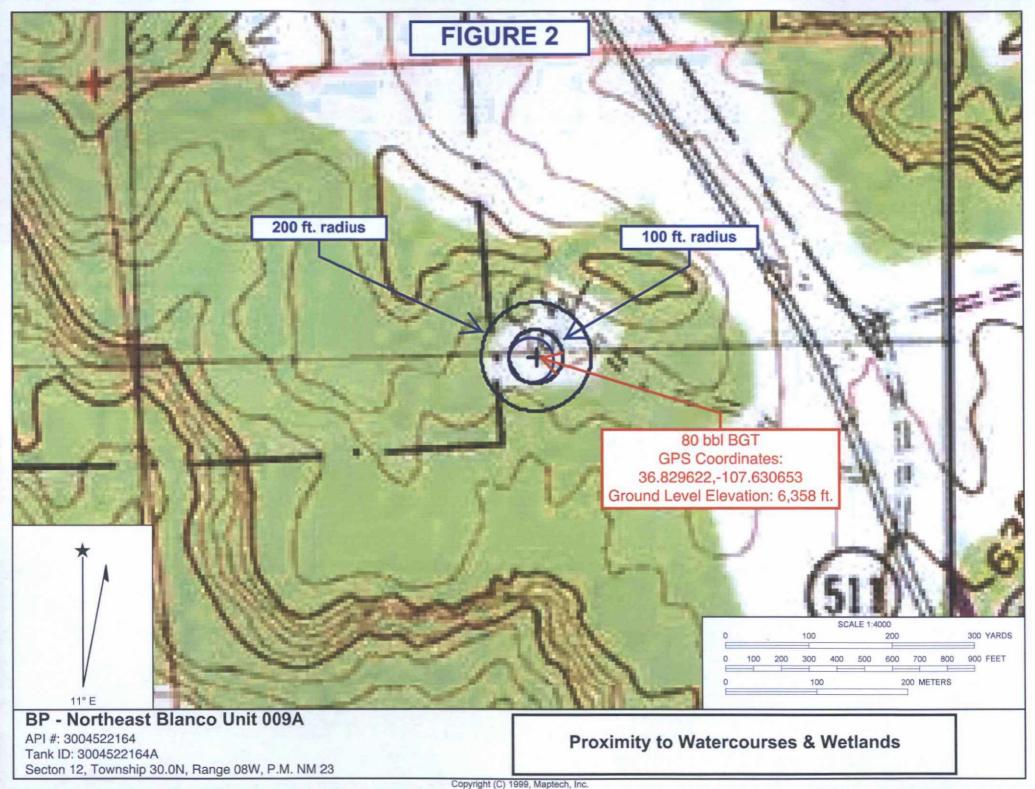
The reported or measured discharge from numerous water wells completed in the formation range from 0.15 to 61 gallons per minute (gpm) and with a median of 5 gpm. Most of the wells provide water for livestock and domestic purposes. The formation is suitable for recharge from precipitation due to overlying soils being sandy, highly permeable and absorbent. Low annual precipitation, relatively high transpiration and evaporation rates and deep dissection of the formation by the San Juan River and its main tributaries all tend to reduce the effective recharge to the formation. Aquifers within the coarser and continuous sandstone bodies of the Nacimiento Formation of Paleocene age are between 0 and 1000 feet deep in the majority of the basin as well (Stone et al., 1983).

### REFERENCES

Circular 154-Guidebook to coal geology of northwest New Mexico By E. C. Beaumont, J. W. Shomaker, W. J. Stone, and others, 1976

Stone, et al., 1983, Hydrogeology and Water Resources of the San Juan Basin, New Mexico, Socorro, New Mexico Bureau of Mines and Mineral Resources Hydrologic Report 6, 70 p





## DATA SHEET FOR DEEP GROUND BED CATHODIC PROTECTION WELLS NORTHWESTERN NEW MEXICO (Submit 3 Copies to OCD Aztec Office)

Operator: BLACKWOOD & NICHOLS CO. Location: Unit C, Sec. 12, Twp 30N, Rng 8W.
Name of Well/Wells or Pipeline Serviced NEBU 9A
Elevation 6360' Completion Date 7-23-93 Total Depth 277' Land Type* Surface: F Mineral: SF-078581A
Casing, Sizes, Types & Depths 8-5/8" SCH 40 P.V.C 100', 77/8" OPEN HOLE
If Casing is cemented, show amounts & types used 20 sks Portland Zia I-II
If Cement or Bentonite Plugs have been placed, show depths & amounts usedN/A
Depths & thickness of water zones with description of water when possible:
Fresh, Clear, Salty, Sulphur, Etc. Fresh, 160' - 20 gal. P/Hr AIR ORILLED
Depths gas encountered: N/A  Depths gas encountered: N/A  Depths gas encountered: N/A
Type & amount of coke breeze used: Asbury Recarburized Carbon Coke  OIL CON.  OIL CON.
Depths anodes placed: 265' to 120'
Depths vent pipes placed: TD to 4' above ground level
Vent pipe perforations: 277' to 117' 8 jts.
Remarks: Groundbed located 240° SW of North and 200' from wellhead.
If any of the above data is unavailable, please indicate so. Copies of all logs, including Drillers Log, Water Analyses & Well Bore Schematics should be submitted when available. Unplugged abandoned wells are to be included.
*Land Type may be shown: F-Federal; I-Indian; S-State; P-Fee.  If Federal or Indian, add Lease Number.

Title: Operations Engineer Date: 8/11/93



# New Mexico Office of the State Engineer Wells with Well Log Information

No wells found.

Basin/County Search:

Basin: San Juan

UTMNAD83 Radius Search (in meters):

Easting (X): 265390.25 Northing (Y): 4079201.89 Radius: 1609.3



# New Mexico Office of the State Engineer Wells Without Well Log Information

Radius: 1609.3

No wells found.

Basin/County Search:

Basin: San Juan

UTMNAD83 Radius Search (in meters):

Easting (X): 265390.25 Northing (Y): 4079201.89



# New Mexico Office of the State Engineer Point of Diversion with Meter Attached

No PODs found.

Basin/County Search:

Basin: San Juan

UTMNAD83 Radius Search (in meters):

Easting (X): 265390.25 Northing (Y): 4079201.89

Radius: 1609.3



# New Mexico Office of the State Engineer Point of Diversion with Meter Attached

No PODs found.

Basin/County Search:

Basin: San Juan

PLSS Search:

Section(s): 1, 2, 11, 13, 14 Township: 30N Range: 08W



# New Mexico Office of the State Engineer Point of Diversion with Meter Attached

No PODs found.

Basin/County Search:

Basin: San Juan

PLSS Search:

Section(s): 6, 7, 18

Township: 30N

Range: 07W

### BP AMERICA PRODUCTION COMPANY

SAN JUAN BASIN, NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO

### BELOW-GRADE TANK CLOSURE PLAN

This plan will address the method, procedures, and protocols for closure of below-grade tanks (BGTs) on BP America Production Company (BP) well sites pursuant to Subsection A of 19.15.17.13 NMAC. As stipulated in Paragraph (1) of Subsection C of 19.15.17.13 NMAC, BP will not commence closure without first obtaining approval of the closure plan submitted pursuant to Paragraph (3) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC. If deviations from this plan are necessary, BP will request preapproval from the Division District III office of any specific changes and will be included on form C-144. BP shall close its BGTs within 60 days of cessation of the operation as required by Paragraph (4) of Subsection G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC.

### General Closure Plan

- BP shall notify the surface owner by certified mail; return receipt requested that it plans to close a BGT.
  Notice given will be at least 72 hours in advanced, but not more than one week prior to any closure
  operation. The notice shall include the well name, API number, and legal description of the location.
  Evidence of mailing of the notice to the address of the surface owner shown in the county tax records
  demonstrates compliance with this requirement.
- 2. BP shall notify the Division District III office verbally and in writing at least 72 hours, but not more than one week, prior to any closure operation. The notice shall include the Operator's name, and the location of the BGT to be closed by unit letter, section, township and range. If the BGT closure is associated with a particular well, then the notice shall also include the well's name, number and API number.
- 3. Within 60 days of cessation of operations, BP shall remove liquids and sludge from the BGT prior to implementing a closure method and dispose of the liquids and sludge in a NMOCD approved facility. The facilities to be used are:
  - a. BP Crouch Mesa Landfarm, Permit NM-02-003 (Solids)
  - b. JFJ Landfarm, Permit NM-01-010(B) (Solids and Sludge)
  - c. Basin Disposal, Permit NM-01-0005 (Liquids)
  - d. Envirotech Inc Soil Remediation Facility, Permit NM-01-0011 (Solids and Sludge)
  - e. BP Operated E.E. Elliott SWD #1, API 30-045-27799 (Liquids)
  - f. BP Operated 13 GCU SWD #1, API 30-045-28601 (Liquids)
  - g. BP Operated GCU 259 SWD, API 30-045-20006 (Liquids)
  - h. BP Operated GCU 306 SWD, API 30-045-24286 (Liquids)
  - i. BP Operated GCU 307 SWD, API 30-045-24248 (Liquids)
  - j. BP Operated GCU 328 SWD, API 30-045-24735 (Liquids)
  - k. BP Operated Pritchard SWD #1, API 30-045-28351 (Liquids)
- 4. BP shall remove the BGT and dispose of it in a NMOCD approved facility or recycle, reuse, or reclaim it in a manner that the Division District III office approves. Documentation as to the final disposition of the removed BGT will be provided in the final closure report.
- Within six months of cessation of operations, BP shall remove any on-site equipment associated with a BGT unless the equipment is required for some other purpose.
- 6. BP shall test the soils beneath the BGT to determine whether a release has occurred. BP shall collect at a minimum: a five (5) point composite sample to include any obvious stained or wet soils, or other evidence of a release under the BGT. The composite sample shall be collected and analyzed as required for the constituents listed in Table I within Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (3) of Subsection C of 19.15.17.13 NMAC (see Table 1 on following page).

CI		ble 1 Beneath Below-Grade Tanks	
Depth below bottom of pit to groundwater less than 10,000 mg/l IDS	Constituent	Method*	Limit**
	Chloride	EPA 300.0	600 mg/kg
<50 feet	ТРН	EPA SW-846 Method 418.1	100 mg/kg
250 1001	BTEX	EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8260B	50 mg/kg
	Benzene	EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8015M	10 mg/kg
	Chloride	EPA 300.0	10,000 mg/kg
	ТРН	EPA SW-846 Method 418.1	2,500 mg/kg
51 feet-100 feet	GRO+DRO	EPA SW-846 Method 8015M	1,000 mg/kg
	BTEX	EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8260B	50 mg/kg
	Benzene	EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8015M	10 mg/kg
	Chloride	EPA 300.0	20,000 mg/kg
	ТРН	EPA SW-846 Method 418.1	2,500 mg/kg
> 100 feet	GRO+DRO	EPA SW-846 Method 8015M	1,000 mg/kg
	BTEX	EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8260B	50 mg/kg
	Benzene	EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8015M	10 mg/kg

Notes: mg/Kg = milligram per kilogram, BTEX = benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes, TPH = total petroleum hydrocarbons, TDS = total dissolved solids.

\* - Or other test methods approved by the division

\*\* - Numerical limits or natural background level, whichever is greater

- If any contaminant concentration exceeds those standards set in Table I, BP will acknowledge NMOCD's position to require additional delineation upon review of the results. BP will not proceed with any further closure activities until approval is first granted by NMOCD.
- If the sampling demonstrates that all contaminant constituents do not exceed the concentrations specified in Table I, then BP shall backfill the excavation, with non-waste containing, uncontaminated, earthen material.
- 9. BP shall reclaim the BGT location and all areas associated with the BGT including associated access roads to a safe and stable condition that blends with the surrounding undisturbed area. BP shall substantially restore the impacted surface area to the condition that existed prior to oil and gas operations by placement of the soil cover as provided in Paragraph (2) of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC, re-contour the BGT location and associated areas to a contour that approximates the original contour and blends with the surrounding topography and re-vegetate according to Paragraph (5) of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC.
- 10. BP may propose an alternative to the re-vegetation or recontouring requirement if it can demonstrate to the NMOCD's District III office that the proposed alternative provides equal or greater prevention of erosion, and protection of fresh water, public health and the environment. BP will seek surface owner approval of the proposed alternative and provide written documentation of the surface owner's approval to NMOCD for its approval.
- 11. Areas reasonably needed for production operations or for subsequent drilling operations shall be compacted, covered, paved, or otherwise stabilized and maintained in such a way as to minimize dust and erosion to the extent practicable.

- 12. The soil cover for closures after site contouring, where the BGT has been removed and if necessary remediated beneath the BGT to chloride concentrations less than 600 mg/kg as analyzed by EPA Method 300.0, shall consist of the background thickness of topsoil or one foot or suitable material, whichever is greater.
- 13. The soil cover will be constructed to the site's existing grade and all practicable efforts will be made to prevent ponding of water and erosion of the cover material.
- 14. All areas disturbed by the closure of the BGT, except areas reasonably needed for production operations or for subsequent drilling operations, shall be reclaimed as early and as nearly as practicable to their original condition or their final land use and shall be maintained to control dust and minimize erosion to the extent practicable.
- 15. Topsoils and subsoils shall be replaced to their original relative positions and contoured so as to achieve erosion control, long-term stability and preservation of surface water flow patterns. The disturbed area then shall be reseeded in the first favorable growing season following closure of the BGT.
- 16. Reclamation of all disturbed areas no longer in use shall be considered complete when all ground surface disturbing activities at the site have been completed, and 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.
- 17. The re-vegetation and reclamation obligations imposed by other applicable federal or tribal agencies on lands managed by those agencies shall supersede these provisions and govern the obligations of BP subject to those provisions, provided that the other requirements provide equal or better protection of fresh water, human health and the environment.
- 18. Pursuant to Subparagraph (e) of Paragraph (5) of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC, BP shall notify the NMOCD when reclamation and re-vegetation has been successfully achieved.
- Within 60 days of closure completion, BP shall submit a closure report on NMOCD's form C-144, and will include the following;
  - a. necessary attachments to document all closure activities
  - b. sampling results
  - c. information required by 19.15.17 NMAC
  - d. details on back-filling, capping and covering, where applicable.
- 20. BP shall certify that all information in the report and attachments is accurate, truthful, and compliant with all applicable closure requirements and conditions specified in the approved closure plan.



## **BP America Production Company**

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September 19, 2016

Environmental Specialist New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 1000 Rio Brazos Road Aztec, NM 87410

Re: Northeast Blanco Unit (NEBU) #009A

API No. 3003922164; Unit letter C, Section 12, T30N, R08W

BP requests to close the existing 80 barrel below grade tank (BGT) as it will no longer be utilized on site. The BGT does not currently have a permit and an original cannot be found due to BP taking over ownership of the NEBU asset in April of 2016. The transfer of the document from the previous owner is unknown,

Please find the attached application for closure and plan for the subject tank.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (505) 326-9497 or at Steven.Moskal@bp.com.

Sincerely,

Steve Moskal

Field Environmental Coordinator