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1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410  
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1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

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

NMOCD

Form C-144  
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For temporary pits, below-grade tanks, and multi-well fluid management pits, submit to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.  
For permanent pits submit to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office and provide a copy to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.

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

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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

**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: BP America Production Company OGRID #: 778  
Address: 200 Energy Court, Farmington, NM 87401  
Facility or well name: STATE GC CB 001E  
API Number: 3004525297 OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
U/L or Qtr/Qtr E Section 32 Township 30N Range 09W County: San Juan  
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 36.77116 Longitude -107.80972 NAD83  
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 **TANK B**  
Volume: 21 bbl Type of fluid: Produced Water  
Tank Construction material: Steel  
☐ Secondary containment with leak detection ☐ Visible sidewalls, liner, 6-inch lift and automatic overflow shut-off  
☐ Visible sidewalls and liner ☐ Visible sidewalls only ☒ Other Single wall/ Double bottom; sidewalls not visible  
Liner type: Thickness \_\_\_\_\_ mil ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

4.  
☐ **Alternative Method:**  
Submittal of an exception request is required. Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

5.  
**Fencing:** Subsection D of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (Applies to permanent pits, temporary pits, and below-grade tanks)  
☐ Chain link, six feet in height, two strands of barbed wire at top (Required if located within 1000 feet of a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church)  
☐ Four foot height, four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced between one and four feet  
☐ Alternate. Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

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6.

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

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

7.

**Signs:** Subsection C of 19.15.17.11 NMAC

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

8.

**Variances and Exceptions:**

Justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17 NMAC for guidance.

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

- ☐ Variance(s): Requests must be submitted to the appropriate division district for consideration of approval.
- ☐ Exception(s): Requests must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

9.

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

*Instructions: The applicant must demonstrate compliance for each siting criteria below in the application. Recommendations of acceptable source material are provided below. Siting criteria does not apply to drying pads or above-grade tanks.*

**General siting**

**Ground water is less than 25 feet below the bottom of a low chloride temporary pit or below-grade tank.**

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

☐ Yes ☐ No  
☐ NA

**Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of a Temporary pit, permanent pit, or Multi-Well Fluid Management pit.**

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

☐ Yes ☐ No  
☐ NA

Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended. (**Does not apply to below grade tanks**)

- Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within the area overlying a subsurface mine. (**Does not apply to below grade tanks**)

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within an unstable area. (**Does not apply to below grade tanks**)

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within a 100-year floodplain. (**Does not apply to below grade tanks**)

- FEMA map

☐ Yes ☐ No

**Below Grade Tanks**

Within 100 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, significant watercourse, lake bed, sinkhole, wetland or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).

- Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within 200 horizontal feet of a spring or a fresh water well used for public or livestock consumption;

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

**Temporary Pit using Low Chloride Drilling Fluid** (maximum chloride content 15,000 mg/liter)

Within 100 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or any other significant watercourse or within 200 feet of any lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark). (Applies to low chloride temporary pits.)

- Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within 300 feet from a occupied permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within 200 horizontal feet of a spring or a private, domestic fresh water well used by less than five households for domestic or stock watering purposes, or 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



<p>Within 100 feet of a wetland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b><u>Temporary Pit Non-low chloride drilling fluid</u></b>	
<p>Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or any other significant watercourse, or within 200 feet of any lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Within 500 horizontal feet of a spring or a private, domestic fresh water well used by less than five households for domestic or stock watering purposes, or 1000 feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in the existence at the time of the initial application;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Within 300 feet of a wetland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b><u>Permanent Pit or Multi-Well Fluid Management Pit</u></b>	
<p>Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse, or lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Within 1000 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Within 500 horizontal feet of a spring or a fresh water well used for domestic or stock watering purposes, in existence at the time of initial application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Within 500 feet of a wetland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

10.

**Temporary Pits, Emergency Pits, and Below-grade Tanks Permit Application Attachment Checklist:** Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC

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

- ☐ Hydrogeologic Report (Below-grade Tanks) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (4) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
  - ☐ Hydrogeologic Data (Temporary and Emergency Pits) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (2) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
  - ☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC
  - ☐ Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
  - ☐ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC
  - ☐ Closure Plan (Please complete Boxes 14 through 18, if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design)    API Number: \_\_\_\_\_ or Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

11.

**Multi-Well Fluid Management Pit Checklist:** Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC

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

- ☐ Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
  - ☐ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC
  - ☐ A List of wells with approved application for permit to drill associated with the pit.
  - ☐ Closure Plan (Please complete Boxes 14 through 18, if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC
  - ☐ Hydrogeologic Data - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (4) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
  - ☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC
- ☐ Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design)    API Number: \_\_\_\_\_ or Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

12.

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

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

- ☐ Hydrogeologic Report - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (1) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC  
☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC  
☐ Climatological Factors Assessment  
☐ Certified Engineering Design Plans - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
☐ Dike Protection and Structural Integrity Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
☐ Leak Detection Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
☐ Liner Specifications and Compatibility Assessment - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
☐ Quality Control/Quality Assurance Construction and Installation Plan  
☐ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC  
☐ Freeboard and Overtopping Prevention Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
☐ Nuisance or Hazardous Odors, including H<sub>2</sub>S, Prevention Plan  
☐ Emergency Response Plan  
☐ Oil Field Waste Stream Characterization  
☐ Monitoring and Inspection Plan  
☐ Erosion Control Plan  
☐ Closure Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC

13.

**Proposed Closure:** 19.15.17.13 NMAC

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

- Type: ☐ Drilling ☐ Workover ☐ Emergency ☐ Cavitation ☐ P&A ☐ Permanent Pit ☐ Below-grade Tank ☐ Multi-well Fluid Management Pit  
☐ Alternative
- Proposed Closure Method: ☐ Waste Excavation and Removal  
☐ Waste Removal (Closed-loop systems only)  
☐ On-site Closure Method (Only for temporary pits and closed-loop systems)  
     ☐ In-place Burial ☐ On-site Trench Burial  
☐ Alternative Closure Method

14.

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

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

15.

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

*Instructions: Each siting criteria requires a demonstration of compliance in the closure plan. Recommendations of acceptable source material are provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria require justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance.*

Ground water is less than 25 feet below the bottom of the buried waste. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Ground water is between 25-50 feet below the bottom of the buried waste - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Ground water is more than 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Within 100 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse, lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark). - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within 300 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring used for domestic or stock watering purposes, in existence at the time of initial application. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within 300 feet of a wetland. US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance	<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: \_\_\_\_\_ Approval Date: 4/15/2018

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: 1/31/2018

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 36.77116

Longitude -107.80972

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): Erin Garifalos Title: Field Environmental Coordinator

Signature:  Date: March 30, 2018

e-mail address: erin.garifalos@bp.com Telephone: (832) 609-7048

BP AMERICA PRODUCTION COMPANY  
SAN JUAN BASIN, NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO

BELOW-GRADE TANK CLOSURE PLAN

STATE GC CB 001E

API No. 3004525297

Unit Letter E Section 32 T 30N R 09W

This plan will address the standard protocols and procedures for closure of below-grade tanks (BGTs) on BP America Production Company (BP) well sites. As stipulated in Paragraph A of 19.15.17.13 NMAC, BP shall close a BGT within the time periods provided in 19.15.17.13 NMAC, or by an earlier date that the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) requires because of imminent danger to fresh water, public health, safety or the environment. If deviations from this plan are necessary, any specific changes will be included on form C-144 and approved by the NMOCD. BP shall close an existing BGT that does not meet the requirements of Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC or is not included in Paragraph (5) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC within five years after June 16, 2008, if not retrofit with a BGT that complies with the BP NMOCD approved BGT design attached to the BP Design and Construction Plan. BP shall close an existing BGT that does not meet the requirements of Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC, if not previously retrofitted to comply with the BP NMOCD approved BGT Design attached to the BP Design and Construction Plan, prior to any sale or change in operator pursuant to 19.15.9.9 NMAC. BP shall close the permitted BGT within 60 days of cessation of the BGTs operation or as required by the transitional provisions of Subsection B, D, or E of 19.15.17.17 NMAC.

**General Closure Plan**

1. BP shall notify the surface owner by certified mail that it plans to close a BGT. Evidence of mailing of the notice to the address of the surface owner shown in the county tax records demonstrates compliance with this requirement.

**Notice is attached.**

2. BP shall notify the division District III office verbally or by other means at least 72 hours, but not more than one (1) week, prior to any closure operation. The notice shall include the operator's name, and the location 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.

**Notice was provided and is attached.**

3. 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's division-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)

**All liquids and sludge in the BGT were removed and sent to one of the above NMOCD approved facilities for disposal.**

- 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 NMOCD approves. If a liner is present and must be disposed of it will be cleaned by scraping any soils or other attached materials on the liner to a de minimus amount and disposed at a permitted solid waste facility, pursuant to Subparagraph (m) of Paragraph (1) of Subsection C of 19.15.35.8 NMAC. Documentation as to the final disposition of the removed BGT will be provided in the final closure report.

**The BGT was transported for recycling.**

- 5. BP shall remove any on-site equipment associated with a BGT unless the equipment is required for well production.

**All equipment associated with the BGT has been removed.**

- 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 and individual grab samples from any area that is wet, discolored or showing other evidence of a release and analyze for BTEX, TPH and chlorides. The testing methods for those constituents are as follows;

Constituents	Testing Method 21 bbl BGT	Release Verification (mg/Kg)	Sample results
Benzene	US EPA Method SW-846 8021B or 8260B	10	<0.019
Total BTEX	US EPA Method SW-846 8021B or 8260B	50	<0.074
TPH	US EPA Method SW-846 418.1 or 8015 extended	100	<46
Chlorides	US EPA Method 300.0 or 4500B	620	<30

**Notes: mg/Kg = milligram per kilogram, BTEX = benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes, TPH = total petroleum hydrocarbons. Other EPA methods that the division approves may be applied to all constituents listed. Chloride closure standards will be determined by which ever concentration level is greatest.**

**Soil under the BGT was sampled for chloride, TPH and BTEX with all concentrations below the stated limits.  
The field report and laboratory reports are attached.**

- 7. BP shall notify the division District III office of its results on form C-141.  
**C-141 is attached.**



8. If it is determined that a release has occurred, then BP will comply with 19.15.30 NMAC and 19.15.29 NMAC, as appropriate.

**Sampling results indicate a release has not occurred. Attached is a laboratory report and C-141.**

9. If the sampling demonstrates that a release has not occurred or that any release does not exceed the concentrations specified above, then BP shall backfill the excavation, with compacted, non-waste containing, earthen material; construct a division-prescribed soil cover, re-contour and re-vegetate the location. The location will be reclaimed if it is not within the active process area

**Sampling results indicate a release has not occurred. Attached is a laboratory report and field report. The location will be reclaimed when the well is plugged and abandoned.**

10. 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 Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC, re-contour the location and associated areas to a contour that approximates the original contour and blends with the surrounding topography and re-vegetate according to Subsection I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC.

**The area has been backfilled and the BGT location's surface condition is clear, but within the site's operational area. The location will be reclaimed once the well is plugged and abandoned.**

11. The soil cover for closures where the BGT has been removed or remediated to the NMOCD's satisfaction shall consist of the background thickness of topsoil or one foot of suitable material to establish vegetation at the site, whichever is greater. The soil cover will be constructed to the site's existing grade and all practicable efforts will be made to prevent ponding of water and erosion of the cover material.

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12. BP shall seed the disturbed area the first growing season after closure of the BGT. Seeding will be accomplished by drilling on the contour whenever practical or by other division-approved methods. Vegetative cover will be, at a minimum, 70% of the native perennial vegetative cover (un-impacted by overgrazing, fire or other intrusion damaging to native vegetation), consisting of at least three native plant species, including at least one grass, but not including noxious weeds, and maintenance of that cover through two successive growing seasons. During the two growing seasons that prove viability, there shall be no artificial irrigation of the vegetation.

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13. BP shall seed, plant and re-seed pursuant to Paragraph (3) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC, until the location successfully achieves the required vegetative cover.

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14. Pursuant to Paragraph (5) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC, BP shall notify the NMOCD when it has seeded or planted and when it successfully achieves re-vegetation.

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15. Within 60 days of closure completion, BP shall submit a closure report on NMOCD's form C-144, and will include the following;
- proof of closure notification (surface owner and NMOCD)
  - sampling analytical reports; information required by 19.15.17 NMAC;
  - disposal facility name and permit number
  - details on back-filling, capping, covering, and where applicable re-vegetation application rates and seeding techniques and
  - site reclamation, photo documentation.

**Closure report on C-144 form is included including photos of reclamation completion.**

16. 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.

**Certification section of C-144 has been completed.**