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Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Dr.
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Form C-144 CLEZ
July 21, 2008

For closed-loop systems that only use above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure, submit to the appropriate NMOC District Office.

Closed-Loop System Permit or Closure Plan Application

(that only use above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure)

Type of action: ☒ Permit ☐ Closure

Instructions: Please submit one application (Form C-144 CLEZ) per individual closed-loop system request. For any application request other than for a closed-loop system that only use above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure, please submit a Form C-144.

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: Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corporation OGRID #: 002096 RCVD JUL 15 '10
Address: 4900 College Blvd. Farmington, NM 87402 OIL CONS. DIV.
Facility or well name: Canada Ojitos Unit # 46 DIST. 3
API Number: 30-039-30981 OCD Permit Number: N/A
U/L or Qtr/Qtr P Section 27 Township 25N Range 1W County: Rio Arriba, NM
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 36 21 45.920 Longitude 106 55 18.927 NAD: ☐ 1927 ☒ 1983
Surface Owner: ☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ Private ☐ Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

2. ☒ **Closed-loop System:** Subsection H of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
Operation: ☒ Drilling a new well ☐ Workover or Drilling (Applies to activities which require prior approval of a permit or notice of intent) ☐ P&A
☒ Above Ground Steel Tanks or ☐ Haul-off Bins

3. **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

4. **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.
☒ 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 Box 5) - 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: _____
☐ Previously Approved Operating and Maintenance Plan API Number: _____

5. **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: BMG Landfarm Disposal Facility Permit Number: NM-020004
Disposal Facility Name: TNT Disposal Disposal Facility Permit Number: NM-0008-01
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 below) ☒ No
Required for impacted areas which will not be used for future service and operations:
☐ 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

6. **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): Loren Diede Title: Drilling / Completions
Signature: [Signature] Date: 7-6-2010

7. **OCD Approval:** ☒ Permit Application (including closure plan) ☐ Closure Plan (only)

OCD Representative Signature: Brand Rell Approval Date: 12-8-10

Title: Enviro/spec OCD Permit Number: _____

8. **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: _____

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

Instructions: Please indentify 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: _____

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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

10. **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: _____

Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corp.

Canada Ojitos Unit # 46

Sec. 27, T25N, R1W Rio Arriba, NM

Closed Loop System

Closed Loop Design and Construction Plan

In accordance with 19.15.17.11 NMAC, Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corp. (BMG) will design and construct a closed loop system to insure the confinement of oil gas or water to prevent an uncontrolled release.

BMG will use D&D Services to drill the surface casing portion of the hole. This rig will require a 45' long x 12' wide x 3' deep excavated area in which to set the D&D Services closed loop pit.

The intermediate casing and production liner portions of the hole will be drilled by a rig yet to be determined. This rig will use an above ground closed loop system.

Design and construction considerations are:

1. A well sign shall be posted at the well site in accordance with 19.15.3 103 NMAC.
2. A 4 ft hog-wire fence will be built around the D&D Services closed loop pit that will be used to assure no access by livestock or wildlife while fluid is in the pit.
3. No fence will be built around the closed loop system that will be used for drilling the Intermediate and production liner portions of the hole.
4. No drying pads or sumps will be used in conjunction with this closed loop system.
5. The D&D Services closed loop system to be used for the surface casing drilling will be set in a 3 ft deep excavation.
6. The closed loop system for the intermediate and production liner portion of the hole will utilize above grade pits and mud handling system. The contractor has not yet been chosen so no system specifications are available.

Closed Loop Operating and maintenance plan

In accordance with 19.15.17.12 NMAC, BMG shall operate and maintain the closed loop system in a manner that will contain all solids and liquids, maintain the systems integrity, prevent contamination of fresh water and protect public health and the environment. This will be accomplished by the following processes:

1. BMG shall recycle, re-use or reclaim and dispose of all drilling fluids and solids in a manner approved by the current NMOCD rules.

2. BMG shall not discharge into or store any hazardous waste in the closed loop system, nor shall it allow miscellaneous solid waste or debris into the closed loop system.
3. 3. The pit tanks will be of sufficient volume to maintain a safe freeboard prior to the disposal of the solids and liquids from the drilling rig operations.
4. Disposal of the solids and liquids will be done on a periodic basis maintaining a safe and responsible free board in the pits. The drill cuttings will be transported off the drill site and disposed of at the BMG land farm NMOCD permit # 020004. The liquid portion of the drill fluids will be separated by centrifuge to be re used. Any portion that cannot be re used will be disposed of at an appropriate facility.
5. The closed loop system will be inspected daily while the system is in use. BMG shall maintain a log of such inspections.
6. In the event of a leak from any of the components within the closed loop system, BMG will take appropriate measures to repair the leak and contain the release and report to NMOCD the event within 48 hours of the detection of the leak or release.

Closure Plan

In accordance with 19.15.17.13 NMAC BMG will not use any temporary pits, drying pads or sumps in the drilling operations. The closed loop system and all associated activities will be performed on the drilling pad and will not be performed on or in an area that will not be used for future service and operations of the well. The closure of the closed loop system will be performed as follows:

1. Upon termination of rig operations, all liquids remaining in the closed loop system will be either transported to another drill site for re-use or will be disposed of at an appropriate facility.
2. After drilling the surface casing hole with the D&D Services closed loop system the rig pit will be removed. The area in the excavation will be inspected for any spills and discoloration. If any evidence of such is found, samples will be taken and analyzed as per NMAC 19.15.17.13 E 4. Closure will take place after test results indicate that the soil quality complies with NMAC standards.
3. Upon termination of the rig operations any remaining solid materials in the closed loop system will be disposed of in the BMG land farm NMOCD permit # 020004.
4. Within sixty days from the date that BMG ceases drilling activities at the well site for which the closed loop permit was issued and the closed loop equipment has been removed from the well site, BMG shall complete and execute items 9 and 10 of the C-144 CLEZ and file with the NMOCD district office.