

RIDER

To be attached to and form part of Bond No. SUR0013939.

Issued on behalf of EOG Resources, Inc as Principal, and in favor of Commissioner of Public Lands, New Mexico State Land Office as Obligee.

It is agreed that:

Bond is changed to include the following EOG Subsidiaries under State Land Bond No. OGB0959:

EOG Resources & Meridian Oil, EOG Resources & Mitchell Energy, EOG Resources & Murchison O&G, EOG Resources & Nortex G&O Co., EOG Resources & Read & Stevens, EOG Resources Marketing, Inc., EOG Resources Inc, Enron Oil and Gas Co., Enron Oil & Gas, EOG Resources & Internorth Inc, EOG Resources & Meridian Oil, EOG Resources & Sun Operating, Enron Oil & Gas Company, & EOG Resources

This rider shall become effective as of February 13, 2012

PROVIDED, however, that the liability of the Surety under the attached bond as changed by this Rider shall not be cumulative.

Signed, sealed and dated February 13, 2012.

Commissioner of Public Lands, New Accepted: Mexico State Land Office

Obligee

Ву: _____

By: Argonaut Insurance Company Attorney-in-Fact Gina Rodrig

EOG Resources, Inc

Principal

By: Helen Y. Lim, VP & Treasurer

Argonaut Insurance Company 225 W. Washington, 6th Floor Chicago, IL 60606

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the Argonaut Insurance Company, a Corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois and having its principal office in the County of Cook, Illinois does hereby nominate, constitute and appoint: Donald R. Gibson, Sandra Parker, Tannis Mattson, Melissa Haddick, Terri Morrison, Gina Rodriguez

its true and lawful agent and attorney-in-fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver for and on its behalf as surety, and as its act and deed any and all bonds, contracts, agreements of indemnity and other undertakings in suretyship provided, however, that the penal sum of any one such instrument executed hereunder shall not exceed the sum of:

\$15,000,000.00

This Power of Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Argonaut Insurance Company:

"RESOLVED, That the President, Senior Vice President, Vice President, Assistant Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and each of them hereby is authorized to execute powers of attorney, and such authority can be executed by use of facsimile signature, which may be attested or acknowledged by any officer or attorney, of the Company, qualifying the attorney or attorneys named in the given power of attorney, to execute in behalf of, and acknowledge as the act and deed of the Argonaut Insurance Company, all bond undertakings and contracts of suretyship, and to affix the corporate seal thereto."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Argonaut Insurance Company has caused its official seal to be hereunto affixed and these presents to be signed by its duly authorized officer on the 15th day of September, 2008. Argonaut Insurance Company

By:

Michael E. Arledge President

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BEXAR SS:

On this 15th day of September, 2008 A.D., before me, a Notary Public of the State of Texas, in and for the County of Bexar, duly commissioned and qualified, came THE ABOVE OFFICER OF THE COMPANY, to me personally known to be the individual and officer described in, and who executed the preceding instrument, and he acknowledged the execution of same, and being by me duly sworn, deposed and said that he is the officer of the said Company aforesaid, and that the seal affixed to the preceding instrument is the Corporate Seal of said Company, and the said Corporate Seal and his signature as officer were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said corporation, and that Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of said Company, referred to in the preceding instrument is now in force.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my Official Seal at the County of Bexar, the day and year first above written.



(Notary Public)

I, the undersigned Officer of the Argonaut Insurance Company, Illinois Corporation, do hereby certify that the original POWER OF ATTORNEY of which the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy is still in full force and effect and has not been revoked.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of said Company, on the 13th day of February

Robert F. Thomas Vice President

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ONLINE Version NEW MEXICO STATE LAND OFFICE – Oil, Gas, and Minerals Division BOND FOR CONTRACT PERFORMANCE AND SURFACE OR IMPROVEMENT DAMAGE Surface Improvement Damage Megabond

	BOND NO. SUR0013920 (For use of Surety C
Know all men by these presents	BOND NO (For use of State Land Office)
EOG Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 4362, Houston, TX 77210-4362	, as Principal,
and Argonaut Insurance Company	_, as Surety, a corporation organized,

existing and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of <u>Illinois</u> and

authorized to transact a surety business in the State of New Mexico, are held and firmly bound unto the New Mexico Commissioner of Public Lands in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the following uses:

1. For the use and benefit of the Commissioner, to secure the performance of said Principal as lessee under one or more state leases or permits for minerals, oil and gas, coal or geothermal resources or as holder under one or more state rights-of-way or easements which Principal has heretofore executed or may hereafter execute with the Commissioner; and

2. For the use and benefit of the Commissioner, state surface lessees, state land contract purchasers, state patentees, and their successors and assigns, to pay for damages to the surface of lands subject to a state lease or permit for minerals, oil and gas, coal or geothermal resources or a state right-of-way or easement held by Principal, or for damages to surface improvements located thereon, suffered by reason of Principal's operations under a state lease or permit for minerals, oil and gas, coal or geothermal resources or under a state right-of-way or easement.

For the payment of said sum, well and truly to be made, Principal and Surety bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally.

The conditions of the foregoing obligations are:

1. If the above bound Principal or its successors or assigns shall well and truly perform and keep all terms, covenants, conditions, and requirements of all state leases for minerals, oil and gas, coal or geothermal resources and of all state rights-of-way and easements heretofore or hereafter executed by the Commissioner and Principal, including the payment of royalties when due and compliance with all established mining plans; and

2. If Principal or its successors or assigns shall in all respects make good and sufficient recompense, satisfaction or payment to the Commissioner of Public Lands for damages to the surface of lands subject to a state lease or permit for minerals, oil and gas, coal or geothermal resources or a state right-of-way or easement held by Principal and for damages to livestock, water, crops, tangible improvements or surface improvements of any kind located thereon suffered by reason of Principal's operations under such state lease, permit, right-of-way or easement heretofore or hereafter executed by the Commissioner and Principal;

THEN, the obligation to pay the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) shall be null and void.

If, however, Principal shall default or otherwise fail in performance under such state lease, permit, right-ofway or easement, including the failure to pay royalties when due or to comply with established mining plans, or if Principal shall fail or refuse to make good and sufficient recompense, satisfaction or payment to the Commissioner for damages to the surface of the above designated lands or to improvements located thereon, then the obligation to pay said sum shall remain in full force and effect.

The liability of Surety upon this bond shall not expire upon the termination of any state lease or permit or any

renewal or extension thereof for minerals, oil and gas, coal or geothermal resources or any state right-of-way or easement or any renewal or extension thereof which Principal or its successors or assigns has heretofore executed or may hereafter execute with the Commissioner, but shall be and remain in full force and effect until released in writing by the Commissioner of Public Lands.

Principal and Surety further agree that in the event an action is brought on this bond and a court of competent jurisdiction determines Principal or Surety is in breach of the agreements contained in this bond, Principal or Surety or both of them shall pay to the Commissioner the costs associated with the recovery of the amounts due hereunder, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

This bond is executed pursuant to the laws of the State of New Mexico, including Sections 19-8-24, 19-9-12, 19-10-26, 19-13-19, and 46-6-1 through -9, NMSA 1978.

The premium for which	this bond is written is One H	undred Thirteen and No/100	Dollars.
In witness whereof we l	hereunto set our hands this3	0th day of January, 20_12	
EOG Resources, In PRINCIPAL P.O. Box 4362, Hou Aúdress BY Signature Title	ston, TX 77210-4362	Argonaut Insurance Company SURETY 225 W. Washington, 6th Floor, Ch Addres BY Ter Attorney-in-Fact Gina Rodriguez	nicago, IL 6060
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STATE OF)		
COUNTY OF) ss.		
On this day	of, 20		
before me personally a	ppeared	, t	o me known to
be the person(s) descrit	bed in and who executed the sa	me as (his, her, their) free act and deed.	
IN WITNESS WHEREOF	, I have hereunto set my hand and .	seal on the day and year in this certificate first above w	ritten.
My commission expires	Notary Public name	Signature, notary	
		(Notary Seal)	

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before me personally a	appeared Helen Y. Lim	, to me personally known, who, being by
me duly sworn, did say	y that s/ he is <u>VP & Treasurer</u>	of EOG Resources, Inc
and that this instrume	nt was signed and sealed on behalf of s	aid corporation by authority of its board of directors, and
acknowledged said ins	strument to be the free act and deed of s	said corporation.
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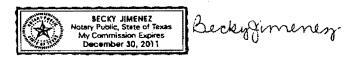
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EOG Resources, Inc. 1111 Bagby Sky Lobby 2 Houston, Texas 77002

Date: 1-12-2012

P.O. Box **43**62 Houston, Texas **77**210-4362

Requestor: Roger Motley	Division: Midland
Telephone: 432-686-3642	Fax: 432-686-3733
<u>Principal</u>	(Name & Address of EOG Entity,
	if other than EOG Resources, Inc.):
EOG Resources, Inc.	
P.O. Box 4362	
Houston, TX 77210 4362	
Obligee (Name & Physical Add	ress of Party requiring bond) Phone:
Commissioner of Public Lands	
New Mexico State Land Office -	Right of Way Division
310 Old Santa Fe Trail	- Kight of Way Division
Santa Fe, New Mexico	
Effective Date of Bond:	<u><u>1-30-2012</u> Date Bond Required: <u>1-20-2012</u></u>
Amount of Bond:	\$ <u>25,000</u>
Bond Type:	
Performance	
License/Permit	
Road Crossing	
Right of Way	
Oil & Gas Drilling	
Plugging & Surface Restord	ation
Other:	Surface Improvement Damage Megabond
(If court bond, please pro	wide a copy of judgment and bond form)

Bond Description: (Road, mileage, Well #, Location, County, etc) This Megabond will cover all operations by EOG Resources, Inc. on our State of New Mexico leases.

Other Comments/Information:

Deliver completed Bonds by Fed Ex To: Requestor Roger Motley, Midland Division Land Dept. Obligee Nick Jaramillo, New Mexico State Land Office – Right of Way Division 310 Old Santa Fe Trail Santa Fe, New Mexico 78501-2708



South Red Hills Reuse Water Recycling Facility and Containment Pit

NMOCD Submittal - C147 Registration Application



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Introduction

EOG Resources respectfully requests registration of the herein described Reuse Water Recycling Facility and Containment Pit located in Lea County, New Mexico. The enclosed/attached information will demonstrate compliance with all rules as outlined in 19.15.34 NMAC.

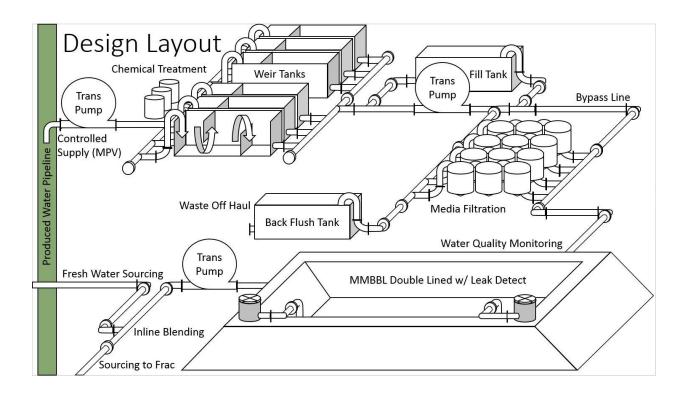
C-147 Detail

Operator and Facility / Location Detail

The proposed reuse water containment facility & containment pit, referred to as the South Red Hills Reuse Water Recycling Facility and Containment Pit, will be owned and operated by EOG resources and located in Township 26 South, Range 33 East in southwestern Lea County.

Recycling Facility Detail

The proposed containment pit will be located adjacent to the South Red Hills Recycling facility and will hold treated water for use in EOG hydraulic fracturing operations. As depicted in the attached schematic, the adjacent recycling facility will utilize advanced water treatment technologies to produce a clean brine effluent prior to storage and subsequent reuse. An oxidation and solids removal/filtering system will treat the incoming influent stream to internal standards sufficient for hydraulic fracturing reuse applications.



Recycling Containment Detail

EOG resources is proposing to construct a multi-liner containment pit utilizing leak detection systems to ensure an intact leak free barrier system. As depicted in the attached design plan and schematics,

Red_Hills_Reuse_Pit_Final, the proposed pit will incorporate standards that meet or exceed the required standards per 19.15.34.12 NMAC. The proposed recycle containment will be approximately 530 x 530 inside floor dimensions with 4:1 inside and outside berm grades. Approximate wall height will average 11ft from outside ground level to ensure no surface water run on will occur. The top of levee shall be approximately 20ft wide 2% outside sloping grade to ensure no surface water run on will occur. The containment pit floor and wall preparation will a include laser finished grade free of rocks, debris and sharp edges, compacted to a density to ensure an unyielding base. At onset of pit construction, all vegetative material and top soil will be removed and stockpiled at the outside toe of the levee slopes. The interior liner system of the containment pit will consist of a 10 ounce geotextile felt base layer to protect the secondary geomembrane liner from any protruding floor irregularities. The secondary geomembrane liner will be composed of 40 mil HDPE. Between the secondary and primary liners will consist of 200 mil geonet sloping to the leak detection trough. The primary liner consist of 60 mil HDPE liner. All liners will shall meet or exceed EPA SW-846 method 9090A. All seams will be oriented vertically with 4-6 inch liner overlap and all seam testing shall exceed all guidelines. As depicted in the attached design plan, Red_Hills_Reuse_Pit_Final, the proposed containment pit will include a center aligned leak detection trough and collection sump completed with perforated pipe and pump casing allowing for installation of a leak detection pump system. Both inlet and discharge manifold systems, depicted in Red_Hills_Reuse_Pit_Final, will be installed to prevent any liner damage from water entrance velocity or hose installation. The entire containment pit will be covered by a suspended bird net consisting of +/-800 x 80 netting segments with 1.5" openings bound together and suspended by cables traversing the pit approximately 5' above the top of berm.

Bonding

EOG Resources will source and distribute reuse water for the South Red Hills Reuse Water Facility and Containment Pit from wells solely operated by EOG. Therefore, attached are the details of Bond Number SUR0013939 – Megabond #OGB0959 – State of New Mexico Land Office Oil and Gas Minerals Division

Fencing

The South Red hills Reuse Facility and Containment Pit perimeter will be completed with fencing consisting of 6 ft galvanized chain link with 3 strand 45 degree barbed wire arms toppers.

Signage

As shown in the attached example sign, EOG shall place the appropriate signage along the facility and containment pit perimeter that meets all guidelines established in 19.15.34.12 C NMAC.

Variances

EOG Resources is seeking no variances for the South Redhills Reuse Water Facility and Containment Pit.

Siting Criteria for Recycling Containment

Enclosed within this submittal are comprehensive third party reports detailing conformity to siting criteria described in Section 8 of the C-147 registration form; a detailed list and description of these attachments can be found in the subsequent section: *List of Attachments*.

Recycling Facility and Containment Checklist

As indicated on the attached C147 form, all the required attachments have been included on the submittal and certification of C147 delivery to the landowner is acknowledged.

List of Attachments

Attachments and Supporting Documents

- C-147 Form
- Goshawk Environmental Report
 - o Siting Criteria Detail
- LRE Hydrogeologic Report
 - o Site Specific Groundwater Data
- Containment Pit Design Plan
 - o Stamped Engineered Drawings of Containment Pit and Site
- Souder Miller Siting Criteria Report
 - o Siting Criteria Detail
- Liner Detail Mustang Energy Services
- Signage Example
- Closure Plan
- Operating Plan
- Bond Detail
- C147 Landowner Delivery



10 February 2017

Mr. Robert Crain EOG Resources, Inc. 5509 Champions Drive Midland, TX 79706

Re: Comprehensive Resource Review – Red Hills South Water Reuse Site Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Crain:

Goshawk Environmental Consulting, Inc. (Goshawk) conducted a comprehensive desktop resource review and limited field investigations for the Red Hills South Reuse Site in Lea County, New Mexico. This resource review included Waters of the US (WATERS), Threatened or Endangered (T/E) Species, and Cultural Resources. The purpose of these investigations was to evaluate whether the proposed water reuse site contained any protected resources; the approximate size and location of identified protected resources; and associated development constraints, if applicable. Goshawk also evaluated the probability for significant cultural resources and made recommendations for further investigations, if applicable. All figures are in Appendix A.

INTRODUCTION

The Red Hills South Water Reuse Site will include a double-lined water pit with leak detection, a tanker off load and storage area, a reuse water treatment facility, and freshwater blending system. The site is approximately 1,200 feet long (east to west) and 860 feet wide (north to south) and encompasses approximately 23.69 acres. The site is generally located in a very rural portion of Lea County, where land use is primarily cattle ranching and oil/gas exploration and production.

WATERS REVIEW

REGULATORY BACKGROUND AND METHODOLOGY

Investigations to identify potential WATERS within the proposed Red Hills South Water Reuse Site included a resource review, followed by a field investigation. The resource review included inspection of available United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute topographic guadrangle for Paduca Breaks East, New Mexico; recent digital aerial orthoimagery; and the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Soil Survey Geographic Database (SSURGO). Field investigations were performed in accordance with US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) guidelines, utilizing the Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual - Technical Report Y-87-1 (January 1987) and the Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Arid West Region (Version 2.0) - ERDC/EL TR-08-28 (September 2008).

The jurisdictional status of identified features was determined based on 33 CFR 328.3(a), along with the US Army Core of Engineers (USACE)-Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) joint guidance on Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction, following the US Supreme Court's decision in Rapanos v. United States and Carabell v. United States. Current guidance states that the USACE and EPA will assert jurisdiction over (1) traditionally navigable waters (TNWs) and all wetlands adjacent to TNWs; (2) relatively





permanent waters (RPWs), which include non-navigable tributaries of TNWs that typically flow yearround or have continuous flow at least seasonally, and all wetlands that are directly abutting RPWs; and (3) other water bodies such as non-RPWs; wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs; and wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting an RPW that are analyzed and determined to have a significant nexus with a TNW. A significant nexus exists if the tributary, in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, has more than a speculative or an insubstantial effect on the chemical, physical, and/or biological integrity of a TNW.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Topographic Map

The topographic quadrangle (Figure 1) indicates the eastern portion of the Red Hills South Water Reuse Site is within grasslands (white background) and the western portion is within shrublands (green stipple pattern). The terrain is relatively flat, with elevations at approximately 3,260 feet above mean sea level. Drainage occurs by overland sheet flow toward the southwest. The headwaters of a mapped unnamed tributary (dot-dash blue line) is indicated approximately 2,300 feet to the southwest. This tributary flows approximately 0.6 mile west and joins another tributary. The tributary continues to flow 1.6 miles southwest before it dissipates or flows underground. The Red Hills South Water Reuse Site is within the Lower Pecos River Watershed. The nearest direct line point to the Pecos River is approximately 19 miles southwest. There are no improvements noted on the site. There is no indication of any potential WATERS within the boundary of the site.

Aerial Orthoimagery

The natural color aerial orthoimagery (Figure 2) indicates the Red Hills South Water Reuse Site is within relatively open shrublands. There are several caliche oil/gas pads immediately to the west of the site. A caliche pit, several caliche roads, and other oil/gas development (pads and pipelines) are apparent in the surrounding areas. There are no potential WATERS indicated on or near the site.

Soils

The NRCS SSURGO spatial data (Figure 3) indicate the soil map units underlying the Red Hills South Water Reuse Site are (by prevalence): Simona-Upton association (SR), Pyote and Maljamar fines sands (PU), and Kimbrough Ioam (Kc). The primary soil components of these maps units are Simona fine sandy Ioam, Upton gravelly Ioam, Pyote fine sand, Maljamar fine sands, and Kimbrough Ioam. None of the primary components of these soils are listed as hydric soils.

FIELD INVESTIGATION

A field investigation was conducted on 26 January 2017 in order to determine the presence of potential WATERS within the Red Hills South Water Reuse Site. The site was traversed on-foot. The site conditions are generally consistent with those depicted on the topographic map and aerial orthoimagery described above. Topographically, the site is very flat. Vegetation within the site consists of broom snakeweed (*Gutierrezia sarothrae*), honey mesquite (*Prosopis glandulosa*), prickly pear (*Opuntia* sp.), soapweed yucca (*Yucca glauca*) dove weed (*Croton texensis*), and desert peony (*Acourtia nana*) with some short and mid grasses intermixed.

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Surface water run-off from the site is likely very rare. Drainage occurs primarily by overland sheet flow toward the southwest. No evidence of any Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) or of standing water was found within the site. Additionally, no flowing watercourse, lake bed, sinkhole, or playa exhibiting an OHWM are found on the site or within 300 feet of the site. A search in the general vicinity of the site did not reveal any seeps, springs, wetlands, or water wells within 500 feet of the site.

REGULATORY DEVELOPMENT CONSTRAINTS

It is Goshawk's opinion construction of the Red Hills South Water Reuse Site will not impact any WATERS. It is important to note that only the USACE has the authority to make a formal determination, defining its jurisdictional limits under the CWA. Approved jurisdictional determinations are made by the USACE in accordance with internal policies and procedures in place at that time, and on a case-by-case basis using information at its disposal (such as other permits in the local area and case law) that may not be readily available to the public. Therefore, Goshawk's opinion should not be considered authoritative, and cannot wholly eliminate uncertainty regarding the USACE's jurisdictional limits.

THREATENED OR ENDANGERED SPECIES

REGULATORY BACKGROUND AND METHODOLOGY

The Endangered Species Act prohibits any action that causes a "take" of any listed T/E species. "Take" is defined as harm or harassment, including hunting, wounding, killing, trapping, and the capture or collection of individuals of listed species. The law also protects against the degradation or loss of vital habitat for listed species. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and National Marine Fisheries Service are the regulatory authorities for federally listed T/E species.

State-listed T/E species are protected under New Mexico Wildlife Conservation Act (17-2-41). The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) has the authority to establish a list of fish and wildlife species that are endangered or threatened. Unlike the federal Act, the state's regulation makes no provision for the protection of wildlife species from indirect take (e.g., destruction of habitat or unfavorable management practices); rather, it protects from the unlawful killing, trade, or transportation of state-listed species are only a potential development constraint if listed species are determined to be currently occupying the tract.

Literature and agency file searches were conducted to identify the potential occurrence of any federally and state-listed T/E species near the Red Hills South Water Reuse Site. An internet search of the USFWS *Information, Planning, and Conservation System* (IPaC) was conducted for Lea County to identify federally listed T/E species "that should be considered as part of an effects analysis" for the site. Additionally, a report from the NMDGF Biota Information System of New Mexico (BISON-M) was obtained and reviewed for the Lea County.

RESOURCE REVIEW

The T/E species listed in the IPaC Trust Resource Report for Lea County is the northern aplomado falcon (*Falco femoralis*). Critical habitat for this species is not designated within the Red Hills South Water Reuse Site or immediate vicinity.

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The state-listed T/E species on NMDGF BISON-M County List for Lea County dated 24 January 2017 include: bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), aplomado falcon, peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*), artic peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus tundrius*), least tern, broad-billed hummingbird (*Cynanthus latirostris*), Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii*), Baird's sparrow (*Ammodramus bairdii*), and dunes sagebrush lizard (*Sceloporus arenicolus*).

DEVELOPMENT CONSTRAINTS

The northern aplomado falcon is listed for many southern New Mexico counties (including Lea County) and west Texas counties within its historic range. Historically, the falcon utilized open desert grasslands and/or savannas, where scattered shrubs and trees provide roosting and nesting locations. Although the proposed site is within shrublands, the land uses of this area (heavy cattle grazing and oil/gas production) likely precludes the northern aplomado falcon from utilizing the site.

State regulations prohibit the taking, possession, transportation, or sale of any state-listed T/E species. Since Lea County has the potential to support state-listed T/E species, care should be taken to avoid direct impacts (including harassment, harm, killing, and/or collection) to any species that may inhabit the site. The state-listed birds would have the ability to leave the site during active construction to avoid impacts. However, the dunes sagebrush lizard is ground-dwelling and relatively slow-moving, which makes it more likely to be impacted by construction activities than are other state-listed species.

The lack of habitat for the northern aplomado falcon, coupled with the current land use, makes it highly unlikely that this species is utilizing the site. Furthermore, only the dunes sagebrush lizard would be susceptible to direct impacts during construction of the site. Care should be taken to avoid harassment, harm, killing, and/or collecting of the dunes sagebrush lizard. No further investigations relative to T/E species are recommended.

CULTURAL RESOURCES DESKTOP REVIEW

REGULATORY BACKGROUND AND METHODOLOGY

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 requires Federal agencies to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties and provide the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) an opportunity to comment on their projects. Historic properties are defined as archeological sites, standing structures, or other historic resources listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Privately funded projects on privately owned land that do not require federal permits, funding, approvals etc. are not currently regulated by federal law. Frequently, individual municipalities or state agencies will have cultural resource review and protection requirements; however, there are no known requirements for the proposed site.

The regulatory process seeks to determine if a project will have an "effect" upon historic properties. The term "effect" is defined as an "alteration to the characteristics of historic property qualifying it for inclusion in, or eligibility for the National Register (of Historic Places)." An effect is "adverse" when it will endanger those qualities that make the property eligible for inclusion on the NRHP.

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Goshawk performed a Class I archival review to evaluate the potential for historic properties present near the Red Hills South Water Reuse Site. The Archaeological Records Management Section's New Mexico Cultural Resources Information System (NMCRIS) online database, geospatial data obtained from the BLM CFO, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Web Soil Survey were utilized for the review.

ARCHIVAL REVIEW

Nearby Archeological Sites

According to NMCRIS, there are no previously recorded archeological sites within the Red Hills South Reuse Site. There nearest recorded archeological site is LA# 45969 located approximately 1,400 feet east of the Red Hills South Reuse Site. The archeological site was documented in 1983 during NMCRIS Activity# 10289 and was revisited in 1999 during NMCRIS Activity# 63533. The site was documented as a multicomponent unspecified prehistoric and historic ranching site. The prehistoric artifact assemblage consisted of lithic debitage and ground stone tools but no diagnostic aboriginal artifacts were identified. The historic component consisted of a corral, a windmill, two tanks, glass, metal, and non-diagnostic historic ceramics. In 2004, the site was deemed eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places by the recorder and assigned an unevaluated status during state agency review.

National Register Properties

No NRHP-listed properties have been recorded near the proposed site. According to the NRHP online database, the nearest NRHP-listed property is the Laguna Plata Archaeological District, located 41.3 miles north-northwest of the proposed site. The Laguna Plata Archaeological District is a collection of prehistoric habitation sites spread across roughly 4,500 acres.

Soils Analysis

Soils mapped within the proposed site consist of Kimbrough loam, Pyote/Maljamar fine sands, and Simona-Upton Association soils. The Kimbrough series is a shallow loamy alluvium associated with playa lake formation. This series exhibits a moderate potential for the presence of significant cultural sites. The Pyote/Maljimar series are deep, wind-blown sands or loams that exhibit a moderate probability for containing significant cultural deposits in some settings. The Simona-Upton series are shallow, gravelly sands derived from eroded sedimentary rock. This series has a low potential for containing temporally stratified deposits. Considering the soils present, there is a moderate probability for the presence of cultural resources within the proposed Red Hills South Reuse Site.

DEVELOPMENT CONSTRAINTS

The cultural resources archival review determined there is a moderate probability for the presence of significant prehistoric resources within the site. This determination is based on the number of significant prehistoric sites present in the vicinity, the soils present, and the topographic relief and natural water resources near the site.

SUMMARY

Based on the results of the Desktop Resource Review, it is Goshawk's opinion that the construction of the Red Hills South Water Reuse Site is unlikely to impact any sensitive natural resources, including WATERS and T/E species. Based on topographic location, underlying soils, and documented prehistoric sites in the vicinity, it is Goshawk's opinion that the site has a moderate probability to contain significant

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prehistoric resources. If any federal permits are required, notification and subsequent consultation with the lead federal agency may be necessary. However, if no federal permit is required, a cultural resources survey is not required and construction may proceed as planned. In the unlikely event that cultural resources (including human remains) are discovered, all construction or maintenance activities should be immediately halted and a qualified archeologist should be notified. If you have any questions or desire additional information, please contract our office.

Sincerely,

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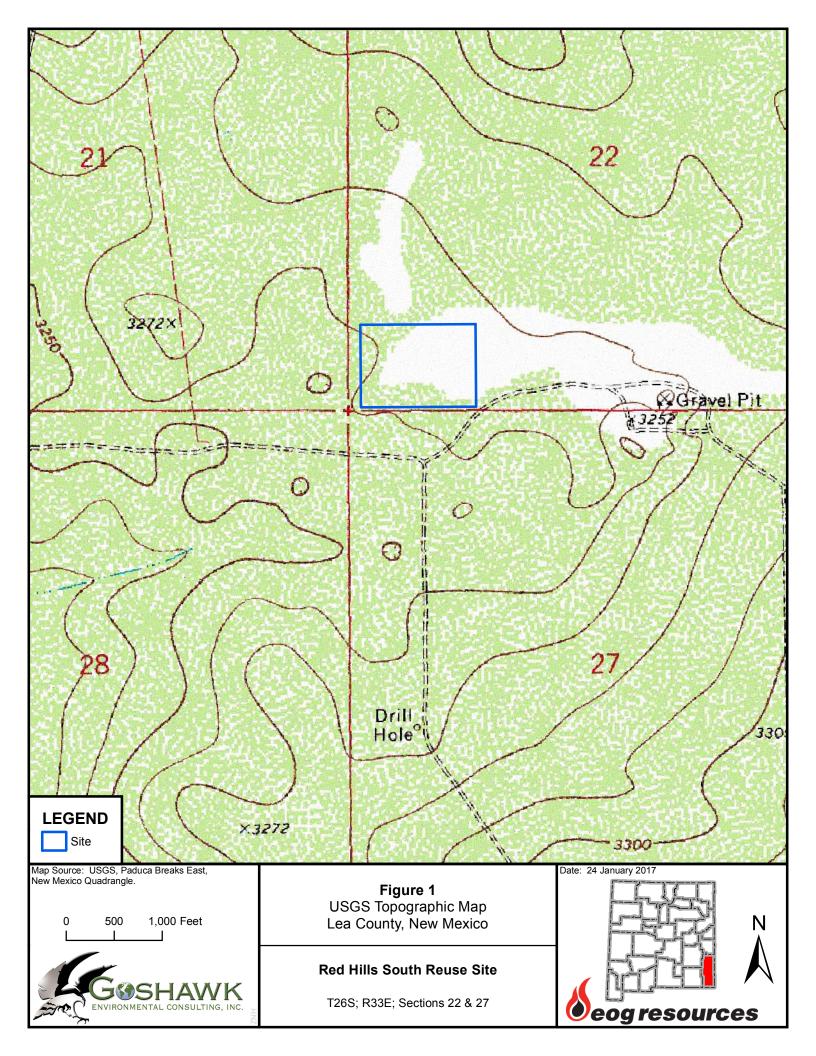
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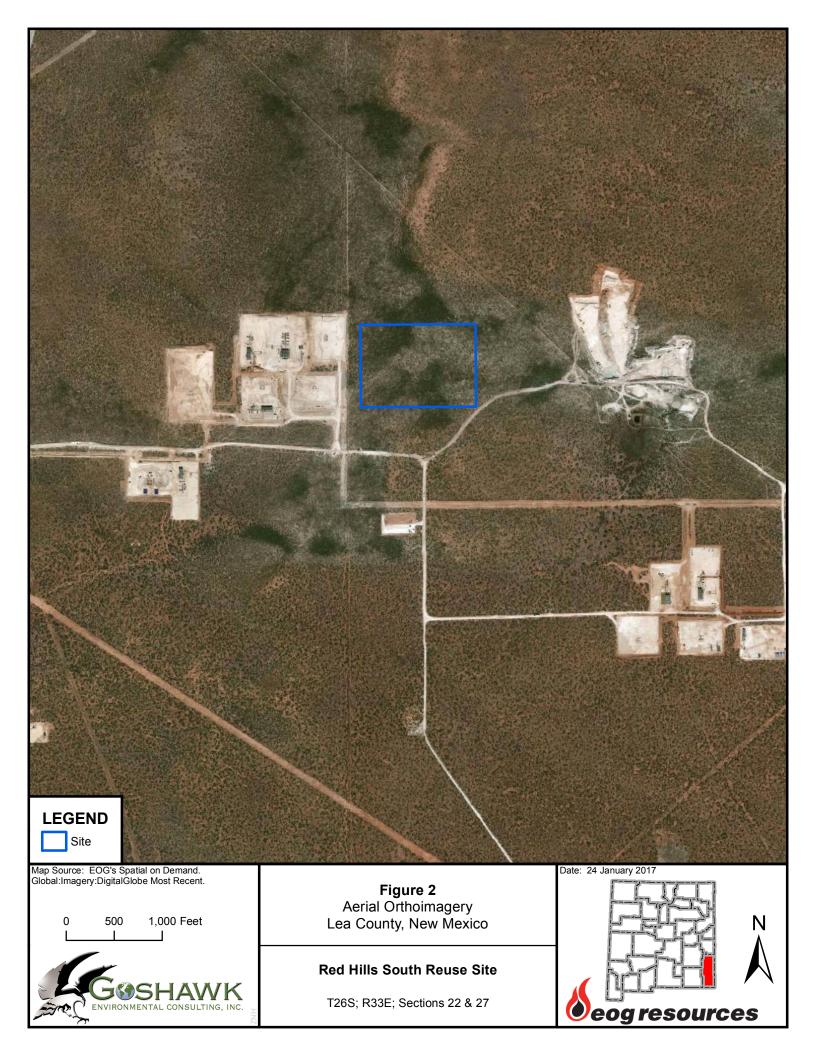
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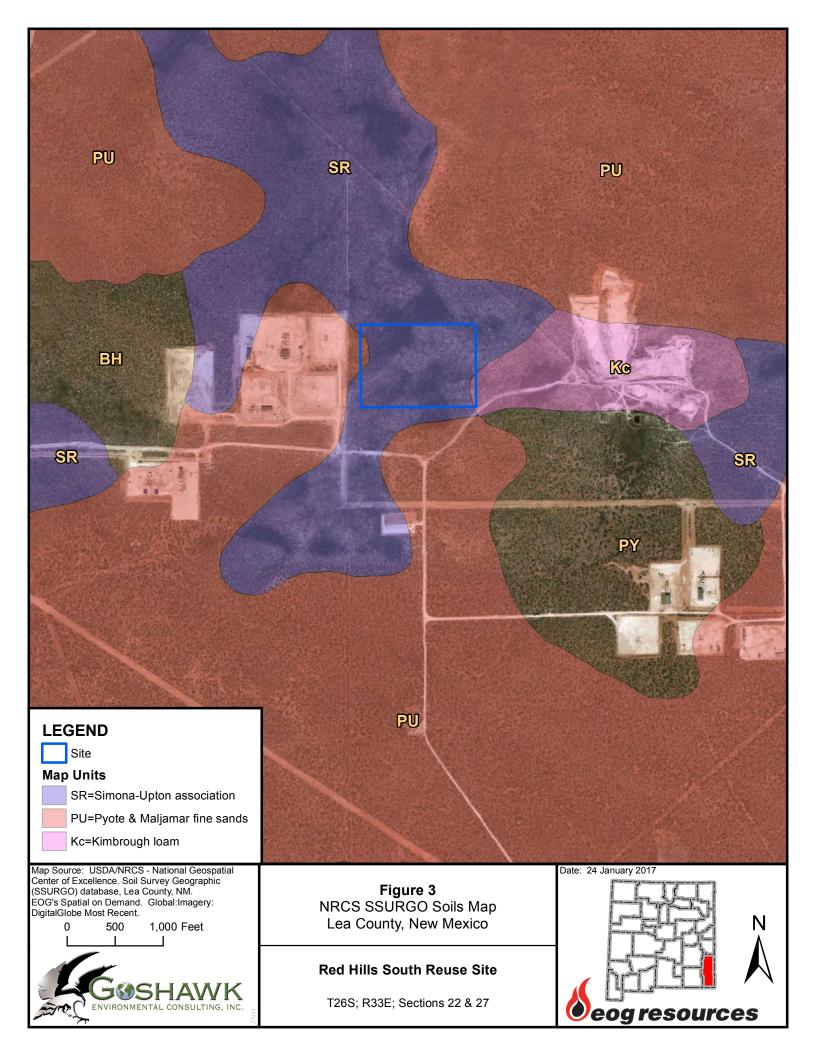


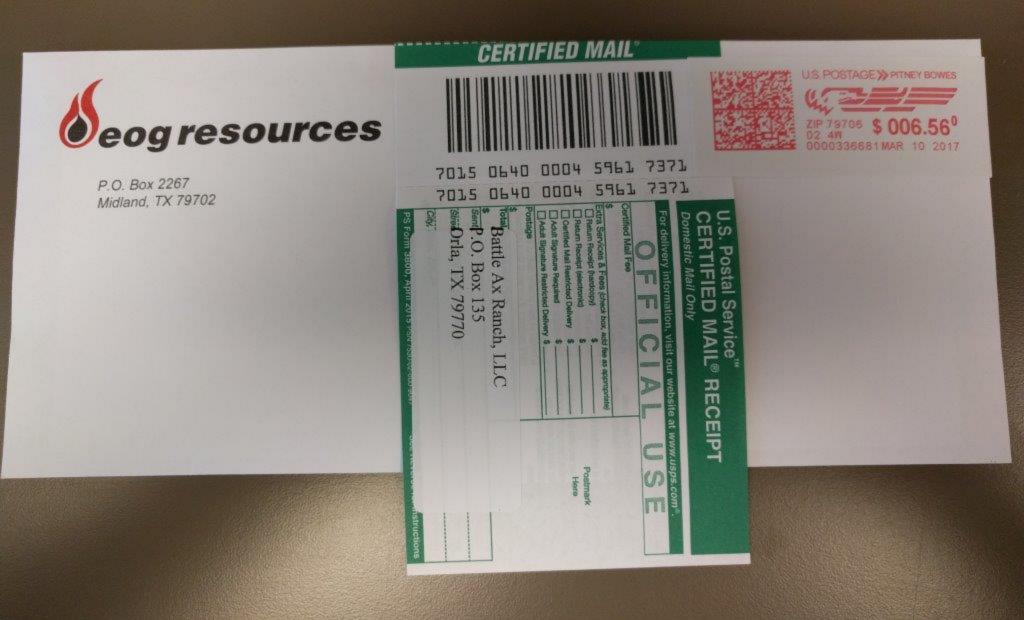
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TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

TO:	Mr. Robert Crain, Water Resources Manager – San Antonio & Midland EOG Resources, Inc.
FROM:	Michael Keester, PG and Jordan Furnans, PhD, PE, PG, CFM
SUBJECT:	Hydrogeologic Evaluation of the Red Hills South Reuse Pit Area, New Mexico
DATE:	February 17, 2017

LRE Water, LLC (LRE) conducted a hydrogeologic evaluation of the local groundwater conditions beneath the Red Hills South Reuse Pit Area in Lea county, New Mexico. Our evaluations focused on addressing the hydrogeologic questions presented on State of New Mexico, Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Oil Conservation Division, Form C-147. During our assessment, we compiled records from the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NM OSE Information Technology Systems Bureau GIS 2017), Resource Geographic Information System (Earth Data Analysis Center, University of New Mexico 2015), and New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources (New Mexico Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources 2015).

According to available surface geology data, the proposed reuse pit is located atop outcrop of the Ogallala Formation. Nearly surrounding the proposed pit area are younger eolian (that is, windblown) and Piedmont deposits. Figure 1 illustrates the local surface geology near the proposed reuse pit.

Based on reported depths of nearby wells (NM OSE Information Technology Systems Bureau GIS 2017) and the High Plains Aquifer System Groundwater Availability Model (Deeds, et al. 2015), the base of the Ogallala is approximately 150 to 200 feet below ground level at the proposed reuse pit site. Beneath the Ogallala are the rocks of the Upper Chinle Group which are several hundred feet thick. The closest well to the property (POD 3577 – approximately 1,300 feet east) is reportedly completed in these deeper rocks at a depth of 750 feet.

Other wells in the area, with reported depths, are completed in the Ogallala formation. Reported water levels in these wells are more than 75 feet below ground level (NM OSE Information Technology Systems Bureau GIS 2017, U.S. Geological Survey 2016). Figure 2 shows the locations of nearby wells along with each well's identification number. Table 1 provides measured depth to water and other details for each well shown.

There are no springs in the area and the site is not within a mapped 100-year floodplain. The nearest mapped wetland is a freshwater pond approximately 1,500 feet east of the proposed reuse pit. The only other mapped surface water feature is an ephemeral stream more than 2,000 feet southwest of the reuse pit. Figure 3 shows the mapped wetlands near the proposed reuse pit.



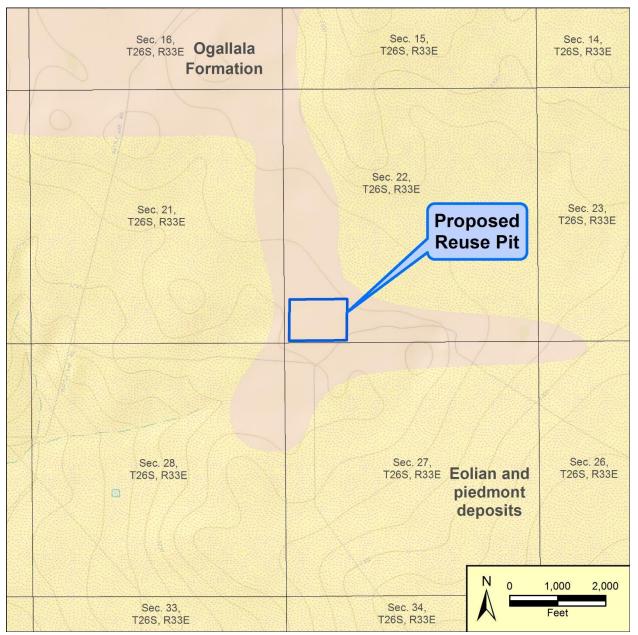


Figure 1. Local Surface Geology per New Mexico Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources (2015).



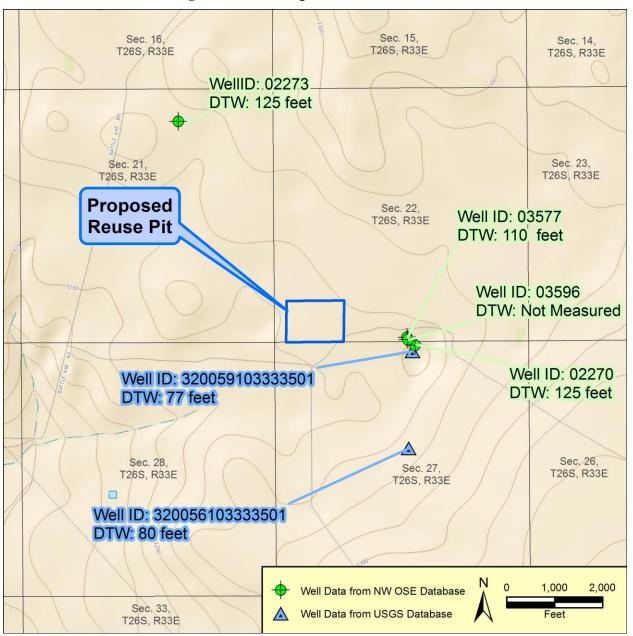


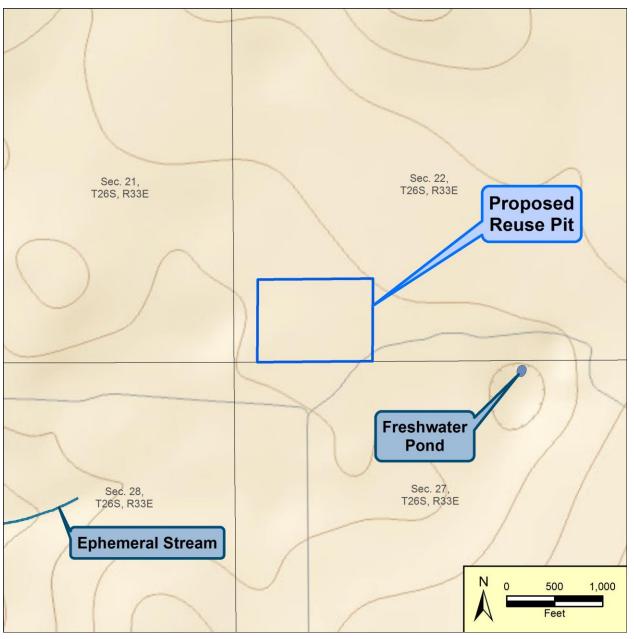


Table 1. Local Well Data.

Well ID*	Well Depth	Depth to Water	Year Measured	Distance to Pit
02270	150 feet	125 feet	1992	1,490 feet
02273	160 feet	125 feet	1930	4,370 feet
03577	750 feet	110 feet	2012	1,315 feet
03596	225 feet	Not Measured		1,350 feet
320056103333501	Unknown	80 feet	1981	2,600 feet
320059103333501	200 feet	77 feet	2001	1,440 feet

*5-Digit Well ID is the POD number from the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (OSE). Other Well ID numbers are from the U.S. Geological Survey.









Summary

Table 2 summarizes our responses, based on available data, to the hydrogeologic questions presented in Section 8 of the State of New Mexico, Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Oil Conservation Division, Form C-147.

Table 2. Responses to Hydrogeologic Questions in Section 8 of Form C-147.

Question	Response
Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the Recycling Containment	No
Within a 100-year floodplain	No
Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse, or lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake	No
Within 500 horizontal feet of a spring or a fresh water well used for domestic or stock watering purposes	No
Within 500 feet of a wetland	No

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- (1) Acceptance of pit construction for liner install:
 - a. Pit foundation and laterals properly compacted, smooth, and free of rocks/debris/sharp edges
 - b. Pit top wide enough to install an anchor trench, and provide adequate room for inspection/maintenance
 - c. Slope of interior subgrade, drainage lines and laterals per specs
- (2) Geomembrane Liner Layers
 - a. Geotextile
 - b. Secondary (lower) liner
 - c. Leak detection system
 - d. Primary (upper) liner
 - e. Anchor trench- Liner edges anchored in the bottom of a compacted earth-filled trench >18"deep
- (3) Geomembrane Properties
 - a. Primary: 60 mil HDPE, equivalent, or better
 - b. Secondary: 40 mil HDPE, equivalent, or better
 - c. Impervious, synthetic material resistant to UV, petroleum hydrocarbons, salts, and acidic and alkaline solutions
 - d. Comply with EPA SW-846 Method 9090A, or subsequent relevant publication
- (4) Geomembrane Install
 - a. Field- Welded Liner seams
 - i. Performed by Qualified Personnel
 - ii. Thermally seamed (hot wedge) with a double track weld to create air pocket
 - iii. 4-6" liner overlap
 - iv. Number of seams minimized
 - v. Seams oriented seams up and down slopes
 - vi. No horizontal seams <5' of the slope toe
 - b. Geomembrane Testing
 - i. Performed by Qualified Personnel
 - ii. Non-destructive Air Channel Testing
 - iii. Destruct testing
 - iv. Vacuum Testing
 - v. Spark Testing

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- (5) Other installed items
 - i. Vents
 - ii. Rub Sheets
 - iii. Boots
 - iv. Sump aggregate
 - v. Solid/perforated pipes
 - vi. Escape Ladders
 - vii. Height Markers
 - viii. Conductive Liner
- (6) Leak Detection System
 - a. 200 mil or greater Geonet or Geocomposite drainage liner
 - b. Installed between upper/lower geomembrane liners
 - c. Piping collection system
 - d. Drainage, collection, and removal system sloped to facilitate the earliest possible leak detection
 - e. Pipe to convey collected fluids to a collection/disposal system located outside the permanent pit's perimeter

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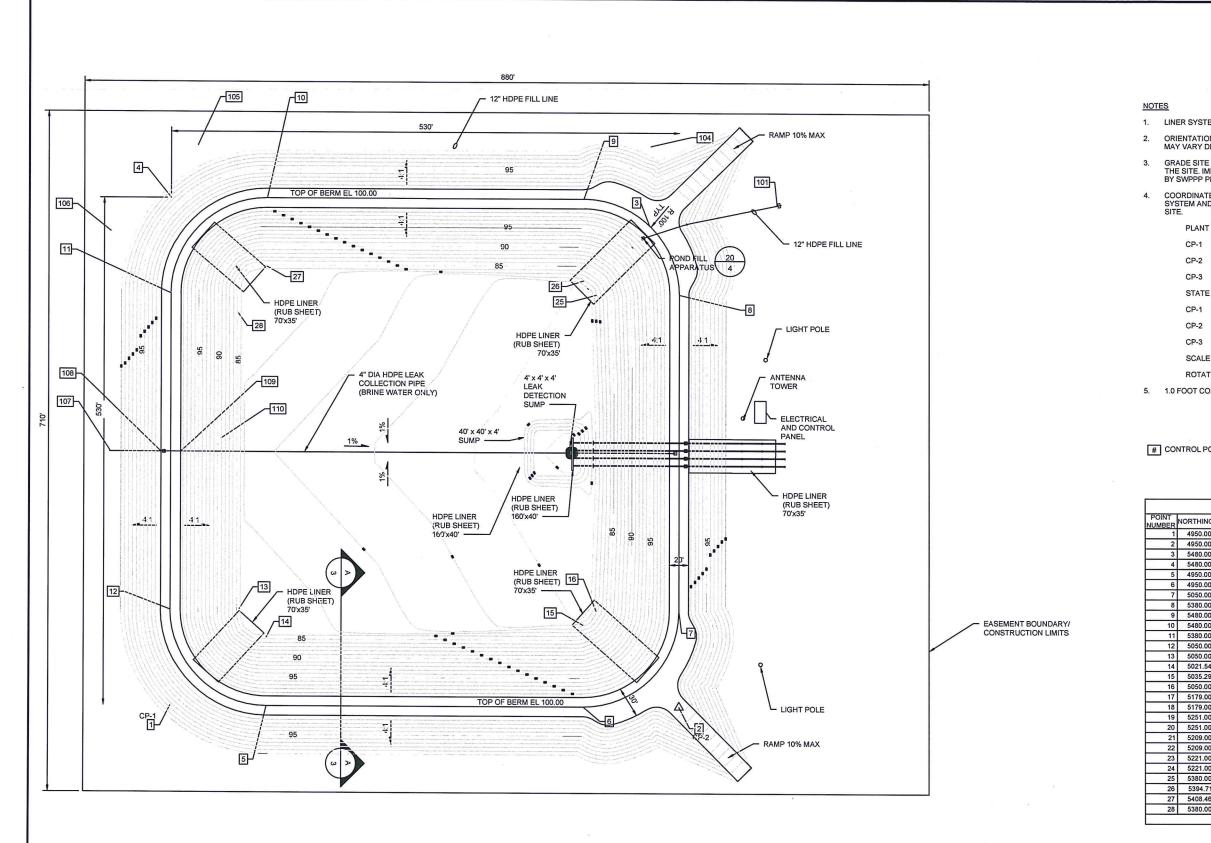


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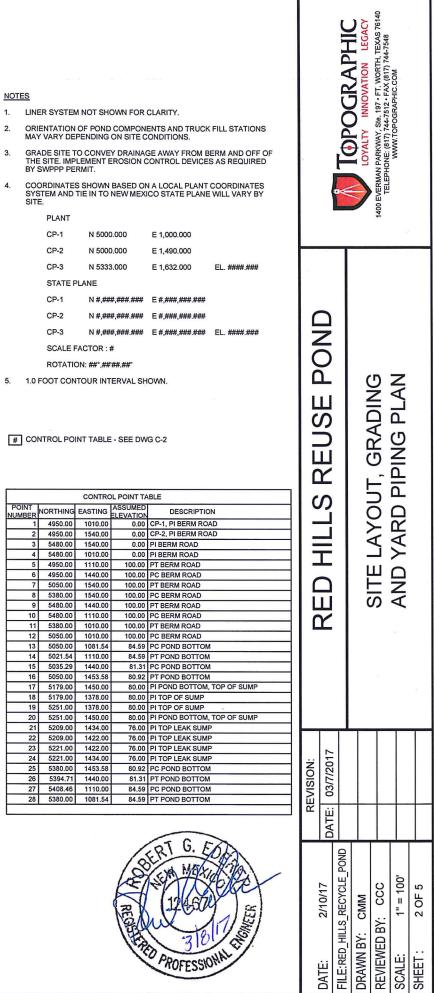


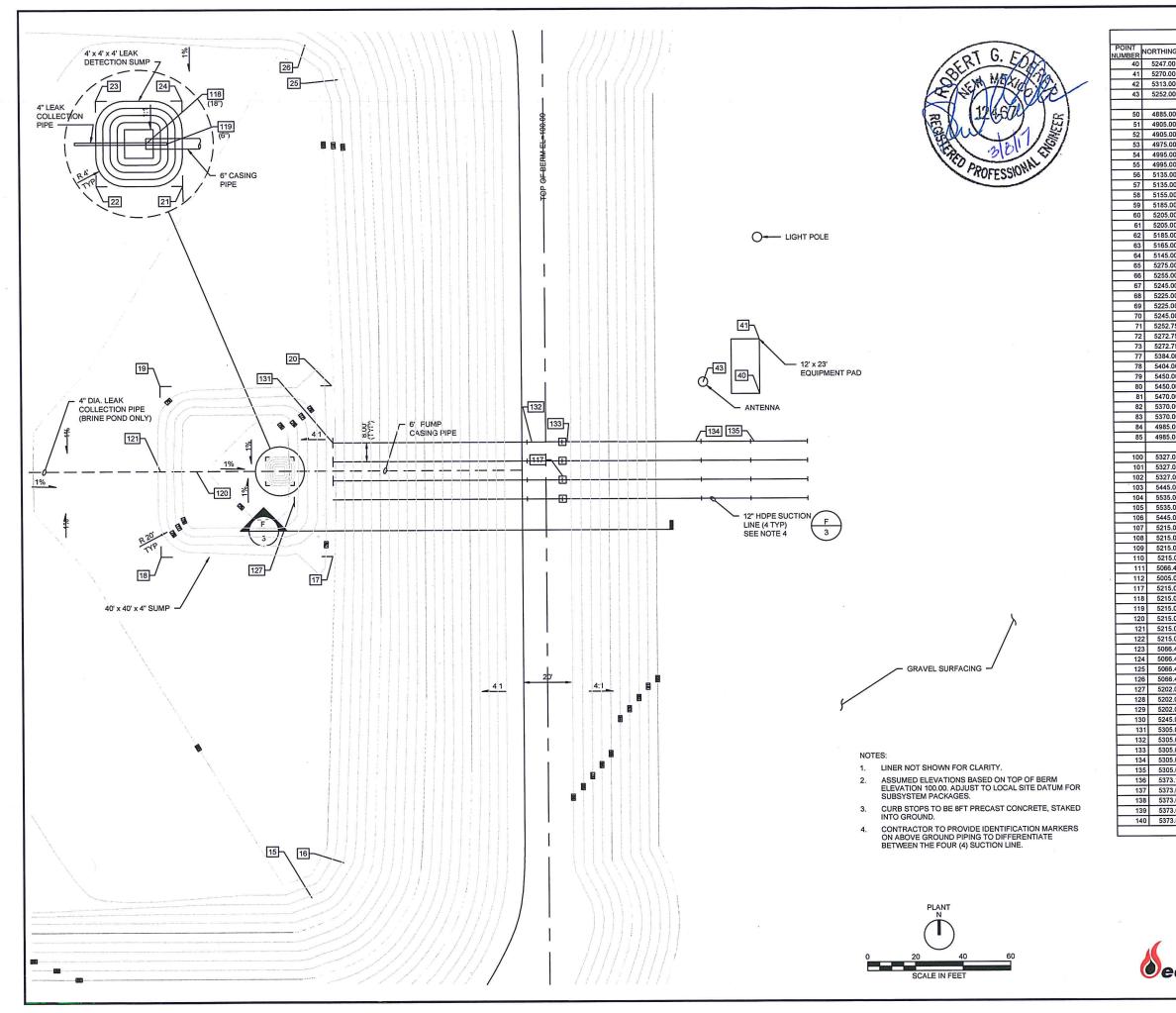
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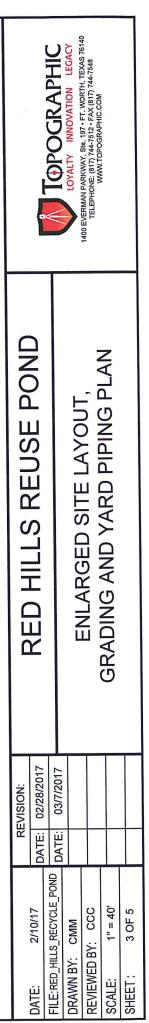
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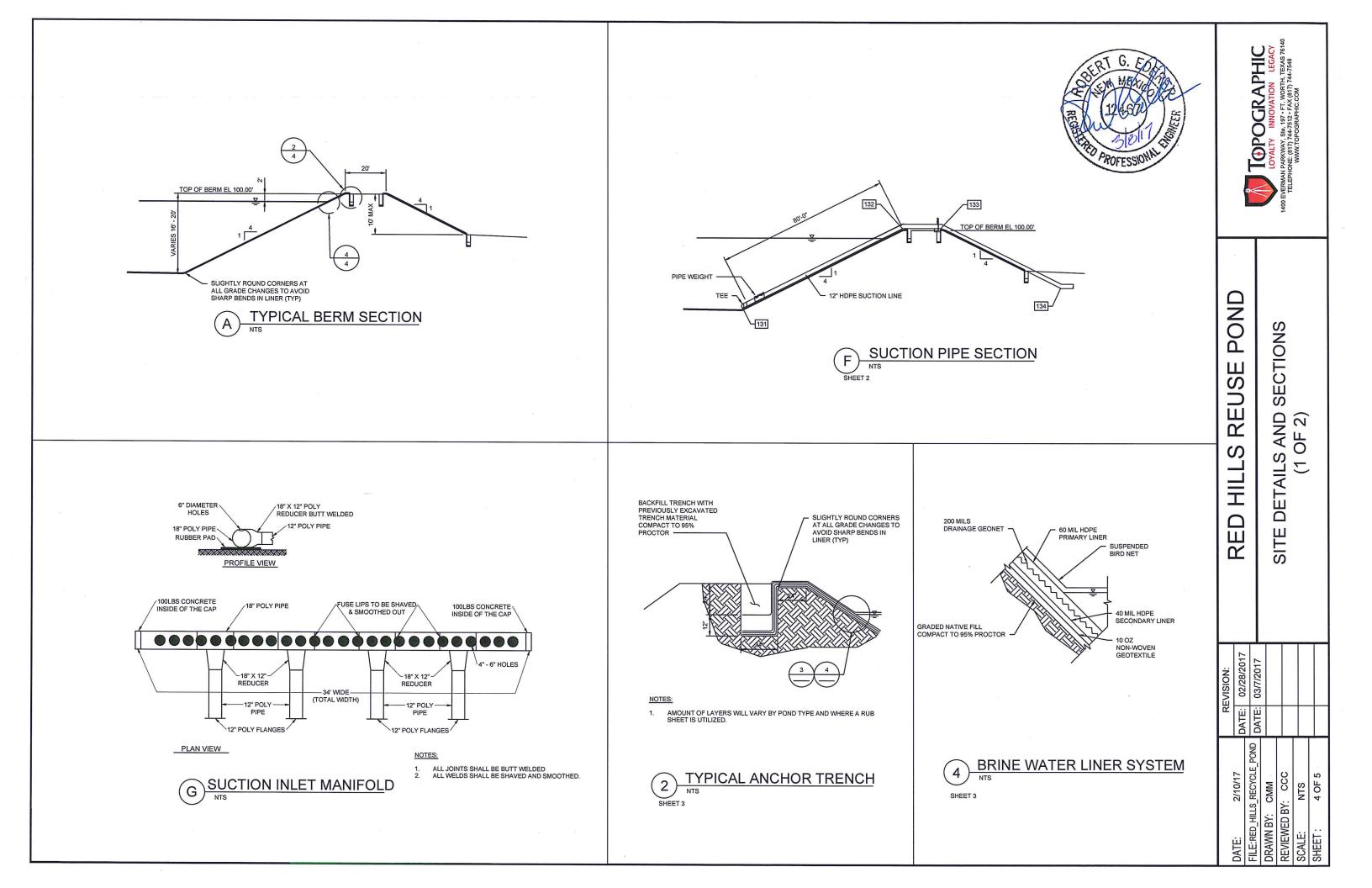


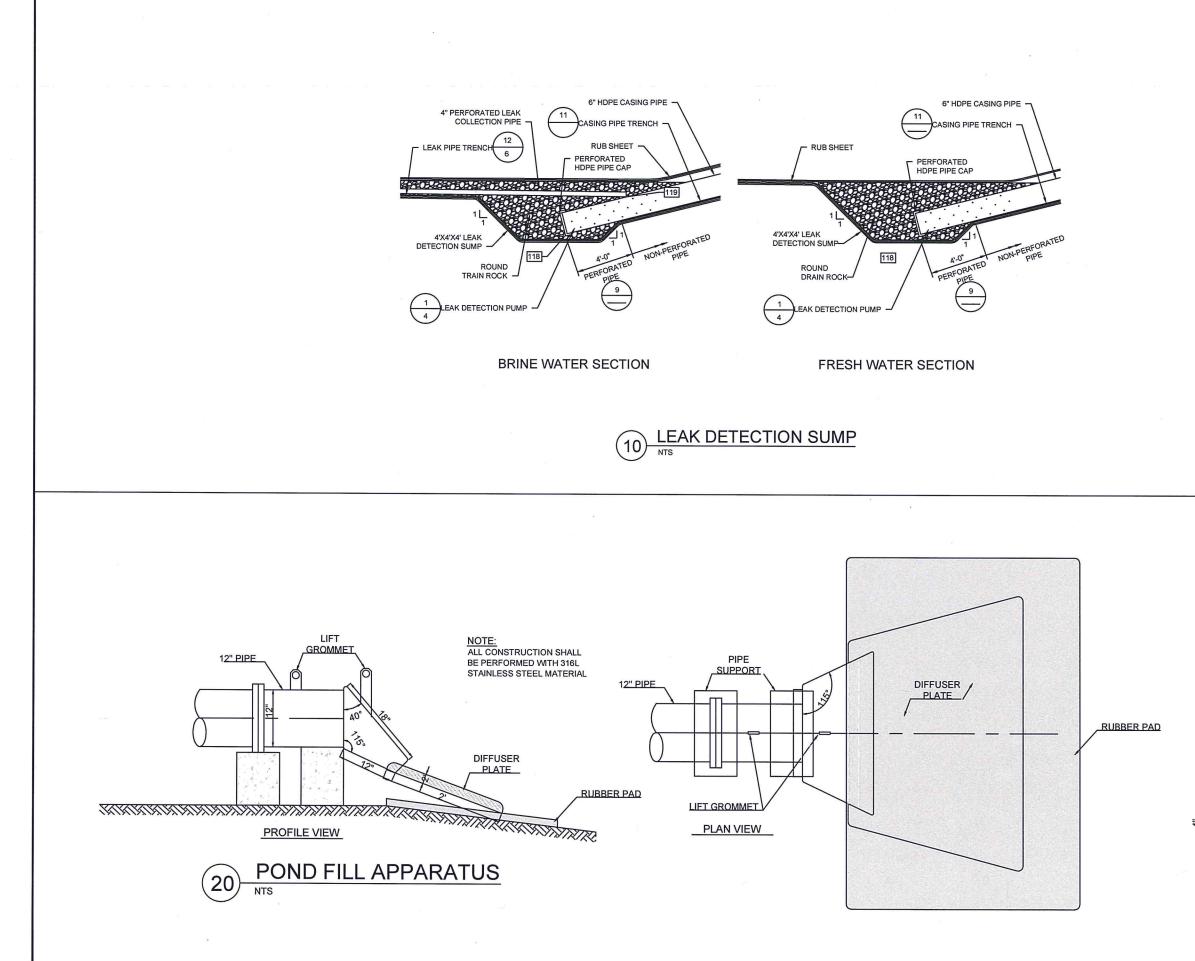


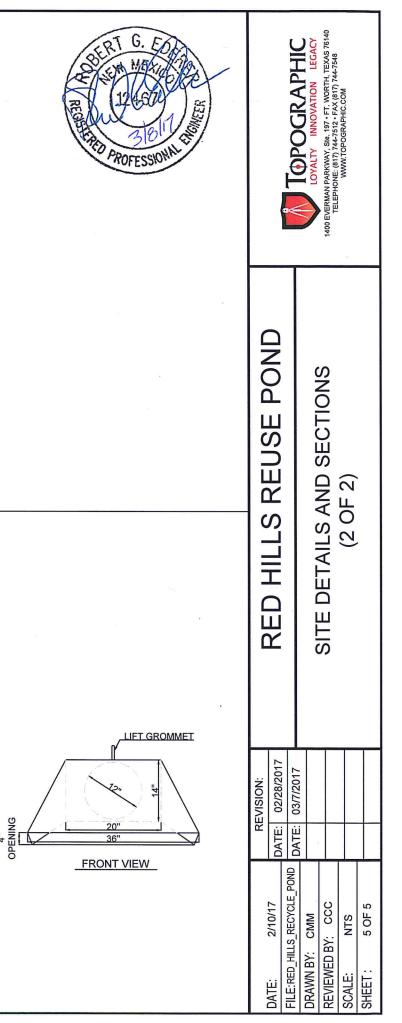
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For multiple or additional recycling containments, attach design and location information of each containment
Closure Report (required within 60 days of closure completion): Recycling Facility Closure Completion Date:
3. X Recycling Containment:
Annual Extension after initial 5 years (attach summary of monthly leak detection inspections for previous year)
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Recycling Containment Closure Completion Date:

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Bonding:

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Covered under bonding pursuant to 19.15.8 NMAC per 19.15.34.15(A)(2) NMAC (These containments are limited to only the wells owned or

operated by the owners of the containment.)

Bonding in accordance with 19.15.34.15(A)(1). Amount of bond \$______ (work on these facilities cannot commence until bonding

amounts are approved)

Attach closure cost estimate and documentation on how the closure cost was calculated.

Fencing:

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Four foot height, four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced between one and four feet

Alternate. Six foot chain link with 3 strand 45 degree barbed wire arm topper

Signs:

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🛛 12"x 24", 2" lettering, providing Operator's name, site location, and emergency telephone numbers

Signed in compliance with 19.15.16.8 NMAC

Variances:

Justifications and/or demonstrations that the proposed variance will afford reasonable protection against contamination of fresh water, human health, and the environment.

Check the below box only if a variance is requested:

Variance(s): Requests must be submitted to the appropriate division district for consideration of approval. If a Variance is requested, include the variance information on a separate page and attach it to the C-147 as part of the application.

If a Variance is requested, it must be approved prior to implementation.

Siting Criteria for Recycling Containment

Instructions: The applicant must provide attachments that demonstrate compliance for each siting criteria below as part of the application. Potential examples of the siting attachment source material are provided below under each criteria.

General siting	
Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the Recycling Containment. 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. Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; written approval obtained from the municipality 	☐ Yes ⊠ No ☐ NA
 Within the area overlying a subsurface mine. Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Minerals Division 	TYes 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
 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

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	rint): Title: Robert Crain	20/		
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e-mail ac	ldress: <u>Robert_crain@eogreson</u>	rces.com	Telephone: 210-289-9647	
^{11.} OCD Re	presentative Signature:	140	Approval Date:	/25/2017
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 OCD Conditions

 Additional OCD Conditions on Attachment



February 23, 2017

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Mr. Courtney Coates, PE, CFM Engineering Project Manager Topographic Land Surveyors 1400 Everman Parkway, Suite 197 Fort Worth, TX 46140

Subject:C-147 Recycling Containment Permit Siting Criteria Attachment, Proposed Red
Hills Recycling Facility, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Coates:

Souder, Miller & Associates (SMA) is pleased to submit the enclosed C-147 Siting Criteria Explanation and supporting documentations for the proposed Red Hills Recycling Containment Pond to be constructed in southwestern Lea County, New Mexico. The proposed recycling containment will be composed of a lined pond with an approximate capacity of 27.5 million gallons, and be located in Township 26S, Range 33E, Section 22 near Battleax road.

Below are details on the siting criteria in Section 8 of the C-147 permit. Supporting documentation are included in the Appendices indicated in each siting criteria explanation. Information obtained from the supporting documentation was confirmed during a site visit by Austin Weyant with SMA on February 22, 2017.

8.1 Groundwater is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the recycling containment

Groundwater, as indicted in measurements obtained from a USGS monitoring well located approximately 0.25 miles to the east of the proposed facility at a similar elevation, has been recorded at elevations ranging from 76 to 77.5 feet below ground surface from measurements collected from 1970 to 2003; using the elevation of the well, this corresponds to a maximum groundwater elevation of 3,176 feet above mean sea level (amsl). As the proposed facility is located at an elevation of approximately 3,260 ft amsl, with the base of the containment pond being less than 20 feet below surrounding grade at an elevation of approximately 3,240 ft amsl, the depth to groundwater will be 64 feet, which is over 50 feet from below the bottom of the Recycling Containment. Supporting information from nearby New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE) registered wells and the United States Geological Society (USGS) monitoring wells is included as Appendix A.

8.2 Facility is located within municipal boundary or within a defined fresh water well field

The facility is located over 20 miles from the nearest municipality (City of Jal) in an area consisting predominantly of oil and gas development, and is not within any defined freshwater field as no municipal water wells are present near the facility location. A vicinity map of the facility on a USGS topographic map is included as Figure 1. A map indicating the location of wells registered with the NMOSE is included as Appendix A.

8.3 Facility is located within an area overlying a subsurface mine

Information from the USGS Topographic map covering the location of the facility as well as a map from the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) indicates that no subsurface mines are present within the facility boundaries. The nearest quarry is a gravel pit located approximately 0.2 miles to the east of the proposed facility boundary. A vicinity map of the facility on a USGS topographic map is included as Figure 1. A map indicating the location of active mines from the EMNRD website is included as Appendix B.

8.4 Facility is located within an unstable area

The facility is located in generally flat topography with no nearby mapped faults. The USGS Seismic hazard map places the region as a low-risk area for potential earthquakes or other seismic hazards. As such, SMA believes the facility is not located in an unstable area. A vicinity map of the facility on a USGS topographic map is included as Figure 1, and a geologic map of the area with known faults is included as Figure 3. A seismic hazards map is included as Appendix C.

8.5 Facility is located within a 100-year floodplain

The facility is located within FEMA Zone D in an area that is not covered by <u>printed</u> flood maps. Information from the FEMA Floodplain online database indicates that no known 100-year floodplains are present within 10 miles of the facility. A screenshot of the proposed facility area from the online FEMA Floodplain database is included as Appendix D.

8.6 Facility is located within a 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse, lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake

The nearest continually flowing watercourse, as indicated on the USGS topographic map, is over 10 miles from the proposed facility boundary; the nearest ephemeral water course is located approximately 0.4 miles to the southwest of the proposed facility. No lakebeds, sinkholes, or playa lakes within 200 feet of the facility are indicated on the USGS topographic map or aerial photos of the proposed facility area. A vicinity map of the facility on a USGS topographic map is included as Figure 1, and an aerial photo of the project area is included as Figure 2. The absence of watercourses, lakebeds, sinkholes, and playa lakes in the vicinity of the proposed facility was confirmed by a site visit conducted by Mr. Austin Weyant of SMA on February 22, 2017.

8.7 Facility is located within 1,000 feet of an existing residence, school, hospital, institution, or church at time of initial inspection

The facility is located over 1 mile from the nearest private residence. The closest facilities to the proposed facility are an existing oil field tank battery and pad located adjacent and to the west. A vicinity map of the facility on a USGS topographic map is included as Figure 1, and an aerial photo of the project area is included as Figure 2. The absence of residences, schools, hospitals, churches, or institutions in the vicinity of the proposed facility was confirmed by a site visit conducted by Mr. Austin Weyant of SMA on February 22, 2017.

8.8 Facility is located within 500 feet of a spring or fresh water well in existence at time of initial inspection

The nearest freshwater well resisted with the NMOSE or USGS is located approximately 1,200 feet to the east of the proposed facility. No springs are indicated on USGS topographic maps within 1,000 feet of the proposed facility. A vicinity map of the facility on a USGS topographic map is included as Figure 1, and an aerial photo of the project area indicating the location of the well is included as Figure 2. Supporting information from nearby NMOSE wells and the USGS monitoring wells is included as Appendix A. The absence of springs or drinking water wells in the vicinity of the proposed facility was confirmed by a site visit conducted by Mr. Austin Weyant of SMA on February 22, 2017.

8.9 Facility is located within 500 feet of a wetland

The nearest wetland as mapped by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service is present approximately 1,500 feet to the east of the proposed facility. A map prepared by the US FWS online wetland database is included as Appendix E. The absence of potential wetlands in the vicinity of the proposed facility was confirmed by a site visit conducted by Mr. Austin Weyant of SMA on February 22, 2017.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 505-299-0942 or to e-mail me at <u>matthew.earthman@soudermiller.com</u>.

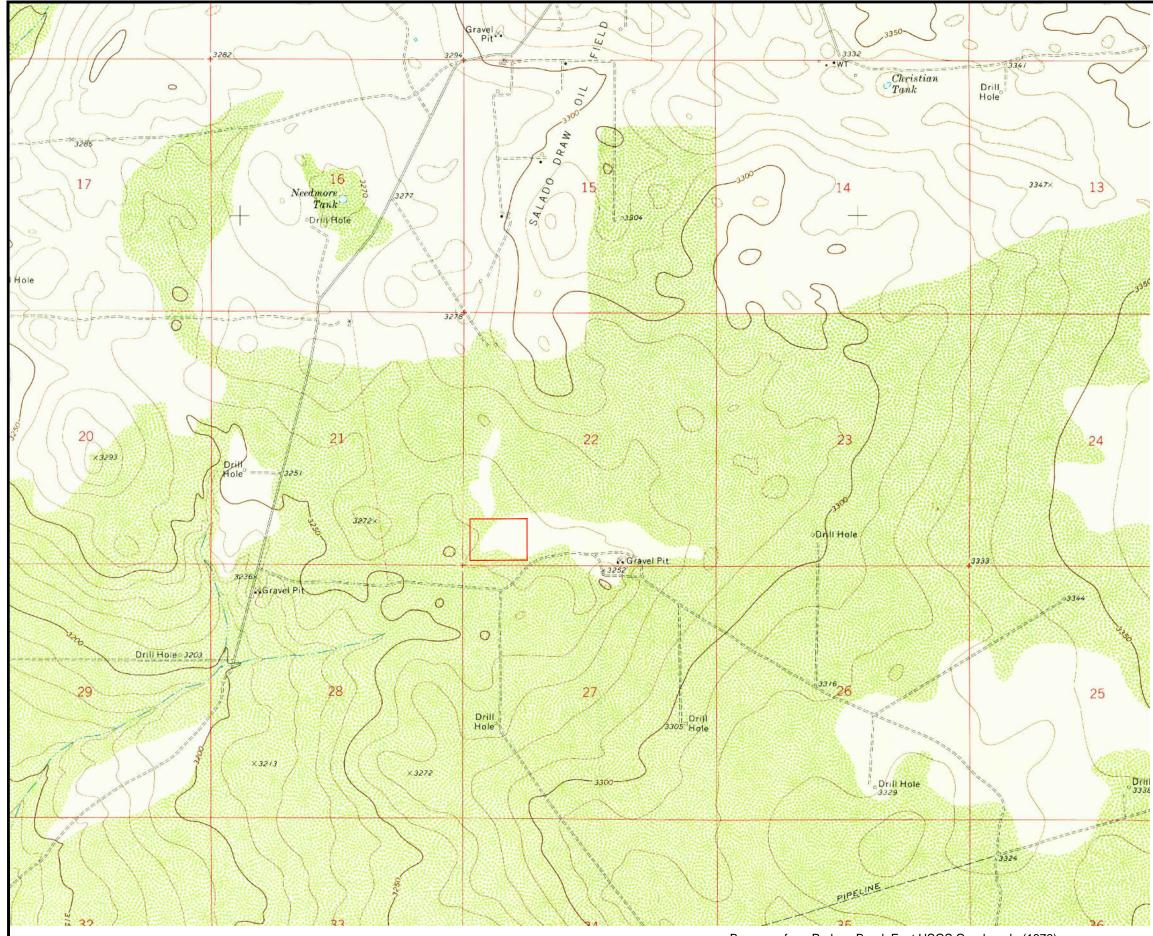
Sincerely, **Souder, Miller and Associates**

Matthew A. Earthman, P.G. Project Geoscientist

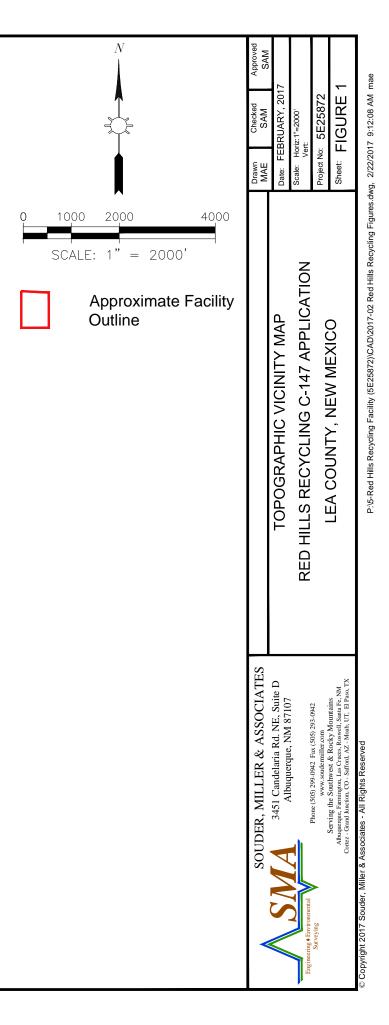
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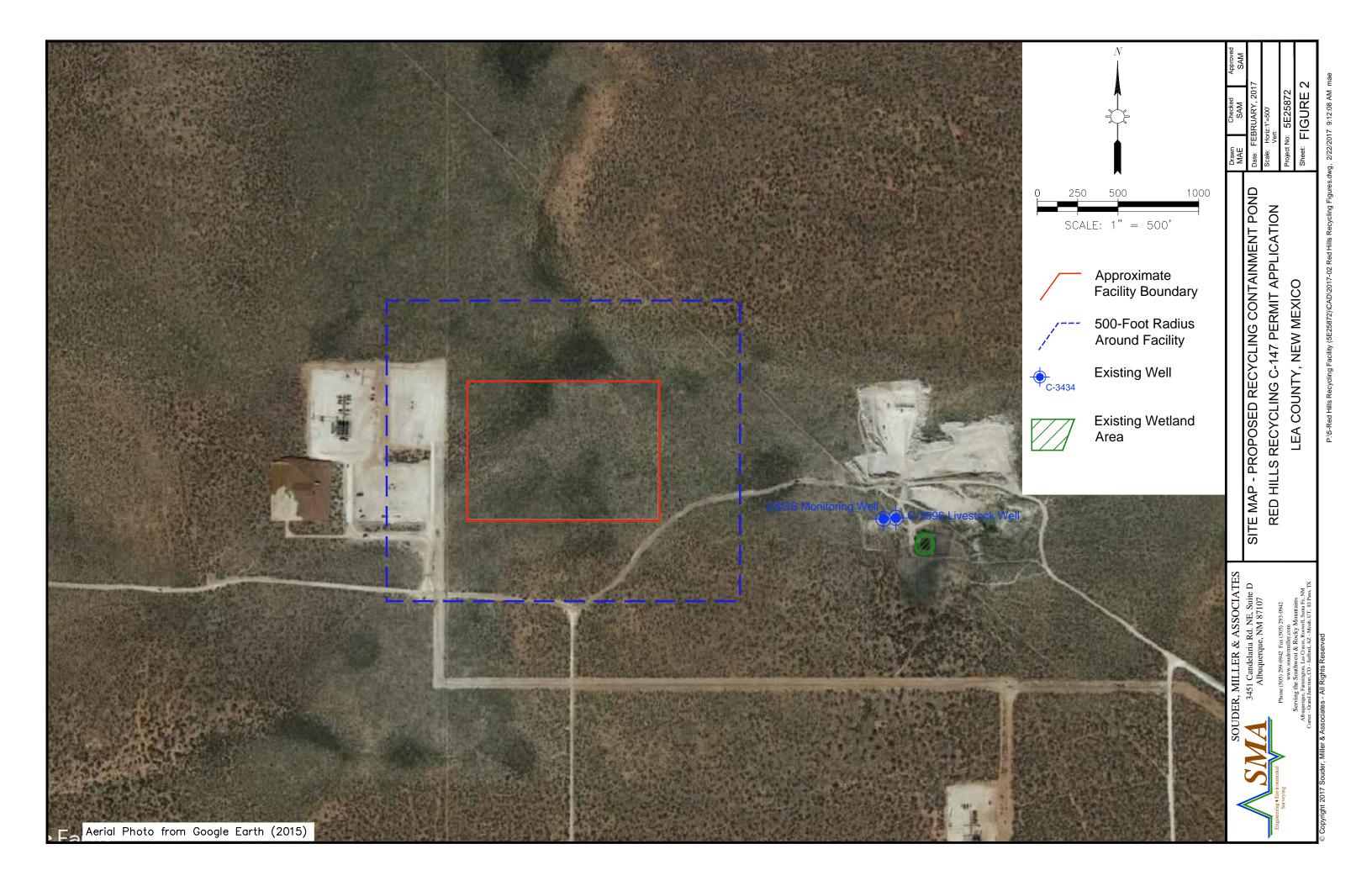
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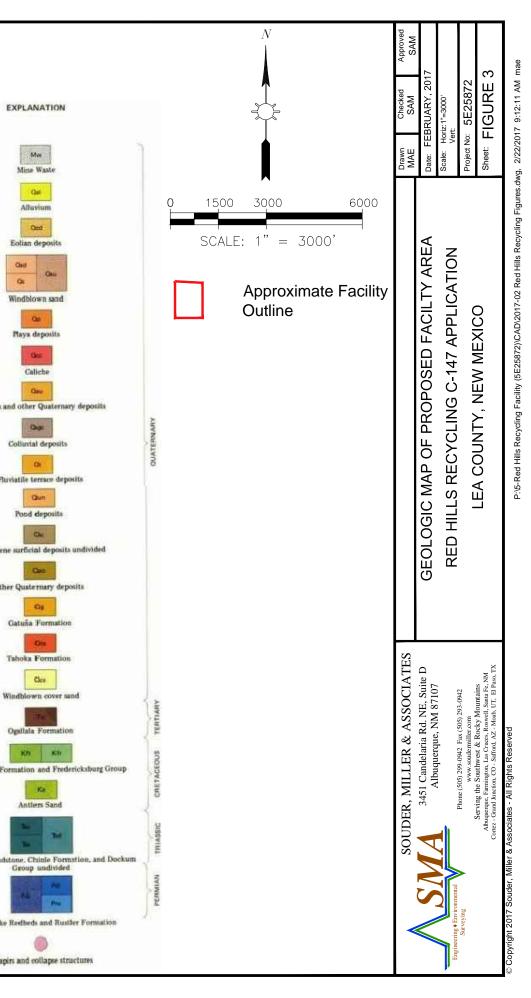
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Appendix A Groundwater & Well Information (NMOSE & USGS)

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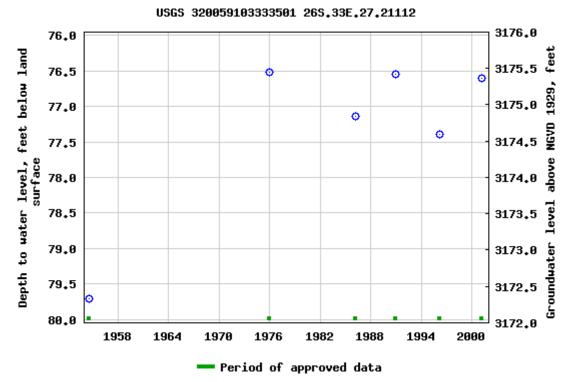
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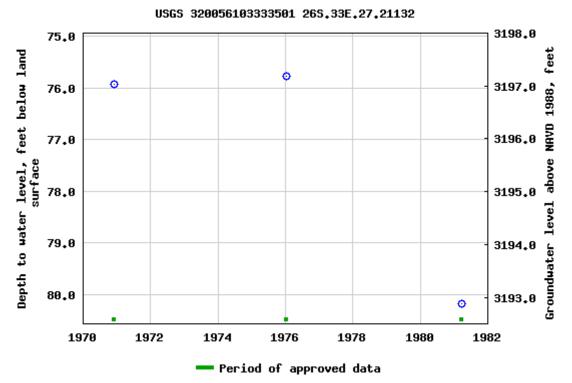
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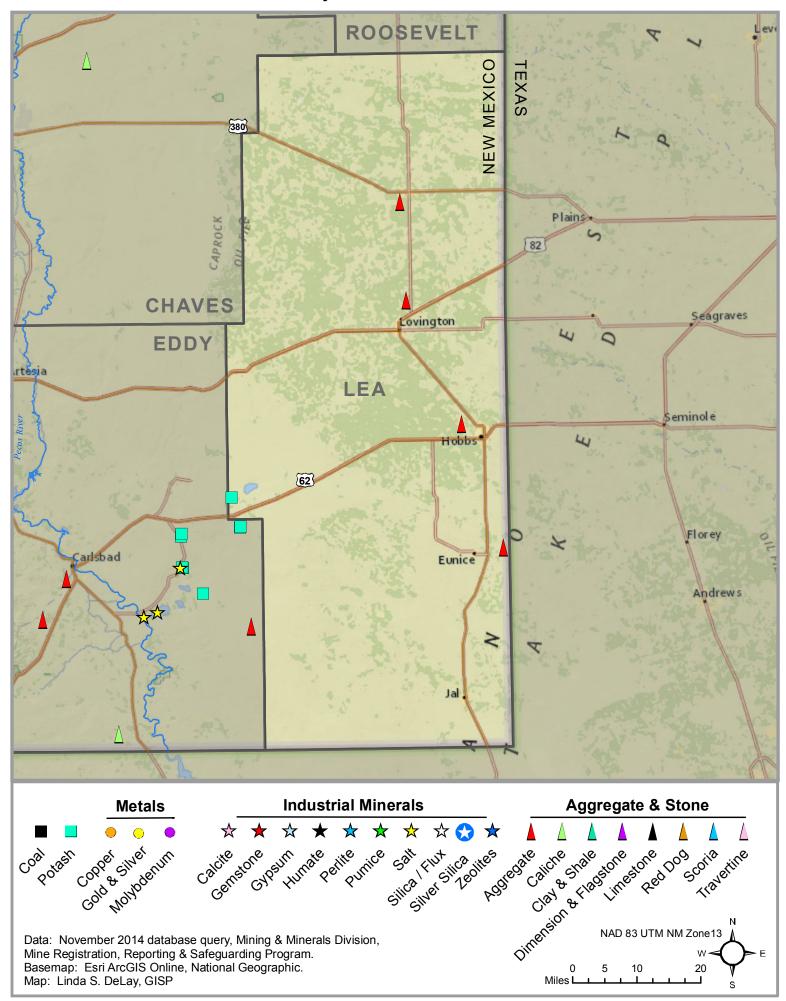


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Appendix B Active Mine/Quarry Map (NM EMNRD)

Active Mines in Lea County, New Mexico, November 2014



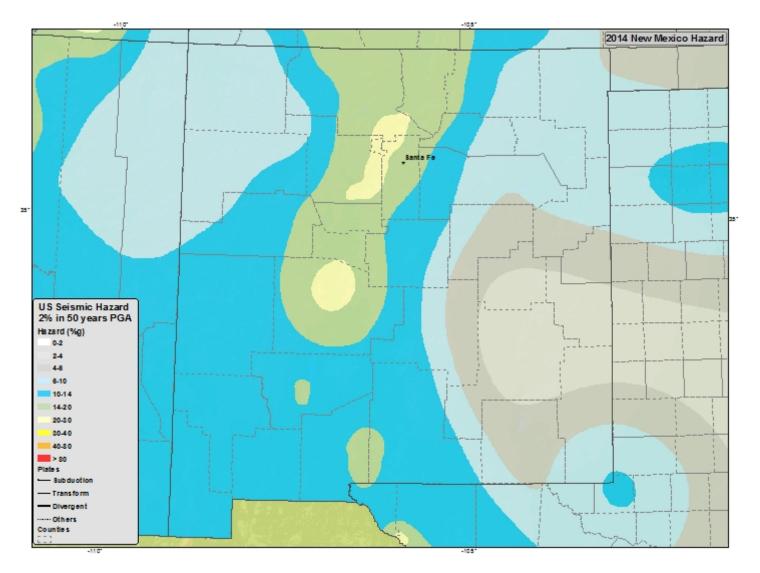
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Appendix C USGS Seismic Hazard Map

Information by Region-New Mexico

2014 Seismic Hazard Map



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Appendix D FEMA Floodplain Information

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Appendix E Wetlands & Critical Habitat Map (US FWS)



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory

Wetlands/Riparian Areas within 1,000 feet



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- Estuarine and Marine Deepwater
- Estuarine and Marine Wetland Freshwater Emergent Wetland
- - Lake

Freshwater Pond

Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland

Other Riverine This map is for general reference only. The US Fish and Wildlife Service is not responsible for the accuracy or currentness of the base data shown on this map. All wetlands related data should be used in accordance with the layer metadata found on the Wetlands Mapper web site.



1. Overview

The attached plan details the requirements regarding the closure of the South Red hills Reuse Water Containment Pit. In addition, the required sampling and reporting obligations are detailed.

2. Purpose

The attached plan implements the closure requirement as outlined by NMOCD under 19.15.34.14 NMAC. Application of this plan will ensure the reuse water containment pit is closed and reclamation is completed in a manner that minimizes any risk to health, safety, and environment.

3. Closure Requirements

- Containment Pit Drainage
 - All reuse water remaining in the containment pit shall be removed from the impoundment within 60 days operations cessation. The removed fluids will then be transferred a division approved disposal facility. Records of all removal, transfer and disposal activities shall be retained for inclusion in the final closure report submittal.
- · Liner Material Removal and Disposal
 - Removal of the liner shall be conducted in manner that minimizes any risk of soil disturbance to the surface within and surrounding the containment. The removed liner material will then be transferred to and disposed of at a division approved disposal facility. Records of all removal, transfer and disposal activities shall be retained for inclusion in the final closure report submittal.
- Soil Sampling
 - Soil sampling shall be conducted at the locations depicted in the below schematic, Sampling Point Diagram, by a qualified third party contractor and analyzed at NELAC certified laboratory.
 - If any contaminant concentration is higher than the parameters listed in Table 1 in 19.15.34.14
 NMAC, notice shall be provided the Hobbs NMOCD office before proceeding with closure.
 - If all sample concentrations are less than or equal to the parameters listed in Table 1 in 19.15.34.14 NMAC, then closure can proceed, backfilling with non-waste containing, uncontaminated, earthen material



o Sampling Diagram



- Site Reclamation and Re-vegetation
 - Following closure, reclamation of the containment's location can commence and ensure that it is returned to a safe and stable location that blends with the surrounding undisturbed area. Topsoils and subsoils shall be replaced to original positions and contoured to achieve erosion free long term stability and preservation of surface water flow patterns.
 - The disturbed area shall then be reseeded in the first favorable growing season following closure of the containment. The surface area shall be restored to the condition that existed prior to the construction of the containment
 - 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 ration of +/- 50% of pre-disturbance levels and a total percent plant cover of at least 70% of pre-disturbance levels, excluding noxious weeds.

4. Closure and Reclamation Report Submittal / Notice

- Closure Report
 - Within 60 days of closure completion, EOG shall submit a closure report on form C-147 to the NMOCD Hobbs office, including required attachments, to document all closure activities including sampling results and the details of any backfilling, capping or covering.
 - The closure report shall certify that all information in the report and attachments is correct and that EOG has complied with all applicable closure requirements and conditions specified in the division rules or directives



- Reclamation Notice
 - o EOG shall notify the NMOCD Hobbs office when all reclamation and re-vegetation are complete

5. Notifications

In the event of any deviance from this closure plan or exceeding of a sampling constituent, notice shall be provided to the NMOC Hobbs office.

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6. Associated Forms

List of Associated forms for containment pit closure
 o NA



1. Overview

The attached plan details the operational requirements regarding the South Red hills Reuse Water Containment Pit. In addition, the required reporting and inspections as well as the appropriate actions/notifications are listed.

2. Purpose

The attached plan implements the operational requirement as outlined by NMOCD under 19.15.34 NMAC. Application of this plan will ensure the reuse water containment pit is operated in a manner that minimizes any risk to health, safety, and environment.

3. Operational Requirements

Below are the operational requirements that must be adhered to at all times. Deviation from these requirements is prohibited.

- Inlet flow
 - Recycling facility effluent stream water must meet all water quality norms before water is introduced into the containment pit. These norms are to include no detected oil in the stream.
 - Inlet water may only be introduced into the containment pit via the diffuser manifold as to not cause any stress or damage to the liner system
 - A minimum of 3ft of freeboard will be maintained in the reuse water containment pit at all times; the hi level alarm emergency shutdown (ESD) shall be programmed to not allow any flow to exit the recycle facility once the pit level has reached the 3ft freeboard level
- Effluent Flow
 - Effluent water may only exit the reuse water containment via the permanent discharge header system; no external hoses or pipes may be placed into the pit at any time
 - Effluent water may only be transferred to EOG Resources' completion operations; no transfer to 3rd parties is allowed
 - Effluent water may only be transferred through an EOG leak detection transfer system; all protocols and procedures regarding the automated leak detection system must be followed
- Volume Reporting
 - All influent and effluent volumes are to be logged daily. These volumes are to be tracked via inbound and outbound mag meters and tracked via paper and SCADA systems



- Site Inspection
 - The pit and surrounding area are to be inspected daily while water is contained within the pit.
 These inspections are to include all inlet/outlet piping, berms, exposed liner, surrounding grounds and fencing
- Leak Detection Testing
 - Leak detection testing shall be conducted daily. Testing shall include starting the leak detection sump pump to determine if any is fluid has collected in the collection sump. The sump pump shall be run for a minimum of 5 minutes to allow for inlet flow. If any flow is detected the proper notification to the Hobbs NMOCD will occur and drainage will commence

4. Daily Reporting & Inspections

- List of Daily Reporting and Inspections to be completed:
 - o Influent and Effluent Volume Reporting
 - Site and Containment Pit Inspection
 - o Leak Detection

5. Notifications

In the event of a leak detection denoting a compromised liner below the water level, notice shall be provided to be the Hobbs division office of the NMCOD within 48 hours of detection.

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6. Associated Forms

- List of Associated forms for containment pit operations
 - o Daily Volume Reporting Form
 - Daily Site and Containment Pit Inspection Form
 - Daily Leak Detection Testing Form