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## Volume 1 C-147 Registration Package for Sombrero Above-Ground Storage Tank Section 7, T21S, R33E, Lea County



Existing pad with current drilling.

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RE: Chisholm Energy Operating, LLC, Sombrero AST Containment Section 7, T21-S, R33-E, Lea County, C-147 Volume 1 and Volume 2

Dear Mr. Bratcher and Ms. Venegas:

On behalf of Chisholm Energy Operating, LLC, R.T. Hicks Consultants is pleased submit a permit for the above-referenced project that consists of one (1) AST Containment. Both documents will be transmitted to OCD via the OCD Online portal. Please note that Chisholm plans to begin filling the AST with produced water on or about July 22, 2021. We appreciate your timely review.

Volume 1 contains:

- C-147 form signed by the operator,
- Survey showing the location of the AST Containment pad and driving directions,
- AST Operations and Closure Plans (verbatim from the approved Pintail AST Containment),
- Siting Criteria Demonstration.

Hicks Consultants affirms that:

- The location meets all siting criteria in the Rule and the location meets thespecified setback criteria,
- We conducted a foot survey to check that all setback criteria are met,
- The Operation and Maintenance Plan and Closure Plan are consistent with the Rule and previously approved by OCD.

Volume 2 contains information specific to the design and construction of the proposed AST and variance requests to cause the AST to conform to Rule 34. Specifically, you will find:

- Engineering drawings for the proposed 60,000 bbl. AST Containment (RockwaterTank) are fully consistent with plans previously approved by OCD,
- The Design/Construction Plan verbatim from the recently approved Pintail ASTContainment
- The manual for AST set up from Select Energy Services
- Variances for AST Storage Containments all of which have been approved by OCD previously (e.g. Pintail Containment).

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In compliance with 19.15.34.10 of the Rule, the original submission was copied to BLM Carlsbad who is the representative of the owner of the surface upon which the containment will be constructed (i.e., the United States).

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this registration or the attached C-147, please contact me. As always, we appreciate your work ethic and attention to detail.

Sincerely, R.T. Hicks Consultants

Randall T. Hicks PGPrincipal

Copy: Chisholm Energy Operating, LLC State Land Office

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C-147

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District I	State of New Mexico	Form C-147
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240 District II	Energy Minerals and Natural Resources	Revised April 3, 2017
811 S. First St., Artesia, NM 88210	Department	
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410	Oil Conservation Division	
District IV 1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505	1220 South St. Francis Dr.	
	Santa Fe, NM 87505	
Recycling	Facility and/or Recycling Contain	iment
Type of Facilit	y: 🛛 Recycling Facility 🔤 Recycling Contain	ment*
<b>Type of action:</b> Perm	it Registration	
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At the time C-147 is submitted to the di	vision for a Recycling Containment, a copy shall be provided to	the surface owner.
e advised that approval of this request does not re or does approval relieve the operator of its respon	lieve the operator of liability should operations result in pollution of surface wa sibility to comply with any other applicable governmental authority's rules, reg	ter, ground water or the environment. ulations or ordinances.
1. Chichelm Energy Oper		
	$\frac{\text{aurry LLC}}{\text{OGRID} \# 312131}$	
Address: 801 Cherry St Suite	1200 Unit 20 Fort Worth TX, 76102	Containmont
Facility or well name (include API# if associa	ted with a well):SOUNDIERO Recycling Facility and C	
OCD Permit Number:	(For new facilities the permit number will be assigned by the di	strict office)
U/L or Qtr/QtrN Section	<u> </u>	Lea
Surface Owner: 🗌 Federal 🛛 State 🔲 P	rivate 🗌 Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment	
2. X <u>Recycling Facility</u> :		
Location of (if applicable): Latitude 32.4	4880652° Longitude -103.6139487° NAD83 (Approx	ximate)
Proposed Use: X Drilling* X Completion	*	,
*The re-use of produced water may NOT be	used until freshwater zones are cased and cemented.	
Other requires permit for other uses De	scribe use, process, testing, volume of produced water and ensure there w	vill be no adverse impact on
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X <u>Recycling Containment</u> :		
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Primary liner <u>2 x 30 mil LLDPE</u> ; Second	ary liner <u>40 mil LLDPE</u> . <u>SEE DESIGN DRAWINGS</u> String-Rei	inforced
Liner Seams: 🛛 Welded 🗌 Factory 🗌 Ot	her _ Volume: <u>_SEE DESIGN DRAWINGS</u> bbl Dimensions: (Inside di	imensions) <u>SEE DESIGN</u>
Recycling Containment Closure Completi	on Date:	
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#### **Bonding:**

4.

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.

#### 5. Fencing:

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

Alternate. Please specify\_\_\_\_

#### 6. <u>Signs</u>:

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

Signed in compliance with 19.15.16.8 NMAC

#### 7. 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:

 $\square$  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. See Volume 2

#### 8. 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 FIGURES 1, 1a, 2	□ Yes ⊠ No □ NA
<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; written approval obtained from the municipality FIGURE 3</li> </ul>	□ Yes ⊠ No □ NA
<ul> <li>Within the area overlying a subsurface mine.</li> <li>Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Minerals Division FIGURE 4</li> </ul>	🗌 Yes 🛛 No
<ul> <li>Within an unstable area.</li> <li>Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology &amp; Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; topographic map FIGURE 5</li> </ul>	🗌 Yes 🛛 No
Within a 100-year floodplain. FEMA map FIGURE 6	🗌 Yes 🛛 No
<ul> <li>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).</li> <li>Topographic map; visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site FIGURE 7</li> </ul>	🗌 Yes 🛛 No
<ul> <li>Within 1000 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.</li> <li>Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; aerial photo; satellite image FIGURE 8</li> </ul>	🗌 Yes 🛛 No
<ul> <li>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. FIGURES 1 and 7</li> <li>NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site</li> </ul>	🗌 Yes 🛛 No
<ul> <li>Within 500 feet of a wetland. FIGURE 9</li> <li>US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; topographic map; visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site</li> </ul>	🗌 Yes 🛛 No

#### **Recycling Facility and/or Containment Checklist:**

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

Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements.
 Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the approximation
 Closure Plan - based upon the approximation

Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements.

Closure Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements.

Site Specific Groundwater Data -

Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations –

Certify that notice of the C-147 (only) has been sent to the surface owner(s)

#### **Operator Application Certification:**

10.

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

Name (Print): Jennifer Elrod	Title:Regulatory	
Signature: <u>Jennifer Elrod</u>	Date: 6/9/21	
e-mail address jelrod@chisholmenergy.com	Telephone:817 953 3728	
11.		
OCD Representative Signature:	Approval Date:	
OCD Representative Signature:	Approval Date: OCD Permit Number:	

Additional OCD Conditions on Attachment



R.T. Hicks Consultants	Design Sketch	Plate 1
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# SURVEY FOR CONTAINMENT AND RECYCLING FACILITY

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# AST OPERATIONS AND CLOSURE PLANS

## **General Specifications**

This plan provides additional protocols to cause the proposed recycling containments (AST Containments) to conform to NMOCD Rules.

The operator will maintain and operate the recycling containments and facility in accordance with the following plan to contain liquids and maintain the integrity of the liner to prevent contamination of fresh water and protect public health and the environment.

- The operator will use the treated produced water in the containments for drilling, completion (stimulation), producing or processing oil or gas or both. If other uses are planned, the operator will notify the OCD though the submission of a modified C-147.
- For all exploration and production operations that use produced water, the operator will conduct these activities in a manner consistent with hydrogen sulfide gas provisions in 19.15.11 NMAC or NORM provisions in 19.15.35 NMAC, as applicable.
- The operator will address all releases from the recycling and re-use of produced water in accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.
- The operator will not discharge into or store any hazardous waste in the recycling containments, but they may hold fluids such was freshwater, brackish water, recycled and treated water, water generated by oil or gas processing facilities, or other waters that are gathered for well drilling or completion. The recycling facility will not be used for the disposal of produced water. The operator will maintain the containments free of miscellaneous solid waste or debris.
- The operator will verify that no oil is on the surface of the contained fluid. If oil is observed, the oil shall be removed using an absorbent boom or other device and properly disposed at an approved facility. An absorbent boom or other device will be maintained on site.
- The operator will install and use a header and diverter described in the design/construction plan in

#### 19.15.34.10 B

Recycling containments may hold produced water for use in connection with drilling, completion, producing or processing oil or gas or both.

#### 19.15.34.8 A

(5) All operations in which produced water is used shall be conducted in a manner consistent with hydrogen sulfide gas provisions in 19.15.11 NMAC or NORM provisions in 19.15.35 NMAC, as applicable.

#### 19.15.34.8 A

(6) All releases from the recycling and re-use of produced water shall be handled in accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.

#### 19.15.34.10 B

Recycling containments may hold produced water for use in connection with drilling, completion, producing or processing oil or gas or both. Such fluids may include fresh water, brackish water, recycled and treated water, fluids added to water to facilitate well drilling or completion, water produced with oil and gas, flowback from operations, water generated by an oil or gas processing facility or other waters that are gathered for well drilling or completion but may not include any hazardous waste.

#### 19.15.34.9 G

Recycling facilities may not be used for the disposal of produced water.

#### 19.15.34.13 B

(1) The operator shall remove any visible layer of oil from the surface of the recycling containment
(7) The operator shall install, or maintain on site, an oil absorbent boom or other device to contain an unanticipated release.

#### 19.15.34.13 B

(3) The injection or withdrawal of fluids from the containment shall be accomplished through a header, diverter or other hardware that prevents

order to prevent damage to the liner by erosion, fluid jets or impact from installation and removal of hoses or pipes during injection or withdrawal of liquids.

- *Pursuant to a variance*, the operator will maintain at least 2-feet of freeboard in each AST containment. Under extenuating circumstances, which will be noted on the inspection log as described below, the operator may temporarily exceed the freeboard mandate.
- If the liner develops a leak or if any penetration of the liner occurs above the liquid's surface, then the operator will repair the damage or initiate replacement of the liner within 48 hours of discovery (and immediately notify BLM) or will seek a variance from the division district office within this time period.
- If visible inspection suggests that the liner developed a leak or if any penetration of the liner occurs below the liquid's surface, then the operator will remove all liquid above the damage or leak line within 48 hours of discovery. The operator will also notify the district division office within this same 48 hours (and immediately notify BLM) of the discovery and repair the damage or replace the liner.
- In the event of a leak due to a hole in the liner, the following steps will be followed:
  - 1. If the source of the fluid is uncertain, comparative field tests may need to be performed on both the water in the containment and that which may have been released (e.g. pH, conductance, and chloride).
  - 2. If the fluid is found to be coming from the containment, determine the location from which the leak is originating.
  - 3. Mark the point where the water is coming out of the tank.
  - 4. Locate the puncture or hole in the liner.
  - 5. Empty the containment to the point of damage in liner.
  - 6. Clean area of liner that needs to be repaired.

damage to the liner by erosion, fluid jets or impact from installation and removal of hoses or pipes.

19.15.34.13 B (2) The operator shall maintain at least three feet of freeboard at each containment.

#### 19.5.34.13 B

(4) If the containment's primary liner is compromised above the fluid's surface, the operator shall repair the damage or initiate replacement of the primary liner within 48 hours of discovery or seek an extension of time from the division district office.

(5) If the primary liner is compromised below the fluid's surface, the operator shall remove all fluid above the damage or leak within 48 hours of discovery, notify the division district office and repair the damage or replace the primary liner.

- 7. Cut out piece of material (patch or tape) to overlay liner.
- 8. Either weld the patch to the injured area in the liner or apply tape over the rupture.
- 9. Make sure rupture is completely covered.
- 10. Monitor as needed.

Water should NEVER go below 12 inches at the lowest level of the tank to prevent impact from high winds.

If the tank is drained, it should be secured from wind impacts and the liner inspected and reposition (to provide sufficient slack during filling) prior to refilling, per direction of SOP.

The operator will report releases of fluid in a manner consistent with NMAC 19.15.29, as well as immediately notify BLM.

The operator will inspect and remove, as necessary, surface water run-on accumulated in the secondary containment

*Monitoring, Inspections, and Reporting* Inspections are to routinely be performed, as well as when the ASTs are emptied and prior to refilling. An "Inspection Form" meeting requirements according to NMAC 19.15.34, as well as BLM COA, is to be filled out during these routine inspections and is included at the end of this section.

Weekly inspections consist of

- reading and recording the fluid height of staff gauges, freeboard
- recording any evidence that the AST Containment surface shows visible oil,
- visually inspecting the containment's exposed liners
- checking the leak detection system for any evidence of a loss of integrity of the primary liner.
- inspect any diversion ditches and berms around the containment to check for erosion and collection of surface water run-on.

- inspect the leak detection system for evidence of damage or malfunction and monitor for leakage.
- Inspect the containment for dead migratory birds and other wildlife. Within 30 days of discovery (24 hours if federally protected), report the discovery of dead migratory birds or other wildlife to the appropriate wildlife agency and to the division district office in order to facilitate assessment and implementation of measures to prevent incidents from reoccurring.

As stated above, if a liner's integrity is compromised, or if any penetration of the liner occurs, then the operator will take appropriate action within 48 hours as noted above, including immediate notification of BLM.

Monthly, the operator will:

- Report to the division the total volume of water received for recycling, with the amount of fresh water received listed separately, and the total volume of water leaving the facility for disposition by use on form C-148.
- Record sources and disposition of all recycled water.

Additional monitoring to identify hazards that may have developed, changes in site conditions, tank use and to enable early detection of structural issues such as uneven tank panel settlement, soil settlement, liner damage, insufficient liner slack, or leaks. If changes are noted, they should be communicated to the AST contractor (WWS Manager/Field Supervisor)

The operator will maintain a log of all inspections and make the log available for the appropriate Division district office's review upon request.

## Cessation of Operations

If less than 20% of the total fluid capacity is utilized

#### 19.15.34.12 E

Netting. The operator shall ensure that a recycling containment is screened, netted or otherwise protective of wildlife, including migratory birds. The operator shall on a monthly basis inspect for and, within 30 days of discovery, report the discovery of dead migratory birds or other wildlife to the appropriate wildlife agency and to the division district office in order to facilitate assessment and implementation of measures to prevent incidents from reoccurring.

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every six months, beginning from the first withdraw, operation of the facility has ceased and the division district office will be notified. The division district may grant an extension not to exceed six months to determine the cessation of operations and the operator may request a *variance from this mandate to close for good cause and has been included in Volume 3*.

The operator will remove all fluids from the recycling facility within 60 days of cessation of operations. An extension, not to exceed 2 months, may be granted by the district division for the removal of fluids from the facility.

The breakdown of the containments follows the reverse order of the setup steps presented in the set-up manual

#### 19.15.34.13 C

A recycling containment shall be deemed to have ceased operations if less than 20% of the total fluid capacity is used every six months following the first withdrawal of produced water for use. The operator must report cessation of operations to the appropriate division district office. The appropriate division district office may grant an extension to this determination of cessation of operations not to exceed six months.

#### 19.15.34.14 A

Once the operator has ceased operations, the operator shall remove all fluids within 60 days and close the containment within six months from the date the operator ceases operations from the containment for use. The division district office may grant an extension for the removal of all fluids not to exceed two months.

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# Inspection Form

Date:

Chisholm Energy Sombrero AST Containment Weekly inspection/Fluid level must be maintained > 1 foot

Fluid Level:		ī	Fank contents:
Inspection Task	Res	sults	Remarks, Observations, and/or Remedial Actions
Visible Oil on Surface	None Observed	Yes, Describe Action	
		An absorbent boo surface.	om or similar device is located on site to remove visible oil from
At least 2 ft of freeboard	Yes	No, Neasure Freeboard	
Evidence of surface water run-on	None Observed	Yes, Describe	
		Check for excess	sive erosion of perimeter berms.
Birds or wildlife in net or screen	None Observed	Yes, Describe	
	Win	thin 30 days of disco dlife to the appropr	overy (immediately if federally protected species, report dead birds or iate agency (USFWS, NMDGF) and to NMOCD district division office.
Damage to netting or screen	None Observed	Yes, Describe	
Rupture of Liner	None Observed	Yes, Describe	
	lf ruptur 48 hours	e is above fluid leve , notify NMOCD dis	l, repair within 48 hours. If below fluid level, remove fluid above within trict division office, and repair. Immediately notify BLM of any leak
Clips or clamps properly securing liner	Yes	Describe	
If low level, enough liner slack on panel wall	Yes	No, Describe	
Uneven gaps between panels	None Observed	Yes, Describe	
Signs of tank settlement	None Observed	Yes, Describe	

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Erosion of soil surrounding tank (10 ft radius)	None Observed	Yes, Describe	
Running water on the ground	□ None Observed	Yes, Describe	
Unusual ponding of fluid inside berm	None Observed	Yes, Describe	
	Field deter divisi	test (pH, Cl-, condu mined as the sourc on office and repail	ctance, etc.) ponded fluid and compare to fluid in tank. If tank is e, locate and repair rupture within 48 hours. Notify NMOCD district r. Immediately notify BLM.
Rust or corrosion on panels, stairs, or hardware	None Observed	Yes, Describe	
Damage to any hardware	None Observed	Yes, Describe	
Additional Observations or Actions:			
Inspected by:			

## Closure Plan Above Ground Tank Containment (AST)

## **Closure** Plan

After operations cease, the operator will remove all fluids and commence reclamation efforts immediately. Final reclamation to be completed within 3 months from the date the operator ceases operations from the containment for use.

The surface owner will impose a closure design that conforms to their needs for the site. The operator understands that a variance will be submitted to OCD to allow for any alternative closure protocol (BLM requirements will supersede OCD rules if equal or better for protection of freshwater, human health and the environment).

The containments are expected to contain a small volume of solids, the majority of which will be windblown sand and dust with some mineral precipitates from the water.

The operator will notify the division district and BLM (phone or email) before initiating closure of the containments and/or facility.

# *Excavation and Removal Closure Plan – Protocols and Procedures*

- 1. Residual fluids in the containments will be sent to disposal at a division-approved facility.
- The operator will remove all solid contents and transfer those materials to the following division-approved facility: Disposal Facility Name: R360 Permit Number NM 01-0006
- 3. If possible, geomembrane textiles and liners that exhibit good integrity may be recycled for use as an under liner of tank batteries or other use as approved by OCD.
- 4. Disassemble the recycling containment infrastructure according to manufacturer's recommendations
- 5. After the disassemble of the containments and removal of the contents and liners, soils beneath the tanks will be tested as follows
  - a. Collect a five-point (minimum) composite from beneath the liner to include any obviously stained or wet soils, or any other evidence of impact from the containments for laboratory analyses for the constituents listed in Table I of 19.15.34.14 NMAC.
  - b. If any concentration is higher than the parameters listed in Table I, additional delineation may be required, and closure activities will not proceed without Division

#### 19.15.34.14 B

The operator shall close a recycling containment by first removing all fluids, contents and synthetic liners and transferring these materials to a division approved facility.

#### 19.15.34.14 C

The operator shall test the soils beneath the containment for contamination with a five-point composite sample which includes stained or wet soils, if any, and that sample shall be analyzed for the constituents listed in Table I below. (1) If any contaminant concentration is higher than the parameters listed in Table I, the division may require additional delineation upon review of the results and the operator must

## Closure Plan Above Ground Tank Containment (AST)

approval.

c. If all constituents' concentrations are less than or equal to the parameters listed in Table I, then the operator will backfill the facility as necessary using non-waste containing, uncontaminated, earthen material and proceed to reclaim the surface to pre-existing conditions.

## Reclamation and Re-vegetation

The operator will reclaim the surface to safe and stable pre-existing conditions that blends with the surrounding undisturbed area. "Pre-existing conditions" may include a caliche well pad that existed prior to the construction of the recycling containment and that supports active oil and gas operations.

Areas not reclaimed as described herein due to their use in production or drilling operations will be stabilized and maintained to minimize dust and erosion.

For all areas disturbed by the closure process that will not be used for production operations or future drilling:

- <u>a.</u> The operator will reclaim the containment's location to a safe and stable condition that blends with the surrounding undisturbed area.
- <u>b.</u> Topsoils and subsoils shall be replaced to their original relative positions and contoured so as to achieve erosion control, long-term stability and preservation of surface water flow patterns.
- <u>c.</u> The disturbed area shall then be reseeded with BLM defined seed mixture within the first 3 months following closure of a recycling containment in accordance with BLM requirements.

Federal, state trust land, or tribal lands may impose alternate reclamation and re-vegetation obligations that provide equal or better protection of fresh water, human health, and the environment. Re-vegetation and reclamation plans imposed by the surface owner will be outlined in communications with the OCD.

The operator will notify the division when the site meets the surface owner's requirements or exhibits a uniform vegetative cover that reflects a life-form ratio of plus or minus fifty percent (50%) of predisturbance levels and a total percent plant cover of at least seventy receive approval before proceeding with closure.

(2) If all contaminant concentrations are less than or equal to the parameters listed in Table I, then the operator can proceed to backfill with non-waste containing, uncontaminated, earthen material.

#### 19.15.34.14 E

Once the operator has closed the recycling containment, the operator shall reclaim the containment's location to a safe and stable condition that blends with the surrounding undisturbed area. Topsoils and subsoils shall be replaced to their original relative positions and contoured so as to achieve erosion control, long-term stability and preservation of surface water flow patterns. The disturbed area shall then be reseeded in the first favorable growing season following closure of a recycling containment. The operator shall substantially restore the impacted surface area to the condition that existed prior to the construction of the recycling containment.

#### 19.15.34.14 G

The re-vegetation and reclamation obligations imposed by federal, state trust land or tribal agencies on lands managed by those agencies shall supersede these provisions and govern the obligations of any operator subject to those provisions, provided that the other requirements provide equal or better protection of fresh water, human health and the environment.

#### 19.15.34.14 F

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

## Closure Plan Above Ground Tank Containment (AST)

percent (70%) of pre-disturbance levels, excluding noxious weeds. (As surface owner, BLM will determine satisfactory completion of reclamation).

## **Closure Documentation**

Within 60 days of closure completion, the operator will submit a closure report (Form C-147) to the District Division, with necessary attachments to document all closure activities are complete, including sampling results and details regarding backfilling and capping as necessary.

In the closure report, the operator will certify that all information in the report and attachments is correct and that the operator has complied with all applicable closure requirements and conditions specified in the closure plan. that reflects a life-form ratio of plus or minus fifty percent (50%) of predisturbance levels and a total percent plant cover of at least seventy percent (70%) of pre-disturbance levels, excluding noxious weeds.

#### 19.15.34.14 D

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

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# SITING CRITERIA DEMONSTRATION

Discussion Figures

## **Distance to Groundwater**

Figures 1a and 1b, Figure 2, their associated legends, and the discussion presented below demonstrate that groundwater (fresh water, as defined by NMOCD Rules) at the location is greater than the required 50 feet below the proposed Sombrero AST that compose the Sombrero Site. Specifically, the estimated depth to water is greater than 100 feet.

## Hydrogeology of Sombrero Site Containment

The proposed site for the Sombrero AST is located approximately 26.4 miles northwest of Eunice, New Mexico, and 36.4 miles northeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico. It lies 0.53 miles northwest of the top of Hat Mesa on the relatively flat, east-northeast "shoulder" of the Mesa, which is approximately 50 feet above the surrounding land. Vegetation in this area includes small yucca, dead mesquite, rabbit brush, and native grasses, all of which appear stunted due to drought. Caliche underlies the thin sand surface. According to the New Mexico State Geologic Map (Figures 1 and 2), the Sombrero Site is in an area where the surface unit is Quaternary-age eolian and piedmont (Qe/Qp) and Tertiary-age Ogalalla Formation (To), which are described as follows:

To—Ogallala Formation (lower Pliocene to middle Miocene)—Alluvial and eolian deposits, and petrocalcic soils of the southern High Plains. Locally includes Qoa.

Qe/Qp—Eolian and piedmont deposits (Holocene to middle Pleistocene)—Interlayed eolian sands and piedmont-slope deposits along the eastern flank of the Pecos River valley, primarily between Roswell and Carlsbad. Typically capped by thin eolian deposits.

As shown in the western portion of Figures 1 and 2, the upper Chinle Formation, T(r)cu, crops out at an elevation of 3601 feet above mean sea level and the Ogallala Formation is exposed at the Sombrero site.

Nearest the site, there are two wells, USGS-15861 and -15845, that reportedly draw water from Alluvium/Bolsom Formation. The USGS characterization may or may not be correct as:

- the 2015 measured depth to water in USGS-15830 is 131.01 feet and the reported depth of the well is 123 feet;
- MISC-73 reports a total well depth of 150 feet with a 1965 depth to water of 148.4 feet;
- the Ogallala, not Alluvium/Bolson is the surface unit at the location of these wells, and
- Groundwater Report #6 maps the top of the "redbed" (Chinle) in this area as 3750 feet above sea level, which calculates to a depth of Ogallala of (3885-3750=) 135 feet (see Figure 2b)

For the purpose of this submission, the absence of convincing data requires an assumption that the Ogalalla is saturated about 120 feet beneath the surface and the thickness of the zone of saturation is probably less than 20 feet.

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## Depth to Water Data and Nearby Wells

Figure 1 and the associated legend are topographic maps overlain by a transparent geologic map of the state of New Mexico that display the following:

- A blue hatched rectangle, which represents the footprint of the Sombrero Site.
- Water wells from the USGS database as green, cyan, purple, red, and blue triangles. These colors indicate the principal water-bearing unit for each well: Alluvium/Bolsom, Ogallala, Chinle, Santa Rosa, and Not Defined, respectively. The well number as defined in the database, recorded depth to water value, and date the water level was measured is displayed next to the corresponding well point.
- Miscellaneous water wells from public and non-public databases were identified by field inspection or other published documents are represented by yellow, cyan, green, dark green, and dark blue squares with black dots in the center. The colors correspond to the depth to water. The water level measurement and the date the measurement was recorded are displayed next to the corresponding well points. A larger scale map on the legend page of Figure 1 displays these closely-spaced wells.
- Water wells from the Office of the State Engineer's WATERS database as light blue, light green, dark green, dark blue, and red circles with colored triangles in the center. These symbols indicate the depth to water measured in the well. Well ID as documented in the WATERS database, depth to water value, and the date the value was recorded is displayed next to the corresponding well point.

A number of OSE wells in the area surrounding the Sombrero site have water level measurements as recent as 2018. These measurements (typically measured by drillers soon after well completion) and well logs associated with the wells (See Well Logs Appendix), help confirm the depth to water in the area is greater than the required 50

#### feet.

CP-01701 is 4.23 miles to the southwest of the Sombrero site and the depth to water at the time of drilling in 2018 was 560 feet. The driller, whom we believe provides accurate hydrogeologic data, identifies the water-bearing unit was a red siltstone with gypsum. the presence of gypsum and the depth of this unit suggests it is part of the Quartermaster Formation. The Santa Rosa Sandstone probably lies near the bottom of the tan/red sandstone (190-400 feet depth) and is not identified as a water-bearing unit.

CP-01151 is 3.96 miles to the northwest of the site and was drilled in 2013. The drillers did not encounter measurable water to 823 feet below surface. The deepest unit encountered by the driller was the "Red Bed". The depth of the Santa Rosa Sandstone or Quartermaster Formation is difficult to discern from the well log.

CP-00854 is located 4.05 miles to the southeast of the Sombrero site. We examined well logs for three nearby wells (CP-1349, CP-1357 and CP-1355) and believe CP-854 provides the best data. The depth to water recorded in 1966, at the time of drilling was reported to be 755 feet and the water bearing unit was a brown sand including some gravel. Because the well was drilled with air/air-foam, identification of the water-bearing units should be good.

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Based upon the lithologic descriptions and water-producing capacity, we conclude that the 135-foot thick "brown sand and sandrock" from 755-890 is the Santa Rosa Sandstone.

Groundwater depth and elevation data are available for several wells in the area. USGS-15783 is located 3.66 miles northeast of the Sombrero site. The most recent water level measurement is from 1996 and is approximately 142.5 feet below the surface and the earliest measurement from 1966 is approximately 145.3 feet below the surface. Over the 30-year time period on the graph below (USGS 322948...901), there is a 2.8-foot change, which indicates the water level in this well is stable. This well monitors water levels in the Ogallala Aquifer.



USGS-15830 is located 0.21 miles due south of the Sombrero Site. The most recent water level measurement taken in 1986 is approximately 143 feet below the surface (See below, USGS 322900...302). The deepest water level measurement, taken in 1966 is approximately 149 feet below the surface. The shallowest water level measurement in this well is from 1981, approximately 142 feet depth is recorded for this. Over a 15-year time period, the change in water level is approximately 5 feet, which indicates a stable water level. As indicated earlier in this submission, we assume this well is completed in the Ogallala Aquifer.



Figure 2 is a topographic map overlain by a transparent geologic map of the state of New Mexico and a potentiometric surface map and associated legend that displays the following:

- The Sombrero site as a blue hatched box.
- Water wells from the USGS database as green and purple triangles. These colors indicate the principal water-bearing unit for each well: Alluvium/Bolsom and Chinle respectively. The well number as defined in the database, recorded groundwater elevation value, and date the water elevation was measured is displayed next to the corresponding well point.
- Miscellaneous water wells from public and non-public databases were identified by field inspection or other published documents are represented by yellow, cyan, and green squares with black dots in the center. The colors correspond to the groundwater elevation. The water elevation measurement and the date the measurement was recorded are displayed next to the corresponding well points.

We used the USGS and MISC data to generate the potentiometric surface map. As indicated earlier, the geology and water level data demonstrate that wells in the area draw water from the Ogallala, Rustler and Santa Rosa formations. The water table elevations shown on Figure 2a are anchored by data showing that the elevation of the potentiometric surface beneath the Sombrero site is about 3908 feet ASL.

Figure 2b shows the potentiometric surface at the larger scale (90,000) than Figure 1 with the elevation of the red bed surface from Groundwater Report #6 as the base map. We believe this Figure best illustrates that water around the Sombrero AST overlies a lobe of Ogallala groundwater perched on the 3700–3750-foot contours of the top of the redbed. The groundwater above the 3750 contour is not hydraulically connected to the Ogallala to the east. Groundwater beneath the Sombrero AST drains to the east/southeast and thence southeast into the San Simon Swale as indicated by the redbed elevation and potentiometric surface.

• We conclude with a high degree of scientific certainty that the depth to the groundwater surface is (3650-3750=) 100 feet.

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## **Distance to Municipal Boundaries and Freshwater Fields**

Figure 3 demonstrates that the area of interest is not within incorporated municipal boundaries or within defined municipal freshwater well fields covered under a municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended.

- The nearest freshwater well field is 26.4 miles to the northeast and is owned by the City of Hobbs.
- The nearest municipality is the City of Eunice, which is 22 miles southeast of the site.

## **Distance to Subsurface Mines**

Figure 4 and our general reconnaissance of the area demonstrate the absence of subsurface mines in the area.

- The Sombrero site is not in an area where subsurface mines exist.
- The site is located within the Main potash district.
- The nearest surface mine mapped in the MILS database is a caliche pit 0.70 miles to the southwest.

## Distance to High or Critical Karst Areas

Figure 5 illustrates the Sombrero Site absence of mapped areas of high or critical karst potential.

- The Sombrero site is not located within high or critical karst potential areas.
- Our field investigation saw no evidence of karst features such as sinkholes.

## **Distance to 100-Year Floodplain**

Figure 6 demonstrates the absence of 100-year flood plains with respect to the proposed location for the Sombrero site.

• The nearest 100-year flood plain is 16.36 miles southwest of the site.

## **Distance to Surface Water**

Figure 7 and the site visit demonstrate the that the Sombrero Site is outside of the setback distances for a continuously flowing watercourse, significant watercourse or the next lower order tributary, lakebed, sinkhole, playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark) or spring.

- The nearest surface water feature is an intermittent stream that is located 374.25 feet due west.
- We observed no watercourses that meet the Rule 34 definition near the site.

## **Distance to Permanent Residences or Structures**

Figure 8 demonstrates that the proposed site for the Sombrero Site is not within the setback distances of an occupied permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, church, or other structure at the time of the initial application.

• The only structures near the proposed site are the well pads and pipelines. There is currently ongoing drilling operations by Chisholm Energy within the boundary of the recycling containment area.

## **Distance to Non-Public Water Supply**

Figures 1 and 7 demonstrate the Sombrero location is not within the setback distances of a spring or freshwater well used for domestic or stock watering purposes, in existence at the time of initial application.

- Figure 1 shows the location of all area water wells. The nearest well, USGS-15830, is located more than 500 feet from the location of the AST. We believe this USGS well is the same as MISC-73, which is discussed above.
- No domestic water wells are located within 1,000 feet of the recycling area.
- No springs were identified in the area.
- The site is not within 500 feet of a spring or freshwater well used for domestic or stock watering purposes, in existence at the time of initial application.

## **Distance to Wetlands**

Figure 9 demonstrates that the proposed site of the Sombrero site is not within the 300-foot setback distance of a wetland.

• The nearest mapped wetland is a freshwater pond that is 336.61 feet to the southwest of the edge of the area. Based on inspection of recent aerial images from Google Earth and observations in the field, this is slight topographic depression. It did not contain water at the time of the field observation. The AST will be located more than 300 feet from the edge of this depression.

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# APPENDIX WELL LOGS



# WELL RECORD & LOG

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Sent:	Tuesday, May 4, 2021 4:54 PM
То:	r@rthicksconsult.com
Cc:	madison@rthicksconsult.com
Subject:	RE: Solaris - Zeus - Depth to Water Measurement

Randall,

I find Bryce Wallace to be a good driller. I think his water level measurement in this well is accurate as described in the log.

Chris

From: r@rthicksconsult.com <r@rthicksconsult.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 4:44 PM
To: Christopher Cortez <chris@atkinseng.com>
Cc: madison@rthicksconsult.com
Subject: Solaris - Zeus - Depth to Water Measurement

## Chris

You are listed as the agent for the application associated with this well drilled in 2018. How accurate is the listed static water level – in your opinion? I do not want my folks to bother with asking permission to lower a 500-foot Powers Water Level meter down this hole if you think the static is accurate to within 100 feet.

This is for a permit of a recycling facility that is about a mile to the east.

I appreciate your help.

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Randall Hicks, PG 505-238-9515 (cell) 505-266-5004 901 Rio Grande Blvd. NW Suite F-142 Albuquerque, NM 87104



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### Locator Tool Report

#### General Information:

Application ID:29

Date: 02-24-2017

Time: 10:27:10

WR File Number: CP-01151 Purpose: POINT OF DIVERSION

Applicant First Name: RANDALL Applicant Last Name: HICKS

> GW Basin: CAPITAN County: LEA

Critical Management Area Name(s): NONE Special Condition Area Name(s): NONE Land Grant Name: NON GRANT

#### PLSS Description (New Mexico Principal Meridian):

SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 27, Township 20S, Range 33E.

#### **Coordinate System Details:**

Geographic Coordinates: Well Drillers Lat and Long

Latitude: Longitude: 32 Degrees 32 Minutes 26.8 Seconds N 103 Degrees 38 Minutes 49.6 Seconds W

Universal Transverse Mercator Zone: 13N

NAD 1983(92) (Meters)	N: 3,601,185	E: 627,036
NAD 1983(92) (Survey Feet)	N: 11,814,888	E: 2,057,202
NAD 1927 (Meters)	N: 3,600,982	E: 627,086
NAD 1927 (Survey Feet)	N: 11,814,223	E: 2,057,363

#### State Plane Coordinate System Zone: New Mexico East

NAD 1983(92) (Meters)	N: 171,037	E: 229,454
NAD 1983(92) (Survey Feet)	N: 561,143	E: 752,801
NAD 1927 (Meters)	N: 171,018	E: 216,902
NAD 1927 (Survey Feet)	N: 561,081	E: 711,620

## NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF STATE ENGINEER

# Locator Tool Report





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Northing/Easting: SPCS83(92) (F	eet): N: 561,143	E: 752,801
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Print Date: 02/24/2017

Scott A. Verhines, P.E. State Engineer



well Office 1900 WEST SECOND STREET ROSWELL, NM 88201

#### STATE OF NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

Trn Nbr: 520275 File Nbr: CP 01151 Well File Nbr: CP 01151 POD1

Apr. 29, 2013

RANDALL T HICKS CAZA OPERATING LLC 901 RIO GRANDE NW, F-142 ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87104

Greetings:

The above numbered permit was issued in your name on 01/22/2013.

The Well Record was received in this office on 04/24/2013, stating that it had been completed on 04/12/2013, and was a dry well. The well is to be plugged or capped or otherwise maintained in a manner satisfactory to the State Engineer.

Please note that another well can be drilled under this permit if the well is completed and the well log filed on or before 01/31/2014.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Yolanda Mendiola (575)622-6521

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The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described hole.

nay Driller

INSTRUCTIONS: This form should be executed in triplicate, preferably typewritten, and submitted to the appropriate district office • of the State Engineer. All sections, exception 5, shall be answered as completely are decurately as possible when any well is drilled, repaired or deepened. When this form is used as a plugging record, only Section 1(a) and Section 5 need be completed.

June 2021

# Volume 2 C-147 Registration Package for Sombrero Above-Ground Storage Tank Section 7, T21S, R33E, Lea County

**Engineering Drawings and Liner Specifications** 

**Design/Construction Plan** 

**Select Energy Services Manual** 

Variances for AST Storage Containments

Applicability of Engineering Variances to Variety of Site Conditions in Permian Basin



Existing pad with current drilling.

Prepared for: Chisholm Energy Operating LLC 801 Cherry St Suite 1200 Unit 20 Fort Worth, TX 76102

Prepared by: R.T. Hicks Consultants, Ltd. 901 Rio Grande NW F-142 Albuquerque, New Mexico



R.T. Hicks Consultants Albuquerque, NM	Design Sketch	Plate 1
	Peak Oilfield Services	May-21





March 19, 2015

Matt Smiley General Manager -Fluids Management, Above-Ground Storage Tanks Rockwater Energy Solutions 6000 Town Center Boulevard, Suite 165 Canonsburg, PA 15317

#### Subject: Transmittal - Analysis of Atlantis 48m +3, 18 Panel Above Ground Storage Tank

Dear Mr. Smiley:

As requested, I have analyzed the impact of adding three panels to the standard 48m Atlantis above ground storage tank such the resulting tank diameter is approximately 57.5m (188.6-ft). Results indicate that the loads imparted on the system by this configuration are within acceptable limits under the conditions analyzed. Key information related to this configuration is as follows:

- Minimum (Empty) Diameter: 188.46 ft
- Maximum (Full) Diameter: 188.60 ft
- Maximum (Full) Capacity: 59,721 BBL
- Capacity w/12-in Freeboard: 54,748 BBL
- Capacity w/24-in Freeboard: 49,774 BBL

Supporting calculations and shop drawings listing the basis of the analysis, applicable codes and standards and limitations are provided in the Enclosure. Please review the analysis carefully to ensure that site specific conditions meet the limitations and assumptions of the analysis before installing this system. Thank you for the opportunity to work with you on this project. Please contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



Stephen N. Valero, P.E. Enclosure: Supporting Calculations & Shop Drawings

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**Enclosure - Supporting Calculations & Shop Drawings** 







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Dimensional Stability ASTM D 1204 Every 6 rolls % +/-2	
Multi-Axial Tensile (min.) ASTM D 5617 PerFormulation % 90	
Oven Aging-% retained after 90 days ASTM D 5721 PerFormulation	
STD OIT (min. avg.) ASTM D 3895 % 35	
HP OIT (min. avg.) ASTM D 5885 % 60	
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GRI-GM-11 PerFormulation	
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Note;

(A) Testing frequency based on standard roll dimensions and one batch is approximately 180,000 lbs (or one railcar)

(B) Machine Direction (MD) and Cross Machine Direction (XMD or TD) average values should be on the basis of 5 specimens each direction

(C) Correlation table is available for ASTM D792 vs. ASTM D1505 Both methods give the same results.

(D) Correlation table is available for ASTM D1603 vs. ASTM D4218 Both methods give the same results

\*All values are nominal test results, except when specified as minimum of maximum

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# ATARFIL LTM-LTMT VI

#### **Raw Material**

Linear Low Density Polyethylene

ATARFIL LTM-LTMT is a structured geomembrane manufactured from maximum quality linear low density polyethylene LLDPE resins, duly contrasted, that comply with the most rigurous requirements established for their use. ATARFIL LTM-LTMT contains 97,5% of pure polymer, and approximately 2,5% of Carbon Black, antioxidants and thermal stabilizers. The product does not contain plasticizers or fillers that can migrate over time. The geomembrane **ATARFIL** LTM-LTMT is manufactured under rigurous quality controls.

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rab	Oven aging at 85°C	%	ASTM D 5721	260		Friction Angle <sup>(3)</sup>	۰	ISO 12957-1	≥29
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		Surface	ft <sup>2</sup>	17,020.8	11,229	13,179.3	9,751.5	9,928.8	8,510.4	7,978.5	7,564.8	6,678.3	6,560.1

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# Geotextile Product Description Sheet 8oz ONG Nonwoven Geotextile

8oz ONG is a needle-punched nonwoven geotextile made of 50% polypropylene and 50% polyester staple fibers, which are formed into a random network for dimensional stability.

#### **PROPERTY TEST METHOD UNIT**

Weight (Typical) ASTM D 5261 oz/yd2(g/m2) Thickness ASTM D 4491 mils (mm)	7.75 (220) 87 (2.21)
Grab Tensile ASTM D 4632 lbs (kN)	151 (0.673)
Grab Elongation ASTM D 4632	80%
Trapezoid Tear Strength ASTM D 4533 lbs (kN)	65 (0.287)
CBR Puncture Resistance ASTM D 6241 lbs (kN)	351 (1.56)
Permittivity* ASTM D 4491 sec-1	1.57
AOS* ASTM D 4751 US Sieve (mm)	140 (0.102)
UV Resistance ASTM D 4355 %/hrs	70/500

#### PACKAGING

Roll Dimensions (W x L) – ft 15 x 300 Square Yards Per Roll 500 Estimated Roll Weight - Ibs 250 \* At the time of manufacturing. Handling may change these properties. This information is provided for reference purposes only and is not intended as a warranty or guarantee. SKAPS assumes no liability in connection with the use of this information.

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# Tank Structure Analysis Atlantis 48m +3 Tank - Constructed using 18 Standard Atlantis 48.0m Diameter Tank Panels for total Diameter of Approximately 57.5m (188.6ft)

Date: 3/19/2015

**Prepared for:** 

Rockwater Energy Solutions 6000 Town Center Blvd, Suite 165 Canonsburg, PA 15317

Prepared by:

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## **PROBLEM STATEMENT:**

Evaluate the feasibility of using standard panels designed for the Atlantis 48m diameter tank to construct a 51.2m diameter tank by adding 1 panel from the standard set up configuration (Atlantis 48m +1). The analysis that follows will consider the adequacy of the following parts of the tank configuration:

- 1) Wall shell capacity
- 2) Wall panel connection assembly capacity
- 3) Impact of difference in tank radius and panel radius of curvature on system

Adequacy of lifting hooks, etc. will not be evaluated as this is not changed from standard Atlantis 48m tank.

## **INPUT INFORMATION:**

Tank & Panel Geometry

L := 10050mm = 32.97 ft	Single wall panel length, per Ref 1
H := 3.66m = 12.01 ft	Tank height, per Ref 1
n := 18	Number of Panels used to construct tank, per Ref 2
Gap := 5mm = 0.02 ft	Gap between panel shells when tank is in service, per Ref 1
$\alpha_{\text{org}} \coloneqq 24 \text{deg}$	Original sector angle for panels in standard configuration, per Ref 1
C <sub>org</sub> := 9975mm = 32.73 ft	Chord length of panels, per Ref 1
c := 8	Number of connection pin plates per panel side, per Ref 1

i := 1 .. c + 1

d. :=

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260mm	Top of Panel to Con 1
600mm	Con 1 to Con 2
600mm	Con 2 to Con 3
500mm	Con 3 to Con 4
500mm	Con 4 to Con 5
400mm	Con 5 to Con 6
300mm	Con 6 to Con 7
250mm	Con 7 to Con 8
250mm	Con 8 to Bottom of Panel

Vertical distances between connection pin points on panel, per Ref 1



Tank Panel Layout and Connection Details are as follows, After Ref 1:





 $\beta := 2.0 \text{deg}$  Angle between connection plate and repad plate for this tank configuration

Tank shell, Repad Plate, Connection Pin Plate and Connection Plate Steel Specifications

Steel := "CSA G40.21 300W Steel"	Steel specification, per Ref 1
Fu := 450MPa = 65266.98 psi	Ultimate strength, per Ref 3
Fy := 300MPa = 43.51 · ksi	Yield strength, per Ref 3
Tank shell/rail specifications:	
$t_{shell} \coloneqq 6mm = 0.24 \cdot in$	Thickness, per Ref 1
$d_{rail} \coloneqq 102mm = 4.02 \cdot in$	Depth of top/bottom rails connected to shell
Repad plate specifications:	
$t_{rpad} \coloneqq 13mm = 0.51 \cdot in$	Thickness, per Ref 1
$de_{rpad} := 129.5 \text{mm} = 5.1 \text{ in}$	Distance from connection pin plate hole to outside edge of plate, per Ref 1
$b_{rpad} := 300 \text{ mm} = 11.81 \cdot \text{in}$	Width of repad plate, per Ref 1
d <sub>rpad</sub> := 3440mm = 135.43 · in	Length of repad plate, per Ref 1
$s_{rpad} := 5mm = 0.2 \cdot in$	Weld leg dimension for fillet welds between repad plate and shell, per Ref 1
Connection pin plate specifications	
$t_{pin} := 41mm = 1.61 \cdot in$	Thickness, per Ref 1
$h_{pin} := 114mm = 4.49 \cdot in$	Height, per Ref 1
$dph_{pin} := 27mm = 1.06 \cdot in$	Distance from repad to inside of retaining pin hole, Per Ref 1
Connection plate specifications:	
$t_{cplate} := 25mm = 0.98 \cdot in$	Thickness, per Ref 1
$h_{cplate} \coloneqq 216mm = 8.5 \cdot in$	Height, per Ref 1
$de_{cplate} := 69mm = 2.72 \cdot in$	Distance from pin hole to outside edge of plate, per Ref 1
$h_{pinhole} := 122mm = 4.8 \cdot in$ $w_{pinhole} := 45mm = 1.77 \cdot in$	Dimensions of pin hole slots in connection plate, per Ref 1

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#### **ASSUMPTIONS:**

The following assumptions were required in order to complete this analysis:

Freeboard := Oft
G <sub>S</sub> := 1.0

 $\gamma_{\text{water}} \coloneqq 62.4 \text{pcf}$ 

Unit weight of water

Resisting forces are provided by hoop tension in the wall panels/connections only.

$$F_{E60} := 413 MPa = 59.9 \cdot ksi$$

60 ksi electrodes used for all arc welding

Maximum permissible liquid depth (overflow condition)

Specific gravity of contained liquid, assumed to be fresh water

The applied liquid pressure is considered a dead load as its maximum depth is limited by the maximum height of the tank walls. It is highly unlikely that the tank would remain full to the struck capacity for an extended period. Therefor, the following load factor will apply throughout these calculations

#### LF := 1.4

The only load applied to the system is due to the contained liquid. This analysis does not consider:

- Ice load
- Wind load
- Impact load
- Seismic load
- or any other potential internal/external load.

It is assumed that the tank is installed properly, on firm, level ground and that all steel, welds, etc. are in good condition.

#### **REFERENCES:**

1) Drawing sheets 12167-S-001; 12167-S-002; and 12167-E-001 prepared for Open Range Energy, 48m Modular Water Tank by Beck Engineering, Ltd. dated 12/17/2010.

2) CSA G40.20-13/G40.21-13 - General requirements for rolled or welded structural quality steel / Structural quality steel.

3) AISC Manual of Steel Construction, 13th Ed.

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### **CALCULATIONS:**

1) Determine the average (design) diameter of the tank:

	$\alpha := \frac{360 \text{deg}}{n} = 20 \cdot \text{deg}$	Sector angle fo	or each par	nel	
	$C_{tot} := C_{org} + Gap = 32.74 \text{ ft}$	Total se	egment lenç	gth for each panel	
	$R := \frac{C_{tot}}{\sqrt{2 - 2\cos(\alpha)}} = 94.28 \text{ ft}$	New radius	of tank cor	istructed with n panels	
	$D := 2 \cdot R = 188.56 \text{ ft}$	Inside diamet	ter of tank		
2)	Check stress level vs. capacity of tan	ik shell:			
	$z_{cpshell} := H - Freeboard - d_{rail} = 14$	0.08·in		Depth from top of tank to top critical unsupported point of t	of bottom rail, ank shell
	$\gamma := LF \cdot G_s \cdot \gamma_{water} = 87.36 \cdot pcf$	Factored un	it weight of	f contained liquid	
	$Pcp_{shell} := (z_{cpshell} - Freeboard) \cdot \gamma =$	7.08 psi	Maximun point in s above bo	n internal tank pressure at criti shell (between vertical stiffener ttom rail).	ical unsupported rails and just
	$\sigma_{shell} := \frac{Pcp_{shell} \cdot D}{2 \cdot t_{shell}} = 33917.21 \text{ psi}$	Use di critical	ameter Eq I point (vali	uation to estimate hoop tensile d since tshell/tank radius << 0	e stress in shell at 0.10)
	$Ta_{shell} := min(0.9 \cdot Fy, 0.75 \cdot Fu) = 3916$	50.19 psi	Allowat	ole axial tensile stress per Ref	4
	$Check_{shell} := if(\sigma_{shell} < Ta_{shell}, "OK$	", "Shell thickn	ess is insuff	īcient")	
	Check <sub>shell</sub> = "OK"		Check she	ell thickness	

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3) Check stress level vs. capacity of panel connection assembly:

The connection assembly consists of: Repad plate welds to shell; repad plate, connection pins and connection plates.

3a) Check sufficiency of welds between repad plate and tank shell:

$$Pmax_{rpad} := (H - Freeboard) \cdot \gamma = 7.28 \text{ psi}$$

$$Maximum internal tank pressure at critical unsupported point in shell (between vertical stiffener rails and just above bottom rail).$$

$$Tmax_{rpad} := \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot Pmax_{rpad} \cdot H \cdot D}{2} = 593786.38 \text{ lbf}$$

$$Use Young-Laplace Equation to estimate total hoop tension to be transferred from shell to repad plate (valid since tshell/tank radius << 0.10)$$

$$M_{rpad} := \left(\frac{H}{2} - \frac{H}{3}\right) \cdot Tmax_{rpad} = 14260223.97 \cdot lbf \cdot in$$

 $C := \frac{\sqrt{b_{rpad}^2 + d_{rpad}^2}}{2} = 67.97 \cdot in$ 

Distance from neutral axis to extreme fibers of welds

$$J_{W} := \frac{H}{6} \cdot \left(3b_{rpad}^{2} + d_{rpad}^{2}\right) = 450550.26 \cdot \frac{in^{4}}{in}$$

 $f_t := 0.75 (0.6F_{E60}) \cdot (s_{rpad} \cdot 0.707) = 3751.45 \cdot \frac{lbf}{in}$ 

Polar moment of inertia of line welds

Maximum allowable stress of welds

 $Check_{rpadwelds} := if(f < f_t, "OK", "Welds insufficient")$ 

Check<sub>rpadwelds</sub> = "OK"

 $f := \frac{M_{rpad} \cdot C}{J_{w}} = 2151.41 \cdot \frac{lbf}{in}$ 

Check repad plate welds

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3b) Determine critical connection pin location and load:

$$j := 2 .. c - 1$$

$$z_0 := 0$$
in  $z_1 := d_1 + \frac{d_2}{2}$ 

$$z_j \coloneqq z_{j-1} + \left(\frac{d_j + d_{j+1}}{2}\right)$$
$$z_8 \coloneqq z_7 + \frac{d_8}{2} + d_9$$

Depth from top of wall panel to the bottom of contributory load area carried by each connection plate/pin set:

$$z_j =$$
  
0 ·in
  
22.05
  
45.67
  
67.32
  
87.01
  
104.72
  
118.5
  
129.33
  
144.09

j := 0..c

Top of tank Bottom of contributory area where load is carried by Connection 1

Bottom of contributory area where load is carried by Connection 8

$$P_{j} := if[z_{j} - Freeboard > 0in, \gamma \cdot (z_{j} - Freeboard), 0psi]$$

 $P_j =$ 0.00 psi 1.11 Con 1 Con 2 2.31 3.40 Con 3 4.40 Con 4 5.29 Con 5 5.99 Con 6 Con 7 6.54 7.28 Con 8

Top of tank	
Con 1 Con 2	
Con 3	Pressure distribution inside tank at the bottom
Con 4 Con 5	of contributory area carried by each connection point
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 $k \mathrel{\mathop:}= 1 \dots c$ 

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 $T_{con_1} =$ 

$$T_{con_{k}} := \left[P_{k-1} \cdot (z_{k} - z_{k-1}) + \frac{1}{2}(P_{k} - P_{k-1}) \cdot (z_{k} - z_{k-1})\right] \cdot \frac{D}{2} = \dots$$

Use Young-Laplace Equation to estimate total hoop tension to be transferred from repad plate to each connection (valid since tshell/tank radius << 0.10)

lbf Con 1
Con 2
Con 3
Con 4
Con 5
Con 6
Con 7
Con 8

Estimate of total tension carried at each connection point (actual load distribution is likely more evenly spread from repad plate to connections reducing total load carried by bottom connections). For this analysis, bottom connection will be considered critical and analyzed vs. total contribution load (conservative).

T <sub>con</sub> :=	T <sub>con<sub>c</sub></sub> =	= 115444.06 lb1
	т	

$$T_{\text{con}} \coloneqq \frac{T_{\text{con}}}{\cos(\beta)} = 115514.42 \,\text{lbf}$$

 $d_{rpad} := z_{c} - z_{c-1} = 14.76 \cdot in$ 

induced by difference in tank radius and radius of curvature of panels

Effect of load vector due to change in geometry at connection point

Critical connection load, bottom connection

Contributory length of repad plate carrying critical load

3c) Check the repad plate for sufficient strength to transfer critical load to connection pins:

$$Ag_{rpad} := d_{rpad} \cdot t_{rpad} = 7.56 \cdot in^2$$
Theoretical gross section area subject to tension $An_{rpad} := (d_{rpad} - h_{pin}) \cdot t_{rpad} = 5.26 \cdot in^2$ Theoretical net section area subject to tension $Ans_{rpad} := 2 \cdot de_{rpad} \cdot t_{rpad} = 5.22 \cdot in^2$ Theoretical net section area subject to shear (tear out) $Tn_{rpad} := min[0.9 \cdot Fy \cdot Ag_{rpad}, 0.75 \cdot Fu \cdot An_{rpad}, 0.75 \cdot (0.6 \cdot Fu) \cdot Ans_{rpad}] = 153278.67 \, lbf$ Allowable tension on the repad considering yielding on the gross section, fracture on the net section and tear out.

Check<sub>rpad</sub> = "OK"

Check on thickness of repad plate

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out)

3d) Check the connection pin plates for sufficient strength to transfer critical load to connection plates.

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Rn}_{pin} \coloneqq 0.75 \cdot (0.6 \, \mathrm{Fu}) \cdot h_{pin} \cdot t_{pin}^{t} = 212778.29 \, \mathrm{lbf} & \operatorname{Allowable shear load on pin plate} \\ & \operatorname{M}_{pin} \coloneqq \mathsf{T}_{con} \left( \mathrm{dph}_{pin} - \frac{t_{cplate}}{2} \right) = 65943.27 \cdot \mathrm{lbf} \cdot \mathrm{in} & \operatorname{Factored maximum moment on pin plate at intersection with repad plate (critical point) under worst case conditions (plate contacts retaining pin) \\ & \operatorname{Mn}_{pin} \coloneqq 0.9 \cdot \frac{h_{pin} \cdot t_{pin}^{2}}{6} \cdot \mathrm{Fy} = 76324.67 \cdot \mathrm{lbf} \cdot \mathrm{in} & \operatorname{Allowable bending moment on pin plate} \\ & \operatorname{Check}_{pin} \coloneqq if (\mathsf{T}_{con} < \mathsf{Rn}_{pin}, \mathrm{if} (\mathsf{M}_{pin} < \mathsf{Mn}_{pin}, "OK", "Pin \, \mathrm{Insufficient"}), "Pin \, \mathrm{Insufficient"}) \\ & \operatorname{Check}_{pin} \coloneqq \mathsf{mOK}^{\ast} & \operatorname{Check} \text{ on pin dimensions} \\ & \operatorname{Sde} \mathsf{Check} \text{ the connection plate for sufficient strength to transfer critical load from connection pins to next panel:} \\ & \operatorname{Agcplate} \coloneqq h_{cplate} \cdot t_{cplate} = 8.37 \cdot \mathrm{in}^2 & \operatorname{Gross} \text{ section area subject to tension} \\ & \operatorname{Atcplate} \coloneqq (h_{cplate} - h_{pinhole}) \cdot t_{cplate} = 3.64 \cdot \mathrm{in}^2 & \operatorname{Net section area subject to tension} \\ & \operatorname{Anbs}_{cplate} \coloneqq \left( \frac{de_{cplate}}{2} \right) \cdot t_{cplate} = 3.55 \cdot \mathrm{in}^2 & \operatorname{Gross} \operatorname{section} \operatorname{area subject to shear yield} \\ & \operatorname{Atg}_{cplate} \coloneqq \left( \frac{de_{cplate}}{2} \right) \cdot t_{cplate} = 2.67 \cdot \mathrm{in}^2 & \operatorname{Net section area subject to tensile yield} \\ & \operatorname{Ans}_{cplate} \coloneqq \left( \frac{h_{cplate}}{2} \right) \cdot t_{cplate} = 1.82 \cdot \mathrm{in}^2 & \operatorname{Net section area subject to tensile yield} \\ & \operatorname{Ant}_{cplate} \coloneqq \left( \frac{h_{cplate}}{2} \right) \cdot t_{cplate} = 1.82 \cdot \mathrm{in}^2 & \operatorname{Net section area subject to tensile fracture} \\ & \operatorname{Ant}_{cplate} \coloneqq (\mathrm{n}(0.9 \cdot \mathrm{Fy} \cdot \mathrm{Agc}_{cplate}, 0.75 \cdot 1.0 \, \mathrm{Fu} \cdot \mathrm{At}_{cplate}) = 178301.59 \, \mathrm{Ibf} & \operatorname{Allowable block shear tension} \\ & \operatorname{Tnss}_{cplate} \coloneqq \min \left[ 0.75 \cdot (0.6 \cdot \mathrm{Fu} \cdot \mathrm{Ans}_{cplate} + 132019.05 \, \mathrm{Ibf} & \operatorname{Allowable block shear tension} \\ & \operatorname{Tnss}_{cplate} \coloneqq \min \left[ 0.75 \cdot (0.6 \cdot \mathrm{Fu} \cdot \mathrm{Ans}_{cplate} + \mathrm{Fu} \cdot \mathrm{Ant}_{cplate}) \right] = 158574.61 \, \mathrm{Ibf} \\ & \operatorname{Allowable yield/fracture tension} \\ & \operatorname{Ans}_{cplate} \coloneqq \min \left[ 0.75 \cdot (0.6 \cdot \mathrm{Fu} \cdot \mathrm{Ans}_$$

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### General

Examination of the engineering drawings and the SOP for set-up (Engineering Drawings, Liner Specifications, Set Up) plus the history of solid performance of these AST Containments demonstrates that the AST Containment is designed and will be assembled to ensure the confinement of produced water, to prevent releases and to prevent overtopping due to wave action or rainfall. As the AST Containments are generally less than 190 feet in diameter, wave action is not a meaningful consideration.

These AST Containments are constructed of 12-foot high steel panels, are netted (netting no larger than 1.5 inch per square per BLM COA) <del>and employ the Mega</del> <del>Blaster Pro avian deterrent system</del> to prevent ingress of migratory birds. AST Containments will be enclosed by a 4-strand barbed wire fence or better. Thus, complies with the Rule to fence or enclose a recycling containment in a manner that deters unauthorized wildlife and human access and shall maintain the fences in good repair.

The operator shall post an upright sign no less than 12 inches by 24 inches with lettering not less than two inches in height in conspicuous places surrounding the containment. The operator shall post the sign in a manner and location such that a person can easily read the legend. The sign shall provide the following infom1ation: the operator's name, the location of the site by quarter-quarter or unit letter, section, township and range, and emergency telephone numbers.

## **Site Preparation**

### Foundation for AST Containment

Preparation of the soils on site is required to form a dependable base for the AST Containment in accordance with NMAC 19.15.34 and the SOP and is the responsibility of the operating company. If the location of the AST Containment is on an existing pad, the operator has\_stripped and stockpiled the topsoil for use as the final cover or fill at the time of closure. If the pad is new construction, the operator will strip and stockpile the soil for reclamation upon cessation of site activities.

#### 19.15.34.12 A

(1) The operator shall design and construct a recycling containment to ensure the confinement of produced water, to prevent releases and to prevent overtopping due to wave action or rainfall.

#### 19.15.34.12 D

(1) The operator shall fence or enclose a recycling containment in a manner that deters unauthorized wildlife and human access and shall maintain the fences in good repair. The operator shall ensure that all gates associated with the fence are closed and locked when responsible personnel are not onsite.

#### 19.15.34.12 C

Signs. The operator shall post an upright sign no less than 12 inches by 24 inches with lettering not less than two inches in height in a conspicuous place on the fence surrounding the containment. The operator shall post the sign in a manner and location such that a person can easily read the legend. The sign shall provide the following information: the operator's name, the location of the site by quarter-quarter or unit letter, section, township and range, and emergency telephone numbers.

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Stockpiling of topsoil. Prior to constructing containment, the operator shall strip and stockpile the topsoil for use as the final cover or fill at the time of closure.

The foundation soils must be roller compacted Compaction characteristics must meet or exceed 95% of Standard Proctor Density in accordance with ASTM D 698 or modified Proctor Test (ASTM Standard D1557).

Examination of the SOP shows that the AST Containment contractor will conform to the following mandates of the Rule:

- the AST Containment will have a properly constructed compacted earth foundation and interior slopes (vertical steel) consisting of a firm, unyielding base, smooth and free of rocks, debris, sharp edges or irregularities to prevent the liner's rupture or tear.
- Geotextile will be placed under the liner where needed to reduce localized stress-strain or protuberances that otherwise may compromise the liner's integrity.
- If the AST containment is within a levee, the inside grade is no steeper than two horizontal feet to one vertical foot (2H: 1V) and the outside grade no steeper than three horizontal feet to one vertical foot (3H: IV). The vertical steel walls of the AST Containment are the subject of *a variance included in Volume 3* of this submission. OCD.

The Operator will ensure that at a point of discharge into or suction from the recycling containment, the liner is protected from excessive hydrostatic force or mechanical damage and external discharge or suction lines shall not penetrate the liner.

## Liner and Leak Detection Materials

The liner and geotextile specifications show that all primary (upper) liners in a recycling containment shall be geomembrane liners composed of an impervious, synthetic material that is resistant to ultraviolet light, petroleum hydrocarbons, salts and acidic and alkaline solutions. All primary liners shall be *an equivalent liner [to that stated in Rule 34] and are pursuant to a requested variance.* The liner system is presented in an earlier section of this submission.

All secondary liners shall be an equivalent liner [to that stated in Rule 34] approved by OCD pursuant to a

#### 19.15.34.12 A

(2) A recycling containment shall have a properly constructed foundation and interior slopes consisting of a firm, unyielding base, smooth and free of rocks, debris, sharp edges or irregularities to prevent the liner's rupture or tear. Geotextile is required under the liner when needed to reduce localized stress-strain or protuberances that otherwise may compromise the liner's integrity. The operator shall construct the containment in a levee with an inside grade no steeper than two horizontal feet to one vertical foot (2H:1V). The levee shall have an outside grade no steeper than three horizontal feet to one vertical foot (3H:1V). The top of the levee shall be wide enough to install an anchor trench and provide adequate room for inspection and maintenance.

#### 19.15.34.12 A

(6) At a point of discharge into or suction from the recycling containment, the operator shall insure that the liner is protected from excessive hydrostatic force or mechanical damage. External discharge or suction lines shall not penetrate the liner.

#### 19.15.34.12 A

(4) All primary (upper) liners in a recycling containment shall be geomembrane liners composed of an impervious, synthetic material that is resistant to ultraviolet light, petroleum hydrocarbons, salts and acidic and alkaline solutions. All primary liners shall be 30-mil flexible PVC, 45-mil LLDPE string reinforced or 60-mil HDPE liners. Secondary liners shall be 30-mil LLDPE string reinforced or equivalent with a

*variance.* The liner system is presented in an earlier section of this submission.

Liner compatibility shall meet or exceed the EPA SW-846 method 9090A or subsequent relevant publications.

Variance request for liner system (two 40 mil LLDPE for primary and secondary liners) included in Volume 3.

The AST Containment will have a leak detection system between the upper and lower geomembrane liners that shall consist of 200-mil geonet to facilitate drainage.

## Install Secondary Liner, Leak Detection System and Secondary Containment

All AST containments holding produced water will have a primary (upper) liner and a secondary (lower) liner with a leak detection system appropriate to the site's conditions. The rule states that the edges of all secondary liners shall be anchored in the bottom of a compacted earth-filled trench. The anchor trench shall be at least 18 inches deep. The lack of an anchor trench with an AST Containment *is pursuant to a requested variance.* 

The AST Containment Contractor will cause the recycling containment will have a leak detection system between the upper and lower geomembrane liners that shall consist of 200-mil geonet to facilitate drainage. The leak detection system shall consist of a properly designed drainage and collection and removal system placed above the lower geomembrane liner in depressions and sloped to facilitate the earliest possible leak detection (see attached drawing).

The presence of the secondary containment levee or pre-fabricated secondary containment meets the OCD Rule mandate that a recycling containment shall design the containment to prevent run-on of surface water. The containment shall be surrounded by a berm, ditch or other diversion to prevent run-on of surface water.

# AST Containment Setup

As with the secondary liner, AST Containment contractor will minimize liner seams and orient them up and down, as much as possible, not across, a slope. hydraulic conductivity no greater than 1 x 10-9 cm/sec. Liner compatibility shall meet or exceed the EPA SW-846 method 9090A or subsequent relevant publications.

#### 19.15.34.12 A

(3) Each recycling containment shall incorporate, at a minimum, a primary (upper) liner and a secondary (lower) liner with a leak detection system appropriate to the site's conditions. The edges of all liners shall be anchored in the bottom of a compacted earth-filled trench. The anchor trench shall be at least 18 inches deep.

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(7) The operator of a recycling containment shall place a leak detection system between the upper and lower geomembrane liners that shall consist of 200-mil geonet or two feet of compacted soil with a saturated hydraulic conductivity of 1 x 10-5 cm/sec or greater to facilitate drainage. The leak detection system shall consist of a properly designed drainage and collection and removal system placed above the lower geomembrane liner in depressions and sloped to facilitate the earliest possible leak detection.

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(8) The operator of a recycling containment shall design the containment to prevent run-on of surface water. The containment shall be surrounded by a berm, ditch or other diversion to prevent run-on of surface water.

Factory welded seams shall be used where possible. AST Containment contractor will employ field seams in geosynthetic material that are thermally seamed. Prior to field seaming, AST Containment contractor shall overlap liners four to six inches and minimize the number of field seams and corners and irregularly shaped areas. There shall be no horizontal seams within five feet of the AST Containment bottom. Qualified personnel shall perform field welding and testing.

## Fluid Injection/Withdrawal Flow Diverter

The injection or withdrawal of fluids from the containment shall be accomplished through a header, diverter or other hardware that prevents damage to the liner by erosion, fluid jets or impact from installation and removal of hoses or pipes.

#### 19.15.34.12 A

(5) The operator of a recycling containment shall minimize liner seams and orient them up and down, not across, a slope of the levee. Factory welded seams shall be used where possible. The operator shall ensure field seams in geosynthetic material are thermally seamed. Prior to field seaming, the operator shall overlap liners four to six inches. The operator shall minimize the number of field seams and corners and irregularly shaped areas. There shall be no horizontal seams within five feet of the slope's toe. Qualified personnel shall perform field welding and testing.

#### 19.15.34.13 B

(3) The injection or withdrawal of fluids from the containment shall be accomplished through a header, diverter or other hardware that prevents damage to the liner by erosion, fluid jets or impact from installation and removal of hoses or pipes.

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# Variances and/or Equivalency Demonstrations for Above Ground Steel Tank Modular Recycling Storage Containments (AST) Primary and Secondary Liners

# *Liner for Above Ground Steel Tank Modular Recycling Storage Containments*

#### STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY THE APPLICANT SEEKS A VARIANCE FOR 40 MIL NON-REINFORCED LLDPE GEOMEMBRANE AS AN ALTERNATIVE PRIMARY AND 30 MIL NON-REINFORCED AS ALTERNATIVE SECONDARY LINER FOR MODULAR STEEL AST CONTAINMENT

# The prescriptive mandates of the Rule that are the subject of this variance request are the following subsections of 19.15.34.12

NMAC 19.15.34.12 A DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS FOR A RECYCLING CONTAINMENT
 (4) All primary (upper) liners in a recycling containment shall be geomembrane liners composed of an impervious, synthetic material that is resistant to ultraviolet light, petroleum hydrocarbons, salts and acidic and alkaline solutions. All primary liners shall be 30-mil flexible PVC, 45-mil LLDPE string reinforced or 60-mil HDPE liners. Secondary liners shall be 30-mil LLDPE string reinforced or equivalent with a hydraulic conductivity no greater than 1 x 10-9 cm/sec. Liner compatibility shall meet or exceed the EPA SW-846 method 9090A or subsequent relevant publications.

#### The applicant proposes one layer of 40-mil LLDPE non-reinforced as a primary liner and a secondary liner comprised of one layer of 30-mil LLDPE non-reinforced material

Rule 34 did not consider Above Ground Steel Storage Tanks that employ liners as a primary and secondary containment method.

This material is more readily available than the prescribed liners in the Rule and provides superior flexibility and conformity characteristics. Due to the vertical steel walls, 60-mil HDPE, 45 or 30-mil LLDPE string reinforced liners and 30-mil PCV liners are not sufficiently flexible for use in these modular containments.

All liners will have a hydraulic conductivity no greater than 1 x 10 -9 cm/sec and meet or exceed EPA SW-846 method 9090A.

#### Demonstration That the Variance Will Provide Equal or Better Protection of Fresh Water, Public Health and the Environment

The following technical documents provide supportive data to demonstrate that this liner system *(with integrated leak detection system)* provides equal or better protection of fresh water, public health and the environment by providing the requisite containment and protection. Attached is a technical comparison of the proposed material is compared to what is advised through Rule 34. A second memorandum provides clarification that the engineering requirements for site preparation, which ensures functionality of the liner system, is crosscutting to varied locations/sites within the Permian Basin. Liner specifications are also included in submission.

### Technical Memorandum: 40-mil LLDPE as Alternative Primary with 30mil LLDPE as Alternative Secondary Liner System for Modular Steel AST Recycling Containment NMAC 19.15.34.12 A (4)

In consideration of the liner application for modular AST impoundments, size and depth of the AST, design details for modular tanks as well as estimated length of at least five years of service time, it is my professional opinion that a 40 mil LLDPE (non-reinforced) and a 30 mil LLDPE (non-reinforced) geomembrane system will provide the requisite barrier against produced water loss as an alternative primary and secondary liner system. *The two proposed liners, 40 mil LLDPE as Primary liner and 30 mil LLDPE Secondary liner, will function equal to or better than 45 mil String Reinforced LLDPE, 30 mil PVC, or 60 mil HDPE liners as a primary liner and 30 mil LLDPE string reinforced as a secondary liner system. Additionally, this two-layer system with integrated leak detection system, will provide requisite protection for the environment that is equal to or better than the above primary and secondary liner systems referenced in OCD rule 34. The following are discussion points that will exhibit the attributes of a 40 mil/30 mil LLDPE lining system:* 

<u>The nature and formulation of LLDPE resin is very similar to HDPE</u>. The major difference is that LLDPE is lower density, lower crystallinity (more flexible and less chemical resistant). However, LLDPE will resist aging and degradation and remain intact for many years in exposed conditions. The LLDPE resin is virtually the same for non-reinforced 30 or 40 mil LLDPE and string reinforced 30 or 45 mil LLDPE geomembranes and both will provide requisite containment and be equally protective for this application, enduring UV and chemical degradation in the produced water environment.

<u>Flexibility Requirements.</u> Non-reinforced LLDPE geomembranes are less stiff and far more flexible than string reinforced geomembranes as well as 60 mil HDPE and in this regard are preferred for installations in vertical wall tanks such as this proposed installation. LLDPE provides a very flexible sheet that enables it to be fabricated into large panels, folded for shipping and installed on vertical walls transitioned to flat bottom. Non-reinforced LLDPE sheet will conform better than a string reinforced LLDPE to the tank dimensions under hydrostatic loading and will exhibit less wrinkling and creasing during and after installation.

<u>Thermal Fusion Seaming Requirements</u>. Thermal seaming and QC seam test requirements for geomembranes are product specific and usually prescribed by the sheet manufacturer. Both dual wedge and single wedge thermal fusion welding is commonly used on LLDPE and QC testing by air channel (ASTM D 5820) or High Pressure Air Lance (ASTM D 4437) is fully acceptable and recognized as industry standards. In this regard, either non-reinforced LLDPE or string-reinforced LLDPE will be acceptable as far as QC and thermal fusion seaming methods are concerned.

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<u>Potential for Leakage through the Primary and Secondary Liners.</u> Leakage through geomembrane liners is directly a function of the height of liquid head above any hole or imperfection. The geonet drainage media between the primary and secondary LLDPE geomembranes at the base of the AST in this application provides immediate drainage to a low point or outside the Modular AST Impoundment and thus no hydrostatic head or driving gradient is available to push leakage water through a hole in the Secondary LLDPE liner.

Leakage through any Primary geomembrane is driven by size of hole and depth and will be detected by the increase of water in the drainage system and the volume being pumped out of the secondary containment. In this regard and for this variance, the Primary consists of 40 mil LLDPE geomembrane which will perform equal to or better than a single layer of string reinforced LLDPE for potential leakage. Thus, if a leak occurs through the top layer, it will be effectively contained by the second layer of 30 mil LLDPE geomembrane. If required, location of holes in the Primary can be found by Electrical Leak Location Survey (ELLS) using a towed electrode (ASTM D 7007). Holes found can then be repaired and thus water seepage into the leakage collection and drainage system will be kept to a minimum. Dependent on OCR requirements for Action Leakage Rate (ALR), the leakage volumes may only be monitored. For example, a typical ALR is < 20 gpad whereas a rapid and large leak (RLL) may be > 100 gpad. Most states specify maximum ALR values for waste and process water impoundments usually in the range of 100 to 500 gpad. However, New Mexico does not specify an ALR for waste or process water impoundments (GRI Paper No. 15).

# LLDPE (and string reinforced LLDPE) can be prefabricated into large panels and thus both types offer the following for Containment:

- Prefabrication in factory-controlled conditions into very large panels (up to 30,000 sf) results in ease of installation, less thermal fusion field seams and less on site QC and CQA. (It should be noted that HDPE cannot be prefabricated into panels and requires considerably more on-site welding and QC).
- Large prefabricated panels will provide better control of thermal fusion welding in a factory environment that will improve the liner system integrity for the long term. Ease of installation of large prefabricated custom size panels results in a greater reduction of installation time and associated installation and QC costs
- <u>The Non-reinforced LLDPE geomembrane provides superior lay flat</u> <u>characteristics and conformability</u> which allows for more intimate contact with the underlying soil, geonet, or geotextile and tank walls as well as overlying materials thus providing better flow characteristics for drainage of water. String reinforced LLDPE exhibits more wrinkling and when overlaid or in contact with a geonet drain, wrinkles tend to form pockets and dams affecting drainage of any leakage water to the exterior of the Modular AST Impoundment.

 Both types of LLDPE geomembrane are easily repaired using the same thermal fusion bonding method without the need for special surface granding preparation for extrusion welding as is typically used in repair of HDPE geomembranes. <u>However, string reinforced LLDPE requires that all cut edges with exposed scrim</u> <u>must be encapsulated with extrusion bead</u>. No encapsulation is required on nonreinforced LLDPE.

In summary, it is no professional opinion that the liner system of 40 mil non-reinforced LLDPE geomembrane as Primary liner and 30 mil non-reinforced LLDPE Secondary liner, with integrated leak detection system, will provide protection that is equal to or better than 45 mil strong reinforced LLDPE. 30 mil PVC, 60 mil HDPE (primary liner) and 35 mil LLDPEr (secondary liner) and meets requirements as defined by the rule as an alternative liner system (resistance to UV and chemical exposure and required hydraulic conductivity). Additionally, this liner system will provide a superior installation in the AST environment and function better than liners referenced in the OCD rule and will provide the requisite protection of fresh water, public health and the environment for at least 5 years in the produced water recycling environment.

If you have any questions on the above technical memorandum or require further information, give me a call at 720-289-0300 or email geosynthetics@jusn.com

Sincerely Yours.

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NMAC 19.15.34.12 DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS FOR A RECYCLING CONTAINMENT

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ASTM Standards 2018

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# Slope and Anchor Variance Request for Above Ground Steel Tank Modular Recycling Storage Containments

# STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY THE APPLICANT SEEKS A VARIANCE FOR SLOPE AND ANCHOR FOR MODULAR STEEL AST CONTAINMENT

#### Statement Explaining Why the Applicant Seeks a Variance

The prescriptive mandates of the Rule that are the subject of this variance request are the following subsections of NMAC 19.15.34.12.

**NMAC 19.15.34.12** DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS FOR A RECYCLING CONTAINMENT:

A. An operator shall design and construct a recycling containment in accordance with the following specifications.

(2) A recycling containment shall have a properly constructed foundation and interior slopes consisting of a firm, unyielding base, smooth and free of rocks, debris, sharp edges or irregularities to prevent the liner's rupture or tear. Geotextile is required under the liner when needed to reduce localized stress-strain or protuberances that otherwise may compromise the liner's integrity. *The operator shall construct the containment in a levee with an inside grade no steeper than two horizontal feet to one vertical foot* (2H:1V). *The levee shall have an outside grade no steeper than three horizontal feet to one vertical feet to one vertical foot* (3H:1V). The top of the levee shall be wide enough to install an anchor trench and provide adequate room for inspection and maintenance.
(3) Each recycling containment shall incorporate, at a minimum, a primary (upper) liner

and a secondary (lower) liner with a leak detection system appropriate to the site's conditions. The edges of all liners shall be anchored in the bottom of a compacted earth-filled trench. The anchor trench shall be at least 18 inches deep.

# The applicant requests a variance to prescribed slope and anchor in the setting of above ground modular steel containments.

With respect to storage of produced water for use in lieu of fresh water, Rule 34 is written for earthen, lined pits, not free-standing modular impoundments that employ liners as their primary fluid containment system. A modular impoundment consists of a professionally designed steel tank ring with vertical walls. There is no slope to consider as the segmental steel sections are set vertical.

There is no anchor trench as envisioned by the Rule, liners are anchored to the top of the steel walls with clips, no anchor trench is required.

#### Demonstration That the Variance Will Provide Equal or Better Protection of Fresh Water, Public Health and the Environment

The following technical memorandum provides supportive data to demonstrate equal or better protection of fresh water, public health and the environment by providing the requisite containment and protection.

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#### Side Slope

The design of soil side slope (inclination) is a geotechnical engineering design consideration. Liquid impoundments such as fresh water or process water containments are usually built within an excavation or with raised earthen embankments. For a liquid impoundment with an exposed liner system, the slope soils and construction dictate slope inclination and very detailed slope stability analysis may be required to determine if slope failure within the embankment will occur once loaded with impounded water. Slope failure may also occur during construction or when the impoundment is empty. A maximum slope is usually specified and is dependent on soil type and cohesive strength, saturated or unsaturated conditions, etc. Detailed analysis for slope stability can be found in "Designing with Geosynthetics" by R.M Koerner as well as many geotechnical books.

A modular impoundment, on the other hand, consists of a professionally designed steel tank ring with vertical walls. *There is no slope to consider as the segmental steel sections are set vertical*. Design of steel tanks, in regard to hydrostatic loading, wind loading, seismic loads, etc. are thoroughly referenced with detailed procedures in the design code - American Petroleum Institute (API) 650-98 "Welded Steel Tanks for Oil Storage". *There are no requirements for maximum slope inclination other than perhaps 90 degrees or vertical wall*.

#### **Anchor Trench**

All earthen impoundments with a geomembrane lining system require some form of top of slope anchor, the most common of which is an excavated and backfilled anchor trench usually set back at least 3 ft from the top of slope. Again, there are detailed procedures for anchor trench design in "Designing with Geosynthetics" by R.M Koerner.

A Modular Impoundment requires mechanical anchoring of the geomembrane at the top of the vertical steel wall using standard liner clips that prevent the geomembrane or geomembrane layers from slipping down the side wall. These are detailed in the Tank Installation Manual. There are no requirements for an "anchor trench" as this is not an in-ground impoundment.

In summary, based on the design and specifications of a modular steel impoundment, there is no requirement for a maximum interior slope angle of 2H:1V due to the fact that this impoundment is a steel tank with vertical walls. Additionally, there is no requirement for an anchor trench as the geomembrane is attached to the top of the Modular Impoundment vertical walls with large steel clips. This provides the requisite protection of fresh water, public health and the environment for many years.

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# Freeboard Variance Request for Above Ground Steel Tank Modular Recycling Storage Containments

# STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY THE APPLICANT SEEKS A VARIANCE FOR FREEBOARD FOR MODULAR STEEL AST CONTAINMENT

#### Statement Explaining Why the Applicant Seeks a Variance

The prescriptive mandates of the Rule that are the subject of this variance request are the following subsections of NMAC 19.15.34.13

#### 19.15.34.13 OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR RECYCLING CONTAINMENTS:

**B.** The operator shall maintain and operate a recycling containment in accordance with the following requirements.

(2) The operator shall maintain at least three feet of freeboard at each containment.

# The applicant requests variance to allow for a freeboard of 2 feet as opposed to the prescribed 3 feet in the setting of an above ground steel tank modular system.

Rule 34 did not take into consideration above ground steel tank modular containment systems. With respect to lined earthen impoundments that may hold 25-acre feet of produced water, a 3-foot freeboard stipulation makes sense. For example, wave action and other factors could focus stress on the upper portion of the levee or the liner system in these large impoundments. The smaller diameter steel tank (modular impoundment) does not share the same characteristics as these large earthen pits.

We believe 3-feet of freeboard is not necessary – especially during active hydraulic stimulation of wells when maximum storage volume provides the highest value. Moreover, meeting the 3-foot freeboard requirement at all times significantly reduces the storage capacity of a single modular impoundment – negatively impacting the economics of using produced water in lieu of fresh water for E&P activities.

#### Demonstration That the Variance Will Provide Equal or Better Protection of Fresh Water, Public Health and the Environment

The attached technical memorandum by Ron Frobel, PE, describes how the proposed 2-foot freeboard limit in the permit application for the modular impoundment provides the same protection afforded by the 3-foot freeboard mandate for a large earthen pit. The attached equations and supporting email from Mr. Jason Henderson, PE, shows that a 2-foot freeboard limit on the steel impoundment meets the manufacturer's design criteria.

## Freeboard Requirements for Above Ground Steel Tank Modular Recycling Storage Containments NMAC 19.15.34.13 B (2)

Liquid importudinents such as fresh water or process water containments are usually built within an excavation or with raised earthen embankments. For a liquid impoundment with an exposed liner system, the slope soils and construction dietate slope inclination and very detailed slope stability analysis may be required to determine if slope failure within the embankment will occur once loaded with impounded water. Freeboard or the vertical height between the maximum water surface elevation and the top of slope is important for earthen impoundments. Specified freeboard requirements take into consideration high precipitation events and prevent wave run-up on slopes that result in over-topping and potential saturation of embankments. This is particularly important on large earthen impoundments. Detailed design considerations including freeboard requirements for lined earthen impoundments can be found in "Designing with Geosynthetics" by R.M Koerner as well as other publications on reservoir design.

A modular impoundment, on the other hand, consists of a professionally designed steel tank ring with vertical walls. There is no slope to consider as the segmental steel sections are set vertical. Design of steel tanks as regards hydrostatic loading, wind loading, seismic loads, etc. are thoroughly referenced with detailed procedures in the design code - American Petroleum Institute (API) 650-98. "Welded Steel Tanks for Oil Storage". There are requirements for operational freeboard to prevent over-topping but due to the relatively small unface area and fetch of cylindrical tanks, wave heights are much less than large earthen impoundments. Thus, freeboard is usually within the range of 0.5 to 2.11. These reviewed the Tank Design Calculation Summary and regarding the structure) stability of the tank walls, a freeboard of 0.5 ft was assumed. Thus, the variance request of 2.0 ft for a Modular Impoundment is well within the Tank Design requirements.

In summary, it is my professional opinion that the design freehoard of 2.0 ft will provide requisite storage volume and prevent overtopping due to wind and wave action, potential setsmic events and high previption.

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The modular impoundment is designed for use with fluids that are 8.34 pounds/gallon (62.4 pounds per cubic foot) or lighter. Exceeding this specification for fluid weight at full tank capacity (12') could lead to failure at the connection plate(s).

Assuming a freeboard of 0.5 ft (minimum modular impoundment freeboard requirement) the Hyrdo Pressure (p) of water is 718 pounds per square foot (psf), where

*p* = *Design Density X Height* 

$$= 62.4 PCF * 11.5 ft$$

$$(design \ density = 8.34 \stackrel{lb}{\_\_\_} X \ 7.48 \stackrel{ft_3}{\_\_\_})$$

$$gal \qquad gal$$

The density of the conditioned produced water is 9.3 pounds/gallon. Assuming a freeboard of 3-ft (19.15.17.12.F(3) NMAC), the Hyrdo Pressure (p) of conditioned produced water is 626 psf, where

*p* = *Design Density X Height* 

$$= 69.64 PCF *9 ft$$
  
(design density =  $9.3 \frac{lb}{d} X 7.48 \frac{ft_3}{d}$ )

Using conditioned produced water with the Pit Rule freeboard requirements of 3-feet results in a Hydro Pressure 92 psf less than the engineered design.

The operator asks the District Division to allow for a 2-foot freeboard, which yields a Hydro Pressure (p) of 696.4 psf, where

p = Design Density X Height

$$= 69.64 PCF * 10 ft$$
  
(design density = 9.3  $\frac{lb}{2} X 7.48 \frac{ft_3}{2}$ )

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# Applicability of Variances for Modular AST Containments in the Permian Basin of New Mexico

## Technical Memorandum: Applicability of Variances for Modular AST Containments in the Permian Basin of New Mexico NMAC 19.15.34.12 A (2)

I have reviewed the most recent historical variances for AST Containments in the document titled "Variances for C-147 Registration Packages Permian Basin of New Mexico" (January 2020) and examined the applicable design drawings and permits for the following modular AST containments located in the Permian Basin of New Mexico.

- C-147 Registration Package for Myox Above Ground Storage Tank Section 32, T25S, R28E, Eddy County (January 20, 2020)
- C-147 Registration Package for Fez Recycling Containment and Recycling Facility Area (100+ acres) Section 8, T25-S, R35-E, Lea County, Volume 2 – Above-Ground Storage Tank Containments
- Hackberry 16 Recycling Containments and Recycling Facility Section 16, T19S, R31E, Eddy County

Locations of the modular containments range from west of the Pecos River to slightly west of Jal, NM. All locations exhibit different surface and subsurface geology, different topography and are of various sizes and volumes. *However, in regard to structural integrity of the base soils that support the AST and in particular the geomembrane containment system, the specification requirements are the same*. The foundation soils must be roller compacted smooth and free of loose aggregate over ½ inch. Compaction characteristics must meet or exceed 95% of Standard Proctor Density in accordance with ASTM D 698. This specification requirement is specific and causes the general or earthworks contractor to meet this standard regardless of the site- specifications call out the minimum requirements for subsoils compaction (i.e., 95% Standard Proctor Density – ASTM D 698), the design engineer or owners representative will carry out soils testing on the foundation materials to provide certainty to the AST containment owner that the earthworks contractor has met these obligations.

Thus, provided that the contractor meets the minimum specified requirements for foundation soils preparation and density, the location, geology or depth to groundwater will make no difference in regard to geomembrane liner equivalency as demonstrated by the AST variances presented in this volume and are considered valid for meeting NMOCD Rule 34 requirements for all locations within the Permian Basin of New Mexico.

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<u>Polyfelt Ges.m.b.H., Linz, Austria and Denver Colorado</u>: As U.S. technical manager, primary responsibilities included technical development for the Polyfelt line of geosynthetics for the U.S. civil engineering market as well as worldwide applications.

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# **Additional VARIANCE FOR RECYCLING STORAGE CONTAINMENTS (Inground and AST)**

• Alternative Testing Methods

# Request for OCD Approval of Alternative Test Methods to Analyze Concentrations of TPH and Chloride

The prescriptive mandates of the Rule that are the subject of this request are the following subsections of NMAC 19.15.17.13 [emphasis added], 19.15.34.14 and 19.15.29. 12 D

#### 19.15.17.13 CLOSURE AND SITE RECLAMATION REQUIREMENTS:

**D.(5)** The operator shall collect, at a minimum, a five point composite of the contents of the temporary pit or drying pad/tank associated with a closed-loop system to demonstrate that, after the waste is solidified or stabilized with soil or other non-waste material at a ratio of no more than 3:1 soil or other non-waste material to waste, the concentration of any contaminant in the stabilized waste is not higher than the parameters listed in Table II of 19.15.17.13 NMAC.

The referenced Table II, which is reproduced in part below, notes the Method with asterisk signifying: "\*Or other test methods approved by the division".

	Ta Closure Criteria fo Waste Left in Pla	able II or Burial Trenches and ace in Temporary Pits	
Depth below bottom of pit to groundwater less than 10,000 mg/1 TDS	Constituent	Method*	Limit**
	Chloride	EPA Method 300.0	20,000 mg/kg
25-50 feet	TPH	EPA SW-846 Method 418.1	100 mg/kg

# 19.15.34.14 CLOSURE AND SITE RECLAMATION REQUIREMENTS FOR RECYCLING CONTAINMENTS:

**C.** The operator shall test the soils beneath the containment for contamination with a five-point composite sample which includes stained or wet soils, if any, and that sample shall be analyzed for the constituents listed in Table I below.

(1) If any contaminant concentration is higher than the parameters listed in Table I, the division may require additional delineation upon review of the results and the operator must receive approval before proceeding with closure.

The referenced Table I, which is reproduced in part below, notes the Method with asterisk signifying: "\*Or other test methods approved by the division".

Table I				
<b>Closure Criteria for Recycli</b>	ing Containments			
Depth below bottom of containment to groundwater less than 10,000 mg/l TDS	Constituent	Method*	Limit**	
51 feet - 100 feet	Chloride	EPA 300.0	10,000 mg/kg	
	TPH (GRO+DRO+MRO)	EPA SW-846 Method 8015M	2,500 mg/kg	

After sampling solids of more than 50 drilling pits in the Permian Basin, we have observed and reported to OCD on numerous occasions significant problems with non-petroleum drilling additives (e.g. starch) interfering with the laboratory method 418.1. It is not surprising that in many instances we found no correlation between the laboratory results using 418.1 and the results using Method 8015.

We request approval of Method 8015 (GRO + DRO + MRO) for Method 418.1.

**19.15.29.12** D. CLOSURE REQUIREMENTS. The responsible party must take the following action for any major or minor release containing liquids.

(1) The responsible party must test the remediated areas for contamination with representative five-point composite samples from the walls and base, and individual grab samples from any wet or discolored areas. The samples must be analyzed for the constituents listed in Table I of 19.15.29.12 NMAC or constituents from other applicable remediation standards.

	Closure Criteria for S	Fable I foils Impacted by a Release	
Minimum depth below any point within the horizontal boundary of the release to ground water less than 10,000 mg/l TDS	Constituent	Method*	Limit**
≤ 50 feet	Chloride***	EPA 300.0 or SM4500 C1 B	600 mg/kg
	TPH (GRO+DRO+MRO)	EPA SW-846 Method 8015M	100 mg/kg
	BTEX	EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8260B	50 mg/kg
	Benzene	EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8260B	10 mg/kg

The referenced Table I, is reproduced in part below.

We request approval of EPA 300.0 or SM4500 for the analysis of chloride.

#### Demonstration that OCD Approval Will Provide Equal or Better Protection of Fresh Water, Public Health and the Environment

The purpose of TPH analyses in the Pit Rule is to measure total petroleum hydrocarbons not all non-polar compounds, such as starch or cellulose that can interfere with Method 418.1. While Method 418.1 may provide some useful data for transportation of crude oil or condensate spills to disposal, the addition of non-polar organic materials in drilling fluids, especially for horizontal wells, renders Method 418.1 highly problematic to determine compliance with the Rule. Using Method 8015 for TPH (GRO+DRO+MRO) provides a better measurement of what we believe the Commission intended operators to measure.

In hearings before the Oil Conservation Commission technical arguments were presented regarding the use of SM4500 in lieu of EPA 300.00 for chloride analysis for Rule 29. The Division and the Commission agreed that these two methods provide equal or better protection of fresh water, public health and the environment.

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#### CONDITIONS

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vvenegas	NMOCD has reviewed and approved with conditions, the recycling containment permit application submitted by CHISHOLM ENERGY OPERATING, LLC [372137] on June 10, 2021 for 1RF-	7/27/2021
	470 - SOMBRERO RECYCLING FACILITY AND CONTAINMENT, FACILITY ID [fVV2120750814], in Unit Letter N, Section 07, Township 21S, Range 33E, Lea County, New Mexico.	1

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