

**JAVELINA UNIT 610 (610H,  
611H, 612H, 507H, 508H)  
[fJMB2221536628]**

**C-144/ Permit Approval  
with Conditions**

**[4323] CHEVRON USA INC**

**August 3, 2022**

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**JAVELINA UNIT 610 (610H, 611H, 612H, 507H, 508H) [fJMB2221536628]**

**Temporary Pit non-low chloride fluids. Permit Approval with Conditions**

Good Afternoon Mr. Vallejo,

NMOCD has reviewed [4323] CHEVRON USA INC, Application and Form C-144 received on July 28, 2022, for the proposed JAVELINA UNIT 610 (610H, 611H, 612H, 507H, 508H) [fJMB2221536628], Temporary Pit in Unit Letter B, Section 10, Township 24S, Range 31E, Eddy County, New Mexico.

[4323] CHEVRON USA INC in the Application requested the following two variances from the requirements of 19.15.17 NMAC – Pits, Closed-Loop Systems, Below-Grade Tanks and Sumps:

1. [4323] CHEVRON USA INC proposes a closure timeline based on the date of the first occurrence of Rig Down Move Out (RDMO). RDMO is defined as the activity when the drilling rig is moved off location. Typically, RDMO occurs after the completion of drilling the last well on the pad. On pads where the Operator plans to return to the pad, multiple RDMO dates occur. This variance does not consider subsequent RDMO affecting the closure timeline dates after the first RDMO. The Operator proposes dewatering the pit within 30 days of RDMO and proposes closing the pits within 1 year of RDMO.
2. [4323] CHEVRON USA INC proposes the use of 40-mil High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Liner for Temporary Pit in lieu of 20 mil string reinforced Linear Low-Density Polyethylene (LLDPE) Liner.

Subject to the conditions specified below, NMOCD approves the following variances:

1. The variance from 19.15.17.7.R NMAC, which requires that a pit be closed no later than six (6) months after removal of the drilling or workover rig from the first well using the pit.
2. The variance from 19.15.17.11.F.3 NMAC, which requires the pit to be equipped with a of 20-mil string reinforced LLDPE or equivalent liner material that the appropriate division district office approves.

[4323] CHEVRON USA INC shall comply with the following conditions of approval:

1. [4323] CHEVRON USA INC may use the Pit for five (5) wells drilled from the JAVELINA UNIT 610 (610H, 611H, 612H, 507H, 508H) [fJMB2221536628].
2. [4323] CHEVRON USA INC shall use the facility identification number [fJMB2221536628] in all communications with OCD regarding JAVELINA UNIT 610 (610H, 611H, 612H, 507H, 508H)

[fJMB2221536628] Pit.

3. [4323] CHEVRON USA INC shall design, construct, operate, maintain, and close JAVELINA UNIT 610 (610H, 611H, 612H, 507H, 508H) [fJMB2221536628] Pit in compliance with 19.15.17 NMAC - Pits, Closed-Loop Systems, Below-Grade-Tanks and Sumps.
4. The design and construction plan, included as Appendix D of the Application, is approved. [4323] CHEVRON USA INC shall design and construct JAVELINA UNIT 610 (610H, 611H, 612H, 507H, 508H) [fJMB2221536628] Pit as described in the approved plan. [4323] CHEVRON USA INC shall apply for a permit modification for any change to the plan.
5. The closure plan, included as Appendix F of the Application, is approved. [4323] CHEVRON USA INC shall close the JAVELINA UNIT 610 (610H, 611H, 612H, 507H, 508H) [fJMB2221536628] Pit as described in the approved plan. [4323] CHEVRON USA INC shall apply for a permit modification for any change to the plan.
6. Prior to commencing construction of the JAVELINA UNIT 610 (610H, 611H, 612H, 507H, 508H) [fJMB2221536628] Pit, [4323] CHEVRON USA INC shall submit to OCD a Form C-102, including a certified survey, as required by 19.15.17.9(C)(2) NMAC via [OCD Online](#).
7. [4323] CHEVRON USA INC shall inspect JAVELINA UNIT 610 (610H, 611H, 612H, 507H, 508H) [fJMB2221536628] Pit at least once per month during construction for compliance with the approved design and construction plan. [4323] CHEVRON USA INC shall maintain a log of each inspection and provide a copy of the log through [OCD Online](#) for each quarter beginning fifteen days (15) after the end of the quarter during construction.
8. If [4323] CHEVRON USA INC encounters a void or collapse during construction, operation, maintenance, or closure of the JAVELINA UNIT 610 (610H, 611H, 612H, 507H, 508H) [fJMB2221536628] Pit, [4323] CHEVRON USA INC shall immediately cease the activity, notify OCD through [OCD Online](#), within twenty-four (24) hours, and take corrective action approved by OCD.
9. No later than seventy-two (72) hours prior to installing the 40-mil HDPE liner, [4323] CHEVRON USA INC shall notify the OCD through [OCD Online](#).
10. [4323] CHEVRON USA INC shall inspect JAVELINA UNIT 610 (610H, 611H, 612H, 507H, 508H) [fJMB2221536628] Pit at least once per day for liner integrity, freeboard height, fluid level, debris, migratory birds and other wildlife, and releases while the drilling or workover rig is on location, and once per week after removal of the rig but prior to dewatering the JAVELINA UNIT 610 (610H, 611H, 612H, 507H, 508H) [fJMB2221536628] Pit. [4323] CHEVRON USA INC shall maintain a log of each inspection and provide a copy of the log through [OCD Online](#) for each quarter beginning fifteen days (15) after the end of the quarter during construction.
11. [4323] CHEVRON USA INC shall maintain no less than two (2) feet of freeboard at the Pit at all times.

12. [4323] CHEVRON USA INC shall construct and maintain a fence around the perimeter of the JAVELINA UNIT 610 (610H, 611H, 612H, 507H, 508H) [fJMB2221536628] Pit at all times after the completion of construction.
13. No later than thirty (30) days after the date of any of the following events, [4323] CHEVRON USA INC shall drain and dewater the JAVELINA UNIT 610 (610H, 611H, 612H, 507H, 508H) [fJMB2221536628] Pit:
  - a. The release of the drilling or workover rig from the last well as reported to the OCD on Form C-105; or
  - b. The removal of the drilling or workover rig from the pad if the well is not completed; or
  - c. If the drilling or workover rig is located at the pad, one hundred eight one (181) days after the rig became inactive.
14. No later than six (6) months after the date of any of the following events, [4323] CHEVRON USA INC shall close JAVELINA UNIT 610 (610H, 611H, 612H, 507H, 508H) [fJMB2221536628]:
  - a. The release of the drilling or workover rig from the last well as reported to the OCD on Form C-105; or
  - b. The removal of the drilling or workover rig from the pad if the well is not completed; or
  - c. If the drilling or workover rig is located at the pad, one hundred eight one (181) days after the rig became inactive.
15. After [4323] CHEVRON USA INC drains and dewateres JAVELINA UNIT 610 (610H, 611H, 612H, 507H, 508H) [fJMB2221536628] Pit, it shall inspect the Pit for liner integrity, fluid level, debris, migratory birds and other wildlife, and releases once per week until the installation of the top geomembrane cover and the placement of the cover soils in accordance with the closure plan.
16. [4323] CHEVRON USA INC shall maintain a log of each inspection and provide a copy of the log to OCD via [OCD Online](#) for each quarter beginning fifteen days (15) days after the end of the quarter in which the Pit is dewatered and drained. If [4323] CHEVRON USA INC observes fluid in the JAVELINA UNIT 610 (610H, 611H, 612H, 507H, 508H) [fJMB2221536628] Pit during an inspection, it shall notify OCD's Environmental Bureau at through [OCD Online](#), remove the fluid immediately, and submit a report characterizing the nature, volume, and source of the fluid via [OCD Online](#).
17. After [4323] CHEVRON USA INC has drained and dewatered the JAVELINA UNIT 610 (610H, 611H, 612H, 507H, 508H) [fJMB2221536628] Pit, Chevron shall not discharge fluid into the Pit for any purpose except for an emergency as provided in 19.15.17.14 NMAC.
18. [4323] CHEVRON USA INC shall comply with 19.15.29 NMAC - Releases for any release related to or associated with the JAVELINA UNIT 610 (610H, 611H, 612H, 507H, 508H) [fJMB2221536628].



19. No later than seventy-two (72) hours prior to installing the top geomembrane cover and cover soil on the JAVELINA UNIT 610 (610H, 611H, 612H, 507H, 508H) [fJMB2221536628], [4323] CHEVRON USA INC shall notify the OCD via [OCD Online](#).

This letter constitutes NMOCD's conditions of approval of the variances. Please reference JAVELINA UNIT 610 (610H, 611H, 612H, 507H, 508H) [fJMB2221536628] in all future communications

Please let me know if you any additional questions or concerns.

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

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

Type of action: ☐ Below grade tank registration  
☒ Permit of a pit or proposed alternative method  
☐ Closure of a pit, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method  
☐ Modification to an existing permit/or registration  
☐ Closure plan only submitted for an existing permitted or non-permitted pit, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method

**Instructions: Please submit one application (Form C-144) per individual pit, below-grade tank or alternative request**

Please be advised that approval of this request does not relieve the operator of liability should operations result in pollution of surface water, ground water or the environment. Nor does approval relieve the operator of its responsibility to comply with any other applicable governmental authority's rules, regulations or ordinances.

1.  
Operator: Chevron USA Inc. OGRID #: 4323  
Address: 6301 Deauville Blvd., Midland, TX 79706  
Facility or well name: Javelina Unit 610 (610H, 611H, 612H, 507H, 508H)  
API Number: Pending OCD Permit Number: Facility ID: [fJMB2221536628]  
U/L or Qtr/Qtr B Section 10 Township 24S Range 31E County: Eddy  
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 32.23637 Longitude -103.76418 NAD83  
Surface Owner: ☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ Private ☐ Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

2.  
☒ **Pit:** Subsection F, G or J of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
Temporary: ☒ Drilling ☐ Workover  
☐ Permanent ☐ Emergency ☐ Cavitation ☐ P&A ☐ Multi-Well Fluid Management Low Chloride Drilling Fluid ☐ yes ☒ no  
☒ Lined ☐ Unlined Liner type: Thickness 40 mil ☐ LLDPE ☒ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ String-Reinforced  
Liner Seams: ☒ Welded ☐ Factory ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Volume: 1 x 17,900 bbl, 1 x 10,800 bbl Dimensions: L 291 ft x W 196 ft x D 8 ft

3.  
☐ **Below-grade tank:** Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
Volume: \_\_\_\_\_ bbl Type of fluid: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tank Construction material: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Secondary containment with leak detection ☐ Visible sidewalls, liner, 6-inch lift and automatic overflow shut-off  
☐ Visible sidewalls and liner ☐ Visible sidewalls only ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Liner type: Thickness \_\_\_\_\_ mil ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

6.

**Netting:** Subsection E of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (*Applies to permanent pits and permanent open top tanks*)☐ Screen ☐ Netting ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_☐ Monthly inspections (If netting or screening is not physically feasible)

7.

**Signs:** Subsection C of 19.15.17.11 NMAC☐ 12"x 24", 2" lettering, providing Operator's name, site location, and emergency telephone numbers☒ Signed in compliance with 19.15.16.8 NMAC

8.

**Variations and Exceptions:**

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

***Please check a box if one or more of the following is requested, if not leave blank:***☒ Variance(s): Requests must be submitted to the appropriate division district for consideration of approval. **See Variance Requests**☐ Exception(s): Requests must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

9.

**Siting Criteria (regarding permitting):** 19.15.17.10 NMAC***Instructions: The applicant must demonstrate compliance for each siting criteria below in the application. Recommendations of acceptable source material are provided below. Siting criteria does not apply to drying pads or above-grade tanks.*****General siting****Ground water is less than 25 feet below the bottom of a low chloride temporary pit or below-grade tank.**- ☐ NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; ☐ USGS; ☐ Data obtained from nearby wells☐ Yes ☐ No  
☒ NA**Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of a Temporary pit, permanent pit, or Multi-Well Fluid Management pit.**- ☒ NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; ☒ USGS; ☐ Data obtained from nearby wells☐ Yes ☒ No  
☐ NA**See Appendices A, B, Figure 7**Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended. **(Does not apply to below grade tanks)**☐ Yes ☒ No

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

**See Figures 2 & 7**Within the area overlying a subsurface mine. **(Does not apply to below grade tanks)**☐ Yes ☒ No

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

**See Figure 4**Within an unstable area. **(Does not apply to below grade tanks)**☐ Yes ☒ No

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

**See Figures 6, 8, 9, Appendix G**Within a 100-year floodplain. **(Does not apply to below grade tanks)**☐ Yes ☒ No

- FEMA map

**See Figure 3****Below Grade Tanks**

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

Within 200 horizontal feet of a spring or a private, domestic fresh water well used by less than five households for domestic or stock watering purposes, or 300 feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in existence at the time of the initial application.  
NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within 100 feet of a wetland.

- US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

☐ Yes ☐ No

### **Temporary Pit Non-low chloride drilling fluid**

Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or any other significant watercourse, or within 200 feet of any lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).

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

**See Figure 6**

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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

**See Figure 2**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Within 500 horizontal feet of a spring or a private, domestic fresh water well used by less than five households for domestic or stock watering purposes, or 1000 feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in the existence at the time of the initial application;

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

**See Appendices A, B, and Figures 1 & 2**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Within 300 feet of a wetland.

- US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

**See Figures 2, 5, & 6**

☐ Yes ☒ No

### **Permanent Pit or Multi-Well Fluid Management Pit**

Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse, or lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within 1000 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within 500 horizontal feet of a spring or a fresh water well used for domestic or stock watering purposes, in existence at the time of initial application.

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within 500 feet of a wetland.

- US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

☐ Yes ☐ No

10.

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

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

- ☐ Hydrogeologic Report (Below-grade Tanks) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (4) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
- ☒ Hydrogeologic Data (Temporary and Emergency Pits) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (2) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
- See Appendix C**
- ☒ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC **Attached**
- ☒ Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC **See Appendix D**
- ☒ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC **See Appendix E**
- ☒ Closure Plan (Please complete Boxes 14 through 18, if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC **See Appendix F**

☐ Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: \_\_\_\_\_ or Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

11.

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

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

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

☐ Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: \_\_\_\_\_ or Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

12.  
**Permanent Pits Permit Application Checklist:** Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC

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

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

13.  
**Proposed Closure:** 19.15.17.13 NMAC **See Appendix F**

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

Type: ☒ Drilling ☐ Workover ☐ Emergency ☐ Cavitation ☐ P&A ☐ Permanent Pit ☐ Below-grade Tank ☐ Multi-well Fluid Management Pit  
☐ Alternative

Proposed Closure Method: ☐ Waste Excavation and Removal  
☐ Waste Removal (Closed-loop systems only)  
☒ On-site Closure Method (Only for temporary pits and closed-loop systems)  
☒ In-place Burial ☐ On-site Trench Burial  
☐ Alternative Closure Method

14.  
**Waste Excavation and Removal Closure Plan Checklist:** (19.15.17.13 NMAC) **Instructions:** Each of the following items must be attached to the closure plan. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.

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

15.  
**Siting Criteria (regarding on-site closure methods only):** 19.15.17.10 NMAC

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

Ground water is less than 25 feet below the bottom of the buried waste. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells <b>See Appendices A &amp; B, and Figure 7</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Ground water is between 25-50 feet below the bottom of the buried waste - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells <b>See Appendices A &amp; B, and Figure 7</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Ground water is more than 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells <b>See Appendices A &amp; B, and Figure 7</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Within 100 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse, lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark). - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site <b>See Figure 6</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image <b>See Figure 2</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within 300 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring used for domestic or stock watering purposes, in existence at the time of initial application.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site <b>See Appendices A &amp; B, and Figure 7</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within 300 feet of a wetland.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site <b>See Figures 2, 5 &amp; 6</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
- Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality <b>See Figure 2</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within the area overlying a subsurface mine.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
- Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division <b>See Figure 4</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within an unstable area.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
- Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map <b>See Figures 6, 8, &amp; 9, Appendix G</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within a 100-year floodplain.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
- FEMA map <b>See Figure 3</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

16.  
**On-Site Closure Plan Checklist:** (19.15.17.13 NMAC) *Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure plan. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.*

- ☒ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC **Attached**  
☒ Proof of Surface Owner Notice - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection E of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
☐ Construction/Design Plan of Burial Trench (if applicable) based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection K of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
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**Operator Application Certification:**

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

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Signature: Tony Vallejo Date: 7/27/2022

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**OCD Approval:** ☒ Permit Application (including closure plan) ☐ Closure Plan (only) ☐ OCD Conditions (see attachment)

OCD Representative Signature: Jaclyn Burdine Approval Date: 08/03/2022

Title: Environmental Specialist-A OCD Permit Number: Facility ID: [fJMB2221536628]

19.  
**Closure Report (required within 60 days of closure completion):** 19.15.17.13 NMAC

*Instructions: Operators are required to obtain an approved closure plan prior to implementing any closure activities and submitting the closure report. The closure report is required to be submitted to the division within 60 days of the completion of the closure activities. Please do not complete this section of the form until an approved closure plan has been obtained and the closure activities have been completed.*

☐ Closure Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

20.  
**Closure Method:**

- ☐ Waste Excavation and Removal ☐ On-Site Closure Method ☐ Alternative Closure Method ☐ Waste Removal (Closed-loop systems only)  
☐ If different from approved plan, please explain.



21.

**Closure Report Attachment Checklist:** *Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure report. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.*

- ☐ Proof of Closure Notice (surface owner and division)
- ☐ Proof of Deed Notice (required for on-site closure for private land only)
- ☐ Plot Plan (for on-site closures and temporary pits)
- ☐ Confirmation Sampling Analytical Results (if applicable)
- ☐ Waste Material Sampling Analytical Results (required for on-site closure)
- ☐ Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number
- ☐ Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation
- ☐ Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique
- ☐ Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation)

On-site Closure Location: Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_ NAD: ☐ 1927 ☐ 1983

22.

**Operator Closure Certification:**

I hereby certify that the information and attachments submitted with this closure report is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also certify that the closure complies with all applicable closure requirements and conditions specified in the approved closure plan.

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_



July 27, 2022

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
811 S. First St.  
Artesia, NM 88210

Via Electronic Submittal

**RE: Chevron USA Incorporated Temporary Pit Application**

Javelina Unit 610 (610H, 611H, 612H, 507H, 508H)  
Section 10 of T24S, R31E, Eddy County

Ms. Victoria Venegas,

Enclosed is a complete C-144 permit application for a Temporary Pit with non-low chloride drilling fluid located at an existing Chevron USA Inc. BLM lease #USA NMNM 029234 located in Section 10, T24S R31E. This package includes the following documentation:

- C-144 for Non-Low Chloride Temporary Pit
- Siting Criteria Demonstration
- Siting Criteria Figures 1-11
- Variance Requests
- Appendix A – USGS Groundwater Data
- Appendix B – NMOSE Water Data
- Appendix C – Hydrogeologic Data
- Appendix D – Design Plan
- Appendix E – Operating and Maintenance Plan
- Appendix F – Closure Plan
- Appendix G – Evaluation of Unstable Conditions
- Attachments 1 - 3

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any additional information or clarification supporting the approval of this application.

Sincerely,

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**C-144 Permit Package  
Javelina Unit 610, Temporary Pit  
Section 10 of T24S, R31E, Eddy County**

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Javelina Unit / 507H

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District IV  
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

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

Form C-144  
Revised April 3, 2017

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

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

Type of action: ☐ Below grade tank registration  
☒ Permit of a pit or proposed alternative method  
☐ Closure of a pit, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method  
☐ Modification to an existing permit/or registration  
☐ Closure plan only submitted for an existing permitted or non-permitted pit, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method

**Instructions: Please submit one application (Form C-144) per individual pit, below-grade tank or alternative request**

Please be advised that approval of this request does not relieve the operator of liability should operations result in pollution of surface water, ground water or the environment. Nor does approval relieve the operator of its responsibility to comply with any other applicable governmental authority's rules, regulations or ordinances.

1.  
Operator: Chevron USA Inc. OGRID #: 4323  
Address: 6301 Deauville Blvd., Midland, TX 79706  
Facility or well name: Javelina Unit 610 (610H, 611H, 612H, 507H, 508H)  
API Number: Pending OCD Permit Number: Facility ID: [fJMB2221536628]  
U/L or Qtr/Qtr B Section 10 Township 24S Range 31E County: Eddy  
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 32.23637 Longitude -103.76418 NAD83  
Surface Owner: ☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ Private ☐ Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

2.  
☒ **Pit:** Subsection F, G or J of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
Temporary: ☒ Drilling ☐ Workover  
☐ Permanent ☐ Emergency ☐ Cavitation ☐ P&A ☐ Multi-Well Fluid Management Low Chloride Drilling Fluid ☐ yes ☒ no  
☒ Lined ☐ Unlined Liner type: Thickness 40 mil ☐ LLDPE ☒ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ String-Reinforced  
Liner Seams: ☒ Welded ☐ Factory ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Volume: 1 x 17,900 bbl, 1 x 10,800 bbl Dimensions: L 291 ft x W 196 ft x D 8 ft

3.  
☐ **Below-grade tank:** Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
Volume: \_\_\_\_\_ bbl Type of fluid: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tank Construction material: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Secondary containment with leak detection ☐ Visible sidewalls, liner, 6-inch lift and automatic overflow shut-off  
☐ Visible sidewalls and liner ☐ Visible sidewalls only ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Liner type: Thickness \_\_\_\_\_ mil ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

6.

**Netting:** Subsection E of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (*Applies to permanent pits and permanent open top tanks*)☐ Screen ☐ Netting ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_☐ Monthly inspections (If netting or screening is not physically feasible)

7.

**Signs:** Subsection C of 19.15.17.11 NMAC☐ 12"x 24", 2" lettering, providing Operator's name, site location, and emergency telephone numbers☒ Signed in compliance with 19.15.16.8 NMAC

8.

**Variations and Exceptions:**

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

***Please check a box if one or more of the following is requested, if not leave blank:***☒ Variance(s): Requests must be submitted to the appropriate division district for consideration of approval. **See Variance Requests**☐ Exception(s): Requests must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

9.

**Siting Criteria (regarding permitting):** 19.15.17.10 NMAC***Instructions: The applicant must demonstrate compliance for each siting criteria below in the application. Recommendations of acceptable source material are provided below. Siting criteria does not apply to drying pads or above-grade tanks.*****General siting****Ground water is less than 25 feet below the bottom of a low chloride temporary pit or below-grade tank.**- ☐ NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; ☐ USGS; ☐ Data obtained from nearby wells☐ Yes ☐ No☒ NA**Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of a Temporary pit, permanent pit, or Multi-Well Fluid Management pit.**- ☒ NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; ☒ USGS; ☐ Data obtained from nearby wells☐ Yes ☒ No☐ NA**See Appendices A, B, Figure 7**Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended. **(Does not apply to below grade tanks)**☐ Yes ☒ No

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

**See Figures 2 & 7**Within the area overlying a subsurface mine. **(Does not apply to below grade tanks)**☐ Yes ☒ No

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

**See Figure 4**Within an unstable area. **(Does not apply to below grade tanks)**☐ Yes ☒ No

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

**See Figures 6, 8, 9, Appendix G**Within a 100-year floodplain. **(Does not apply to below grade tanks)**☐ Yes ☒ No

- FEMA map

**See Figure 3****Below Grade Tanks**

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

Within 200 horizontal feet of a spring or a private, domestic fresh water well used by less than five households for domestic or stock watering purposes, or 300 feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in existence at the time of the initial application.  
NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within 100 feet of a wetland.

- US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

☐ Yes ☐ No

### **Temporary Pit Non-low chloride drilling fluid**

Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or any other significant watercourse, or within 200 feet of any lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).

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

**See Figure 6**

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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

**See Figure 2**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Within 500 horizontal feet of a spring or a private, domestic fresh water well used by less than five households for domestic or stock watering purposes, or 1000 feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in the existence at the time of the initial application;

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

**See Appendices A, B, and Figures 1 & 2**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Within 300 feet of a wetland.

- US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

**See Figures 2, 5, & 6**

☐ Yes ☒ No

### **Permanent Pit or Multi-Well Fluid Management Pit**

Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse, or lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within 1000 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within 500 horizontal feet of a spring or a fresh water well used for domestic or stock watering purposes, in existence at the time of initial application.

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within 500 feet of a wetland.

- US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

☐ Yes ☐ No

10.

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

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

- ☐ Hydrogeologic Report (Below-grade Tanks) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (4) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
- ☒ Hydrogeologic Data (Temporary and Emergency Pits) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (2) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
- See Appendix C**
- ☒ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC **Attached**
- ☒ Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC **See Appendix D**
- ☒ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC **See Appendix E**
- ☒ Closure Plan (Please complete Boxes 14 through 18, if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC **See Appendix F**

☐ Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: \_\_\_\_\_ or Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

11.

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

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

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

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

13. **Proposed Closure:** 19.15.17.13 NMAC **See Appendix F**

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

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

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

- ☐ Protocols and Procedures - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
☐ Confirmation Sampling Plan (if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
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☐ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

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

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

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|---|--|
| Ground water is less than 25 feet below the bottom of the buried waste.<br>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells<br><b>See Appendices A &amp; B, and Figure 7</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> NA |
| Ground water is between 25-50 feet below the bottom of the buried waste<br>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells<br><b>See Appendices A &amp; B, and Figure 7</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> NA |
| Ground water is more than 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste.<br>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells<br><b>See Appendices A &amp; B, and Figure 7</b>   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> NA |
| Within 100 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse, lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).<br>- Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site<br><b>See Figure 6</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                |
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| Within 300 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring used for domestic or stock watering purposes, in existence at the time of initial application.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                |

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site <b>See Appendices A &amp; B, and Figure 7</b></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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OCD Representative Signature: Jaclyn Burdine Approval Date: 08/03/2022

Title: Environmental Specialist-A OCD Permit Number: Facility ID: [fJMB2221536628]

19.  
**Closure Report (required within 60 days of closure completion):** 19.15.17.13 NMAC

*Instructions: Operators are required to obtain an approved closure plan prior to implementing any closure activities and submitting the closure report. The closure report is required to be submitted to the division within 60 days of the completion of the closure activities. Please do not complete this section of the form until an approved closure plan has been obtained and the closure activities have been completed.*

☐ Closure Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

20.  
**Closure Method:**

- ☐ Waste Excavation and Removal ☐ On-Site Closure Method ☐ Alternative Closure Method ☐ Waste Removal (Closed-loop systems only)
- ☐ If different from approved plan, please explain.

21.

**Closure Report Attachment Checklist:** *Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure report. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.*

- ☐ Proof of Closure Notice (surface owner and division)
- ☐ Proof of Deed Notice (required for on-site closure for private land only)
- ☐ Plot Plan (for on-site closures and temporary pits)
- ☐ Confirmation Sampling Analytical Results (if applicable)
- ☐ Waste Material Sampling Analytical Results (required for on-site closure)
- ☐ Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number
- ☐ Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation
- ☐ Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique
- ☐ Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation)

On-site Closure Location: Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_ NAD: ☐ 1927 ☐ 1983

22.

**Operator Closure Certification:**

I hereby certify that the information and attachments submitted with this closure report is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also certify that the closure complies with all applicable closure requirements and conditions specified in the approved closure plan.

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_



**Siting Criteria Demonstration (19.15.17.10)**

Temporary Pit containing non-low chloride fluids

Javelina Unit 610 Pit

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### **Depth to Groundwater, 19.15.17.10.3(a)**

**Figure 7, Appendices A & B**, and the discussion presented below demonstrate that the groundwater within the broader area of the proposed site ranges from 66 to 868 feet near the proposed temporary pit.

**Figure 7** depicts the location of the pit relative to the locations of water wells within 5 miles of the pit for which water level data are available. Depth to water for the most recent, reliable measurement and the well identification number are shown adjacent to each well on **Figure 7**. The approximate boundary of the Pecos River Basin alluvial aquifer is located approximately 4.4 miles to the southwest of the Temporary Pit (**Figure 7**). Water well data, including gauging dates, are detailed in **Appendix A** (USGS) and **Appendix B** (NMOSE). Five water wells located within 5 miles of the temporary pit were gauged by USGS at 66 ft or more bgs.

- The nearest USGS-gauged water well to the pit location is located approximately 2.6 miles to the southwest and is likely completed in the Triassic Dockum Formation. In 2012, the water level was gauged at a depth of 74.4' bgs as reported in the USGS database.
- To west-southwest, a USGS-gauged water well is located approximately 3.2 miles from the proposed pit location and is completed in the Rustler Formation. In 1961, the water level was gauged at a depth of 367' bgs as reported in the USGS database.
- To the south, a USGS-gauged well is located approximately 3.6 miles away and is completed in the Rustler Formation. Water level was gauged at 740' bgs as reported in the USGS database.
- To the north-northeast, the nearest well is located approximately 2.40 miles away and is likely completed in the Alluvium and / or the Triassic Dockum. A water level of 100' bgs in 2012 is reported in the USGS database for this well.
- Another USGS-gauged well is located approximately 3.6 miles northwest of the proposed pit location. This well is reportedly completed in the Dewey Lake Redbeds but is likely completed in the Triassic Dockum and a water level of 139.9' bgs in 1972 was reported for this well in the USGS database.

Six water wells located within 5 miles of the temporary pit were gauged by NMOSE with reported water levels greater than 205 ft bgs.

- The nearest NMOSE water well to the pit location is located approximately 0.85 miles to the northeast and is likely completed in the Triassic Dockum Formation. A water level of 160' bgs was reported by the NMOSE for this well.
- Also to the northeast at a distance of approximately 1.1 miles, another water NMOSE-gauged water well is completed in the Triassic Dockum Formation. A water level of 205' bgs is reported in the NMOSE database.
- Farther to the northeast, an NMOSE well is located 2.9 miles away and appears to be completed in the Triassic Dockum Formation. Water level was reported at 430' bgs in the NMOSE database.

- A Triassic Dockum well is located approximately 4.5 miles southwest of the temporary pit with a reported water level of 400 feet in the NMOSE database.
- To the southeast, a NMOSE-gauged well is located approximately 2.0 miles away and appears to be completed in the Rustler Formation. A water level of 850' bgs is reported in the NMOSE database for this well.
- Another NMOSE well is shown approximately 2.1 miles southeast of the proposed pit location. This well appears to be completed in the Rustler Formation. A water level of 868 ft bgs is reported in the NMOSE database for this well.
- Other NMOSE database wells are located within 5 miles of the temporary pit but no water level data are reported.

The proposed temporary pit area and vicinity are underlain by recent eolian deposits consisting of drift sand a few feet in thickness and local occurrences of sand dunes (**Figure 9**). The eolian deposits are underlain by Pleistocene to recent alluvial deposits consisting of unconsolidated to partially consolidated sand, silt, gravel, clay and caliche. (Arcadis 2020). Alluvium thickness in this area appears to be approximately 100 feet or less. Triassic Dockum strata underlie the alluvium deposits and its thickness appears to be approximately 400 to 500 feet. The Dockum Group has been divided into three formations: lower red shale, siltstone, and very fine-grained sandstone called the Tecovas Formation (or Pierce Canyon redbeds); middle reddish-brown and gray sandstone called the Santa Rosa sandstone; and upper brick-red to maroon and purple shale with thin beds of fine red or gray sandstone and siltstone called the Chinle Formation.

A 2018 Geotechnical report was prepared based on five soil boring logs drilled in Section 11, approximately 4,000 feet southeast of the proposed temporary pit location (**Attachment 2**). Groundwater was not encountered in these borings.

#### **Proximity to Surface Water, 19.15.17.10.3(b)**

**Figure 6** visualizes USGS contour lines and the USGS National Hydrography Dataset (NHD). The map demonstrates that the location is not within 1,000 feet of a continuously flowing waterway course, any other significant watercourse or lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake.

- The nearest surface water feature (Pecos River) is approximately 13 miles west of the pit location.
- There are NHD features (ephemeral) approximately 1.8 miles west of the pit location.

#### **Proximity to Occupied Residences, Schools, Hospitals, Institutions or Churches, 19.15.17.10.3(c)**

The ESRI aerial imagery in **Figure 2** demonstrates that the location is not within 300 feet of occupied residences, schools, hospitals, institutions, or churches.

- There are no structures within 1,000 feet of the pit location.

#### **Proximity to springs and/or Domestic Freshwater Wells 19.15.17.10.3(d)**

No springs or domestic freshwater wells have been mapped within 300 ft of the pit locations.

#### **Proximity to Incorporated Municipal Boundaries and Fresh Water Well Fields 19.15.17.10.3(e)**

**Figure 1** demonstrates that the location is not within incorporated municipal boundaries or defined municipal fresh water well fields covered under a municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended.

- The closest municipality is the city of Malaga, approximately 18 miles to the west.

#### **Proximity to Wetlands, 19.15.17.10.3(f)**

Utilizing USFWS wetland data, **Figure 5** demonstrates that the proposed location is not located within 300 feet of a wetland.

#### **Proximity to Subsurface Mines, 19.15.17.10.3(g)**

Analysis of aerial imagery in the vicinity of the proposed temporary pit show that the nearest mines are all surficial caliche pits. There are no subsurface mines in the area as indicated in **Figure 4**.

#### **Proximity to Unstable Area, 19.15.17.10.3(h)**

**Figure 8** identifies the location of the proposed temporary pit with respect to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) mapped potential karst areas. The proposed Temporary Pit is mapped in a "Low Potential" karst area. The area lies near the northeast margin of the Delaware Basin. Bedrock cropping out beneath the proposed project area is comprised of the Triassic-aged Dockum Group. Underlying the Dockum Group are the Dewey Lake redbeds. Both of these formations are composed chiefly of clastic (insoluble), non-karst-forming rocks. Beneath these formations are Permian-aged rocks of the Rustler and Salado Formations. These rocks contain significant beds of halite (i.e., rock salt) and anhydrite, making them susceptible to karst formation. The top of the Rustler Formation in the proposed project area is approximately 800 feet below the land surface (Crowl et al. 2011<sup>1</sup>). Therefore, local karst potential is likely to be low. An Evaluation of Unstable Conditions is presented in Appendix G that details several lines of evidence in support of this position. In summary:

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<sup>1</sup> Crowl, W. J., D. E. Hulse, and G. Tucker, P.E., 2011. NI 43-101 Technical Report Prefeasibility Study for the Ochoa Project, Lea County, New Mexico. Prepared for IC Potash Corporation by Gustavsen and Associates, December 30, 2011, 301 p.

1. There are no dissolution features within 5-miles of the proposed location (**Figure 11**),
2. Karst forming strata are over ~1,000-feet deep beneath the proposed location (**Appendix G - Figure G.1**),
3. An Arcadis field survey of the area indicated no karst features were identified (**Attachment 1**),
4. Tetra Tech geotechnical report and boring log from the proposed two recycled water storage ponds site location did not indicate any karst potential (**Attachment 2**),
5. The Bureau of Land Management, Carlsbad Field Office prepared the Environmental Assessment (EA), document number - DOI-BLM-NM-2020-0972-EA, evaluating MarkWest Energy West Texas Gas Col., LLC. This EA did not identify karst as an issue that needed evaluation (**Attachment 3**).

In the unlikely event that a void occurs during construction or operation activities, all activities must stop immediately, and the BLM should then be contacted within 24 hours to devise the best management plan to protect the environment and human safety.

#### **Proximity to Floodplains, 19.15.17.10.3(i)**

The location is within an area that has not yet been mapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) with respect to the Flood Insurance Rate 100-Year Floodplain (**Figure 3**). In lieu of FEMA data, **Figure 10** visualizes the USDA – SSURGO Soils data for dominant flooding frequency condition. The Berino complex (BB) is not mapped as an area with any indication of flooding.

**Site Specific Information, Figures 1-11**

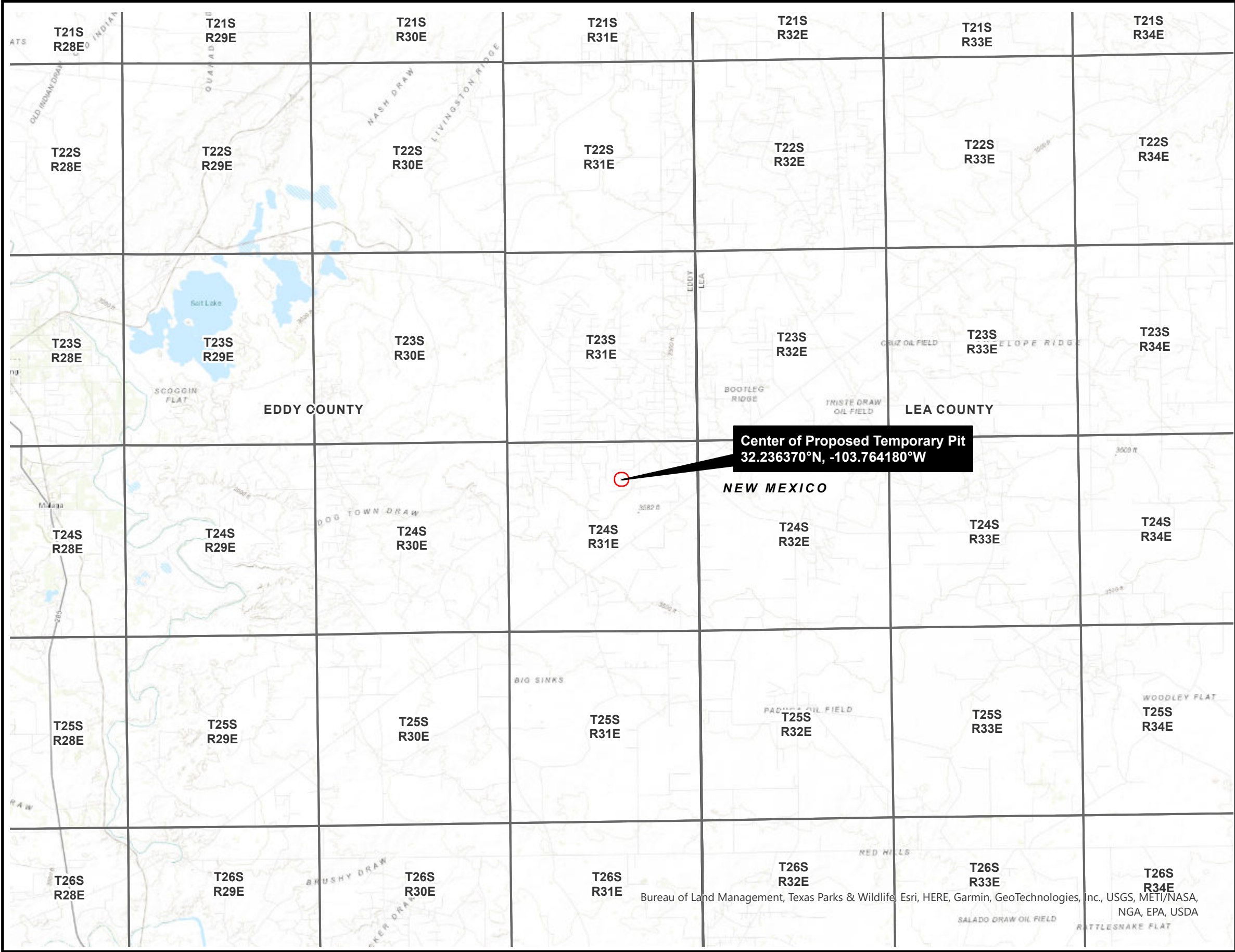
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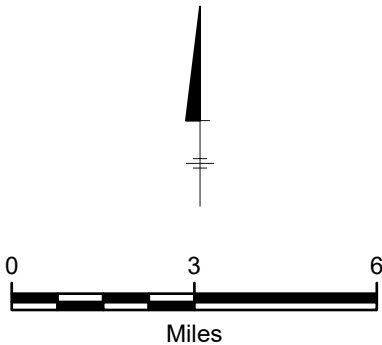


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LEGEND

- Proposed Temporary Pit
- 1,000 ft Buffer
- Townships



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VICINITY MAP

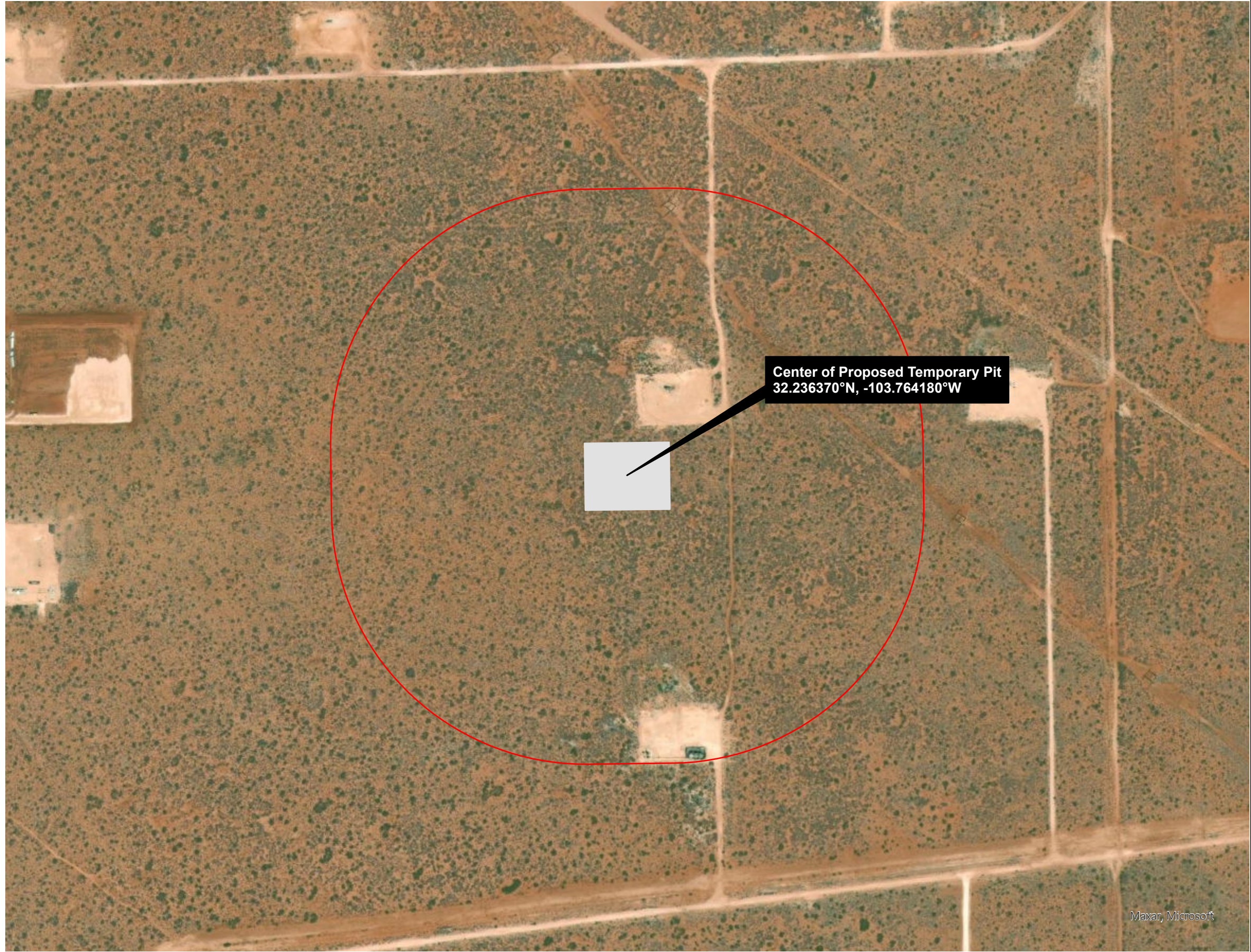
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FIGURE  
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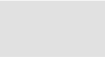

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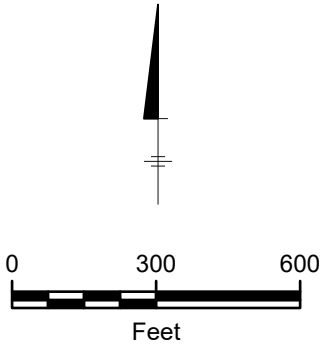


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**LEGEND**

-  Proposed Temporary Pit
-  1,000 ft Buffer



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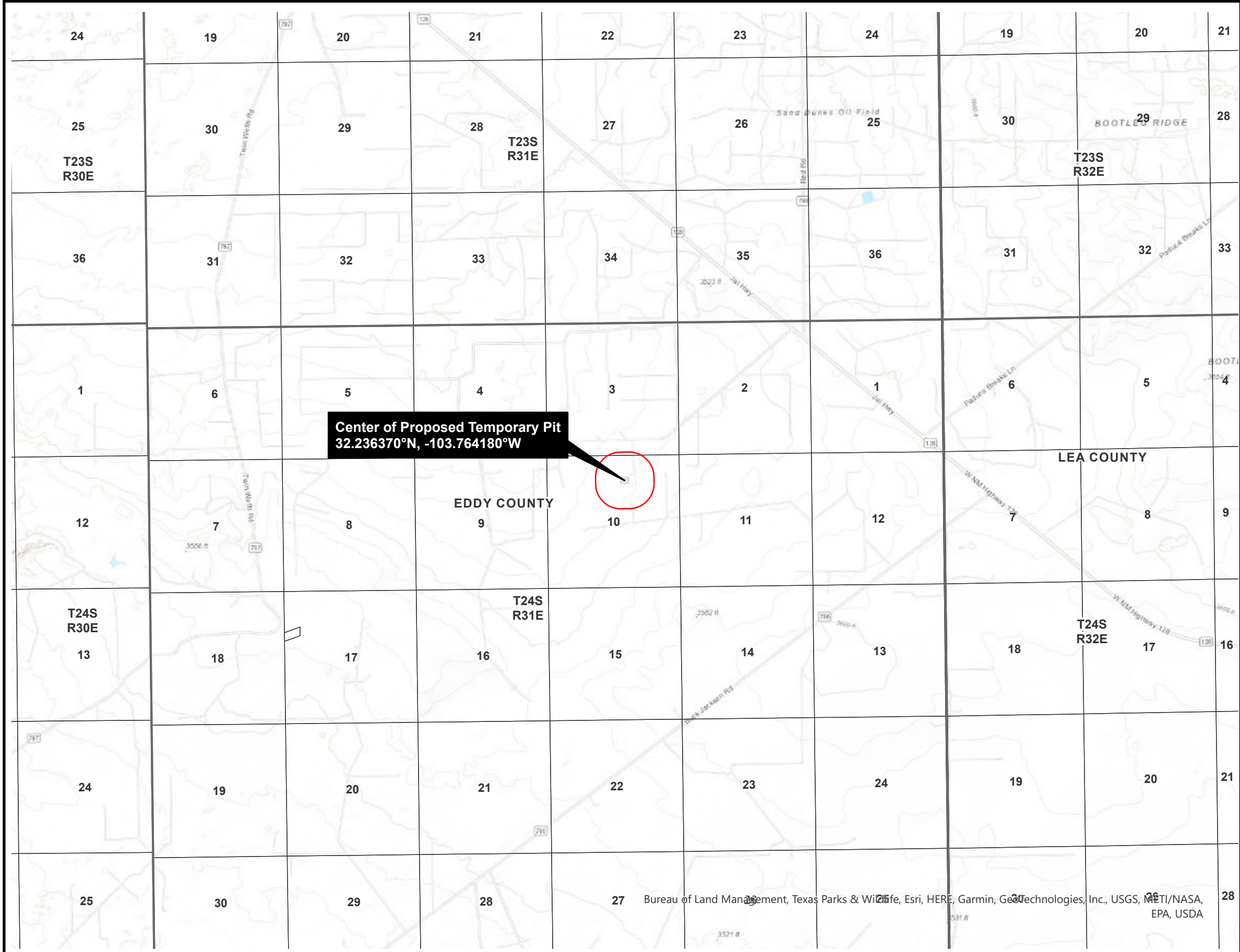
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FIGURE  
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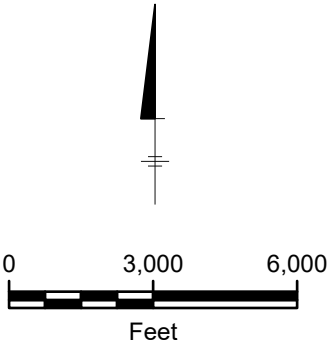
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LEGEND

- Proposed Temporary Pit
- 1,000 ft Buffer
- Townships
- Sections

NOTE:  
1. FLOODPLAIN DATA IS NOT AVAILAIBLE IN THIS MAP EXTENT.



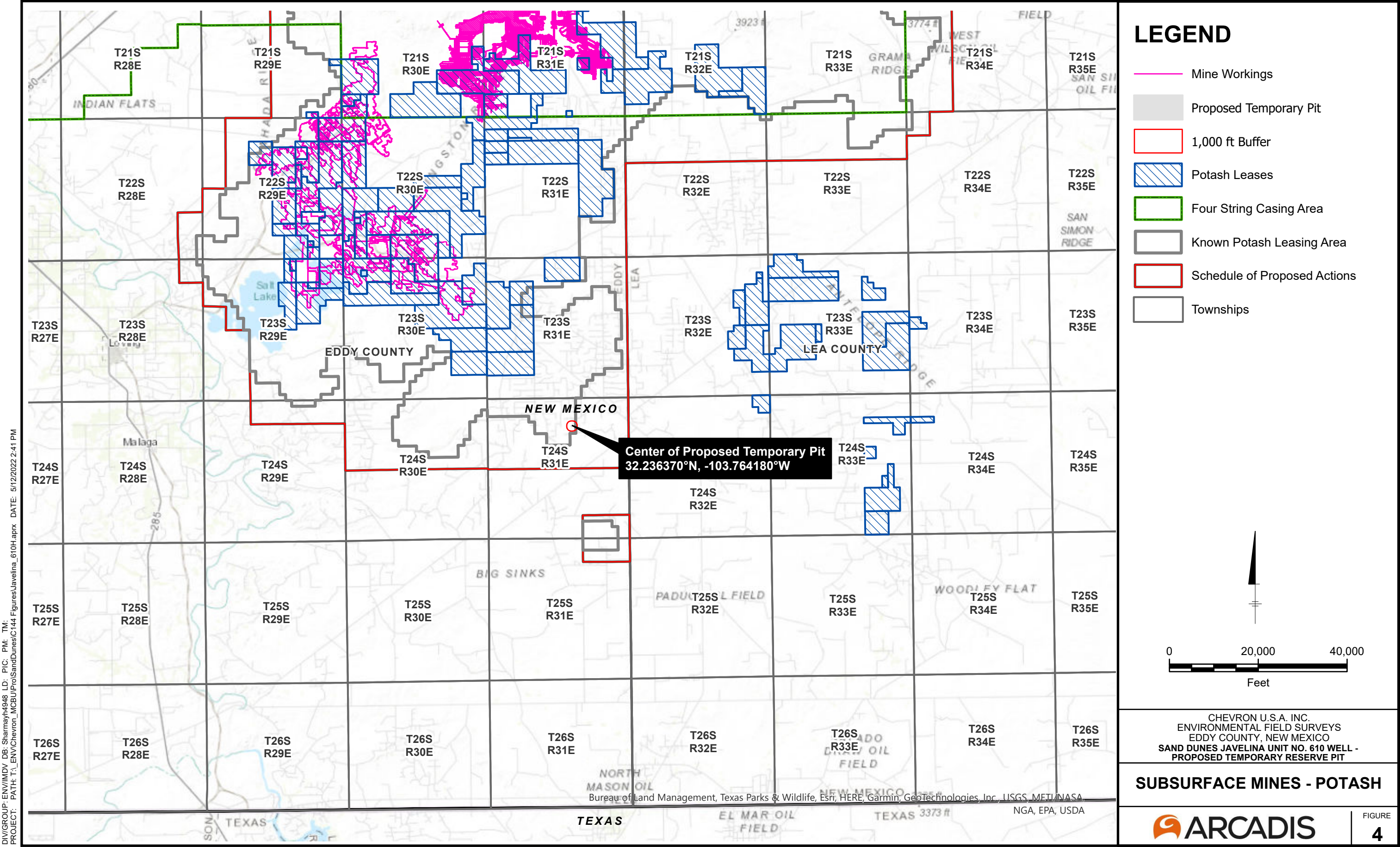
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FLOODPLAIN MAP



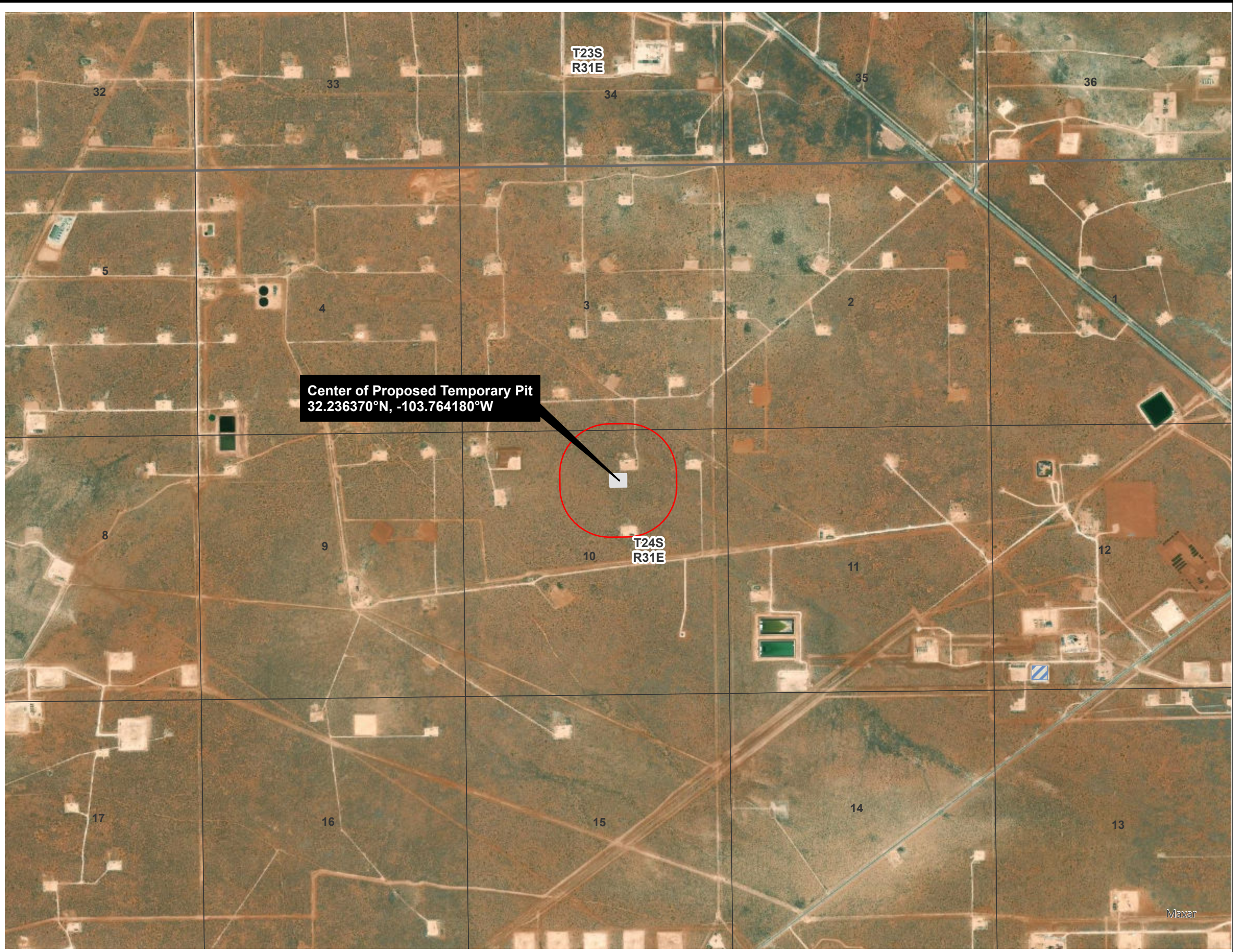
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








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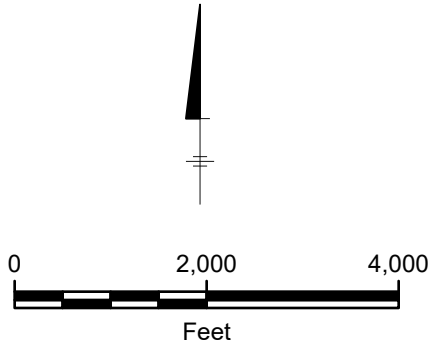


**LEGEND**

-  Proposed Temporary Pit
-  1,000 ft Buffer
-  Freshwater Pond
-  Townships
-  Sections

Notes:  
1. No Wetlands Data in Map Extent.  
2. USFWS - United States Fish and Wildlife Service  
3. NWI - National Wetlands Inventory

Data Source: USFWS NWI.



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**WETLANDS MAP**




FIGURE  
**5**



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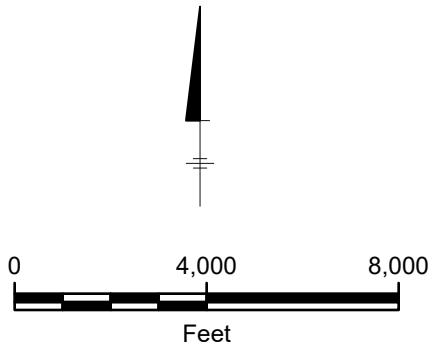


**LEGEND**

- Proposed Temporary Pit
- 1,000 ft Buffer
- Wash
- ArtificialPath
- StreamRiver
- USGS Contour Lines NM

Notes:  
1. USGS - United Geological Survey  
2. NHD - National Hydrography Dataset

Data Source: USGS NHD.



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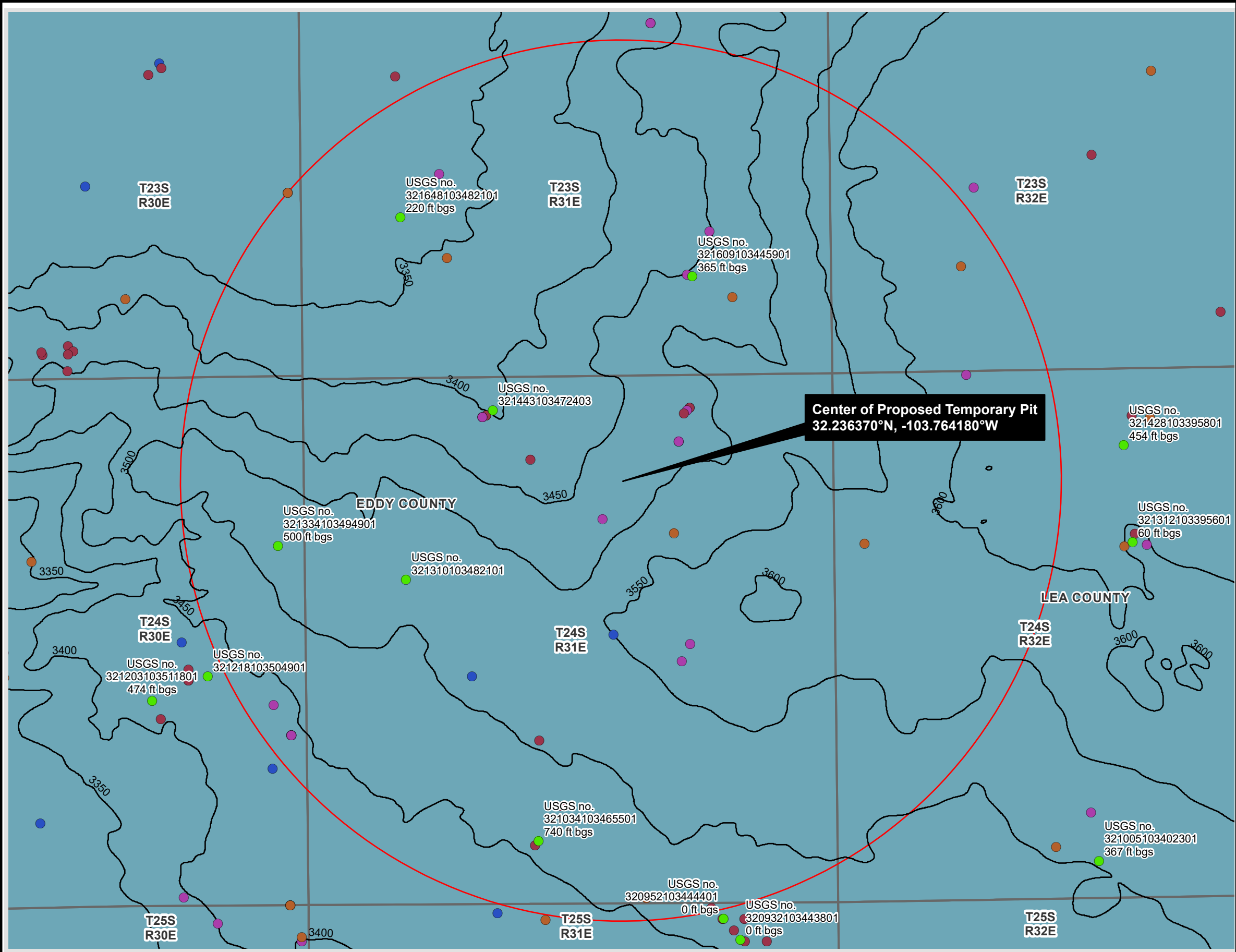
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FIGURE  
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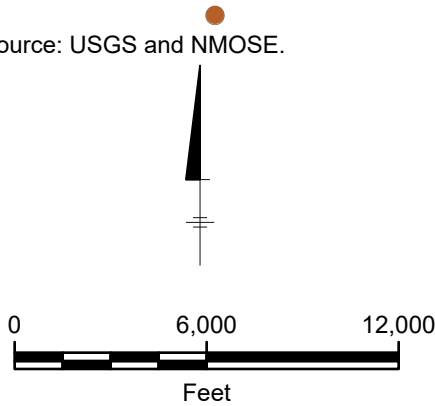


LEGEND

- USGS Contour Lines
- 5 Mile Buffer
- Townships
- USGS Groundwater Wells
- OSE POD Wells
  - Active
  - Pending
  - Plugged
  - Unknown
- Pecos River Basin Alluvial Aquifer

Notes:  
1. USGS - United States Geological Survey  
2. NMOSE - New Mexico Office of the State Engineer

Data Source: USGS and NMOSE.



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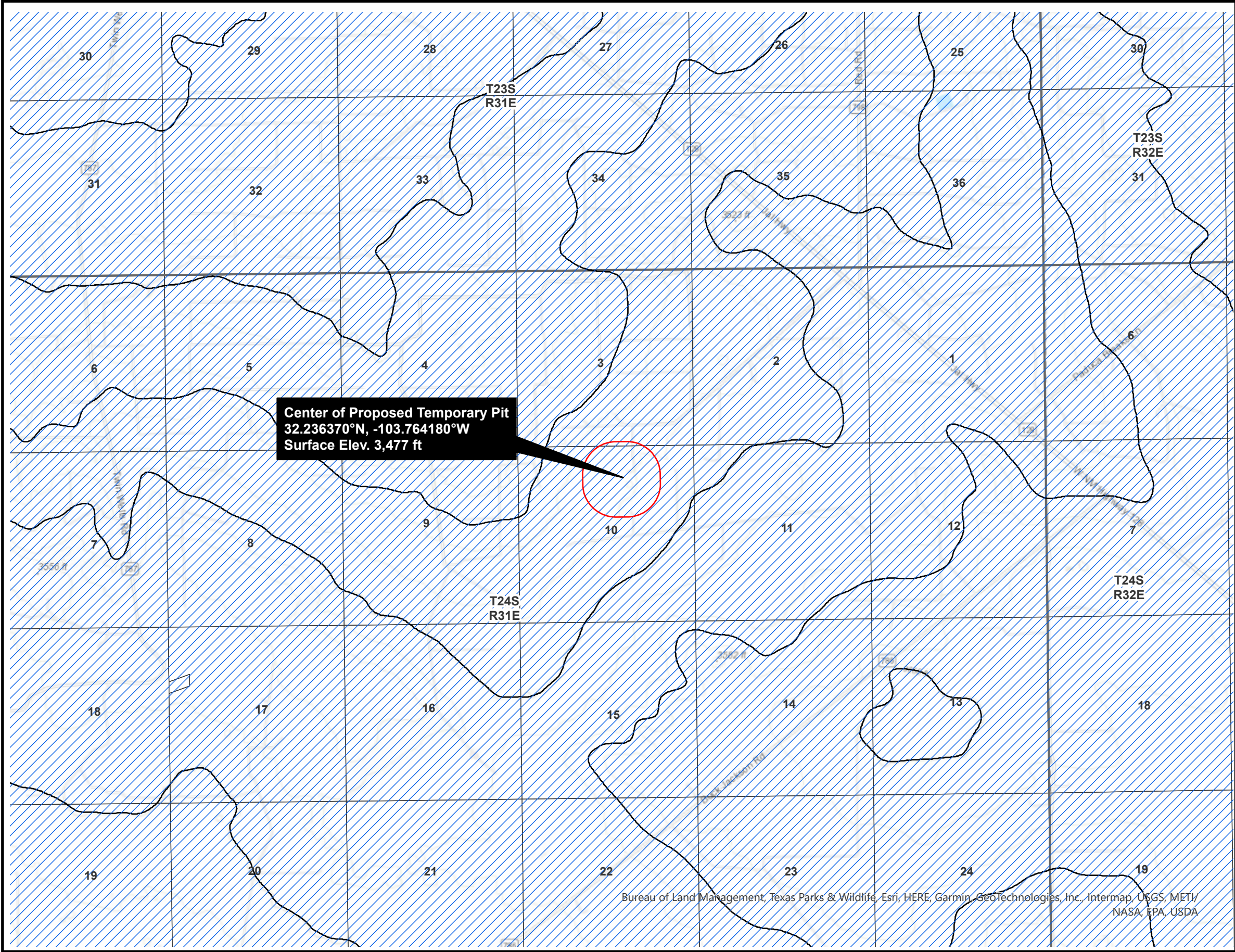
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USGS AND NMOSE  
GROUNDWATER WELLS

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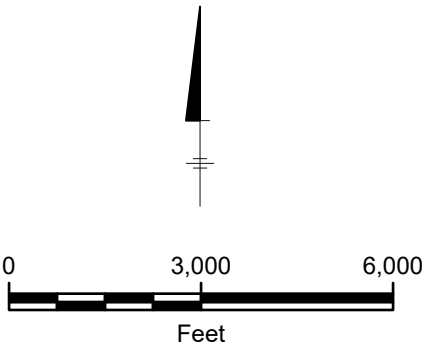
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LEGEND

- USGS Contour Lines NM
- 1,000 ft Buffer
- Townships
- Sections
- Karst Occurence Potential**
  - Low



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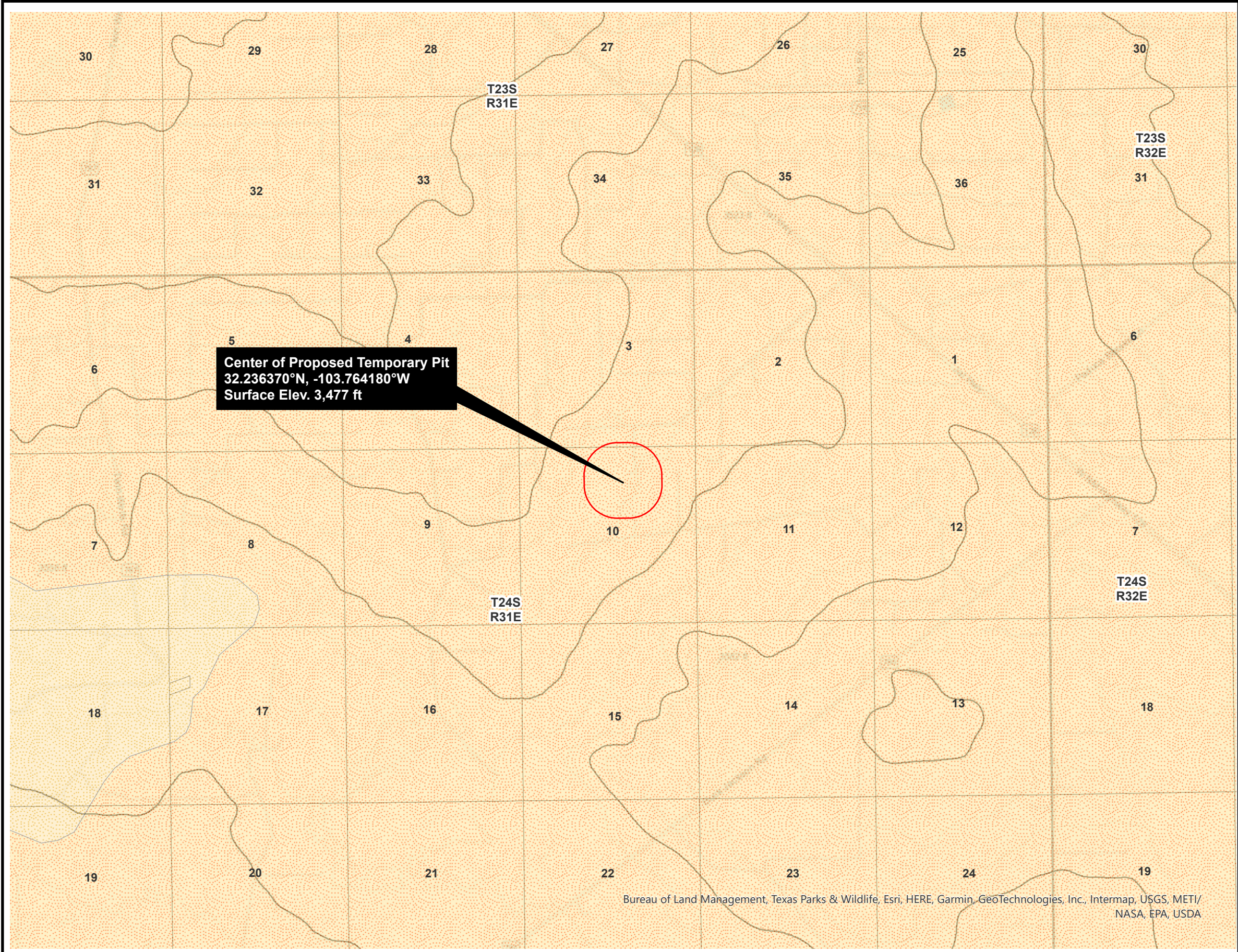


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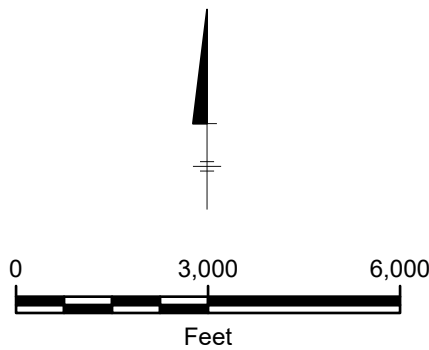
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**Geology**

Qe/Qp

Qp

Qe: Quaternary Eolian Deposits  
Qp: Quaternary Piedmont Deposits



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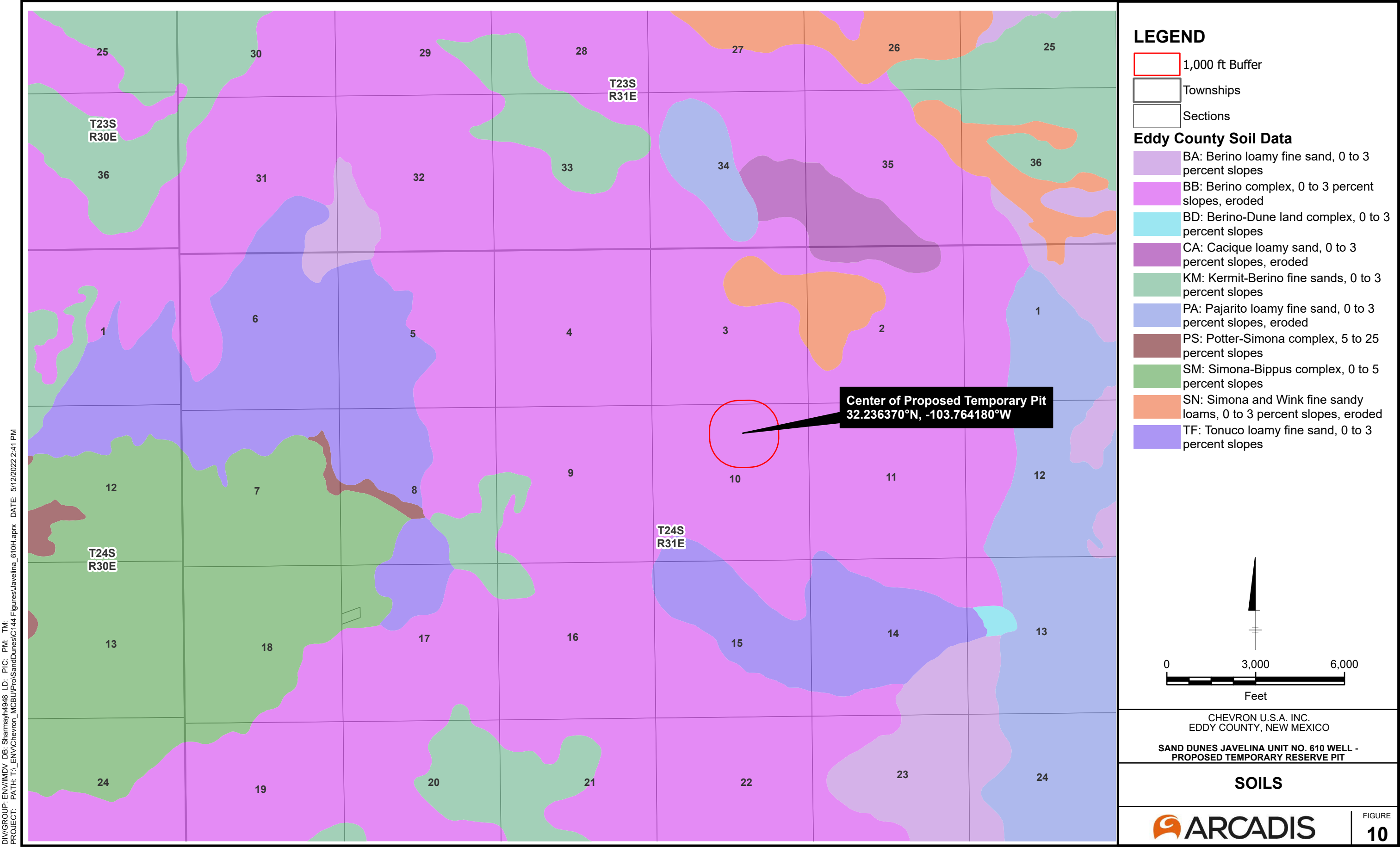
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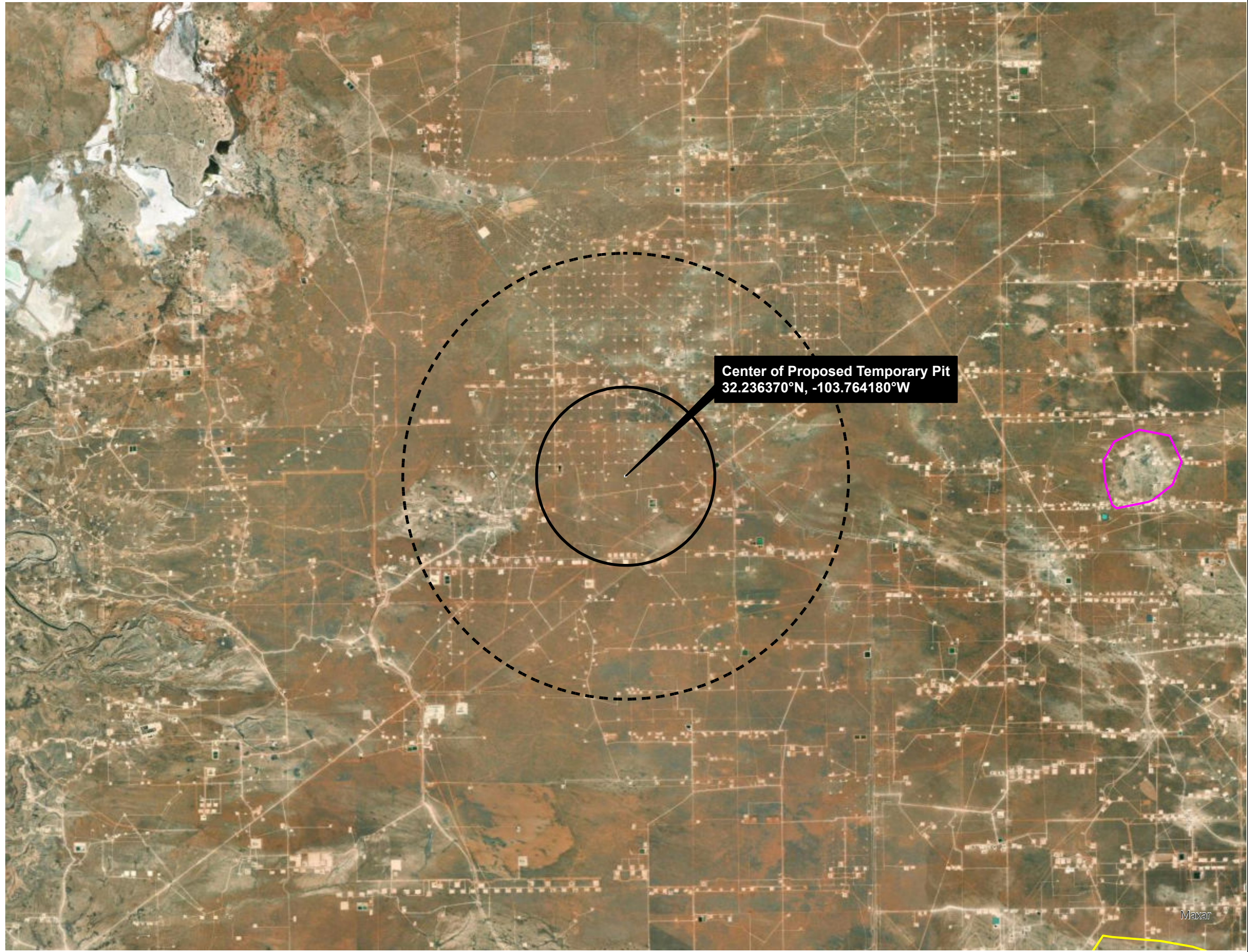
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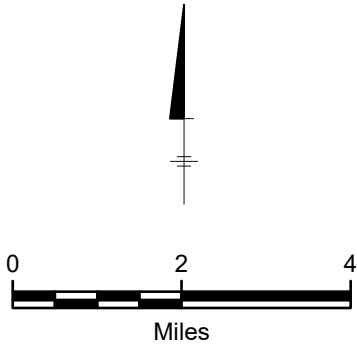


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**LEGEND**

- Proposed Temporary Pit
- Bell Lake Sink
- Area with Multiple Small Depressions
- 2 Mile Buffer
- 5 Mile Buffer



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**AERIAL IMAGERY OF  
DISSOLUTION FEATURES**

 **ARCADIS**

FIGURE  
**11**



### **Variance Requests**

Temporary Pit containing non-low chloride fluids

Javelina Unit 610 Pit

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**Variance Requests****Javelina Unit 610 (610H, 611H, 612H, 507H, 508H)****Temporary Pit****Variance Request 1 of 2 – Extension of Closure Timeline for Temporary Pit****Reason for the requested variance**

The Operator wishes to standardize closure practices and procedures across all active development areas where Temporary Pits are used. A closure timeline extension allows for improved flexibility in managing closure operations and would improve efficiency by allowing the closure of multiple pits during a single campaign.

The closure timeline is stated with the definition of a Temporary Pit, in that a pit *“must be closed within six months from the date the operator releases the drilling or workover rig from the first well using the pit”*.

For purposes of this variance, the Operator proposes a timeline based on the date of the first occurrence of Rig Down Move Out (RDMO). RDMO is defined as the activity when the drilling rig is moved off location. Typically, RDMO occurs after the completion of drilling the last well on the pad. On pads where the Operator plans to return to the pad, multiple RDMO dates occur. This variance does not consider subsequent RDMO affecting the closure timeline dates after the first RDMO. The Operator proposes dewatering the pit within 30 days of RDMO and proposes closing the pits within 1 year of RDMO.

The Operator uses a batch drilling process for drilling multiple wells on a single pad. The common procedure is to drill all the surface hole sections first followed by intermediate hole sections and finally production hole sections. The drilling rig skid moves to the next well without performing rig down activities when batch drilling. For the proposed four-well pad, the rig drills surfaces in the order of wells one to four, then intermediates in the order of wells four to one, and finally productions in the order of one to four. Note that specific orders may change based off well design and location specific factors, but the process of skidding and batch drilling is consistent throughout.

If the Operator ceases operations before drilling is complete and the rig is moved off the pad location, this constitutes a RDMO date and the 1-year closure criteria is based off the earliest RDMO date.

The Operator may utilize a shallow rig for drilling of only the surface and/or intermediate hole sections, if permitted to do so. The rig down and move out of the shallow rig does not constitute an RDMO date if the larger rig intending to drill production holes arrives within 3 months.

**Demonstration that the variance will provide equal or better protection of fresh water, public health and the environment.**

In order to uphold the Operator's commitment to people and the environment, the following assurances will be provided in excess of the baseline requirements of 19.15.17 NMAC.

- The Operator will dewater the Temporary Pit within 30 days after RDMO.
- The Operator will utilize a 40-mil HDPE liner, as proposed in **Variance 2**.
- No fluid will be stored in the pit for any purpose after the completion of drilling activities other than in the event of emergency actions as described in 19.15.17.14 NMAC.
- The pits will be visually inspected on a monthly basis between RDMO and closure.
- If fluid is seen in the pit during inspection, then the Operator will mobilize equipment to have the pits drained within 7 days.
- The operator will maintain a fence around the perimeter of the pits and ensure it remains in good repair until closure.

**Variance Request 2 of 2 – Proposed Use of High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Liner for Temporary Pit in lieu of Linear Low-Density Polyethylene (LLDPE) Liner****Memorandum**

To: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD)

From: Chevron MCBU - Facilities Engineering Group

Subject: Variance Request for Use of HDPE Liner Material for Temporary Reserve Pits in New Mexico

Date: 7/23/2020

Chevron requests a variance to NMAC 19.15.17.11 (F) for use of high-density polyethylene (HDPE) geomembrane for the lining of temporary drilling reserve pits. HDPE is a preferred material which Chevron will install during drilling reserve pit construction. Chevron will utilize an HDPE geomembrane which offers equal or better performance than a typically available 20-mil string reinforced linear low-density polyethylene (LLDPE) material detailed in 19.15.17.11 (F), NMAC. An HDPE liner of equivalent thickness or greater than the 20-mil LLDPE will be installed. The following are considered in the design for implementation of the HDPE material to ensure the product is an equivalent, to the LLDPE material described, for temporary reserve drilling pits in New Mexico.

- An HDPE liner that has a thickness of less than 30-mils will be installed in a reserve pit as a shop-fabricated, extruded liner, and will not be field welded. Only HDPE liners of 30-mils in thickness or greater will be field welded for use in the temporary reserve pits.
- HDPE has lower permeability compared to LLDPE. This provides high barrier protection for soils during drilling operations and usage of the pits.
- HDPE may be installed with an underlying geotextile or similar material to provide additional protection from puncture or stress cracking. The subgrade for the liner system will be screened of deleterious materials and rocks and will be suitable for the liner installation. The use of geotextile or similar material will be evaluated on a specific case-by-case basis by Chevron.
- The HDPE liner used in Chevron's temporary reserve pits will have an equivalent or higher tear resistance and puncture resistance than that of a typical 20-mil string reinforced liner.
- HDPE material properties and liner has improved UV resistance to degradation when compared to LLDPE. This allows for extended life and improved long-term durability in pit liner applications.

All requirements for temporary pits' design and construction will be met in accordance with NMAC 19.15.17.11 and liner compatibility will comply with EPA SW-846 Method 9090A. Any requirements that may not be able to be adequately addressed, will be addressed under a separate variance request on a case-by-case basis.

*Disclaimer: Tetra Tech, Inc. has not evaluated the full design of temporary reserve pits for Chevron and is not involved in the construction or operation of Chevron's lined, temporary reserve pits. Chevron understands that they will ensure that specific pit designs meet the criteria and intent of the NMAC and applicable codes for each pit location and construction.*



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## TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

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PROPERTY	TEST METHOD	FREQUENCY <sup>(1)</sup>	UNIT Imperial	
<b>SPECIFICATIONS</b>				
Thickness (min. avg.)	ASTM D5199	Every roll	mils	40.0
Thickness (min.)	ASTM D5199	Every roll	mils	36.0
Melt Index - 190/2.16 (max.)	ASTM D1238	1/Batch	g/10 min	1.0
Sheet Density (8)	ASTM D792	Every 10 rolls	g/cc	≥ 0.940
Carbon Black Content	ASTM D4218	Every 2 rolls	%	2.0 - 3.0
Carbon Black Dispersion	ASTM D5596	Every 10 rolls	Category	Cat. 1 & Cat. 2
OIT - standard (avg.)	ASTM D3895	1/Batch	min	100
Tensile Properties (min. avg) (2)	ASTM D6693	Every 2 rolls		
Strength at Yield			ppi	88
Elongation at Yield			%	13
Strength at Break			ppi	162
Elongation at Break			%	700
Tear Resistance (min. avg.)	ASTM D1004	Every 5 rolls	lbf	28
Puncture Resistance (min. avg.)	ASTM D4833	Every 5 rolls	lbf	80
Dimensional Stability	ASTM D1204	Certified	%	± 2
Stress Crack Resistance (SP-NCTL)	ASTM D5397	1/Batch Per	hr	500
Oven Aging - % retained after 90 days	ASTM D5721	formulation		
HP OIT (min. avg.)	ASTM D5885		%	80
UV Res. - % retained after 1600 hr	ASTM D7238	Per formulation		
HP-OIT (min. avg.)	ASTM D5885		%	50
Low Temperature Brittleness	ASTM D746	Certified	°F	- 106
<b>SUPPLY SPECIFICATIONS</b> (Roll dimensions may vary ±1%)				

## NOTES

1. Testing frequency based on standard roll dimension and one batch is approximately 180,000 lbs (or one railcar).
2. Machine Direction (MD) and Cross Machine Direction (XMD or TD) average values should be on the basis of 5 specimens each direction.
8. Correlation table is available for ASTM D792 vs ASTM D1505. Both methods give the same results.

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<b>SPECIFICATIONS</b>				
Nominal Thickness		-	mils	40
Thickness (min. avg.)	ASTM D5994	Every roll	mils	38.0
Lowest ind. for 8 out of 10 values			mils	36.0
Lowest ind. for 10 out of 10 values			mils	34.0
Asperity Height (min. avg.) (3)	ASTM D7466	Every roll	mils	16
Textured side		-		Top
Melt Index - 190/2.16 (max.)	ASTM D1238	1/Batch	g/10 min	1.0
Sheet Density (8)	ASTM D792	Every 10 rolls	g/cc	≥ 0.940
Carbon Black Content	ASTM D4218	Every 2 rolls	%	2.0 - 3.0
Carbon Black Dispersion	ASTM D5596	Every 10 rolls	Category	Cat. 1 & Cat. 2
OIT - standard (avg.)	ASTM D3895	1/Batch	min	100
Tensile Properties (min. avg) (2)	ASTM D6693	Every 2 rolls		
Strength at Yield			ppi	88
Elongation at Yield			%	13
Strength at Break			ppi	88
Elongation at Break			%	150
Tear Resistance (min. avg.)	ASTM D1004	Every 5 rolls	lbf	30
Puncture Resistance (min. avg.)	ASTM D4833	Every 5 rolls	lbf	90
Dimensional Stability	ASTM D1204	Certified	%	± 2
Stress Crack Resistance (SP-NCTL)	ASTM D5397	1/Batch Per	hr	500
Oven Aging - % retained after 90 days	ASTM D5721	formulation		
HP OIT (min. avg.)	ASTM D5885		%	80
UV Res. - % retained after 1600 hr	ASTM D7238	Per formulation		
HP-OIT (min. avg.)	ASTM D5885		%	50
Low Temperature Brittleness	ASTM D746	Certified	°F	- 106
<b>SUPPLY SPECIFICATIONS</b> (Roll dimensions may vary ±1%)				

## NOTES

1. Testing frequency based on standard roll dimension and one batch is approximately 180,000 lbs (or one railcar).
2. Machine Direction (MD) and Cross Machine Direction (XMD or TD) average values should be on the basis of 5 specimens each direction.
3. Lowest individual and 8 out of 10 readings as per GRI-GMI3 / 17, latest version.
8. Correlation table is available for ASTM D792 vs ASTM D1505. Both methods give the same results.

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## **Appendix A**

United States Geological Survey  
Groundwater Data



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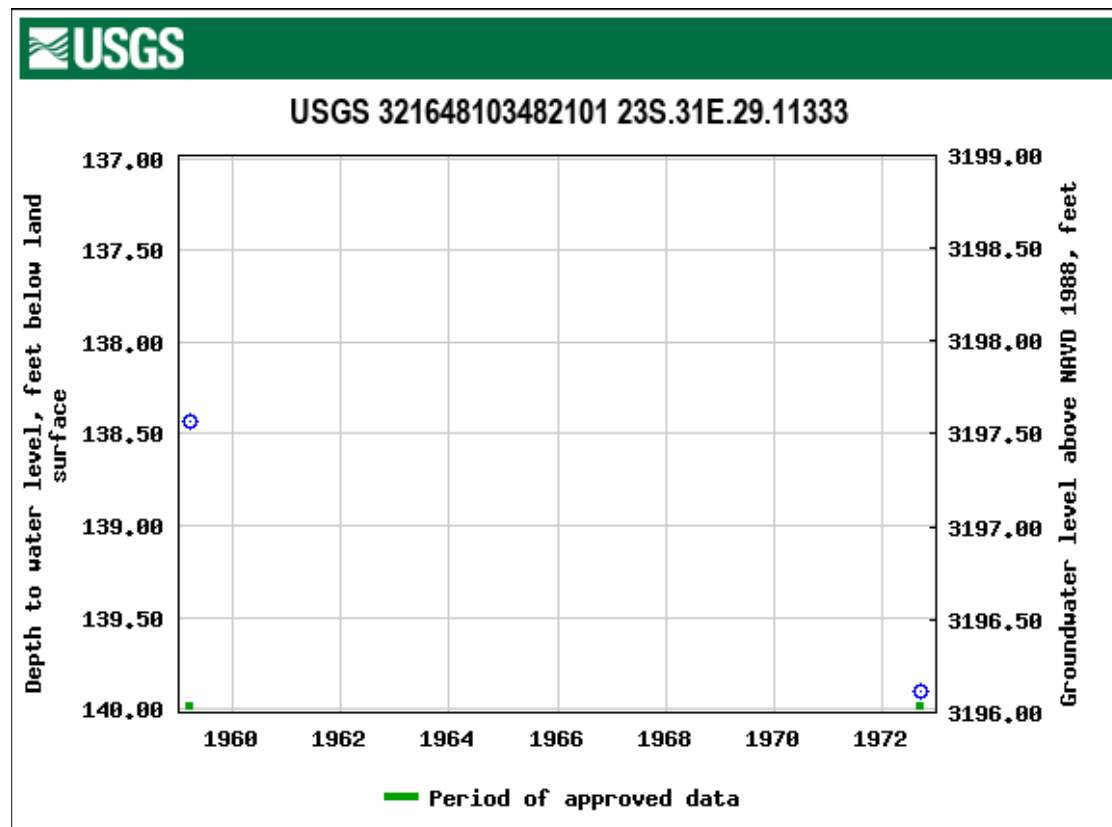
Eddy County, New Mexico, Hydrologic Unit 13060011

Well depth: 220 feet

Land surface altitude: 3,336 feet above NAVD88.

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Well completed in "Dewey Lake Redbeds" (312DYLK) local aquifer



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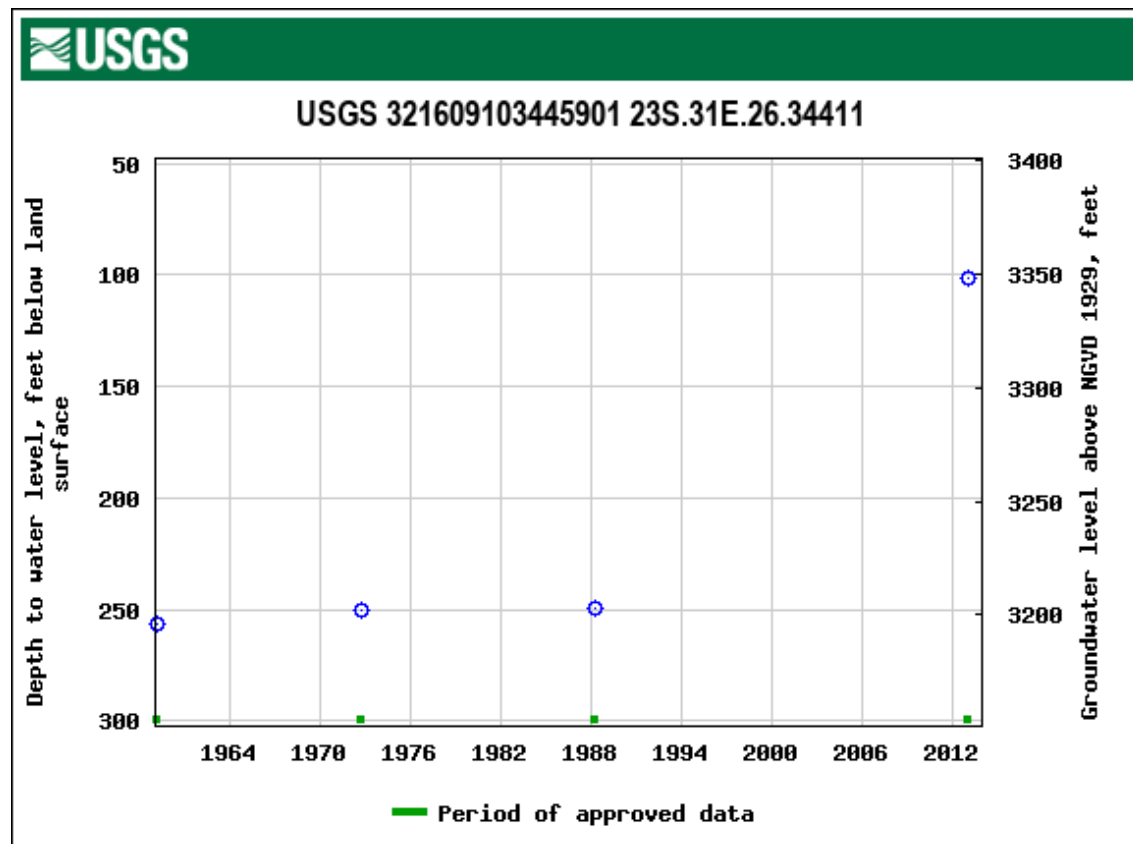
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Well depth: 365 feet

Land surface altitude: 3,451.00 feet above NGVD29.

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Well completed in "Dewey Lake Redbeds" (312DYLK) local aquifer.

**USGS 321443103472403 24S.31E.04.1341 H-9C****DESCRIPTION:**

Latitude 32°14'53", Longitude 103°47'18" NAD27

Eddy County, New Mexico, Hydrologic Unit 13060011

Well depth: not determined.

Land surface altitude: 3,397 feet above NGVD29.

Well completed in "Other aquifers" (N9999OTHER) national aquifer.

Well completed in "Rustler Formation, Unnamed Lower Member" (312RSLRL) local aquifer

\*No graph available

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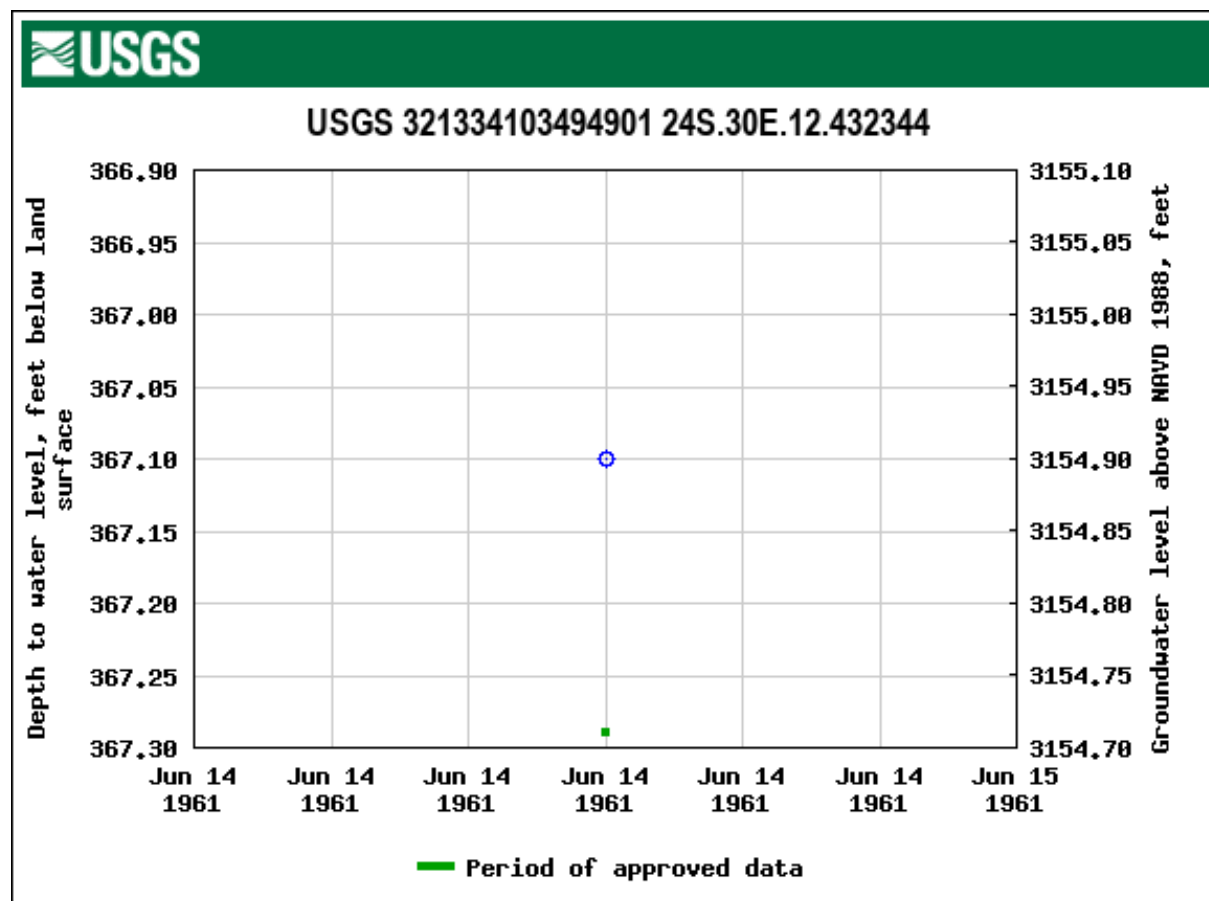
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Well depth: 500 feet

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Well completed in "Other aquifers" (N9999OTHER) national aquifer.

Well completed in "Rustler Formation" (312RSLR) local aquifer.



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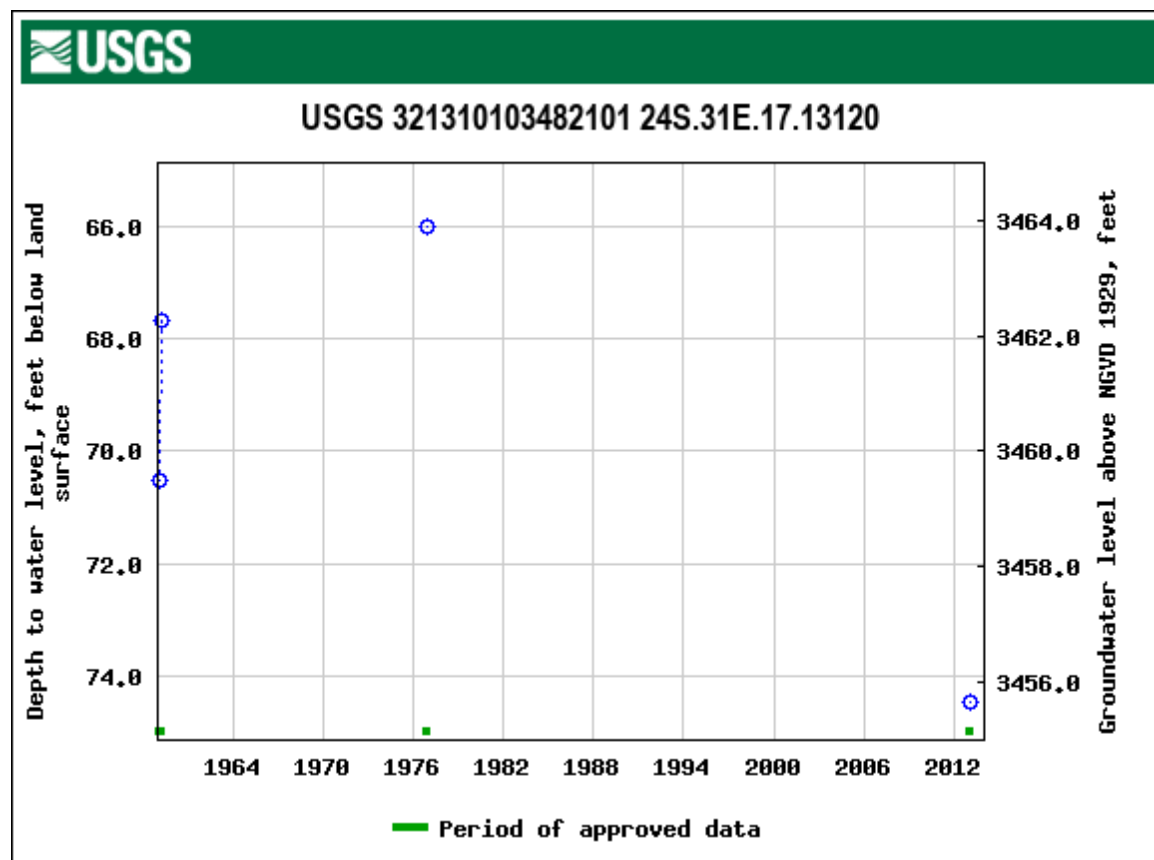
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Well depth: not determined.

Land surface altitude: 3,530.00 feet above NGVD29.

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Well completed in "Alluvium, Bolson Deposits and Other Surface Deposits" (110AVMB) local aquifer.



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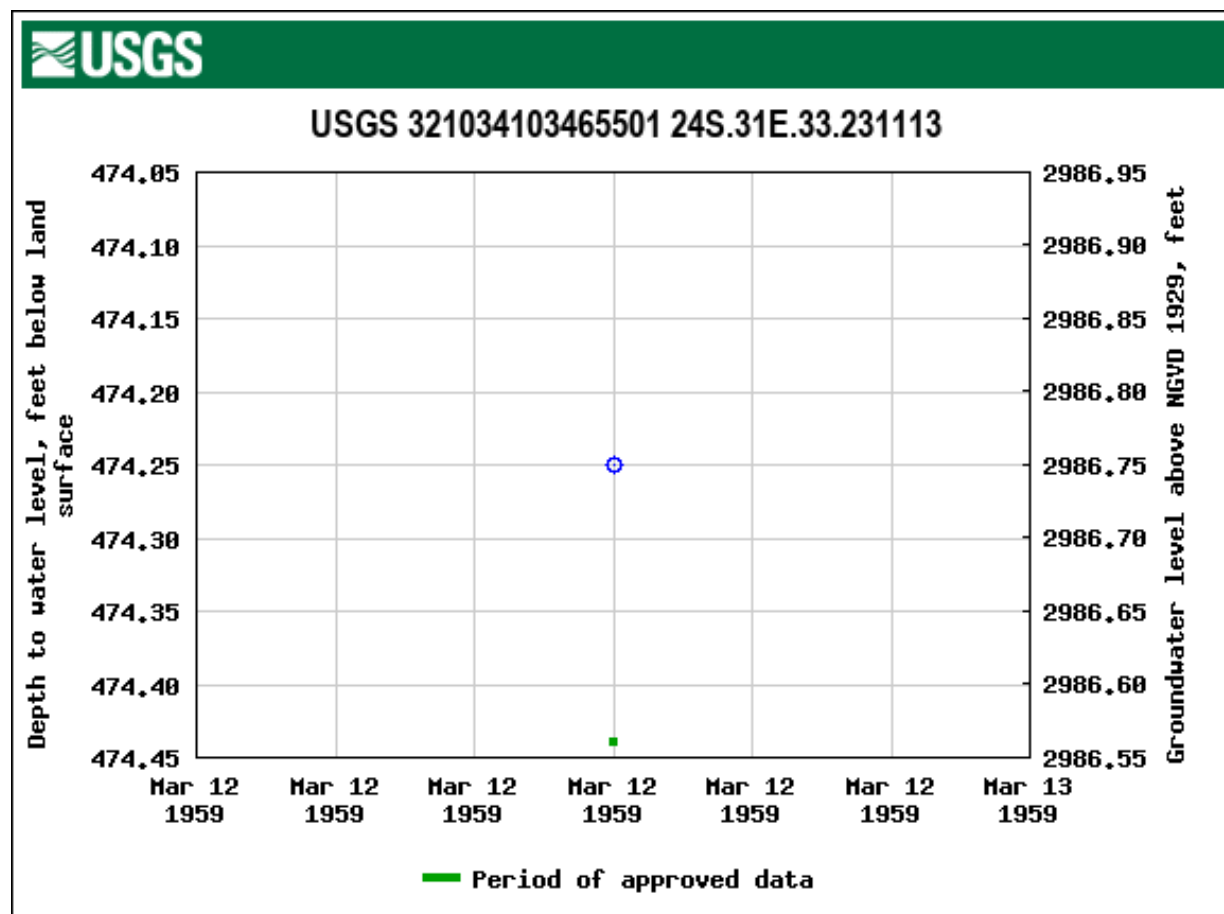
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Well depth: 740 feet

Land surface altitude: 3,461.00 feet above NGVD29.

Well completed in "Other aquifers" (N9999OTHER) national aquifer.

Well completed in "Rustler Formation" (312RSLR) local aquifer.



## **Appendix B**

New Mexico Office of the State Engineer

Water Column/Average Depth to Water Data



# New Mexico Office of the State Engineer

## Water Column/Average Depth to Water

(A CLW##### in the POD suffix indicates the POD has been replaced & no longer serves a water right file.)

(R=POD has been replaced,  
O=orphaned,  
C=the file is closed)

(quarters are 1=NW 2=NE 3=SW 4=SE)

(quarters are smallest to largest)

(NAD83 UTM in meters)

(In feet)

POD Number	POD Sub-Code	basin	County	Q 64	Q 16	Q 4	Sec	Tws	Rng	X	Y	Distance	Depth Well	Depth Water	Water Column
<a href="#">C 02440</a>	C	ED		2	3	10	24S	31E		616103	3566599*	797	350		
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<a href="#">C 02460 POD2</a>	C	ED			3	02	24S	31E		617496	3568022*	1302	320		
<a href="#">C 02464</a>	C	ED		2	3	1	02	24S	31E	617645	3568581	1766	320	205	115
<a href="#">C 02405</a>	CUB	ED		4	1	02	24S	31E		617690	3568631*	1833	275	160	115
<a href="#">C 02661</a>	CUB	ED		3	3	1	04	24S	31E	613969	3568485*	2668	708		
<a href="#">C 02785</a>	CUB	ED		3	3	1	04	24S	31E	613969	3568485*	2668	692		
<a href="#">C 02783</a>	CUB	ED		3	3	1	04	24S	31E	613911	3568461	2711	708		
<a href="#">C 02783 POD2</a>	CUB	ED		3	3	1	04	24S	31E	613911	3568461	2711	672		
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<a href="#">C 02258</a>	C	ED			3	2	26	23S	31E	618055	3571853*	4807	662		
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<a href="#">C 02954 EXPL</a>	CUB	ED		3	1	4	20	23S	31E	613114	3572906*	6449	905		
<a href="#">C 04636 POD1</a>	CUB	ED		3	4	3	25	24S	31E	619200	3561279	6688			
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\*UTM location was derived from PLSS - see Help




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(In feet)

POD Number	POD Sub-Code	basin	County	Q 64	Q 16	Q 4	Sec	Tws	Rng	X	Y	Distance	Depth Well	Depth Water	Water Column
<a href="#">C 02574</a>	CUB		ED	1	1	2	02	25S	31E	618092	3559494*	 8035			

Average Depth to Water: **251 feet**

Minimum Depth: **0 feet**

Maximum Depth: **868 feet**

Record Count: 27

**Basin/County Search:**

**County:** Eddy

**UTMNAD83 Radius Search (in meters):**

**Easting (X):** 616382.31

**Northing (Y):** 3567345.72

**Radius:** 8045

\*UTM location was derived from PLSS - see Help

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WATER COLUMN/ AVERAGE  
DEPTH TO WATER

## **Appendix C – Hydrogeologic Data**

Temporary Pit containing non-low chloride fluids

Javelina Unit 610 Pit

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### **Sand Dunes 610**

#### **Temporary Pit**

#### **Topography and Surface Hydrology**

The location of the proposed temporary pit is in Eddy County, New Mexico between the Mescalero Ridge and the Pecos River in the Pecos Valley section of the Great Plains physiographic province. The pit lies at an elevation of 3,450 feet above sea level and the relatively flat to gentle sloping terrain with many shallow depressions, but no well-established drainages (**Figure 7**).

Surface water within the proposed pit area is affected naturally by the shallow geology, precipitation, and some water erosion. The area is located in the semi-arid southwest near the northern edge of the Chihuahuan Desert. The climate is characterized by low annual precipitation, low humidity, and high average annual temperature and ranges from dry subhumid to arid. Precipitation is quite variable both regionally and seasonally and averages about 12 inches or less annually with the greatest rainfall occurring as monsoonal storms during the summer months. The area is situated at the southwest edge of the Great Plains dust-bowl area and is sometimes subjected to severe windstorms (Nicholson and Clebsch 1961).

Southeastern Eddy County, including the proposed pit area, lies within the Lower Pecos River Basin. The major stream in this Basin is the Pecos River, which is located approximately 12 miles to the west in southeastern Eddy County. Surface water in the Lower Pecos River Basin comes from three main sources: inflow from the Upper Pecos River Basin, flood inflow from storm events, and groundwater base inflow.

Anthropogenic activities that currently affect surface water resources in the proposed pit area include livestock grazing management and oil and gas development. No draws or other well-established drainage features occur in the proposed pit area and no drainages were observed during a field survey (Arcadis 2021).

#### **Soils**

The soil complex mapped within the survey area is the Berino Complex (BB) and is described further in the following table. A map depicting the soils mapped within the area is provided in **Figure 10**.

Table 1 Soils Within the Survey Area

Soil Abbreviation and Name	Slope	Soil Type
BB – Berino Complex	0 to 3 percent slope	Deep

### Loamy Sand Soil Type Description

All the soils within the survey area are classified as loamy sand soils. These loamy sand soils consist of the Berino. These soils are typically moderately deep or very deep soils that consist of loamy sand underlain by fine sands. Slopes range from 0 to 3 percent within these loamy sand soils. If these soils are unprotected by plant cover, they are easily wind blown into low hummocks. These soils have rapid permeability and are well drained. These soils support grassland vegetative communities dominated by species such as sand bluestem, yellow Indiangrass, black grama, dropseed species, and little bluestem. Dominant shrub species observed within these soils were creosote bush (*Larrea tridentate*), mesquite (*Prosopis glandulosa*), rubber rabbitbrush (*Ericameria nauseosa*), and yucca sp. (*Yucca sp.*). The annual grasses and forbs population will fluctuate with the variation of amount of rainfall annually and with the seasons. Without brush and graze control the vegetative communities within these soils will become shrub dominate, and there will be a loss of grass cover and increased surface soil erosion (USDA 2016).

### Geology

The area in the vicinity of the proposed pit location is underlain by recent eolian deposits consisting of drift sand a few feet in thickness and local occurrences of sand dunes (**Figure 9**). The eolian deposits are underlain by Pleistocene to recent alluvial deposits consisting of unconsolidated to partially consolidated sand, silt, gravel, clay and caliche. A thin layer of Tertiary Ogallala Formation may underlie the alluvium. Alluvium thickness in this area appears to be approximately 100 feet or less. Triassic Dockum strata underlie the alluvium deposits and its thickness appears to be approximately 400 to 500 feet. The Dockum Group has been divided into three formations: lower red shale, siltstone, and very fine-grained sandstone called the Tecovas Formation (or Pierce Canyon redbeds); middle reddish-brown and gray sandstone called the Santa Rosa sandstone; and upper brick-red to maroon and purple shale with thin beds of fine red or gray sandstone and siltstone called the Chinle Formation.

- The Tecovas or Pierce Canyon redbeds (considered Permian by some geologists and sometimes correlated with the Dewey Lake redbeds) overlie the Rustler Formation. The Tecovas' thickness is approximately 350 feet and it consists of red sandy shale and fine-grained sandstones with greenish-gray inclusions.
- The Santa Rosa sandstone consists of reddish-brown and gray, medium- to coarse-grained, micaceous, well-cemented sandstone and conglomerate. The sandstone is typically cross-bedded and is interbedded with red shale and siltstone. The thickness of the Santa Rosa sandstone generally ranges from approximately 200 to 300 feet over most of the area where it occurs.

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- The Chinle Formation consists of a series of red shales and thin interbedded sandstones and appears to be about 200 feet thick in this area but can be as much as several hundred feet thick in other parts of southern Lea County (located to the east).

Dewey Lake redbeds (sometimes correlated with the Tecovas Formation) underlie the Triassic Dockum and overlie the Rustler Formation. Dewey Lake is a series of red beds consisting of micaceous red siltstone, shale, and sandstone with gypsum cementation

The Rustler Formation consists largely of anhydrite, gypsum, interbedded sandy clay and shale, and dolomitic limestone near the upper part of the formation. The Rustler overlies the Salado Formation and is approximately 400 feet thick in this area (Nicholson and Clebsch 1961). The Rustler typically consists of a lower clastic unit composed mainly of red and gray shale and some interbedded anhydrite and an upper anhydrite unit containing dolomitic limestone beds of varying thicknesses.

Geologic units in the general area which potentially contain usable groundwater are the Alluvium/Ogallala, the Dockum Group, and possibly the Rustler Formation.

## **Groundwater**

In the vicinity of the proposed pit, the Rustler Formation, Dockum Group and the Alluvium have the potential to provide small quantities of water to water supply wells. However, no water wells were found at in the immediate vicinity of the proposed site (**Figure 7**) with the closest well located approximately 1.6 miles to the southwest. Several water wells have been identified within 2 to 5 miles of the site) which are used primarily to support domestic, livestock and / or oil and gas exploration and development water needs. The depths of the wells indicate that some are completed in the Alluvium, some in the Triassic Dockum and some completed in the lower part of the Triassic Dockum or the Rustler Formation.

Depth to Water: An analysis of publicly available data from the NMOSE and USGS indicate that the depth to groundwater beneath the proposed location is in excess of 66 feet based on the closest well which is approximately 8,500 feet from the proposed site. The depths to water within a 5-mile radius of the proposed site range from 66 feet (approximately 1.6 miles north of the proposed site) to 868 feet in a Rustler Formation well located approximately 2.8 southeast of the proposed site.

Groundwater within 5 miles of the proposed location appears to be present in the Pecos River Basin Alluvial aquifer contained within Quaternary deposits present at surface and underlain by the Triassic Dockum Formation. In this area, the Alluvium appears to be approximately 100 feet in thickness. The proposed location, however, is not located above the mapped extent of the Pecos River Basin Alluvial aquifer. The Triassic Dockum formations which underlie the Alluvium/Ogallala are also sources of potable water. There are several water wells within 5 miles of the location based on the USGS and NMOSE data and zero water wells within 1 mile of the location. Reported well yields in the NMOSE database for the water wells in the general area range up to 15 gallons

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per minute (gpm) for the shallow wells (300 feet or less in depth) and 35 gpm to 75 gpm for the deeper wells completed in the Triassic Dockum or Rustler Formation.

### Recharge:

Recharge is by direct precipitation and infiltration from intermittent streamflow and subsurface groundwater flow from upgradient areas. The region is characterized by an annual precipitation of 10 to 20 inches and high average annual evaporation rates. Most recharge is episodic and associated with periods of heavy rainfall. Recharge is most likely to occur during long-duration rainfall events or periods of frequent, smaller rainfall events. Otherwise the water is has a high likelihood of being lost to evapotranspiration. The average annual recharge rate for the Pecos River Basin aquifer in the general area (including Lea County) is between 0 and 0.5 inches/year (Hutchison et al., 2011).

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## **Appendix D – Design Plan**

Temporary Pit containing non-low chloride fluids

Javelina Unit 610 Pit

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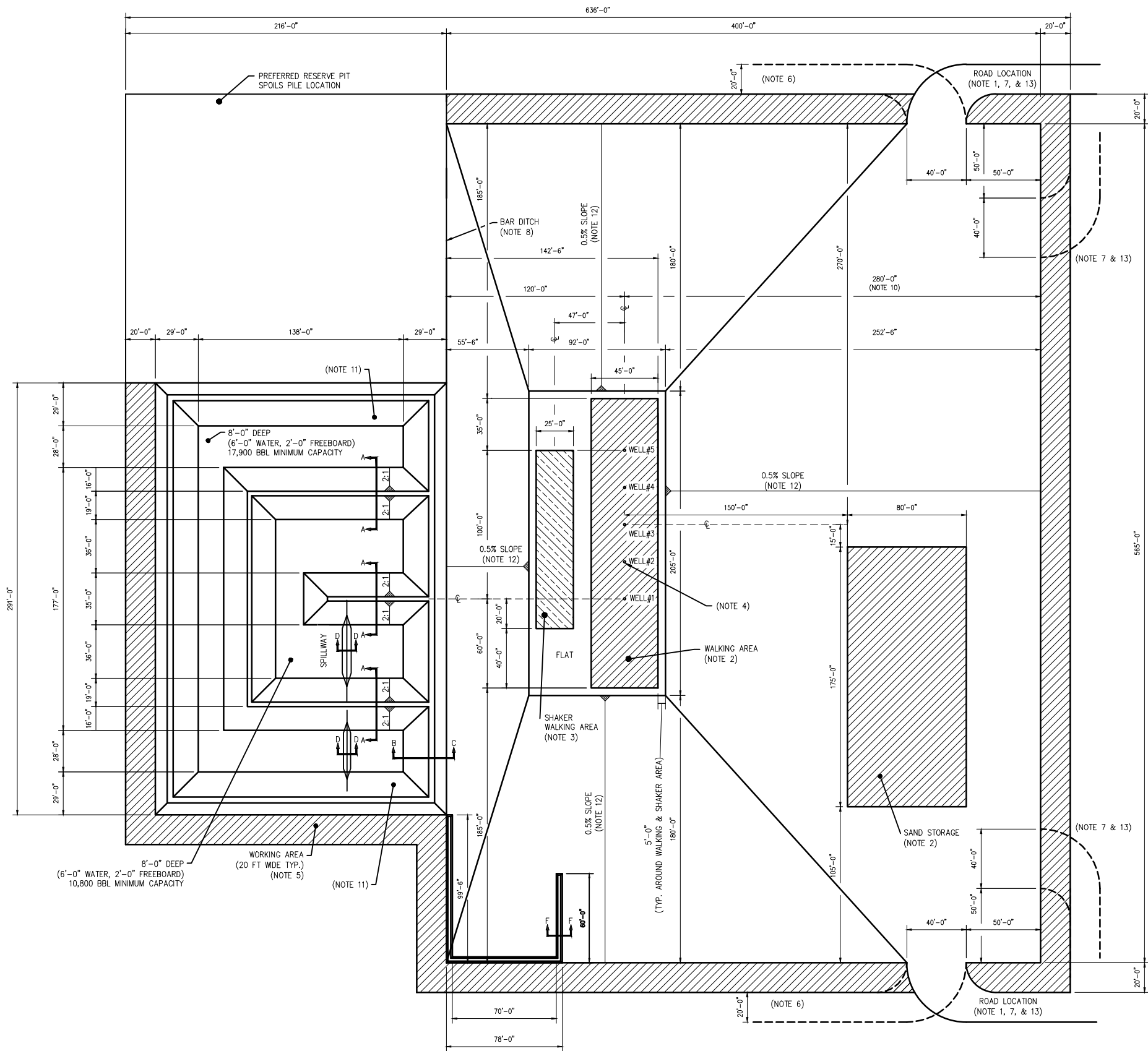
**Appendix D – Design Plan****Javelina Unit 610 Pit****Temporary Pit**

The Operator will design and construct the temporary pit to contain liquids and solids; prevent contamination of fresh water; and protect public health and the environment. The Design and Construction will follow the requirements listed below:

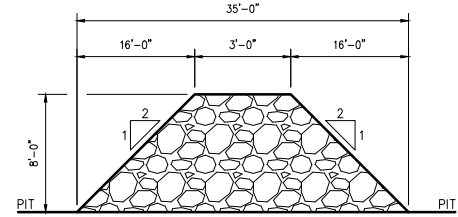
- The topsoil will be stripped and stockpiled prior to construction for use as the final cover during closure.
- A sign, consistent the requirements of 19.15.16.8 NMAC, will be utilized and made viewable at the location of the pit.
- Fencing will be in place around the perimeter of the pits and the Operator will ensure it remains in good repair until closure.
- Netting will not be installed on the temporary pit; however, the operator will inspect for and report any discovery of dead migratory birds or other wildlife while the pit contains fluid and is in use.
- The design of the pit, including the berms, geomembrane material, and construction notes below, is intended to ensure the confinement of liquids to prevent releases.
- The subgrade and interior slopes will be screened for deleterious materials and rocks and will be suitable for the liner installation. An underlying geotextile may be used to provide additional protection from puncture or stress cracking.
- The slopes of the pit will be constructed at a two horizontal to one vertical foot ratio.
- A 40-mil HDPE liner resistant to petroleum hydrocarbons, salts and acidic and alkaline solutions, and ultraviolet light will be installed in the pit. Liner compatibility will comply with EPA SW-846 Method 9090A. Technical data sheets for the liner material can be found in *Variance Request 2 of 2 – Proposed Use of High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Liner for Temporary Pit in lieu of Linear Low-Density Polyethylene (LLDPE) Liner*.
- Liner seams will be minimized as is practical during construction and will only be oriented up and down a slope. When field welding the liner seams, the liner will overlap a minimum of 4 inches and a maximum of 6 inches. Welds will be minimized in corners and irregularly shaped area.

Welds will only be performed by qualified personnel.

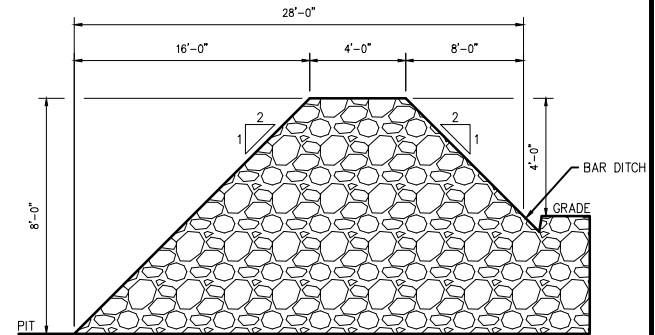
- Construction will avoid excessive stress-strain on the liner by screening the subgrade for deleterious materials and rock and using geotextile where needed, utilized experienced personnel for the installation of the liner, taking care when unrolling liner material and limiting the use of any machinery that could damage the liner.
- The edged of the liner will be anchored in the bottom of a compacted earth field trench that is 18 inches deep.
- Impingement of liquids onto the liner will be prevented by use of a loose hose discharge method. The design ensures fluid enters a malleable section of hose laying on the pit berm prior to entering the pit preventing direct impingement.
- The design includes a 4 foot berm and bar ditch around the entirety of the pit to prevent run onof surface water. The berm will be maintained from construction to closure.
- The volume of the temporary pit is 6.6 acre-ft including freeboard.
- No venting or flaring of gas will take place during the construction, use, and closure of the pit and, as such, the entirety of the pit will be lined.



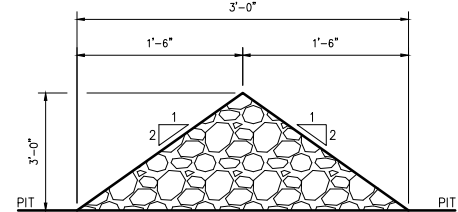
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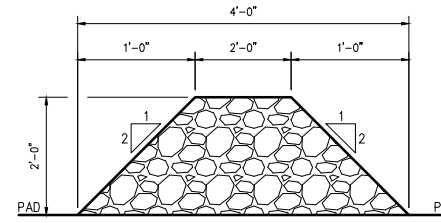


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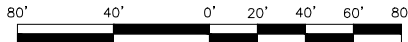


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- NOTES:
1. PRIMARY PAD ENTRANCE MUST BE ON WEST OR EAST SIDE OF PAD FOR DRILLING LAYOUT.
  2. SEE GEO-TECHNICAL INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR COMPACTION RECOMMENDATION. SEE DRILLING MAT LAYOUT FOR DETAILS.
  3. SHAKER WALKING AREA IS REQUIRED WHEN USING NABORS M800 SERIES DRILLING RIG.
  4. FOR COMPLETIONS GRAVEL LOCATIONS, SEE DWG. FACTSTD-COMGRVL-CIV-PVD-MCB-0001-01.
  5. SHADED WORKING AREA IS NOT A PART OF THE PERMITTED PAD. PERMITTED PAD AREA IS 490 FT X 400 FT FOR A 2 WELL PAD.
  6. ROAD CAN COME FROM EITHER THE NORTH OR SOUTH DIRECTION DEPENDING ON LEASE ORIENTATION.
  7. SECONDARY ACCESS ROAD IS REQUIRED FOR COMPLETIONS DRIVE-THROUGH. SECONDARY ACCESS ROAD CAN BE EITHER ON EAST/WEST EDGE OF PAD OR SOUTH EDGE OF PAD, BUT MUST BE OPPOSITE OF PRIMARY PAD ENTRANCE (REF. NOTE 1) FE MUST CONSULT D&C ADVISOR TO COMPLETE PMOC IF SECONDARY ROAD IS NOT FEASIBLE.
  8. 1FT. X 1FT. BAR DITCHING TO BE PROVIDED BETWEEN PAD AND RESERVE PIT. DITCH WILL BE FILLED WITH 1" CLEAN ROCK.
  9. 6 LOADS OF ROCK FOR DRILLING TRAILERS & DITCH COM ROCK DROPPED IN NEW CORNER.
  10. DIMENSION SOUTH OF THE WELLS CAN BE REDUCED TO 260' IF BASIS OF DESIGN IS CONVENTIONAL FRAC OPERATIONS.
  11. PAINT 8' LONG PIT LEVEL MARKERS EVERY 2' FROM THE BOTTOM LABEL BY THE LENGTH OF THE INCLINE FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE PIT.
  12. PREDOMINANT DRAINING DIRECTION TO BE FIELD-DETERMINED BASED ON LOCAL TOPOGRAPHY.
  13. CROSS SECTIONAL PLANE OF ROAD ENTRANCES TO PAD TO HAVE MAXIMUM SLOPING OF 0.5% (E.G. NO MORE THAN 2.4" OF ELEVATION DROP ALONG THE WIDTH OF A 40FT ENTRANCE.)



SECTION F-F  
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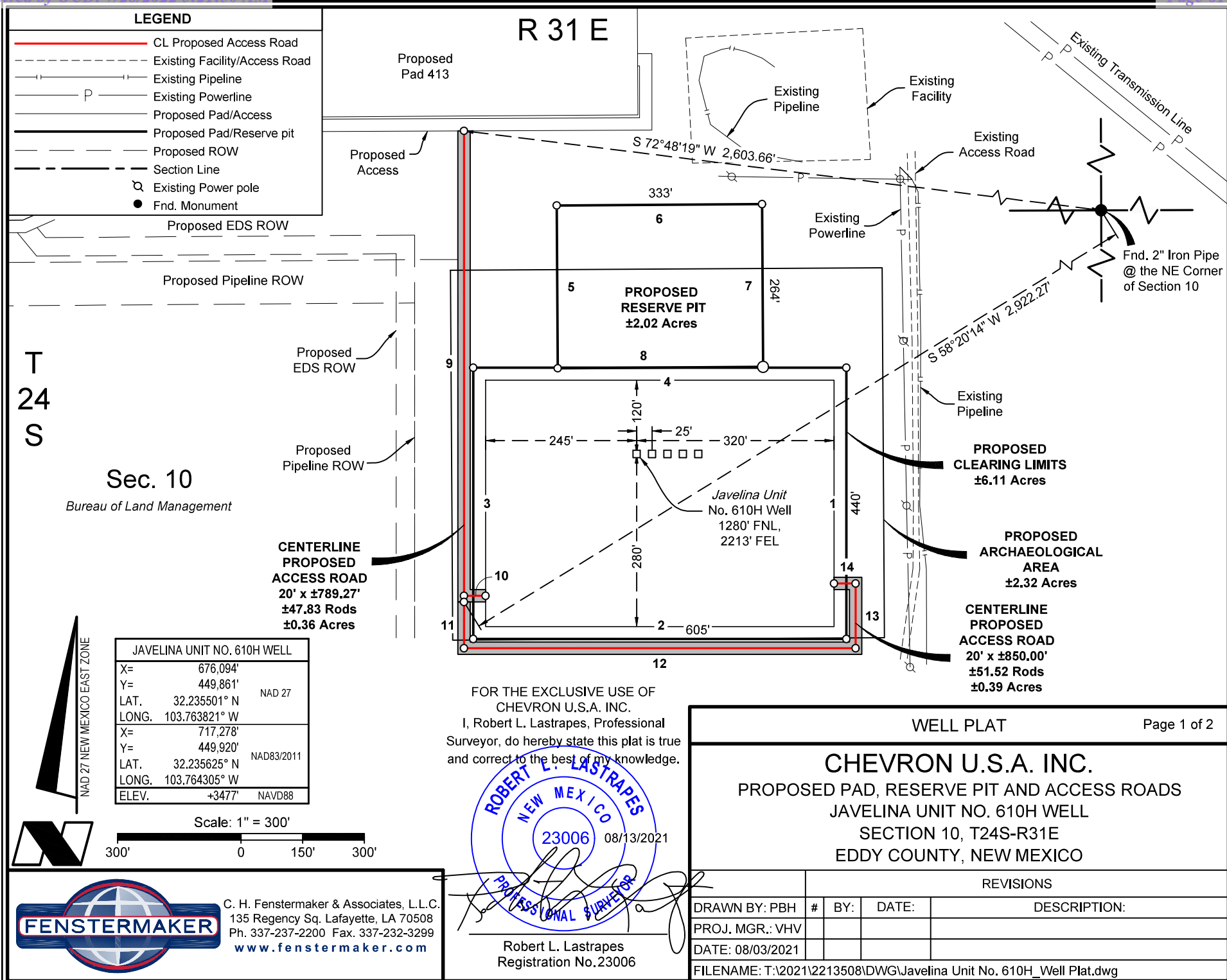
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**NOTE:**

Please be advised, that while reasonable efforts are made to locate and verify pipelines and anomalies using our standard pipeline locating equipment, it is impossible to be 100 % effective. As such, we advise using caution when performing work as there is a possibility that pipelines and other hazards, such as fiber optic cables, PVC pipelines, etc. may exist undetected on site.

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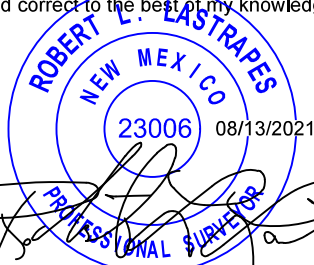
Many states maintain information centers that establish links between those who dig (excavators) and those who own and operate underground facilities (operators). It is advisable and in most states, law, for the contractor to contact the center for assistance in locating and marking underground utilities. For guidance, New Mexico One Call [www.nm811.org](http://www.nm811.org)

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I, Robert L. Lastrapes, Professional  
Surveyor, do hereby state this plat is true  
and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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Registration No. 23006

PROPOSED DRILL PAD		
COURSE	BEARING	DISTANCE
1	SOUTH	440.00'
2	WEST	605.00'
3	NORTH	440.00'
4	EAST	605.00'

PROPOSED RESERVE PIT		
COURSE	BEARING	DISTANCE
5	N 00° 22' 31" W	264.00'
6	N 89° 37' 29" E	333.00'
7	S 00° 22' 31" E	264.00'
8	S 89° 37' 29" W	333.00'

CENTERLINE PROPOSED ACCESS ROAD		
COURSE	BEARING	DISTANCE
9	SOUTH	754.27'
10	EAST	35.00'

CENTERLINE PROPOSED ACCESS ROAD		
COURSE	BEARING	DISTANCE
11	SOUTH	75.00'
12	EAST	635.00'
13	NORTH	105.00'
14	WEST	35.00'

**WELL PLAT**

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**CHEVRON U.S.A. INC.**  
PROPOSED PAD, RESERVE PIT AND ACCESS ROADS  
JAVELINA UNIT NO. 610H WELL  
SECTION 10, T24S-R31E  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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## **Appendix E – Operating and Maintenance Plan**

Temporary Pit containing non-low chloride fluids

Javelina Unit 610 Pit

Section 10, T24S, R31E

## **Appendix E – Operating and Maintenance Plan Javelina Unit 610 (610H, 611H, 612H, 507H, 508H) Temporary Pit**

The Operator and Rig Contractor will operate and maintain the Temporary Pit to contain liquids and solids, maintain the integrity of the liner system in a manner that prevents contamination of fresh water and protects public health and the environment as described below.

The operation of the Temporary Pit is summarized below.

Prior to arrival of the drilling rig, the separate pit sections are filled with the fluid required for drilling operations of the wells on the well pad. Typically, these fluids are a low chloride brackish water and a high chloride saturated brine.

During open loop drilling operations, fluid is pulled from one end of the Temporary Pit and sent to the rig pumps to be transferred downhole as the drilling fluid. Upon returning to the surface, the fluid and associated drilled solids flow to the opposite end of the Temporary Pit.

When conducting Closed Loop drilling activities, the Temporary Pit may be utilized for cuttings disposal for purposes of maintaining mud weight, mitigating downhole hazards, and managing other unforeseen circumstances. The Temporary Pit is only to be utilized in conjunction with Closed Loop drilling when drilling activities are done using Water Based Drilling Fluids. In this circumstance, drilled solids are separated from the drilling fluid with solids control equipment and then moved to the Temporary Pit.

During well cementing operations, if the low chloride fluid in the Temporary Pit meets specifications set by the Operator and Cementing Contractor, that fluid will be used as mix water for the blending of the cement slurry. During cementing operations, excess cement returns may be placed in the Temporary Pit.

Throughout well construction, if the fluid in the Temporary Pit meets the specifications set by the Operator and Rig Contractor, that fluid may be used as rig water for component cleaning and engine cooling.

If downhole problems occur during drilling operations, such as fluid losses or waterflows, the Temporary Pit is used to assist with fluid management into and out of the well. Transfer pumps and hoses are used to move these fluids.

After the drilling rig is mobilized off the well pad, any remaining fluids in the Temporary Pit will be removed and reused, recycled, or disposed of in a manner consistent with Division rules.

The operation of the Temporary Pit will follow the requirements listed below:

- All cuttings placed into the Temporary Pit will be produced and disposed of within the boundaries of one single lease, pursuant to the Pit Rule definition of “Onsite”.
- The Operator will not discharge into or store any hazardous waste (as defined by 40 CFR 261 and NMAC 19.15.2.7.H.3) in the pits.
- If the pit liner’s integrity is compromised above the water line, then the Operator will repair the damage within 48 hours of discovery.
- If the pit develops a leak, or if any penetration of the pit liner occurs below the liquid’s surface, then the Operator shall notify the appropriate division office pursuant to the requirements of 19.15.29 NMAC, remove all liquid above the damage or leak within 48 hours of discovery, and repair the damage or replace the pit liner as applicable.
- The injection or withdrawal of liquids from a pit is 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.
- Engineering drawings demonstrate that the elevation and slopes of the pit prevent the collection of surface water run-on.
- The Operator will maintain on site an oil absorbent boom to contain and remove oil from the pit’s surface.
- The Operator will maintain the pit free of miscellaneous solid waste or debris.
- The Operator will maintain at least two feet of freeboard for the Temporary Pit. If, during extenuating circumstances, a freeboard of less than two feet is required, then a log will be maintained describing such circumstances.
- The Operator will remove all free liquids from the surface of a temporary pit within 30 days from the date the Operator releases the last drilling or workover rig associated with the relevant pit permit. The Operator will note the date of the drilling or workover rig’s release on form C-105 or C-103 upon well or workover completion.

## **Appendix F – Closure Plan**

Temporary Pit containing non-low chloride fluids

Javelina Unit 610 Pit

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## **Appendix F – Closure Plan Javelina Unit 610 (610H, 611H, 612H, 507H, 508H) Temporary Pit**

### **Discussion of Onsite Cuttings Disposal**

The proposed Temporary Pit will contain drill cuttings from the vertical sections of wells 610H, 611H, 612H, 507H, and 508H. All cutting from vertical drilling will be produced and disposed of within the boundaries of one single lease, pursuant to the Pit Rule definition of “Onsite”. The disposal and closure activities will take place within the design footprint of the Temporary Pit. Proposed closure operations will be conducted in accordance with the Closure and Site Reclamation Requirements detailed in 19.15.17.13 NMAC.

### **Closure Notice**

If planned activities deviate from this Closure Plan, an updated Closure Plan will be submitted to the Division for approval prior to initiating any closure activities.

The Operator will notify the Bureau of Land Management at least 72 hours, but not more than one week, prior to any closure activities as per approved sundry Conditions of Approval. This notice will include the project name and location description.

The Operator shall additionally notify the district office verbally and in writing at least 72 hours, but not more than one week, prior to any closure operation. This noticed will include the Operator’s name and the location to be closed by unit letter, section, township, and range.

### **Protocols and Procedures**

1. The Operator will remove all liquids from the Temporary Pit and either:
  - a. Dispose of the liquids in a division-approved facility,  
or
  - b. Recycle, reuse or reclaim the water for reuse in drilling and stimulation.
2. A five-point (minimum) composite sample will be collected from the contents of the Temporary Pit and sent to an accredited laboratory for analysis of the constituents listed in Table 2 of 19.15.17.13 NMAC.
  - a. If any concentration is higher than limits listed in Table 2, blending calculations will be used to determine the amount of soil or non-waste material needed to blend with the pit contents to achieve the Table 2 limit. The mixing ratio of soil or non-waste material to pit contents shall not exceed 3:1.
  - b. If all constituent concentrations are less than or equal to the parameters listed in Table 2 of 19.15.17.13 NMAC, no mixing shall occur.

3. The Operator will conduct blending operations, as required, and conduct a paint filter liquids test to ensure that the contents of the former pit are sufficiently stabilized to support the cover materials.
4. Cover materials will be installed as described in 'Cover Design' (below).
5. Following the implementation of the cover design, the Operator will revegetate the area as outlined in 'Reclamation and Revegetation' (below).

## Soil Cover Design

After blending with non-waste containing, uncontaminated, earthen material, the Operator will cover the former Temporary Pit according to the following procedure.

1. The contents of the former pit will be positively contoured ('turtle-backed') to promote drainage away from the former pit contents and reduce infiltration. Compaction of pit materials over time and as a result of placement of overburden will be taken into consideration.
2. A 20-mil string reinforced LLDPE geomembrane liner will be installed above the pit materials.
3. At least 4-feet of compacted, uncontaminated, non-waste containing earthen fill with chloride concentrations less than 600 mg/kg will be placed above the liner.
4. Either the background thickness of topsoil or 1-foot of suitable material to establish vegetation at the site, whichever is greater, will be placed over the earthen fill.
5. The location will be recontoured to match the pre-disturbance topography and prevent surface erosion and ponding.
6. The Operator will revegetate the area as described below in 'Reclamation and Revegetation'.

## Closure Report

1. Within 60 days of closure completion, the Operator will submit a closure report on form C-144, with necessary attachments to document all closure activities including sampling results, information required by 19.15.17 NMAC, a plot plan including the exact location of the former pit, details of the cover design, and photographs.
2. 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 approved closure plan.
3. A steel marker will be placed at the location per the requirements in Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC.

## Closure Timing

As discussed in **Variance 1**, the Operator proposes closure activities will be completed within a timeline not to exceed 1 year from the rig down move out (RDMO) date. This date will be noted on form C-105 or C-103, filed with the Division upon the well's completion.



## Reclamation and Revegetation

The Operator will reclaim the disturbed area to a safe and stable condition that existed prior to oil and gas operations and that blends with the surrounding undisturbed area. Areas with ongoing production or drilling operations will not be reclaimed as described herein, but will be stabilized and maintained to minimize dust and erosion

For all areas relevant to the closure process that will not be used for production operations or future drilling, the Operator will:

1. Replace topsoils and subsoils to their original relative positions and regrade the area to achieve erosion control, long-term stability, preservation of surface water flow patterns, and prevent ponding.
2. Notify the Division when the surface grading work is complete.
3. Reseed the area with an appropriate seed mix in the first favorable growing season following closure. Reseeding and weed control measures will be taken, if necessary.
4. Notify the Division when reclamation is complete: vegetative cover has been established that reflects a life-form ratio of plus or minus 50 % of pre-disturbance levels and a total percent plant cover of at least 70 % of pre-disturbance levels, excluding noxious weeds.

## Alternative to Closure in Place

In the event the concentration of any contaminant in the contents, after mixing with soil or non-waste material, is higher than constituent concentrations shown in 19.15.17.13 NMAC, then the waste shall be removed from the Temporary Pit and disposed of at one of the following Division approved off-site facilities.

Sundance Services (Parabo, Inc.)  
M-29-21S-38E  
Permit No. NM-01-003

R360 Permian Basin, LLC  
4507 W. Carlsbad Hwy, Hobbs, NM 88240  
Permit No. NM-01-0006

## **Appendix G – Evaluation of Unstable Conditions**

Temporary Pit containing non-low chloride fluids

Javelina Unit 610 Pit

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## Appendix G – Evaluation of Unstable Conditions Sand Dunes 610 Temporary Pit

### Summary

**Figure 8** identifies the location of the proposed temporary pit with respect to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) mapped potential karst areas. The BLM categorizes all areas within the Carlsbad Field Office (CFO) as having either low, medium, high or critical cave potential based on geology, occurrence of known caves, density of karst features, and potential impacts to fresh water aquifers. The proposed Temporary Pit is mapped by BLM CFO in a “Low Potential” karst area.

The proposed Temporary Pit lies near the northeast margin of the Delaware Basin. Bedrock cropping out beneath the proposed project area is comprised of the Triassic-aged Dockum Group. Underlying the Dockum Group are the Dewey Lake redbeds. Both of these formations are composed chiefly of clastic (insoluble), non-karst-forming rocks. Beneath these formations are Permian-aged rocks of the Rustler and Salado Formations. These rocks contain significant beds of halite (i.e., rock salt) and anhydrite, making them susceptible to karst formation. The top of the Rustler Formation in the proposed project area is approximately 800 feet below the land surface (Crowl et al. 2011). Local karst potential is likely to be low. The following lines of evidence, detailed in the sections below, support this position:

1. There are no dissolution features within 5-miles of the proposed location (**Figure 11**),
2. An Arcadis field study of the area indicated no closed depressions, caves, or fissures in the immediate vicinity and general area of the proposed pit (**Attachment 1**),
3. Tetra Tech geotechnical report and boring log from the proposed two recycled water storage ponds site location did not indicate any karst potential (**Attachment 2**),
4. The Bureau of Land Management, Carlsbad Field Office prepared the Environmental Assessment (EA), document number - DOI-BLM-NM-2020-0972-EA, evaluating MarkWest Energy West Texas Gas Col., LLC. This EA did not identify karst as an issue that needed evaluation (**Attachment 3**).

Structurally, the region surrounding the proposed pit location is relatively undeformed, with a 0 to 3 percent slope, and the nearest mapped fault is 22-miles to the southwest (**USGS 2022**).

### Dissolution Features Evident on Aerial Imagery

The nearest apparent dissolution features to the proposed location are (**Figure 11**):

- ~15 miles southeast of the proposed pit location is an area with small (<500-feet

in diameter) depressions.

- Bell Lake Sink and three other unnamed sinks, each ~2-miles in diameter, are present approximately 12-miles east of the proposed location.
- San Ramon Sink are present ~16-miles northeast of the proposed location.

### Depth to Karst-Forming rocks

**Figure G.1** shows a stratigraphic section of the formations beneath the proposed pit. The upper 1,000-feet of subsurface consists of insoluble, clastic material. These deposits are underlain by soluble, karst-forming strata.

Surface to ~1,000-feet: Based on a review of available literature for the region, no significant intervals of soluble rocks are present in the Quaternary and Triassic deposits that constitute the upper ~1,000-feet of subsurface. Because this material is largely insoluble, the potential for karst features to form within this interval is very low (Lucas and Anderson, 1993). Deeper formations at >1,000-feet: The top of the Rustler Formation is approximately 400 feet thick beneath the surface at the location of the proposed pit (Nicholson and Clebsch 1961). The Rustler Formation overlies the Salado Formation. These formations both contain thick, highly soluble beds of anhydrite and halite. The Bell Lake Sink, San Simon Swale, and San Simon Sink formed by the dissolution of salt from these deep formations. The resulting surface subsidence (as a result of deep dissolution) is a very slow process that has been ongoing for millions of years to form these large depressions (Bachman, 1973 and Berg, 2012).

<b>Period</b>	<b>Formation</b>	<b>Thickness (ft)</b>		<b>Description</b>
<i>Quaternary</i>		<i>100</i>		<i>Unconsolidated eolian and unconsolidated to partially consolidated alluvial deposits</i>
<i>Triassic</i>	<i>Chinle</i>	<i>200</i>		<i>Red shales and thinly interbedded sandstone</i>
	<i>Santa Rosa</i>	<i>200 - 300</i>		<i>Sandstone and interbedded siltstone and red shale</i>
<i>Permotriassic</i>	<i>Quartermaster (Dewey Lake)</i>	<i>560</i>		<i>Mudstone, siltstone, claystone, and interbedded sandstone</i>
<i>Permian</i>	<i>Rustler</i>	<i>400</i>		<i>Anhydrite, halite, dolomite, sandy siltstone, and polyhalite</i>

*Figure G.1: Stratigraphic section beneath the location of the proposed temporary pit (Nicholson and Clebsch 1961 as cited in Arcadis 2018)*

### Arcadis Environmental Field Survey

An environmental field survey was conducted by Arcadis in April 2021 in the area surrounding the location of the proposed pit (**Attachment 1**). The on-site survey did not

identify any closed depressions, caves, or fissures. No evidence of depressions in the survey area were identified through desktop review or field survey.

### **TetraTech Geotechnical Reports and Boring Logs**

Geotechnical reports from 2018 for two recycle water storage ponds were reviewed (**Attachment 2**). The recycle water storage ponds are located <1 mile-away and in an almost identical geomorphological and geological setting as the proposed pit location. The five borings were drilled from 30 feet to 80 feet below ground surface. Water was not encountered in any of the borings during or immediately after drilling. All borings encountered silty to clayey sand, clayey gravel, and low plasticity clay.

- Sand Dunes Recycle Water Storage Ponds Site
  - 1 miles northwest of proposed pit location
  - Boring B1 was drilled to 80 ft
  - Borings B2 through B5 were drilled to 30 ft
  - 1.5 ft to 3.5 ft
    - 6 – 10 blows per foot (bpf)
    - Loose sand with silt
  - 3.5 ft to 80 ft
    - 14 – 100+ bpf
    - Medium dense to very dense clay
  - Groundwater was not encountered at the time of drilling and borings were dry 24 hours after drilling.

### **Mitigation of Karst Potential**

Not applicable; however, the following commitments will be applied as a best practice in development of the proposed pit.

#### General Construction:

- No blasting
- The BLM, Carlsbad Field Office, will be informed immediately if any subsurface drainage channels, cave passages, or voids are penetrated during construction, and no additional construction shall occur until clearance has been issued by the Authorized Officer.
- All linear surface disturbance activities will avoid sinkholes and other karst features, if they are identified during construction, to lessen the possibility of encountering near surface voids during construction, minimize changes to runoff, and prevent untimely leaks and spills from entering the karst drainage system.
- All spills or leaks will be reported to the BLM immediately for their immediate and proper treatment.

Pad Construction:

- The pad will be constructed and leveled by adding the necessary fill and caliche –no blasting.
- The entire perimeter of the well pad will be bermed to prevent oil, salt, and other chemical contaminants from leaving the well pad.
- The compacted berm shall be constructed at a minimum of 12 inches high with impermeable mineral material (e.g., caliche).
- No water flow from the uphill side(s) of the pad shall be allowed to enter the well pad.
- The topsoil stockpile shall be located outside the bermed well pad.
- Topsoil, either from the well pad or surrounding area, shall not be used to construct the berm.
- No storm drains, tubing or openings shall be placed in the berm.
- If fluid collects within the bermed area, the fluid must be vacuumed into a safe container and disposed of properly at a state approved facility.
- The integrity of the berm shall be maintained around the surfaced pad throughout the life of the well and around the downsized pad after interim reclamation has been completed.
- Any access road entering the well pad shall be constructed so that the integrity of the berm height surrounding the well pad is not compromised (i.e. an access road crossing the berm cannot be lower than the berm height).
- Following a rain event, all fluids will be vacuumed off of the pad and hauled off-site and disposed at a proper disposal facility.



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### **Attachments 1 - 3**

Temporary Pit containing non-low chloride fluids

Javelina Unit 610 Pit

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#### Attachment 1

Arcadis Environmental Field Survey, Section 9 - 13, Karst Evaluation, Sand Dunes (2021)

#### Attachment 2

Tetra Tech Geotechnical Study Report, Section 11, Sand Dunes (2018)

#### Attachment 3

DOI-BLM-NM-2020-0972-EA, Section 1.6, Scoping, Public Involvement, and Issues (2020)

**Attachments 1 – Arcadis Environmental Field Survey, Section 9 - 13,  
Karst Evaluation, Sand Dunes (2021)**

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# ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD SURVEY

Sand Dunes Development Area

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## ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD SURVEY

## 10 KARST

The term karst describes distinct terranes that are attributable to high solubility of underlying bedrock. Common features of such terranes include sinkholes and caves, which are formed as the bedrock is dissolved by groundwater. Karst aquifers represent saturated bedrock where its permeability has been enhanced by dissolution processes. Such aquifers can be important sources of potable groundwater.

The proposed project area lies near the northeast margin of the Delaware Basin. As discussed in further detail in Section 11.2, bedrock cropping out beneath the proposed project area consists of the Triassic-aged Dockum Group. Underlying the Dockum Group are the Dewey Lake redbeds. Both of these formations are composed chiefly of clastic (insoluble), non-karst-forming rocks. Beneath these formations are Permian-aged rocks of the Rustler and Salado Formations. These rocks contain significant beds of halite (i.e., rock salt) and anhydrite, making them susceptible to karst formation. The top of the Rustler Formation in the proposed project area is approximately 800 feet below the land surface (Crowl et al. 2011).

Despite the great depth to karst-forming rocks, a number of large depressions and “sinks” are noted in the region. Bell Lake Sink and three other unnamed sinks, each about two miles in diameter, occur approximately 15 miles north of the project area (Berg 2012). San Simon Swale, an approximately 18 mile long by 6 mile wide closed depression that terminates at San Simon Sink is located approximately 20 miles northeast of the project area (Bachman 1973, Berg 2012). Using Google Earth Imagery (dated 11/20/2015), the dimensions of San Simon Sink are approximately one mile long by one-half mile wide by 75 feet deep. These depressions formed by the dissolution of salt from the upper part of the Salado Formation as well as from the overlying Rustler Formation (Bachman 1973). Solution subsidence in San Simon Swale has been active within the past century; however, solution and subsidence in this area of southeastern New Mexico has been ongoing for millions of years (Bachman 1973).

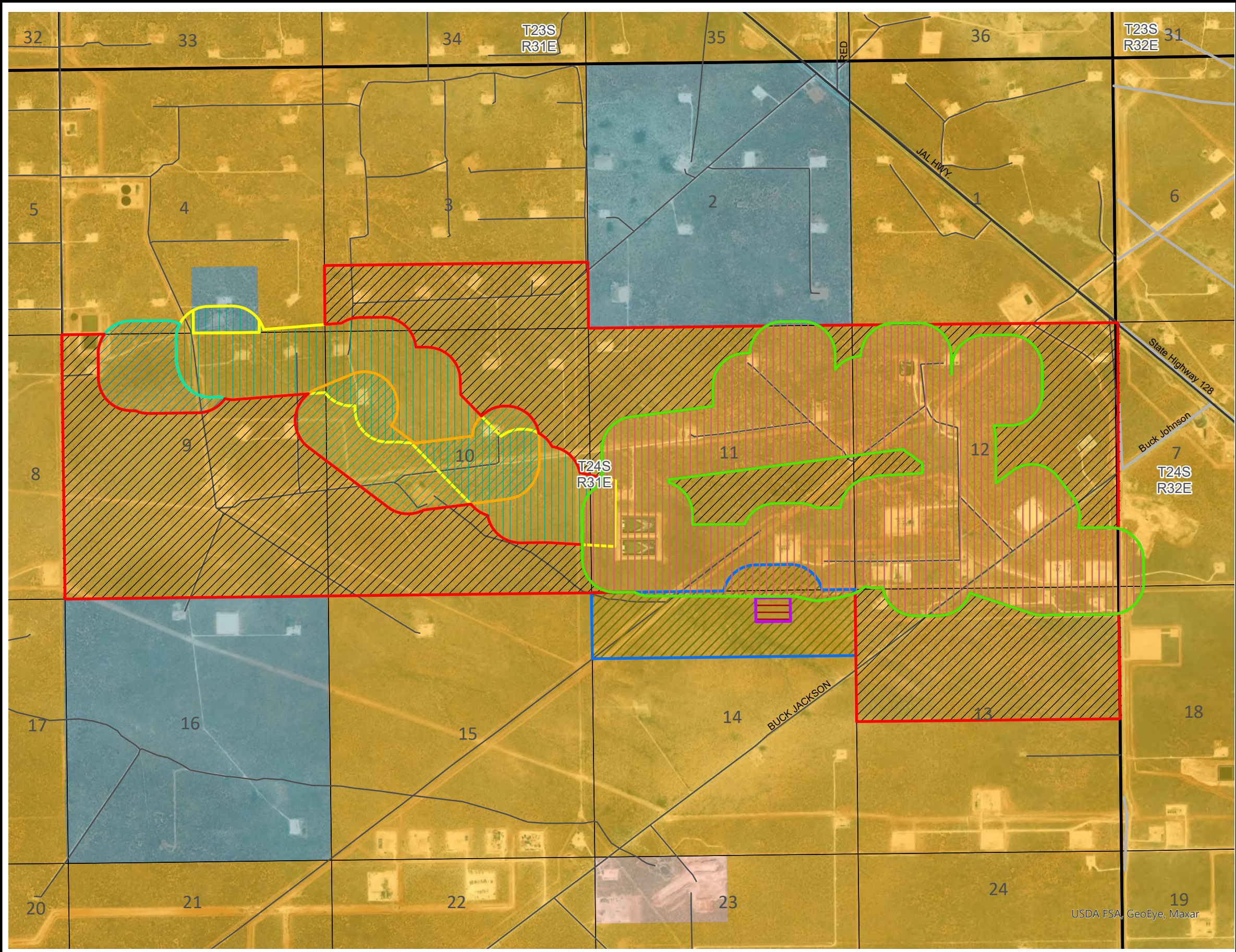
In summary, evidence of karst in the region consists predominantly of large depressions that likely formed over millions of years; although there is evidence that subsidence is ongoing, at least at San Simon Sink. These depressions were created by the dissolution of salt beds in the upper part of the Salado Formation and in the Rustler Formation, even though these are overlain by approximately 800 feet of insoluble rocks. No evidence of depressions in the survey area were identified on available topographic mapping or by examining recent Google Earth imagery.

### 10.1 Survey Findings and Mitigation

Karst potential is mapped by the BLM as “low” in the survey area (**Figure 10**) and no potential karst features were observed during the survey. Therefore, no mitigation is recommended.



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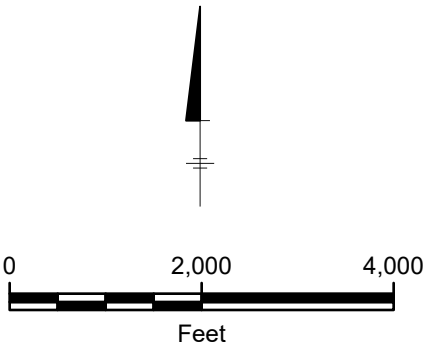


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- Pad 351 Survey Area (February 2020)
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- Survey Area (December 2017)
- Pad 27 Survey Area
- Townships
- Sections
- Major Roads
- Lea County Roads
- Eddy County Roads

SURFACE OWNERSHIP

- Bureau of Land Management
- Private
- State



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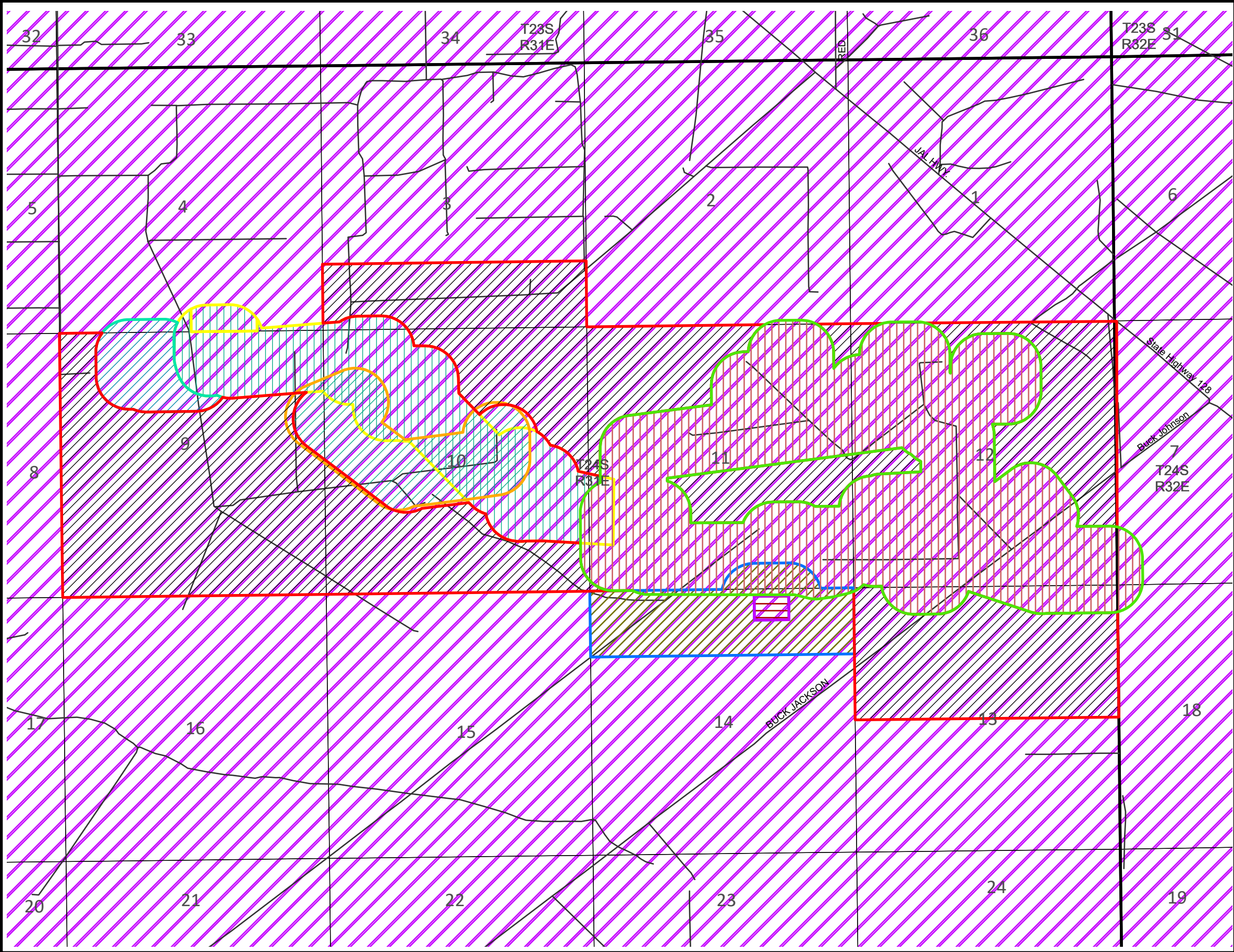
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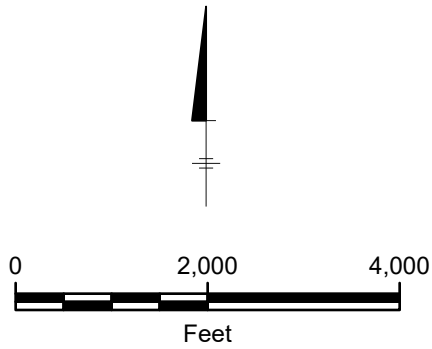


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- Lea County Roads



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**KARST POTENTIAL ZONES**



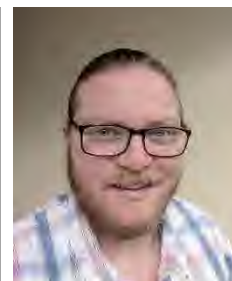
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# APPENDIX A

## Resumes

# CHARLESTON SHIRLEY

## ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST I, BIOLOGIST



### EDUCATION

BS Natural Resource Management  
Louisiana State University and  
Agricultural & Mechanical College  
2013

### YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

Total – 4 years  
With Arcadis – <1 year

Mr. Shirley has more than two years of experience in the consulting field. He specializes in conducting surveys and monitoring of flora and fauna with an emphasis on threatened species, endangered species and species of concern. Previously he has worked with the military, public agencies and private landowners. He is an authorized biologist with the desert tortoise, *Gopherus agassizii*.

### Project Experience

#### Ongoing Maintenance Activities on Pipeline System in the Southern California Deserts

##### SoCal Gas Company, Southern California Desert Areas

As an authorized biologist, monitored sites for wildlife and environmental compliance as excavation, pipe removal and replacement occurred. Performed pre-construction clearance surveys for flora and fauna.

#### Development Project

##### Confidential Client, Coyote Springs, Nevada

As an authorized biologist, conducted radio telemetry tracking of transmittered tortoises. Handled tortoises and collected body metrics and replaced transmitters on all tortoises. Monitored sites as crews worked in sensitive wildlife areas.

#### Water Treatment Installation

##### Tetra Tech, Henderson, Nevada

Performed inspection on all tortoise prevention devices. Checked site for compliance.

#### Range-wide Monitoring Program

##### U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Nevada, California and Utah

As an authorized biologist, tracked all transmittered tortoises, removed transmitters from all individuals being removed from project study, and managed data entry for submission to USFWS.

#### Community Solar Project

##### Valley Electric Association, Pahrump, Nevada

Monitored areas of construction for flora and fauna in ecologically sensitive areas during transmission line maintenance.

**Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship (MAPS) Banding**  
**Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Institute for Bird Populations, Louisiana**

Safely and quickly extracted birds from mist nets. Determined age and sex of passerine and non-passerine birds. Took body metrics including mass, wing cord and reproductive status.

**Gopher Tortoise Health Assessment**  
**Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Louisiana**

Assisted with collection and processing of bodily fluids of gopher tortoise. Managed live traps and handling of tortoises.

**Inventory of Recently Purchased Lands**  
**U.S. Department of Defense, Fort Polk, Louisiana**

Conducted an inventory of wildlife and habitat types on lands recently acquired by the military. Worked closely with representatives of the client during active military training to assess health and condition of the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker. Marked areas of clearcutting and suggested other forms of habitat management. Completed indices for diatoms found in flowing water bodies.

**Wildlife Mortality Study**  
**Invenergy, Bishop Hill, Illinois**

Served as acting assistant field crew supervisor. Managed establishment and maintenance of transect plots on private lands. Worked with the client and private land owners to conduct a wildlife mortality study. Conducted placement trials and carcass removal trials.

# LAIKEN BAKER

## ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST

### EDUCATION

BS, Environmental Geoscience  
Texas A&M University, 2018

### YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

2

### TRAINING

OSHA HAZWOPER 40-Hour  
OSHA Construction 10-Hour  
Basic Orientation Plus SafeLand USA  
IADC Rigpass  
H2S Awareness  
PG&E Corporate Contractor  
PG&E Transmission Line Certification  
XOM LPS Standard Training

Junior Environmental Scientist committed to learning and implementing methods to aid in the extraction and/or remediation of water, hydrocarbon, and mineral resources. Seeking opportunities in the environmental industry to utilize those methods and knowledge pertaining to environmental initiatives and regulatory challenges.

### Project Experience

#### Environmental Scientist 1 Various Confidential Clients

Provides office and field support for various ongoing environmental investigation and remediation projects, including:

State and local governments throughout West Texas, southeast New Mexico, and the south-eastern United States.

Provided support to wildfire response/prevention team, February – April 2019 - Transmission Tower Reconnaissance and Drone Pilot support.

Assists in the preparation of site investigation reports, due diligence, and supports technical field operations.

#### Field Application Specialist Various Oil & Gas Clients

Responsible for collecting water samples from frac tanks and transfer pumps; performed analytical tests on water samples.

Reviewed analytical results to determine if they were within specification and reported to supervisor with recommendations.

Responsible for the growth of client accounts, the management of current client base, and providing support for customer operations.

#### Academic Advising Assistant

##### Atmospheric Sciences & Oceanography, Texas A&M University

Advised and assisted over 400 students, and faculty with information regarding degree plans in Atmospheric Science, Meteorology, and Oceanography.

Maintained confidential information and fulfilled requests. Performed general office work such as filing, scanning paperwork, answering emails and phone calls of students and faculty.



**Attachments 2 – Tetra Tech Geotechnical Study Report, Section 11,  
Sand Dunes (2018)**

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**Chevron North America - MCBU, Sand Dunes Site**

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**Section 11, Township 24 South,  
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Eddy County, New Mexico**

**June 2018**

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## Report of Geotechnical Study

### Sand Dunes Impoundments

### Eddy County, New Mexico

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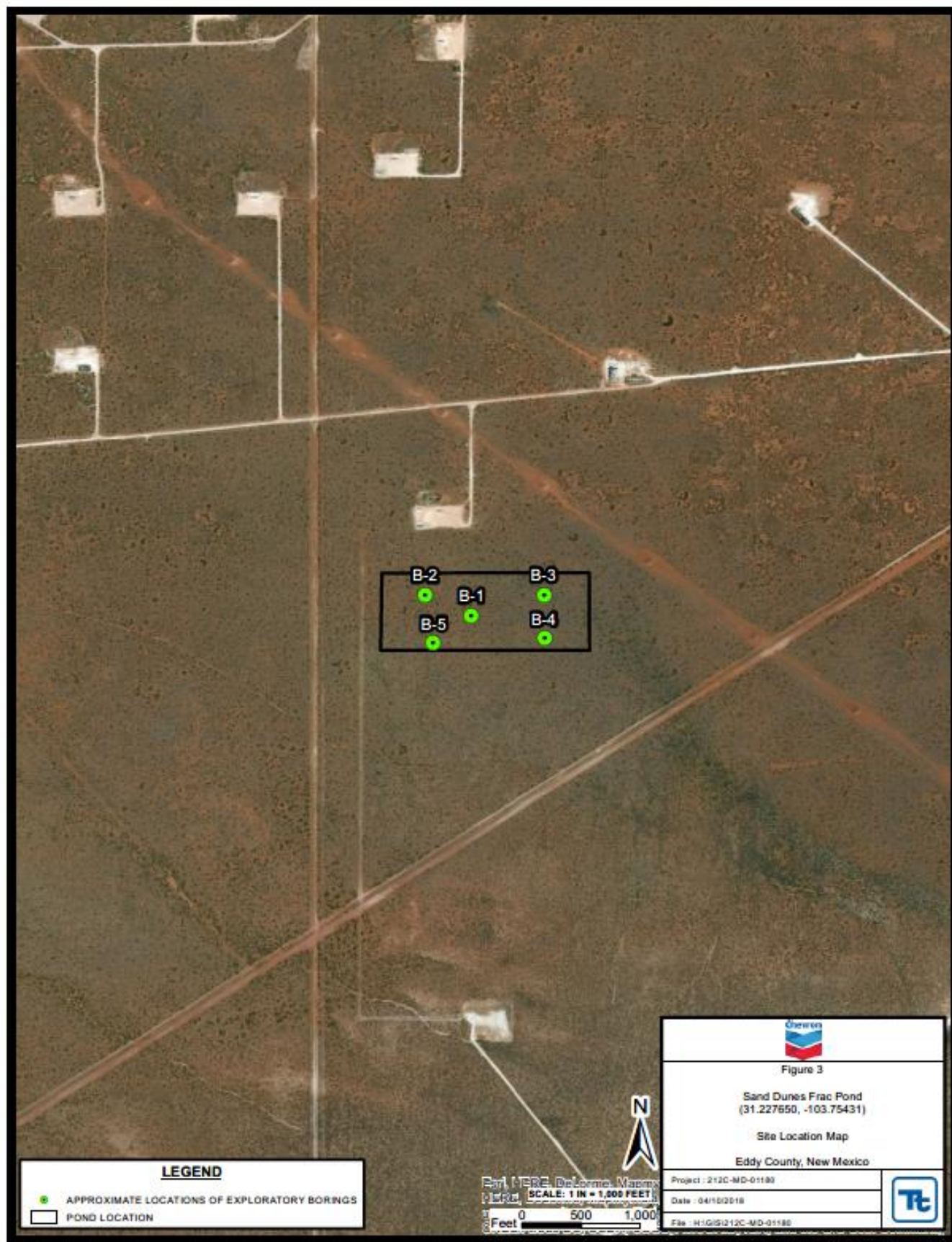
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**EXPLORATORY BORING LOGS**

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 <b>TETRA TECH</b>		Tetra Tech Inc. 4000 N. Big Spring, Suite 401 Midland, TX, 79705 Telephone: 432-682-4559 Fax: 432-682-3946		<b>BOREHOLE ID: B-1</b> PAGE 1 OF 3	
		<b>CLIENT</b> <u>Chevron</u>		<b>PROJECT NAME</b> <u>Sand Dunes Frac Pond</u>	
<b>PROJECT NUMBER</b> <u>212C-MD-01180</u>		<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b> <u>Eddy County, New Mexico</u>			
<b>DATE(S) OF DRILLING:</b> 04/04/2018		<b>GROUND ELEVATION:</b> NA		<b>METHOD:</b>	
<b>CONSULTANT:</b> Tetra Tech, Inc.		<b>LATITUDE:</b> 32.227650 N		<b>LOGGED BY:</b> Clint Merritt	
<b>DRILLING CONTRACTOR:</b> TWE		<b>LONGITUDE:</b> 103.754310 W		<b>DRILLED BY:</b> Keith Barge	
<b>Notes:</b> No groundwater encountered. Blowcounts have been corrected by sampler diameter.					
DEPTH (ft)	SAMPLE TYPE	BLOW COUNTS	TESTS	U.S.C.S. GRAPHIC LOG	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION
0					
	CA	2-3-4			
	CA	9-23-26	MC = 7.0% DD = 79.1 pcf LL = NP PL = NP PI = NP Fines = 28.3%	SM	
5	CA	11-22-50/5"			
	CA	37-31-50/5"	MC = 5.3% DD = 88.5 pcf LL = NP PL = NP PI = NP Fines = 17.9%	SM	
10					10.0
	CA	50/0"			
15					
	CA	50/4"			
20					
	CA	50/0"			
25					
	CA	50/6"	MC = 9.8% LL = 39 PL = 20 Fines = 60.7%	CL	
30					

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DEPTH (ft)	SAMPLE TYPE	BLOW COUNTS	TESTS	U.S.C.S.	GRAPHIC LOG	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION
35						Hard, Red to Green Gray and White, <b>CLAY</b> , Low Plasticity, Slightly Moist <i>(continued)</i>
40	CA	50/3"				
45						
50	CA	50/2"				
55						
60	CA	50/2"				
65						

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<b>PROJECT NUMBER</b> <u>212C-MD-01180</u>			<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b> <u>Eddy County, New Mexico</u>			
DEPTH (ft)	SAMPLE TYPE	BLOW COUNTS	TESTS	U.S.C.S.	GRAPHIC LOG	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION
70	CA	50/3"				Hard, Red to Green Gray and White, <b>CLAY</b> , Low Plasticity, Slightly Moist (continued)
75						
80	CA	50/0"				
						Borehole terminated at 80.0 ft.

BOREHOLE/TPWELL - TT SAND DUNE FRAC POND GPJ LAB SUMMARY.GDT 5/18/18

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<b>CLIENT:</b> Chevron			<b>PROJECT NAME:</b> Sand Dunes Frac Pond			
<b>PROJECT NUMBER:</b> 212C-MD-01180			<b>PROJECT LOCATION:</b> Eddy County, New Mexico			
<b>DATE(S) OF DRILLING:</b> 04/04/2018			<b>GROUND ELEVATION:</b> NA			
<b>CONSULTANT:</b> Tetra Tech, Inc.			<b>METHOD:</b>			
<b>DRILLING CONTRACTOR:</b> TWE			<b>LATITUDE:</b> 32.227600 N			
			<b>LOGGED BY:</b> Clint Merritt			
			<b>LONGITUDE:</b> 103.754300 W			
			<b>DRILLED BY:</b> Keith Barge			
<b>Notes:</b> No groundwater encountered. Blowcounts have been corrected by sampler diameter.						
DEPTH (ft)	SAMPLE TYPE	BLOW COUNTS	TESTS	U.S.C.S.	GRAPHIC LOG	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION
0						
	CA	2-3-3				
	ST					
5						
	CA	8-3-3				
			MC = 5.0% DD = 72.3 pcf LL = NP PL = NP PI = NP Fines = 24.0%	SM		
	CA	14-50/4"				
10						
		20-50/3"				
15						
		50/4"				
20						
		50/0"				
25						
		50/0"				
30						
						30.0
Borehole terminated at 30.0 ft.						

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<b>PROJECT NUMBER</b> 212C-MD-01180			<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b> Eddy County, New Mexico			
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<b>CONSULTANT:</b> Tetra Tech, Inc.			<b>LATITUDE:</b> 32.227120 N		<b>LOGGED BY:</b> Clint Merritt	
<b>DRILLING CONTRACTOR:</b> TWE			<b>LONGITUDE:</b> 103.752600 W		<b>DRILLED BY:</b> Keith Barge	
<b>Notes:</b> No groundwater encountered. Blowcounts have been corrected by sampler diameter.						
DEPTH (ft)	SAMPLE TYPE	BLOW COUNTS	TESTS	U.S.C.S.	GRAPHIC LOG	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION
0						
	CA	2-2-3	MC = 3.4% DD = 96.4 pcf LL = NP PL = NP PI = NP	SM		Loose to Very Dense, Red to Light Brown, Fine Grained <b>CLAYEY to SILTY SAND</b> , Variable Plasticity from None to Low, Dry, with Caliche
	CA	3-3-10	Fines = 16.3% MC = 6.0% DD = 85.1 pcf LL = 24 PL = 15 PI = 9	SC		
5	CA	14-50/3"	Fines = 31.1%			
	CA	50/2"				
10						
	CA	11-15-31	MC = 3.1% LL = NP PL = NP PI = NP	SM		
15			Fines = 12.1%			
	CA	50/0"				
20						
	CA	50/0"				
25						
	CA	50/0"				
30						
						Borehole terminated at 30.0 ft.

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<b>PROJECT NUMBER</b> 212C-MD-01180		<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b> Eddy County, New Mexico			
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<b>DRILLING CONTRACTOR:</b> TWE		<b>LOGGED BY:</b> Clint Merritt			
		<b>DRILLED BY:</b> Keith Barge			
<b>Notes:</b> No groundwater encountered. Blowcounts have been corrected by sampler diameter.					
DEPTH (ft)	SAMPLE TYPE	BLOW COUNTS	TESTS	U.S.C.S. GRAPHIC LOG	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION
0					
	CA	1-2-7	MC = 2.6% LL = NP PL = NP PI = NP Fines = 14.9%	SM	Loose to Very Dense, Red to Light Brown, Fine Grained <b>SILTY SAND</b> , Dry to Slightly Moist, with Caliche
5	CA	10-18-28			
	CA	27-50/4"			
10	CA	50/2"			
15	CA	11-17-21			Dense to Very Dense, Light Brown, <b>CLAYEY GRAVEL</b> , Slightly Moist
20	CA	31-33	MC = 9.2% LL = 32 PL = 20 PI = 12 Fines = 45.7%	GC	Very Dense, Red to Light Brown, Fine Grained <b>SILTY SAND</b> , Slightly Moist, with Caliche
25	CA	50/0"			
	CA	50/0"			
30					Borehole terminated at 30.0 ft.

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**APPENDIX B**  
**LABORATORY SUMMARY**

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SUMMARY OF LABORATORY RESULTS

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PROJECT NAME

Sand Dunes Frac Pond

PROJECT LOCATION

Eddy County, New Mexico

CLIENT

Chevron

PROJECT NUMBER

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Borehole Identification	Depth	Water Content (%)	Dry Density (pcf)	Atterberg's Limits (LL/PL/P <sub>I</sub> )	Max Dry Density (pcf)/ OMC(%)	Fines Content (%)	USCS Classification	Swell (%), Swell pressure (psf)	C <sub>c</sub> , C <sub>s</sub>	Permeability (cm/s)	pH, Resistivity (Ohm-m)	Sulfate, Chloride Content (ppm)	Triaxial Shear Strength c'(psf), phi'	Specific Gravity
B-1	3.5	7.0	79.1	NP		28	SM							
B-1	8.5	5.3	88.5	NP		18	SM							
B-1	28.5	9.8		39/20/19		61	CL							2.8
B-2	6.0	5.0	72.3	NP		24	SM							
B-3	6.5	3.6		29/14/15		28	SC						164.6,33.4	
B-3	13.5	5.2		NP		20	SM							
B-4	1.5	3.4	96.4	NP		16	SM	-6	0.1,0.017					
B-4	3.5	6.0	85.1	24/15/9		31	SC			2.50E-03				
B-4	13.5	3.1		NP		12	SM							
B-5	1.5	2.6		NP		15	SM							
B-5	18.5	9.2		32/20/12		46	GC							

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Temporary Pit containing non-low chloride fluids

Javelina Unit 610 Pit

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- **Wilderness Act of 1964 (16 USC 1131 et seq.)** - Secures for the American people of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness.

## 1.6. Scoping, Public Involvement, and Issues

The Carlsbad Field Office (CFO) publishes a NEPA log for public inspection. This log contains a list of proposed and approved actions in the field office. The log is located in the lobby of the CFO as well as on the BLM New Mexico website ([http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/prog/planning/nepa\\_logs.html](http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/prog/planning/nepa_logs.html)).

The CFO uses Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in order to identify resources that may be affected by the proposed action. An electronic map of the project area is prepared to display the resources in the area and to identify potential issues.

The proposed action was circulated among CFO resource specialists in order to identify any issues associated with the project. The issues that were raised include:

- How would air quality be impacted by the proposed action?
- How would climate change be impacted by the proposed action?
- How would range management be impacted by the proposed action?
- How would soils be impacted by the proposed action?
- How would vegetation be impacted by the proposed action?
- How would Lesser Prairie chicken habitat be impacted by the proposed action?
- How would wildlife habitat be impacted by the proposed action?
- How would visual resources be impacted by the proposed action?
- Could noxious weeds be impacted by the proposed action?
- How would paleontological resources be impacted by the proposed action?
- How would cultural resources be impacted by the proposed action?

## 2. PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVE(S)

### 2.1. Proposed Action

The BLM Carlsbad Field Office is proposing to allow MarkWest Energy West Texas Gas Co, LLC (MarkWest) to construct, operate and maintain a buried 20-inch steel gas pipelines and a facility site under a right-of-way (ROW). The proposed pipelines would be 16,770.31 feet long (3.2 miles) on BLM and 6,129.12 feet (1.16 miles) on State of New Mexico. The ROW would include pigging facilities, pumps, SCADA communications and metering equipment on a pad site (100 ft. X 100 ft.) as well as other related facilities within the proposed ROW. Refer to Figure 1 for a map showing the location of the project on BLM.

To facilitate construction in a safe manner, a total construction width of 30 feet (long term ROW) plus an additional 20 feet of mowed temporary work area (during the construction phase only) is being requested to facilitate safe movement of personnel and heavy equipment. This is due to the sandy loam soils that often experience trench collapse and have the potential to impact human safety and damage equipment (see Figure 2).

#### Buried Pipeline and Pad

Standard pipeline construction practices would be employed for the pipeline and pad. These typically involve the following sequential steps: staking, clearing and grading, ditching, stringing and bending of pipe, welding, joint coating, lowering the pipe into the trench, backfilling the trench, hydrostatic testing, and reclamation of the ROW.



Global mean surface temperatures have already increased 1.5 degrees F from 1880 to 2012. Additional near-term warming is inevitable due to the thermal inertia of the oceans and ongoing GHG emissions. Assuming there are no major volcanic eruptions or long-term changes in solar irradiance, global mean surface temperature increases for the period 2016 – 2035 relative to 1986-2005 will likely be in the range of 0.3 – 0.7°C (0.5 – 1.3°F). Global mean temperatures are expected to continue rising over the 21st century under all of the projected future RCP concentration scenarios. Global mean temperatures in 2081 – 2100 are projected to be between 0.3 – 4.8°C (0.5 – 8.6°F) higher relative to 1986 – 2005. The IPCC projections are consistent with reports from other organizations (e.g. NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies, 2013; The National Academy of Sciences, 2005).

Climate change will impact regions differently and warming will not be equally distributed. Both observations and computer model predictions indicate that increases in temperature are likely to be greater at higher latitudes, where the temperature increase may be more than double the global average. Warming of surface air temperature over land will very likely be greater than over oceans (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2013). There is also high confidence that warming relative to the reference period will be larger in the tropics and subtropics than in mid-latitudes. Frequency of warm days and nights will increase and frequency of cold days and cold nights will decrease in most regions. Warming during the winter months is expected to be greater than during the summer, and increases in daily minimum temperatures are more likely than increases in daily maximum temperatures. Models also predict increases in duration, intensity, and extent of extreme weather events. The frequency of both high and low temperature events is expected to increase. Near- and long-term changes are also projected in precipitation, atmospheric circulation, air quality, ocean temperatures and salinity, and sea ice cover.

Several activities contribute to the phenomena of climate change, including emissions of GHGs (especially carbon dioxide and methane) from fossil fuel development, large wildland fires and activities using combustion engines; changes to the natural carbon cycle; and changes to radiative forces and reflectivity (albedo). It is important to note that GHGs will have a sustained climatic impact over different temporal scales. For example, recent emissions of carbon dioxide can influence climate for 100 years.

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### **3.1.2. Impacts from the Proposed Action**

#### **Direct and Indirect Effects**

##### **Air Quality**

The winds that frequent the southeastern part of New Mexico generally disperse odors and emissions; however, air quality would be impacted temporarily from exhaust emissions, chemical odors, dust caused by vehicles traveling to and from the project area and from motorized equipment used during construction. Impacts to air quality would diminish upon completion of the construction of the proposed action.

The EPA has the primary responsibility for regulating air quality, including seven nationally regulated ambient air pollutants. The state of New Mexico has an EPA-approved state implementation plan that regulates air quality throughout the state, except on tribal lands and within Bernalillo County. The New Mexico Air Quality Bureau's (NMAQB) mission is to protect the inhabitants and natural beauty of New Mexico by preventing the deterioration of air quality. The NMAQB is responsible for: ensuring air quality standards are met and maintained; issuing air quality Construction and Operating Permits; enforcing air quality regulations and permit conditions. Any emission source must comply with the NMAQB regulations.

Impacts to air quality on lands managed by BLM in southeastern New Mexico are reduced by the following standard practices which include: utilizing existing disturbance; minimizing surface disturbance; reclaiming and quickly establishing vegetation on areas not necessary for production; periodic watering of access roads during dry periods; removal and reuse of caliche for building other projects.

##### **Climate Change**

Climate change analyses are comprised of several factors, including GHGs, land use management practices, and the albedo effect. The tools necessary to quantify incremental climatic impacts of specific activities associated with those factors are presently unavailable. As a consequence, impact assessment of effects of specific anthropogenic activities cannot be performed. Additionally, specific levels of significance have not yet been established. Qualitative and/or quantitative evaluation of potential contributing factors within the project area is included where appropriate and practicable. When further information on the impacts to climate change in southeastern New Mexico is known, such information will be incorporated into the BLM's NEPA documents as appropriate.

Environmental and economic climate change impacts from commodity consumption are not effects of the proposed planning decisions and thus are not required to be analyzed under the NEPA. They are not direct effects, as defined by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), because they do not occur at the same time and place as the action. Neither are they indirect effects because the proposed plan actions and resulting greenhouse gas emissions production are not a proximate cause of the emissions or other factors resulting from consumption. The BLM does not determine the destination of the resources produced from Federal lands. The effects from consumption are not only speculative, but beyond the scope of agency authority or control. Therefore, this document does not include analysis of the consumption of resources produced as a result of planning decisions.

### Mitigation Measures

While dust will be generated from construction equipment, once the pipeline is installed there should be little to no additional impacts to air resources.

## 3.2. Range

### 3.2.1. Affected Environment

The proposed action is within the Twin Wells #77042 grazing allotment. This allotment is a yearlong cow-calf deferred rotation operation. Range improvement projects such as windmills, earthen reservoirs, fences, and brush control projects are located within the allotment. There are fences and water pipelines that would be crossed.

Allotment/s	Improvement Type	Location	Ownership
#77042	Water Pipeline	T. 24 S., R. 31 E., sec. 17	BLM
#77042	Pasture Fence	T. 24 S., R. 31 E., sec. 16	BLM

In general, an average rating of the rangeland within this area is 6 acres per Animal Unit Month (AUM). In order to support one cow, for one year, about 72 acres are needed. This equals about nine cows per section.

### 3.2.2. Impacts from the Proposed Action

#### Direct and Indirect Effects

The temporary loss of 16.00 acres of vegetation on BLM and State managed land (plus 10.51 acres for construction only) would not affect the AUMs authorized for livestock use in this area. There are occasional livestock injuries or deaths due to accidents such as collisions with vehicles, falling into excavations, and ingesting plastic or other materials present at the work site. If further development occurs, the resulting loss of vegetation could reduce the AUMs authorized for livestock use in this area.

Where livestock water pipelines are crossed, they would either be bored under, or cut and immediately repaired to the original operating condition. Impacts to the ranching operation are reduced by standard practices such as utilizing existing surface disturbance, minimizing vehicular use, placing parking and staging areas on caliche surfaced areas, and quickly establishing vegetation on the reclaimed areas. The

disposed of by oil and gas leasees in the area, it would likely be flared on site. This would result in the loss of the resource and potential impacts to the environment.

### 3.12. Cumulative Impacts

Cumulative impacts are the combined effect of past projects, specific planned projects, and other reasonably foreseeable future actions within the project study area to which oil and gas exploration and development may add incremental impacts. This includes all actions, not just oil and gas actions that may occur in the area including foreseeable non-federal actions. This proposed project is only a small component of the high level of drilling and development ongoing in the area. The Reasonably Foreseeable Development Scenario in the 2008 Special Status Species Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment attempts to capture the boom and bust nature of oil and gas development in the Permian Basin. Because pipeline systems like this one are the only means of transporting natural gas to market, these types of projects will continue to be seen on all land ownership types in Eddy and Lea counties, as well as to the south in Texas.

The combination of all land use practices across a landscape has the potential to change the visual character, disrupt natural water flow and infiltration, disturb cultural sites, cause minor increases in greenhouse gas emissions, fragment wildlife habitat and contaminate groundwater. However, the likelihood of these impacts occurring is minimized through standard mitigation measures, special Conditions of Approval, SCADA communications and ongoing monitoring studies.

While all resources are expected to sustain some level of cumulative impacts over time, these impacts would fluctuate with the gradual abandonment and reclamation of wells and associated infrastructure in the area. As an example, as new wells are being drilled, there are other wells being abandoned and reclaimed. As the oil field is depleted, the cumulative impacts would lessen as more areas are reclaimed and fewer areas are developed.

The Proposed Action would not have any potential to significantly impact environmentally sensitive areas. The route is not located within an established National Wildlife Refuge, conservation easements or conservation reserve program lands, designated Wilderness Area or Wilderness Study Area, National Monument, National Park, Marine Sanctuary, Area of Critical Environmental Concern or designated critical wildlife habitat.

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