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 October 11, 2022

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

Pit1

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: Avant Natural Resources, LLC. OGRID #: 330396
Address: 1515 Wynkoop Street, Suite 700, Denver, CO 80202
Facility or well name: Lea Federal Unit #4H
API Number: 30-025-02424 OCD Permit Number: P1-03355
U/L or Qtr/Qtr SENE Section 11 Township 20 South Range 34 East County: Lea
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 32.5895081 Longitude -103.524559 NAD83
Surface Owner: ☑ Federal ☐ State ☐ Private ☐ Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

2.
☐ **Pit:** Subsection F, G or J of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
Temporary: ☐ Drilling ☐ Workover
☐ Permanent ☐ Emergency ☐ Cavitation ☐ P&A ☐ Multi-Well Fluid Management Low Chloride Drilling Fluid ☐ yes ☐ no
☐ Lined ☐ Unlined Liner type: Thickness _____mil ☐ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other _____
☐ String-Reinforced
Liner Seams: ☐ Welded ☐ Factory ☐ Other _____ Volume: _____bbl Dimensions: L_____ x W_____ x D_____

3.
☐ **Below-grade tank:** Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
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.
Variances and Exceptions:
Justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17 NMAC for guidance.

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

☑ Variance(s): Requests must be submitted to the appropriate division district for consideration of approval.

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

9.
Siting Criteria (regarding permitting): 19.15.17.10 NMAC

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

General siting	
Ground water is less than 25 feet below the bottom of a low chloride temporary pit or below-grade tank. - ☐ NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; ☐ USGS; ☐ Data obtained from nearby wells	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of a Temporary pit, permanent pit, or Multi-Well Fluid Management pit . NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended. **(Does not apply to below grade tanks)** - Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within the area overlying a subsurface mine. **(Does not apply to below grade tanks)** - Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within an unstable area. **(Does not apply to below grade tanks)** - Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within a 100-year floodplain. **(Does not apply to below grade tanks)** - FEMA map	☐ Yes ☐ No
Below Grade Tanks	
Within 100 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, significant watercourse, lake bed, sinkhole, wetland or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark). - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 200 horizontal feet of a spring or a fresh water well used for public or livestock consumption;. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No
Temporary Pit using Low Chloride Drilling Fluid (maximum chloride content 15,000 mg/liter)	
Within 100 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or any other significant watercourse or within 200 feet of any lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark). (Applies to low chloride temporary pits.) - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 300 feet from a occupied permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 200 horizontal feet of a spring or a private, domestic fresh water well used by less than five households for domestic or stock watering purposes, or 300feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in existence at the time of the initial application. NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No

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	☐ 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	☐ 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	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 300 feet of a wetland. - US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ 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
☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC
☐ Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
☐ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC
☐ Closure Plan (Please complete Boxes 14 through 18, if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC

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

11.

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

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

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

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

12.
Permanent Pits Permit Application Checklist: Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.

- ☐ Hydrogeologic Report - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (1) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
- ☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC
- ☐ Climatological Factors Assessment
- ☐ Certified Engineering Design Plans - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Dike Protection and Structural Integrity Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Leak Detection Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Liner Specifications and Compatibility Assessment - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Quality Control/Quality Assurance Construction and Installation Plan
- ☐ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC
- ☐ Freeboard and Overtopping Prevention Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Nuisance or Hazardous Odors, including H_2S, Prevention Plan
- ☐ Emergency Response Plan
- ☐ Oil Field Waste Stream Characterization
- ☐ Monitoring and Inspection Plan
- ☐ Erosion Control Plan
- ☐ Closure Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC

13.
Proposed Closure: 19.15.17.13 NMAC
Instructions: Please complete the applicable boxes, Boxes 14 through 18, in regards to the proposed closure plan.

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

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

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

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

15.
Siting Criteria (regarding on-site closure methods only): 19.15.17.10 NMAC
Instructions: Each siting criteria requires a demonstration of compliance in the closure plan. Recommendations of acceptable source material are provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria require justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance.

Ground water is less than 25 feet below the bottom of the buried waste. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ 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	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ 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	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ 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	☐ 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	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 300 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring used for domestic or stock watering purposes, in existence at the time of initial application. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No
Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 300 feet of a wetland. US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ 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. - Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within the area overlying a subsurface mine. - Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within an unstable area. - Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within a 100-year floodplain. - FEMA map	☐ Yes ☐ No

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

- ☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC
- ☐ Proof of Surface Owner Notice - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection E of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Construction/Design Plan of Burial Trench (if applicable) based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection K of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Construction/Design Plan of Temporary Pit (for in-place burial of a drying pad) - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Protocols and Procedures - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Confirmation Sampling Plan (if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Waste Material Sampling Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number (for liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings or in case on-site closure standards cannot be achieved)
- ☐ Soil Cover Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

17.
Operator Application Certification:

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

Name (Print): _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

e-mail address: _____ Telephone: _____

18.
OCD Approval: ☐ Permit Application (including closure plan) ☐ Closure Plan (only) ☐ OCD Conditions (see attachment)

OCD Representative Signature: _____ **Approval Date:** 6/18/2024

Title: Environmental Specialist Advanced **OCD Permit Number:** P1-03355

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): Sarah Ferreyros Title: Director of Regulatory

Signature: Sarah Ferreyros Date: 06/12/2024

e-mail address: sarah@avantnr.com Telephone: 720-854-9020

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PIT CLOSURE REPORT

Lea Federal Unit #004H
API #30-025-02424
Permit #P1-03355
Lea County, New Mexico
SENE, Section 11, Township 20 South, Range 34 East
GPS Coordinates: 32.5895081,-103.524559

PREPARED FOR

Avant Natural Resources, LLC
1515 Wynkoop Street
Denver, Colorado 80202

PREPARED BY

CDH Consulting, LLC
Thornton, Colorado

June 5, 2024

Joseph Kennedy
Environmental Specialist
Environmental Bureau
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals, & Natural Resources
506 West Texas Avenue
Artesia, New Mexico 88210

RE: Pit Closure Report
Lea Federal Unit #004H
API #30-025-02424
Permit #P1-03355
Lea County, New Mexico
SENE, Section 11, Township 20 South, Range 34 East
GPS Coordinates: 32.5895081,-103.524559

Joseph Kennedy,

On behalf of Avant Natural Resources, LLC (Avant), CDH Consulting, LLC (CDH) is submitting this Pit Closure Report in accordance with 19.15.17.13 New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) to the New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources-Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) detailing protocols and procedures closing the permitted closed-loop tanks (Attachment A) formerly utilized at the Lea Federal Unit #004H (API #30-025-02424) well production location (Figure 1).

Avant discovered that the Lea Federal Unit #004H had an approved C-144 for a closed-loop tank (Pit Permit #P1-03355) during a recent acquisition. The original application was submitted by Legacy Reserves Operating, LP on June 9, 2011. As the current operator of the Lea Federal Unit #004H, and in an effort to be good stewards of the land, Avant's goal is to properly close the closed-loop pit tank system as soon as possible. Recent communication with NMOCD regarding closure of closed-loop tank systems confirmed the following: the NMOCD *does not require sampling for a closed-loop system consisting of only above ground storage containers unless there was a release/spill from the closed-loop system.* The Lea Federal Unit #004H did not have a release reported from the closed-loop system, therefore sampling for closure is not required.

Below is the modification request (to current pit rule requirements) and results from the recent closed-loop system inspection.

MODIFICATION TO AN EXISTING PERMIT/OR REGISTRATION

Avant requests the NMOCD revise the registration to meet the current pit rule requirements and sampling limits (19.15.17.13 NMAC).

PIT PERMIT CLOSURE

On February 21, 2024, CDH personnel were onsite to complete a closed-loop inspection of the surface in the area where above ground closed-loop tanks were previously located. During the site inspection, no soil staining or signs of a release were observed in the former location of the closed-loop tanks (Attachment B). As no soil staining or signs of a leak or release were observed during the closed-loop inspection, no closure samples were collected.

CDH, on behalf of Avant, requests the NMOCD approve the closure of Pit Permit #P1-03355.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (303) 501-3415 or KTrantowLim@CDHConsult.com if you have any questions or require additional information.

Kind Regards,

CDH CONSULTING, LLC

Elizabeth Naka
Environmental Scientist

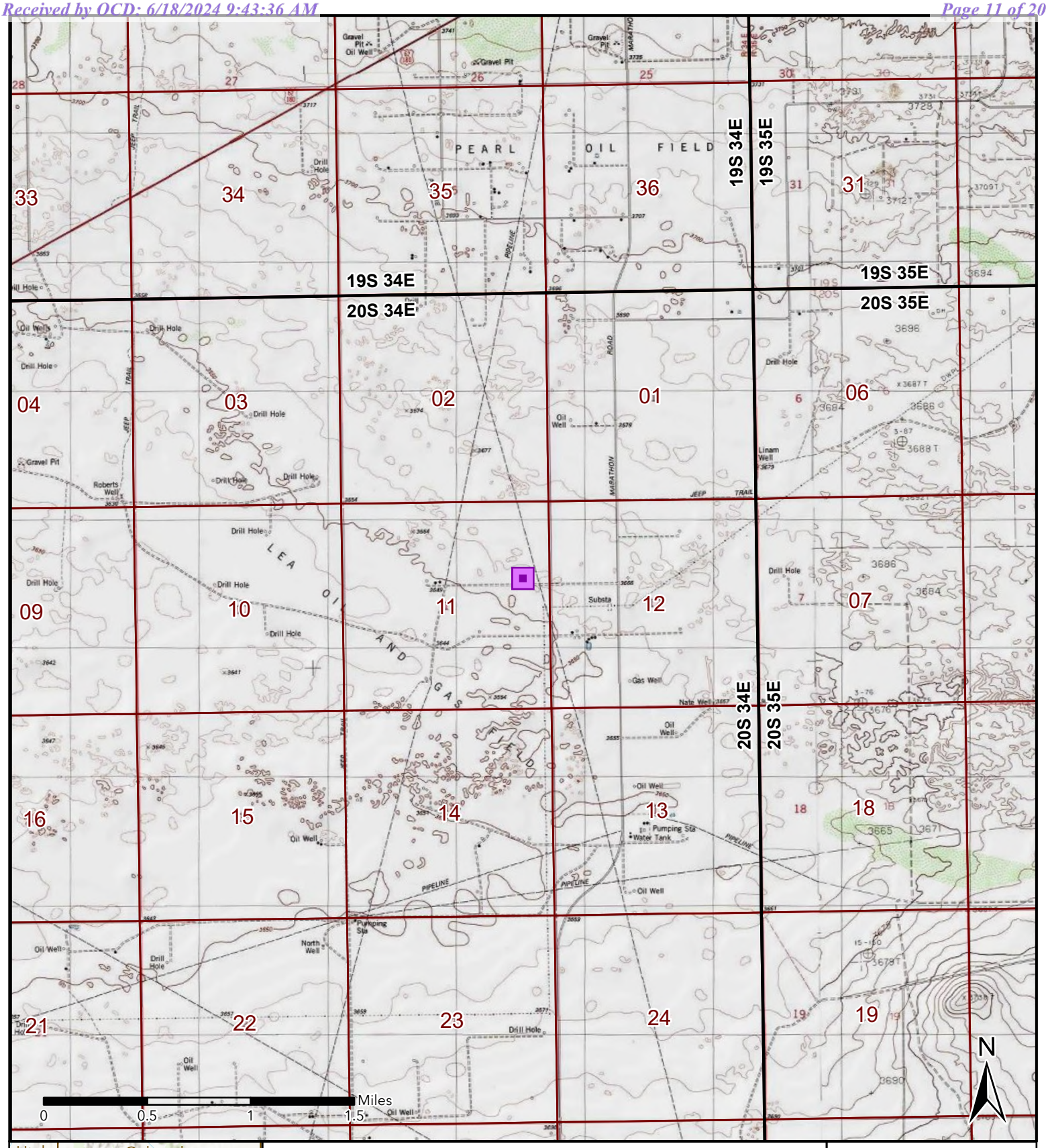
Karen Trantow Lim, P.G.
Program Manager, Environmental Compliance

cc: Sarah Ferreyros — Avant Natural Resources, LLC (electronic file)

Attachments

Figure 1 – Site Location
Attachment A – Initial C-144
Attachment B – Closed-Loop Inspection

FIGURE



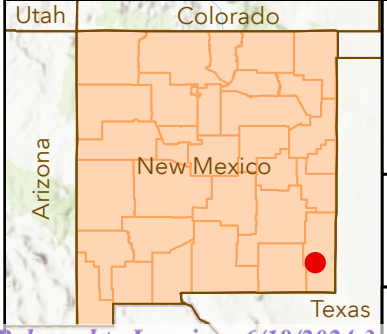


Figure 1 - Site Location

Lea Unit #004H

Lea County, NM

Site Location

Avant Natural Resources

32.589508, -103.524559

CDH CONSULTING

ATTACHMENT A

Initial C-144 Closed-Loop System Permit Application

District I
1625 N. French Dr , Hobbs, NM 88240
District II
1301 W Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210
District III
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410
District IV
1220 S St Francis Dr , Santa Fe, NM 87505

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Form C-144 CLEZ
July 21, 2008

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

Closed-Loop System Permit or Closure Plan Application

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

Type of action: ☒ Permit ☐ Closure

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

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

1.
Operator: Legacy Reserves Operating LP OGRID #: 240974
Address: P.O. Box 10848 Midland, TX 79702
Facility or well name. Lea Unit #4H
API Number: 30-025-02424 OCD Permit Number: P1-3355
U/L or Qtr/Qtr H Section 11 Township 20S Range 34E County: Lea
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude _____ Longitude _____ NAD: ☐1927 ☐ 1983
Surface Owner: ☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ Private ☐ Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

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

3.
Signs: Subsection C of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
☒ 12"x 24", 2" lettering, providing Operator's name, site location, and emergency telephone numbers
☐ Signed in compliance with 19 15 3 103 NMAC

4
Closed-loop Systems Permit Application Attachment Checklist: Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.
☒ Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
☒ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC
☒ Closure Plan (Please complete Box 5) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC
☐ Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: _____
☐ Previously Approved Operating and Maintenance Plan API Number: _____

5.
Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Above Ground Steel Tanks or Haul-off Bins Only: (19.15.17.13.D NMAC)
Instructions: Please indentify the facility or facilities for the disposal of liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings. Use attachment if more than two facilities are required.
Disposal Facility Name. Controlled Recovery, Inc. (CRI) Disposal Facility Permit Number: NM-01-0006
Disposal Facility Name: _____ Disposal Facility Permit Number: _____
Will any of the proposed closed-loop system operations and associated activities occur on or in areas that *will not* be used for future service and operations?
☐ Yes (If yes, please provide the information below) ☒ No

Required for impacted areas which will not be used for future service and operations:
☐ Soil Backfill and Cover Design Specifications - - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
☐ Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
☐ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

6.
Operator Application Certification:
I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Name (Print): D. Patrick Darden, P.E. Title: Sr. Engineer
Signature: D. Patrick Darden Date: 04/27/11
e-mail address: _____ Telephone: 432-689-5200

Oil Conservation Division
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7.
OCD Approval: ☐ Permit Application (including closure plan) ☐ Closure Plan (only)

OCD Representative Signature: Geologist **Approval Date:** 06/17/24

Title: _____ **OCD Permit Number:** P1-03355

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Closure Report (required within 60 days of closure completion): Subsection K of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
Instructions: Operators are required to obtain an approved closure plan prior to implementing any closure activities and submitting the closure report. The closure report is required to be submitted to the division within 60 days of the completion of the closure activities. Please do not complete this section of the form until an approved closure plan has been obtained and the closure activities have been completed.

☐ **Closure Completion Date:** _____

9.
Closure Report Regarding Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Above Ground Steel Tanks or Haul-off Bins Only:
Instructions: Please indentify the facility or facilities for where the liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings were disposed. Use attachment if more than two facilities were utilized.

Disposal Facility Name. _____ Disposal Facility Permit Number: _____

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Were the closed-loop system operations and associated activities performed on or in areas that *will not* be used for future service and operations?
☐ Yes (If yes, please demonstrate compliance to the items below) ☐ No

Required for impacted areas which will not be used for future service and operations:
☐ Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation)
☐ Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation
☐ Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique

10.
Operator Closure Certification:
I hereby certify that the information and attachments submitted with this closure report is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief I also certify that the closure complies with all applicable closure requirements and conditions specified in the approved closure plan

Name (Print). _____ Title: _____

Signature. _____ Date: _____

e-mail address: _____ Telephone: _____

Design Plan, Operating & Maintenance Plan, & Closure Plan for OCD Form C-144
Lea Unit #4H

DESIGN PLAN:

Fluid & cuttings coming from drilling operations will pass over the Shale Shaker with the cuttings going to the CRI haul off bin and the cleaned fluid returning to the working steel pits.

Equipment includes:
2 – 500 bbl steel frac tanks (fresh water for drilling)
2 – 180 bbl steel working pits
2 – 20 cu yards steel haul off bin
2 – pumps (PZ-7 or equivalent)
1 – shale shaker
1 – mud cleaner
1 – centrifuge (if needed)

OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE PLAN:

Inspection to occur every tour for proper operation of system and individual components. If any problems are found they will be repaired and/or corrected immediately.

CLOSURE PLAN:

All haul bins containing cuttings will be removed from location and hauled to Controlled Recovery, Inc's (NM-01-0006) disposal site located near mile marker 66 on Highway 62/180.

D. Patrick Darden, PE 75593
Senior Operations Engineer

ATTACHMENT B

Closed-Loop Inspection

Closed Loop Inspections

4 Client Name: Avant Natural Resources
Location: Lea Unit #4H
Time on Location: 3:03 PM Time off 3:17 PM
Inspector Name
Temperature 83
Wind 22 MPH
Humidity: 7
Inspection type: Closed Loop Inspections
Date: 2/21/2024
Truck #102
Tools used: Note 10+ (Samsung) pictures
No Apparent Signs of stains / Spills
Company Inspecting: CDH Consulting
Pump Jack on Location
Note: piping running on ground on the back (North) of Location

Liner Integrity Inspection
Avant Natural Resources
Lea Federal Unit #004H Pit
32.5895081, -103.524559
Lea County, New Mexico

Photo 1: View north of closed-loop tank location, no staining observed

Photo 2: View northeast of closed-loop tank location, no staining observed

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Photo 3: View east of closed-loop tank location, no staining observed

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CONDITIONS

Action 355442

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Operator: Avant Operating, LLC 1515 Wynkoop Street Denver, CO 80202	OGRID: 330396
	Action Number: 355442
	Action Type: [C-144] Temporary Pit Plan (C-144T)

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Created By	Condition	Condition Date
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