

## GCU 263 BGT Closure Report

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To whom it may concern,

SIMCOE LLC is proposing to close the Below Grade Tank (BGT) at the Gallegos Canyon Unit (GCU)263. The BGT was removed on 11/19/2025 with sampling and backfilling occurring the same day. Below is the list of required protocol steps for the closure of the BGT according to the approved plan.

### **Closure Checklist:**

1. Notification to the surface landowner was completed and letter is attached.
2. Notification to the NMOCD was completed with email confirmation attached.
3. Liquids were hauled from the BGT and disposed of in a approved facility at the GCU 259 SWD, API 30-045-20006.
4. The BGT was removed and will be recycled as scrap.
5. On site equipment will remain in use on a Below Grade Tank (BGT) in the same location.
6. A 5-point composite sample was collected from below the BGT after removal along with a grab sample and analyzed for BTEX, Benzene, TPH and chlorides. Sample data is attached to the closure plan.
7. A C-141 form is attached.
8. SIMCOE determined no release had occurred.
9. Backfill has occurred, SIMCOE will not reclaim at this time as the location is being used for a BGT on a still active producing well.
10. SIMCOE will not reclaim at this time as the location is being used for a BGT on a still active producing well.
11. SIMCOE will not reclaim at this time as the location is being used for a BGT on a still active producing well.
12. SIMCOE will not reclaim at this time as the location is being used for a BGT on a still active producing well.
13. SIMCOE will not reclaim at this time as the location is being used for a BGT on a still active producing well.

14. SIMCOE will not reclaim at this time as the location is being used for an BGT on a still active producing well.

Regards,

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_ OGRID #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Facility or well name: \_\_\_\_\_  
API Number: \_\_\_\_\_ OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
U/L or Qtr/Qtr \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Township \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_ 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.  
**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.  
 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.*

| <b><u>General siting</u></b>  |   |
|---|---|
| <b><u>Ground water is less than 25 feet below the bottom of a low chloride temporary pit or below-grade tank.</u></b><br>- <input type="checkbox"/> NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; <input type="checkbox"/> USGS; <input type="checkbox"/> Data obtained from nearby wells  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> NA |
| <b><u>Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of a Temporary pit, permanent pit, or Multi-Well Fluid Management pit .</u></b><br>NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> 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. <b>(Does not apply to below grade tanks)</b><br>- Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within the area overlying a subsurface mine. <b>(Does not apply to below grade tanks)</b><br>- Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within an unstable area. <b>(Does not apply to below grade tanks)</b><br>- Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within a 100-year floodplain. <b>(Does not apply to below grade tanks)</b><br>- FEMA map  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| <b><u>Below Grade Tanks</u></b>   |   |
| Within 100 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, significant watercourse, lake bed, sinkhole, wetland or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).<br>- Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within 200 horizontal feet of a spring or a fresh water well used for public or livestock consumption;.<br>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| <b><u>Temporary Pit using Low Chloride Drilling Fluid</u></b> (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.)<br>- Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within 300 feet from a occupied permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.<br>- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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.<br>NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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<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

**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.<br>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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  | <input 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                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.<br>- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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.<br>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within 300 feet of a wetland.<br>US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                |

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|---|--|
| adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended.<br>- Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Within the area overlying a subsurface mine.<br>- Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Within an unstable area.<br>- Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map     | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Within a 100-year floodplain.<br>- FEMA map   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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
- 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:** Joel Stone **Approval Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ **OCD Permit Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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: *Jerrid Brann* \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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



**SIMCOE LLC (formerly BPX Energy Inc.)**  
**SAN JUAN BASIN, NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO**

**BELOW-GRADE TANK CLOSURE PLAN**

This plan will address the method, procedures, and protocols for closure of below-grade tanks (BGTs) on SIMCOE LLC (SIMCOE) well sites pursuant to Subsection A of 19.15.17.13 NMAC. As stipulated in Paragraph (1) of Subsection C of 19.15.17.13 NMAC, SIMCOE will not commence closure without first obtaining approval of the closure plan submitted pursuant to Paragraph (3) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC. If deviations from this plan are necessary, SIMCOE will request preapproval from the Division District III office of any specific changes and will be included on form C-144. SIMCOE shall close its BGTs within 60 days of cessation of the operation as required by Paragraph (4) of Subsection G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC.

**General Closure Plan**

1. SIMCOE shall notify the surface owner by certified mail; return receipt requested that it plans to close a BGT. Notice given will be at least 72 hours in advanced, but not more than one week prior to any closure operation. The notice shall include the well name, API number, and legal description of the location. Evidence of mailing of the notice to the address of the surface owner shown in the county tax records demonstrates compliance with this requirement.
2. SIMCOE shall notify the Division District III office verbally and in writing at least 72 hours, but not more than one week, prior to any closure operation. The notice shall include the Operator's name, and the location of the BGT to be closed by unit letter, section, township and range. If the BGT closure is associated with a particular well, then the notice shall also include the well's name, number and API number.
3. Within 60 days of cessation of operations, SIMCOE shall remove liquids and sludge from the BGT prior to implementing a closure method and dispose of the liquids and sludge in a NMOCD approved facility. The facilities to be used are:
  - a. SIMCOE LLC Crouch Mesa Landfarm, Permit NM-02-003 (Solids)
  - b. JFJ Landfarm, Permit NM-01-010(B) (Solids and Sludge)
  - c. Basin Disposal, Permit NM-01-0005 (Liquids)
  - d. Envirotech Inc Soil Remediation Facility, Permit NM-01-0011 (Solids and Sludge)
  - e. SIMCOE LLC Operated E.E. Elliott SWD #1, API 30-045-27799 (Liquids)
  - f. SIMCOE LLC Operated 13 GCU SWD #1, API 30-045-28601 (Liquids)
  - g. SIMCOE LLC Operated GCU 259 SWD, API 30-045-20006 (Liquids)
  - h. SIMCOE LLC Operated GCU 306 SWD, API 30-045-24286 (Liquids)
  - i. SIMCOE LLC Operated GCU 307 SWD, API 30-045-24248 (Liquids)
  - j. SIMCOE LLC Operated GCU 328 SWD, API 30-045-24735 (Liquids)
  - k. SIMCOE LLC Operated Pritchard SWD #1, API 30-045-28351 (Liquids)
4. SIMCOE shall remove the BGT and dispose of it in a NMOCD approved facility or recycle, reuse, or reclaim it in a manner that the Division District III office approves. Documentation as to the final disposition of the removed BGT will be provided in the final closure report.
5. Within six months of cessation of operations, SIMCOE shall remove any on-site equipment associated with a BGT unless the equipment is required for some other purpose.
6. SIMCOE shall test the soils beneath the BGT to determine whether a release has occurred. SIMCOE shall collect at a minimum: a five (5) point composite sample to include any obvious stained or wet soils, or other evidence of a release under the BGT. The composite sample shall be collected and analyzed as required for the constituents listed in Table I within Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (3) of Subsection C of 19.15.17.13 NMAC (see Table 1 on following page).

**Conditions of Approval :**

Operator must meet the most stringent standards due to groundwater levels in the surrounding area.

| <b>Table 1</b>   |                 |   |                     |
|--|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| <b>Closure Criteria for Soils Beneath Below-Grade Tanks</b>        |                 |   |                     |
| Depth below bottom of pit to groundwater less than 10,000 mg/l TDS | Constituent     | Method*                                 | Limit**             |
| <b>≤50 feet</b>  | Chloride        | EPA 300.0                               | 600 mg/kg           |
|  | TPH             | EPA SW-846 Method 418.1                 | 100 mg/kg           |
|  | BTEX            | EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8260B        | 50 mg/kg            |
|  | Benzene         | EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8015M        | 10 mg/kg            |
| 51 feet-100 feet   | Chloride        | EPA 300.0                               | 10,000 mg/kg        |
|  | TPH             | EPA SW-846 Method 418.1                 | 2,500 mg/kg         |
|  | GRO+DRO         | EPA SW-846 Method 8015M                 | 1,000 mg/kg         |
|  | BTEX            | EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8260B        | 50 mg/kg            |
|  | Benzene         | EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8015M        | 10 mg/kg            |
| <b>&gt; 100 feet</b>   | <b>Chloride</b> | <b>EPA 300.0</b>                        | <b>20,000 mg/kg</b> |
|  | <b>TPH</b>      | <b>EPA SW-846 Method 418.1</b>          | <b>2,500 mg/kg</b>  |
|  | <b>GRO+DRO</b>  | <b>EPA SW-846 Method 8015M</b>          | <b>1,000 mg/kg</b>  |
|  | <b>BTEX</b>     | <b>EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8260B</b> | <b>50 mg/kg</b>     |
|  | <b>Benzene</b>  | <b>EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8015M</b> | <b>10 mg/kg</b>     |

- Notes:** mg/Kg = milligram per kilogram, BTEX = benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes, TPH = total petroleum hydrocarbons, TDS = total dissolved solids.  
 \* - Or other test methods approved by the division  
 \*\* - Numerical limits or natural background level, whichever is greater

7. If any contaminant concentration exceeds those standards set in Table I, SIMCOE will acknowledge NMOCD’s position to require additional delineation upon review of the results. SIMCOE will not proceed with any further closure activities until approval is first granted by NMOCD.
8. If the sampling demonstrates that all contaminant constituents do not exceed the concentrations specified in Table I, then SIMCOE shall backfill the excavation, with non-waste containing, uncontaminated, earthen material.
9. SIMCOE shall reclaim the BGT location and all areas associated with the BGT including associated access roads to a safe and stable condition that blends with the surrounding undisturbed area. SIMCOE shall substantially restore the impacted surface area to the condition that existed prior to oil and gas operations by placement of the soil cover as provided in Paragraph (2) of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC, re-contour the BGT location and associated areas to a contour that approximates the original contour and blends with the surrounding topography and re-vegetate according to Paragraph (5) of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC.
10. SIMCOE may propose an alternative to the re-vegetation or recontouring requirement if it can demonstrate to the NMOCD’s District III office that the proposed alternative provides equal or greater prevention of erosion, and protection of fresh water, public health and the environment. SIMCOE will seek surface owner approval of the proposed alternative and provide written documentation of the surface owner’s approval to NMOCD for its approval.
11. Areas reasonably needed for production operations or for subsequent drilling operations shall be compacted, covered, paved, or otherwise stabilized and maintained in such a way as to minimize dust and erosion to the extent practicable.

12. The soil cover for closures after site contouring, where the BGT has been removed and if necessary remediated beneath the BGT to chloride concentrations less than 600 mg/kg as analyzed by EPA Method 300.0, shall consist of the background thickness of topsoil or one foot or suitable material, whichever is greater.
13. The soil cover will be constructed to the site's existing grade and all practicable efforts will be made to prevent ponding of water and erosion of the cover material.
14. All areas disturbed by the closure of the BGT, except areas reasonably needed for production operations or for subsequent drilling operations, shall be reclaimed as early and as nearly as practicable to their original condition or their final land use and shall be maintained to control dust and minimize erosion to the extent practicable.
15. Topsoils and subsoils shall be replaced to their original relative positions and contoured so as to achieve erosion control, long-term stability and preservation of surface water flow patterns. The disturbed area then shall be reseeded in the first favorable growing season following closure of the BGT.
16. Reclamation of all disturbed areas no longer in use shall be considered complete when all ground surface disturbing activities at the site have been completed, and a uniform vegetative cover has been established that reflects a life-form ratio of plus or minus fifty percent (50%) of pre-disturbance levels and a total percent plant cover of at least seventy percent (70%) of pre-disturbance levels, excluding noxious weeds.
17. The re-vegetation and reclamation obligations imposed by other applicable federal or tribal agencies on lands managed by those agencies shall supersede these provisions and govern the obligations of SIMCOE subject to those provisions, provided that the other requirements provide equal or better protection of fresh water, human health and the environment.
18. Pursuant to Subparagraph (e) of Paragraph (5) of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC, SIMCOE shall notify the NMOCD when reclamation and re-vegetation has been successfully achieved.
19. Within 60 days of closure completion, SIMCOE shall submit a closure report on NMOCD's form C-144, and will include the following;
  - a. necessary attachments to document all closure activities
  - b. sampling results
  - c. information required by 19.15.17 NMAC
  - d. details on back-filling, capping and covering, where applicable.
20. SIMCOE shall certify that all information in the report and attachments is accurate, truthful, and compliant with all applicable closure requirements and conditions specified in the approved closure plan.

**Jerrid Brann**

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**From:** Jerrid Brann  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 12, 2025 9:51 AM  
**To:** Stone, Joel, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Below grade tank closure - GCU 263 - 30-045-20277

November 12, 2025

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
1000 Rio Brazos Road  
Aztec, NM 87410

RE: Notice of proposed Below Grade Tank Closure

Well Name: Gallegos Canyon Unit 263  
API# 30-045-20277  
Unit D – Sec 20 – T29N – 12W  
San Juan County, NM

Mr. Stone,

Simcoe LLC is planning to close a Below Grade Tank under the requirements of NMOCD rule 19.15.17.13. This work is proposed to start on or around 9:00 am on November 19th, 2025.

Please let me know if there are any questions,

Thanks,

**Jerrid Brann**

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CONDITIONS

Action 561320

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| Operator:<br>SIMCOE LLC<br>1199 Main Ave., Suite 101<br>Durango, CO 81301 | OGRID:<br>329736                                       |
|   | Action Number:<br>561320                               |
|   | Action Type:<br>[C-144] Below Grade Tank Plan (C-144B) |

**CONDITIONS**

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| joel.stone | Upon the cessation of all production operations in the area associated with well API 30-045-20277 (Gallegos Canyon Unit #263), the operator shall complete the requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC for the area associated with this below-grade tank and notify the OCD when restoration, reclamation, and re-vegetation are complete. | 3/12/2026      |