

TEMPORARY PITS (Rule 17)

19.15.17.7.R DEFINITIONS

R. "Temporary pit" means a pit, including a drilling or workover pit, which is constructed with the intent that the pit will hold liquids and mineral solids. Temporary pits may be used for one or more wells and must be located at one of the associated permitted well drilling locations. *Temporary pits must be closed within six months from the date the operator releases the drilling or workover rig from the first well using the pit.* Any containment structure such as a pond, pit, or other impoundment that holds only fresh water that has not been treated for oil field purposes, is not a temporary pit.

19.15.17.11.F DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION

F. Temporary pits. The operator shall design and construct a temporary pit in accordance with the following requirements.

(10) The volume of a temporary pit *shall not exceed 10 acre feet*, including freeboard.

19.15.17.12.B OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

B. Temporary pits. An operator shall maintain and operate a temporary pit in accordance with the following additional requirements.

(1) Only fluids or mineral solids *generated or used during* the drilling, completion or workover process may be discharged into a temporary pit. The operator shall maintain a temporary pit free of miscellaneous solid waste or debris. Immediately after cessation of a drilling or workover operation, the operator shall remove any visible layer of oil from the surface of a drilling or workover pit.