

# NEW PIT RULE

run-on to enter the below-grade tank.

(2) The operator shall remove any visible or measurable layer of oil from the fluid surface of a below-grade tank.

(3) The operator shall inspect the below-grade tank at least monthly and maintain a written record of each inspection for five years.

(4) The operator shall maintain adequate freeboard to prevent overtopping of the below-grade tank.

E. Sumps. The operator shall maintain and operate a sump in accordance with the following additional requirements.

(1) The operator shall visually inspect a sump's integrity annually and promptly repair or replace a sump that fails the inspection.

(2) The operator shall maintain records of sump inspection and make the records available for the appropriate division district office's review upon request.

[19.15.17.12 NMAC - Rn, 19.15.2.50 NMAC & A, 6/16/08]

## 19.15.17.13 CLOSURE REQUIREMENTS:

A. **Time requirements for closure.** An operator shall close a pit, closed-loop system or below-grade tank within the time periods provided in 19.15.17.13 NMAC, or by an earlier date that the division requires because of imminent danger to fresh water, public health or the environment.

(1) An operator shall cease discharging into an existing unlined permanent pit that is permitted by or registered with the division within two years after June 16, 2008. An operator shall close an existing unlined permanent pit that is permitted by or registered with the division within three years after June 16, 2008.

(2) An operator shall cease discharging into an existing, lined or unlined, permanent pit that is not permitted by or registered with the division on or by June 16, 2008. An operator shall close an existing, lined or unlined, permanent pit that is not permitted by or registered with the division within six months after June 16, 2008.

(3) An operator shall close an existing unlined temporary pit within three months after June 16, 2008.

(4) An operator shall close an existing below-grade tank that does not meet the requirements of Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC or is not included in Paragraph (5) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC within five years after June 16, 2008, if not retrofitted to comply with Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC.

(5) An operator shall close any other **permitted permanent pit within 60 days of cessation of operation of the permanent pit in** accordance with a closure plan that the environmental bureau in the division's Santa Fe office approves.

(6) An operator shall close any other **permitted temporary pit within six months from the date that the operator releases the drilling or workover rig.** The appropriate division district office may grant an extension not to exceed three months.

(7) An operator shall close a drying pad used for a closed-loop system permitted under 19.15.17 NMAC or in operation on June 16, 2008, **within six months from the date that the operator releases the drilling or workover rig.** The operator shall note the date of the drilling or workover rig's release on form C-105 or C-103, filed with the division, upon the well's or workover's completion. The appropriate division district office may grant an extension not to exceed six months.

(8) An operator shall close a permitted below-grade tank within **60 days of cessation of the below-grade tank's operation** or as required by the transitional provisions of Subsection B of 19.15.17.17 NMAC in accordance with a closure plan that the appropriate division district office approves.

B. Closure methods for temporary pits. The operator of a temporary pit shall remove all liquids from the temporary pit prior to closure and dispose of the liquids in a division-approved facility or recycle, reuse or reclaim the liquids in a manner that the appropriate division district office approves. The

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