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District II  
1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210  
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1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410  
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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

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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: COG Operating LLC OGRID #: 229137  
Address: 2208 West Main Street, Artesia, NM 88211-0227  
Facility or well name: Van Gogh Fee #1H  
API Number: 30025-41108 OCD Permit Number: P1-06044  
U/L or Qtr/Qtr Unit N, SESW Section 11 Township 24S 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 identify 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. Disposal Facility Permit Number: R-9166  
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): Mayte Reyes Title: Regulatory Analyst  
Signature: Mayte Reyes Date: 4/11/2013  
e-mail address: mreyes1@concho.com Telephone: 575-748-6945

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

OCD Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Petroleum Engineer

OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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8. **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 identify 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Disposal Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Disposal Facility Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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 and Maintenance Plan  
Closure Plan**

**Van Gogh Fee #1H  
SHL: 150' FSL & 1980' FWL  
BHL: 330' FNL & 1980' FWL  
SECTION 11, T24S, R34E  
Lea County, New Mexico**

COG Operating LLC will be using all above ground steel pits for fluid and cuttings while drilling. If any tank develops a leak we will have immediate visual discovery, we would then transfer the fluid to another tank then remove any contaminated soil and dispose of it in the cuttings bins for transportation. All leaks should be kept to less than 5 barrels. Rig crews will monitor the tanks at all times.

**Equipment List:**

2- Mongoose Shale Shakers  
1- 414 Centrifuge  
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2- Roll Off Bins w/ Tracks  
2- 500 BBL Frac Tanks

During drilling operations all liquids, drilling fluids and cuttings will be hauled off via CRI (Controlled Recovery Inc.) Permit R-9166 or any other approved facility.