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**HOBBS OCD**  
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  
Revised August 1, 2011

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 NMOC 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: EnerVest Operating, L.L.C. OGRID #: 143199  
Address: 1001 Fannin St. Ste. 800, Houston, TX 77002  
Facility or well name: Arnett Ramsay NCT-B #3  
API Number: 30-025-11863 OCD Permit Number: P1-06310  
U/L or Qtr/Qtr A Section 32 Township 25S Range 37E County: Lea Co.  
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 32.922250 Longitude -103.178457 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) ☒ **TA**  
☒ 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 19.15.16.8 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: Gandy Marley Disposal Facility Permit Number: NM-01-0019  
Disposal Facility Name: R360 Disposal Facility Permit Number: NM-01-0006  
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): Bart Trevino Title: Regulatory Analyst  
Signature: [Signature] Date: 5/29/2013  
e-mail address btrevino@enervest.net Telephone: 713-495-5355

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

OCD Representative Signature: [Signature] Approval Date: 6-11-2013

Title: DET MGR OCD Permit Number: 01/40/2012 P1-06310

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: \_\_\_\_\_

## **EnerVest Operating, LLC**

### **Closed Loop System**

#### **Closed Loop Design and Construction Plan**

In accordance with 19.15.17.11 NMAC, EnerVest Operating, LLC. (EV) will utilize a closed loop system while performing Temporary Abandonment operations on this well site to insure the confinement of oil gas or water to prevent an uncontrolled release.

EV will use an above ground closed loop system for fluids handling and solids separation.

Design and construction considerations are:

1. A well sign shall be posted at the well site in accordance with 19.15.3 103 NMAC.
2. No drying pads or sumps will be used in conjunction with this closed loop system.
3. Solids that have been separated from the fluids will be hauled to a properly permitted landfarm facility.
4. The fluids will be conditioned for re-use as much as is practical, any fluids left over at the end of the process will be hauled to next location for re-use or hauled to a properly permitted facility for disposal.

#### **Closed Loop Operating and maintenance plan**

In accordance with 19.15.17.12 NMAC, EV shall operate and maintain the closed loop system in a manner that will contain all solids and liquids, maintain the systems integrity, prevent contamination of fresh water and protect public health and the environment. This will be accomplished by the following processes:

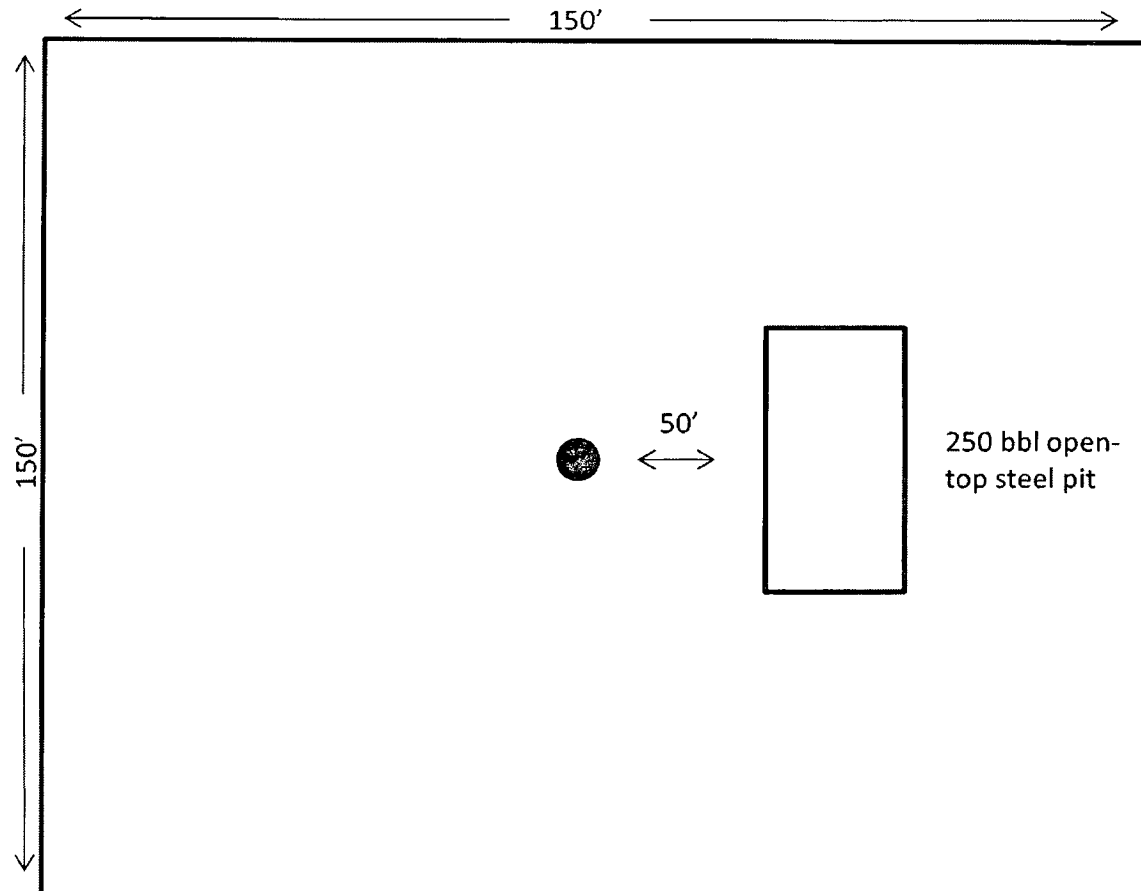
1. EV shall recycle, re-use or reclaim and dispose of all fluids and solids in a manner approved by the current NMOCD rules.
2. EV shall not discharge into or store any hazardous waste in the closed loop system, nor shall it allow miscellaneous solid waste or debris into the closed loop system.
3. The pit tanks will be of sufficient volume to maintain a safe freeboard prior to the disposal of the solids and liquids from the rig operations.
4. Disposal of the solids and liquids will be done on a periodic basis maintaining a safe and responsible free board in the pits. The solids will be transported off the drill site and disposed of at a properly permitted land farm. The liquid portion of the fluids will be separated and re used where practical. Any portion that cannot be re used will be disposed of at an appropriate facility.
5. The closed loop system will be inspected daily while the system is in use. EV shall maintain a log of such inspections.
6. In the event of a leak from any of the components within the closed loop system, EV will take appropriate measures to repair the leak and contain the release and report to NMOCD the event within 48 hours of the detection of the leak or release.

## **Closure Plan**

In accordance with 19.15.17.13 NMAC EV will not use any temporary pits, drying pads or sumps in the TA operations. The closed loop system(s) and all associated activities will be performed on the well site and will not be performed on or in an area that will not be used for future service and operations of the well. The closure of the closed loop system will be performed as follows:

1. Upon termination of rig operations, all liquids remaining in the closed loop system will be either transported to another site for re-use or will be disposed of at an appropriate facility.
2. The closed loop system(s) components, including any and all of the containment tanks will be removed from the location in conjunction with the drilling or completion rig from the well site.
3. Upon termination of the rig operations any remaining solid materials in the closed loop system will be disposed of at a properly permitted landfarm facility.
4. Within sixty days from the date that EV ceases drilling activities at the well site for which the closed loop permit was issued and the closed loop equipment has been removed from the well site, EV shall complete and execute items 9 and 10 of the C-144 CLEZ and file with the NMOCD district office.

EnerVest Operating, L.L.C.  
Arnott Ramsay NCT-B #3  
Unit A, Sec. 32 T25S R37E  
Lea County, NM  
API # 30-025-11863



All distances approximate.  
Not to scale.