

# Matador Production Company

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James Styers  
Operations Engineer

November 7, 2025

## VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

NM Oil Conservation Division  
Environmental Bureau  
1220 South St Francis Dr.  
Sante Fe, NM 87505

Re: Ace Stern Vegas Recycling Facility #2 (Facility ID: FVV2530138074; 2RF-226)  
Sec. 21 T22S R28E, Eddy County  
Lat: 32.374219 Long: -104.099387

Matador Production Company respectfully submits this closure of the Ace Sterns Recycling Facility #2. Included in this closure is a C-147 Short Form. NMOCD form C-148 is submitted to OCD Permitting concurrent to this closure to report recycling and reuse of produced water.

At the conclusion of the completion operations being supported by the facility, all treated produced water was removed from the facility's steel bottomed/sided frac tanks and the tanks were removed.

If you would like any additional information, please let us know.

Sincerely,

James Styers

State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources  
Department Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505  
<https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/ocd/ocd-e-permitting/>

Form C-147  
Revised October 11, 2022

## Recycling Facility Only

**Type of action:** ☐ Permit ☐ Registration ☐ Modification ☒ Closure ☐ Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

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: Matador Production Company (For multiple operators attach page with information) OGRID #: 228937  
Address: One Lincoln Centre 5400 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1500, Dallas, TX 75240  
Facility or well name (include API# if associated with a well): Ace Stern Vegas Facility #2  
OCD Permit Number: 2RF-226 (For new facilities the permit number will be assigned by the district office)  
U/L or Qtr/Qtr sw 1/4 of sw 1/4 Section 21 Township 22S Range 28E County: Eddy  
Surface Owner: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☒ Private ☐ Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

2.  
☒ **Recycling Facility:**  
Location of recycling facility (if applicable): Latitude 32.374219 Longitude -104.099387 NAD83  
Proposed Use: ☐ Drilling\* ☒ Completion\* ☐ Production\* ☐ Plugging\*  
*\*The re-use of produced water may NOT be used until fresh water zones are cased and cemented*  
☐ Other, *requires permit for other uses. Describe use, process, testing, volume of produced water and ensure there will be no adverse impact on groundwater or surface water.*  
☒ Fluid Storage  
☒ Above ground tanks ☐ Activity permitted under 19.15.17 NMAC explain type \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Activity permitted under 19.15.36 NMAC explain type: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Other explain \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ **Closure Report (required within 60 days of closure completion):** ☒ **Recycling Facility Closure Completion Date:** October 22nd, 2025

3.  
**Variances:**  
Justifications and/or demonstrations that the proposed variance will afford reasonable protection against contamination of fresh water, human health, and the environment.  
**Check the below box only if a variance is requested:**  
☐ Variance(s): Requests must be submitted to the appropriate division district for consideration of approval. If a Variance is requested, include the variance information on a separate page and attach it to the C-147 as part of the application.  
**If a Variance is requested, it must be approved prior to implementation.**

4.  
**Operator Application Certification:**  
I hereby certify that the information and attachments submitted with this application are true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
Name (Print): James Styers Title: Operations Engineer  
Signature: James Styers Date: 11/7/2025  
e-mail address: james.styers@matadorresources.com Telephone: 972-677-2284

5.  
OCD Representative Signature: Victoria Venegas Approval/Registration Date: 12/08/2025  
Title: Environmental Specialist OCD Permit Number: 2RF-226  
☒ OCD Conditions \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Additional OCD Conditions on Attachment

## Venegas, Victoria, EMNRD

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**From:** Venegas, Victoria, EMNRD  
**Sent:** Monday, December 8, 2025 3:07 PM  
**To:** Ben Snapka; james.styers@matadorresources.com  
**Subject:** 2RF-226 - ACE STERNS RECYCLING FACILITY #2 [FVV2530138074]  
**Attachments:** C-147 2RF-226 - ACE STERNS RECYCLING FACILITY #2 [FVV2530138074] 12.08.2025.pdf

### 2RF-226 - ACE STERNS RECYCLING FACILITY #2 [FVV2530138074]

Good afternoon Mr. Snapka.

The NMOCD has reviewed the closure request submitted by MATADOR PRODUCTION COMPANY [228937] on 12/02/2025, Action ID **531233**, for 2RF-226 - ACE STERNS RECYCLING FACILITY #2 [FVV2530138074] in M-21-22S-28E, Eddy County, New Mexico. The closure request has been approved. Please note that according to 19.15.34.14.G: "The re-vegetation and reclamation obligations imposed by federal, state trust land or tribal agencies on lands managed by those agencies shall supersede these provisions and govern the obligations of any operator subject to those provisions, provided that the other requirements provide equal or better protection of fresh water, human health, and the environment. Per 19.15.34.14.H, the operator shall notify the Division when reclamation and re-vegetation are complete."

Please let me know if you have any further questions.  
Regards,

**Victoria Venegas** • Senior Environmental Scientist  
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CONDITIONS

Action 531233

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Operator: MATADOR PRODUCTION COMPANY One Lincoln Centre Dallas, TX 75240	OGRID: 228937
	Action Number: 531233
	Action Type: [C-147] Water Recycle Short (C-147S)

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Created By	Condition	Condition Date
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