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State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources  
Department  
Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-144  
Revised April 3, 2017

For temporary pits, below-grade tanks, and multi-well fluid management pits, submit to the appropriate NMOC District Office.  
For permanent pits submit to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office and provide a copy to the appropriate NMOC District Office.

**Pit, Below-Grade Tank, or  
Proposed Alternative Method Permit or Closure Plan Application**

- Type of action: ☐ Below grade tank registration  
☐ Permit of a pit or proposed alternative method  
☐ Closure of a pit, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method  
☐ Modification to an existing permit/or registration  
☒ Closure plan only submitted for an existing permitted or non-permitted pit, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method

**Instructions: Please submit one application (Form C-144) per individual pit, below-grade tank or alternative request**

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: Dugan Production Corp. OGRID #: 006515  
Address: PO Box 420, Farmington, NM 87499-0420  
Facility or well name: Bowers #1  
API Number: 30-045-25486 OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
U/L or Qtr/Qtr A Section 17 Township 24N Range 8W County: San Juan  
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 36.3180857 Longitude -107.69976259 NAD83  
Surface Owner: ☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ Private ☐ Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

2.  
☐ **Pit:** Subsection F, G or J of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
Temporary: ☐ Drilling ☐ Workover  
☐ Permanent ☐ Emergency ☐ Cavitation ☐ P&A ☐ Multi-Well Fluid Management Low Chloride Drilling Fluid ☐ yes ☐ no  
☐ Lined ☐ Unlined Liner type: Thickness \_\_\_\_\_ mil ☐ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ String-Reinforced  
Liner Seams: ☐ Welded ☐ Factory ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Volume: \_\_\_\_\_ bbl Dimensions: L \_\_\_\_\_ x W \_\_\_\_\_ x D \_\_\_\_\_

3.  
☒ **Below-grade tank:** Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
Volume: 60 bbl Type of fluid: water  
Tank Construction material: steel  
☐ Secondary containment with leak detection ☐ Visible sidewalls, liner, 6-inch lift and automatic overflow shut-off  
☐ Visible sidewalls and liner ☒ Visible sidewalls only ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Liner type: Thickness 60 mil ☒ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

4.  
☐ **Alternative Method:**  
Submittal of an exception request is required. Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

5.  
**Fencing:** Subsection D of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (Applies to permanent pits, temporary pits, and below-grade tanks)  
☐ Chain link, six feet in height, two strands of barbed wire at top (Required if located within 1000 feet of a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church)  
☒ Four foot height, four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced between one and four feet  
☐ Alternate. Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

6.

**Netting:** Subsection E of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (*Applies to permanent pits and permanent open top tanks*)☐ Screen ☒ Netting ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_☐ Monthly inspections (If netting or screening is not physically feasible)

7.

**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

8.

**Variances and Exceptions:**

Justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17 NMAC for guidance.

**Please check a box if one or more of the following is requested, if not leave blank:**☐ Variance(s): Requests must be submitted to the appropriate division district for consideration of approval.☐ Exception(s): Requests must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

9.

**Siting Criteria (regarding permitting):** 19.15.17.10 NMAC**Instructions:** The applicant must demonstrate compliance for each siting criteria below in the application. Recommendations of acceptable source material are provided below. Siting criteria does not apply to drying pads or above-grade tanks.**General siting****Ground water is less than 25 feet below the bottom of a low chloride temporary pit or below-grade tank.**☐ NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; ☐ USGS; ☒ Data obtained from nearby wells☐ Yes ☒ No  
☐ NA**Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of a Temporary pit, permanent pit, or Multi-Well Fluid Management pit.**

NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells

☐ Yes ☐ No  
☐ NAWithin incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended. (**Does not apply to below grade tanks**)☐ Yes ☐ No☐ Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipalityWithin the area overlying a subsurface mine. (**Does not apply to below grade tanks**)☐ Yes ☐ No☐ Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral DivisionWithin an unstable area. (**Does not apply to below grade tanks**)☐ Yes ☐ No☐ Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map☐ Yes ☐ NoWithin a 100-year floodplain. (**Does not apply to below grade tanks**)☐ FEMA map**Below Grade Tanks**

Within 100 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, significant watercourse, lake bed, sinkhole, wetland or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).

☐ Yes ☒ No☐ Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

Within 200 horizontal feet of a spring or a fresh water well used for public or livestock consumption;

☐ Yes ☒ No☐ NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site**Temporary Pit using Low Chloride Drilling Fluid** (maximum chloride content 15,000 mg/liter)

Within 100 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or any other significant watercourse or within 200 feet of any lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark). (Applies to low chloride temporary pits.)

☐ Yes ☐ No☐ Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

Within 300 feet from a occupied permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.

☐ Yes ☐ No☐ Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image

Within 200 horizontal feet of a spring or a private, domestic fresh water well used by less than five households for domestic or stock watering purposes, or 300feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in existence at the time of the initial application.

☐ Yes ☐ No

NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

Within 100 feet of a wetland.

- US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

☐ Yes ☐ No

### **Temporary Pit Non-low chloride drilling fluid**

Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or any other significant watercourse, or within 200 feet of any lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).

- Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.

- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within 500 horizontal feet of a spring or a private, domestic fresh water well used by less than five households for domestic or stock watering purposes, or 1000 feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in the existence at the time of the initial application;

- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within 300 feet of a wetland.

- US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

☐ Yes ☐ No

### **Permanent Pit or Multi-Well Fluid Management Pit**

Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse, or lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).

- Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within 1000 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.

- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within 500 horizontal feet of a spring or a fresh water well used for domestic or stock watering purposes, in existence at the time of initial application.

- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within 500 feet of a wetland.

- US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

☐ Yes ☐ No

10.

#### **Temporary Pits, Emergency Pits, and Below-grade Tanks 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.*

- ☐ Hydrogeologic Report (Below-grade Tanks) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (4) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
- ☐ Hydrogeologic Data (Temporary and Emergency Pits) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (2) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
- ☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC
- ☐ 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 Boxes 14 through 18, if applicable) - 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: \_\_\_\_\_ or Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

11.

#### **Multi-Well Fluid Management Pit 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
- ☐ A List of wells with approved application for permit to drill associated with the pit.
- ☐ Closure Plan (Please complete Boxes 14 through 18, if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Hydrogeologic Data - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (4) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
- ☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC

☐ Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: \_\_\_\_\_ or Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

12. **Permanent Pits Permit Application 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.

- ☐ Hydrogeologic Report - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (1) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
- ☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC
- ☐ Climatological Factors Assessment
- ☐ Certified Engineering Design Plans - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Dike Protection and Structural Integrity Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Leak Detection Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Liner Specifications and Compatibility Assessment - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Quality Control/Quality Assurance Construction and Installation Plan
- ☐ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC
- ☐ Freeboard and Overlapping Prevention Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Nuisance or Hazardous Odors, including H<sub>2</sub>S, Prevention Plan
- ☐ Emergency Response Plan
- ☐ Oil Field Waste Stream Characterization
- ☐ Monitoring and Inspection Plan
- ☐ Erosion Control Plan
- ☐ Closure Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC

13. **Proposed Closure:** 19.15.17.13 NMAC

**Instructions:** Please complete the applicable boxes, Boxes 14 through 18, in regards to the proposed closure plan.

- Type: ☐ Drilling ☐ Workover ☐ Emergency ☐ Cavitation ☐ P&A ☐ Permanent Pit ☒ Below-grade Tank ☐ Multi-well Fluid Management Pit  
☐ Alternative
- Proposed Closure Method: ☒ Waste Excavation and Removal  
☐ Waste Removal (Closed-loop systems only)  
☐ On-site Closure Method (Only for temporary pits and closed-loop systems)  
☐ In-place Burial ☐ On-site Trench Burial  
☐ Alternative Closure Method

14. **Waste Excavation and Removal Closure Plan Checklist:** (19.15.17.13 NMAC) **Instructions:** Each of the following items must be attached to the closure plan. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.

- ☒ Protocols and Procedures - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☒ Confirmation Sampling Plan (if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☒ Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number (for liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings)
- ☒ 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 H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☒ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

15. **Siting Criteria (regarding on-site closure methods only):** 19.15.17.10 NMAC

**Instructions:** Each siting criteria requires a demonstration of compliance in the closure plan. Recommendations of acceptable source material are provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria require justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance.

Ground water is less than 25 feet below the bottom of the buried waste. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Ground water is between 25-50 feet below the bottom of the buried waste - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Ground water is more than 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Within 100 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse, lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark). - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within 300 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring used for domestic or stock watering purposes, in existence at the time of initial application. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within 300 feet of a wetland. US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No



adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended.

- Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within the area overlying a subsurface mine.

- Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within an unstable area.

- Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within a 100-year floodplain.

- FEMA map

☐ Yes ☐ No

16.

**On-Site Closure Plan Checklist:** (19.15.17.13 NMAC) *Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure plan. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.*

- ☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC  
☐ Proof of Surface Owner Notice - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection E of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
☐ Construction/Design Plan of Burial Trench (if applicable) based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection K of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
☐ Construction/Design Plan of Temporary Pit (for in-place burial of a drying pad) - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
☐ Protocols and Procedures - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
☐ Confirmation Sampling Plan (if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
☐ Waste Material Sampling Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
☐ Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number (for liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings or in case on-site closure standards cannot be achieved)  
☐ Soil Cover Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
☐ Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
☐ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

17.

**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): Kevin Smaka, PE

Title: Regulatory Engineer

Signature: 

Date: 4-25-24

e-mail address: Kevin.Smaka@duganproduction.com

Telephone: 505-325-1821 x1049

18.

**OCD Approval:** ☐ Permit Application (including closure plan) ☐ Closure Plan (only) ☐ OCD Conditions (see attachment)

OCD Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

19.

**Closure Report (required within 60 days of closure completion):** 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: \_\_\_\_\_

20.

**Closure Method:**

- ☐ Waste Excavation and Removal ☐ On-Site Closure Method ☐ Alternative Closure Method ☐ Waste Removal (Closed-loop systems only)  
☐ If different from approved plan, please explain.

21.

**Closure Report Attachment Checklist:** *Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure report. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.*

- ☐ Proof of Closure Notice (surface owner and division)  
☐ Proof of Deed Notice (required for on-site closure for private land only)  
☐ Plot Plan (for on-site closures and temporary pits)  
☐ Confirmation Sampling Analytical Results (if applicable)  
☐ Waste Material Sampling Analytical Results (required for on-site closure)  
☐ Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number  
☐ Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation  
☐ Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique  
☐ Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation)

On-site Closure Location: Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_ NAD: ☐ 1927 ☐ 1983

22.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Below Grade Tank Closure Plan

### Dugan Production Corp.

Bowers #1

30-045-25486

A-17-24N-08W

1120 FNL 1120 FEL

Surface Owner: Federal (BLM)

As directed by NMAC 19.15.17 the following plan/procedure has been prepared for closure of the below grade tank identified on the associated C-144.

1. Dugan shall notify the surface owner by certified mail return receipt requested, unless the surface owner is a government agency in which case Dugan will notify via email (BLM), that Dugan plans closure operations at least 72 hours, but not more than one week, prior to any closure operation. Notice shall include well name, API number and location. Evidence of mailing of the notice to the address of the surface owner shown in the county tax records is sufficient to demonstrate compliance with this requirement. A copy of the email sent to NMSLO will be included.
2. Dugan shall notify the OCD at least 72 hours, but not more than one week, prior to any closure operation. The notice shall include the operator's name and the location to be closed by unit letter, section, township and range. If the closure is associated with a particular well, then the notice shall also include the well's name, number and API number. Dugan must close out a below-grade tank within 60-days of cessation of operation.
3. Dugan shall close the below-grade tank by first removing all contents and, if applicable, synthetic liners and transferring those materials to a division approved facility. In this case Dugan will haul solid waste to Envirotech (Permit # NM-01-0011). Liquid waste will be hauled to Dugan's Sanchez O'Brien SWD #1 (Permit # SWD-694). The pit liner will be disposed of at Waste Management's Crouch Mesa facility. The tank will be hauled to Dugan's yard. If the tank is in good condition, it will be placed in Dugan's inventory until its placed back in service. If the tank is in poor condition, it will be sold for scrap.
4. Dugan shall test the soils beneath the below-grade tank as follows:
  - (a) At a minimum, a five-point composite sample to include any obvious stained or wet soils, or other evidence of contamination shall be taken under the liner or the below-grade tank and that sample shall be analyzed for the constituents listed in Table I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC.

(b) If any contaminant concentration is higher than the parameters listed in Table I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC, the division may require additional delineation upon review of the results and Dugan must receive approval before proceeding with closure.

(c) If all contaminant concentrations are less than or equal to the parameters listed in Table I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC, then Dugan can proceed to backfill the pit, pad, or excavation with non-waste containing, uncontaminated, earthen material.

5. Once Dugan has closed the below-grade tank, Dugan shall reclaim the below-grade tank location and all areas associated with the below-grade tank including associated access roads to a safe and stable condition that blends with the surrounding undisturbed area. Dugan shall substantially restore the impacted surface area to the condition that existed prior to oil and gas operations by placement of the soil cover as provided in Paragraph (2) of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC, recontour the location and associated areas to a contour that approximates the original contour and blends with the surrounding topography and re-vegetate according to Paragraph (5) in Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC. This BGT is located at an active well site. No contouring will occur until the well is permanently plugged and abandoned. Once the well is permanently plugged Dugan will comply with subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC.
6. Areas reasonably needed for production operations or for subsequent drilling operations shall be compacted, covered, paved, or otherwise stabilized and maintained in such a way as to minimize dust and erosion to the extent practicable. In the case of the Stewart A Com B #3, Dugan will continue operating the well, as such the BGT area will follow the stipulations stated above regarding soil compaction to prevent erosion and minimize dust.
7. Dugan will install a soil cover that shall consist of the background thickness of topsoil or one foot of suitable material, whichever is greater. The soil cover shall be constructed to the site's existing grade and all practical efforts shall be made to prevent ponding of water and erosion of the soil cover material.
8. This BGT is located at an active wellsite and will remain active for many years. No seeding will take place until the well is permanently plugged and abandoned. After the well is permanently plugged Dugan will comply with the seeding requirements found in NMAC 19.15.17.13.H.(5) and notify the division when reclamation and re-vegetation are complete.
9. Within 60 days of closure completion Dugan will submit a closure report with form C-144 and will include the following:
  - a. Proof of closure notice given to NMOCD and the surface owner
  - b. Sampling analytical reports; information required by 19.15.17 NMAC
  - c. Disposal facility name and permit numbers
  - d. Details on backfilling, capping, covering and, where applicable, seeding application rates and seeding technique



- e. Photo documentation of sampling and site reclamation

#### **Depth to Groundwater**

No groundwater data exists for wells in section 17, T-24N, R-08W. In order to estimate groundwater for the area of the BGT Dugan used the iWaters database and queried all water wells within 5 miles of the BGT. The results of the query indicated depth to groundwater is greater than 100 feet below surface.

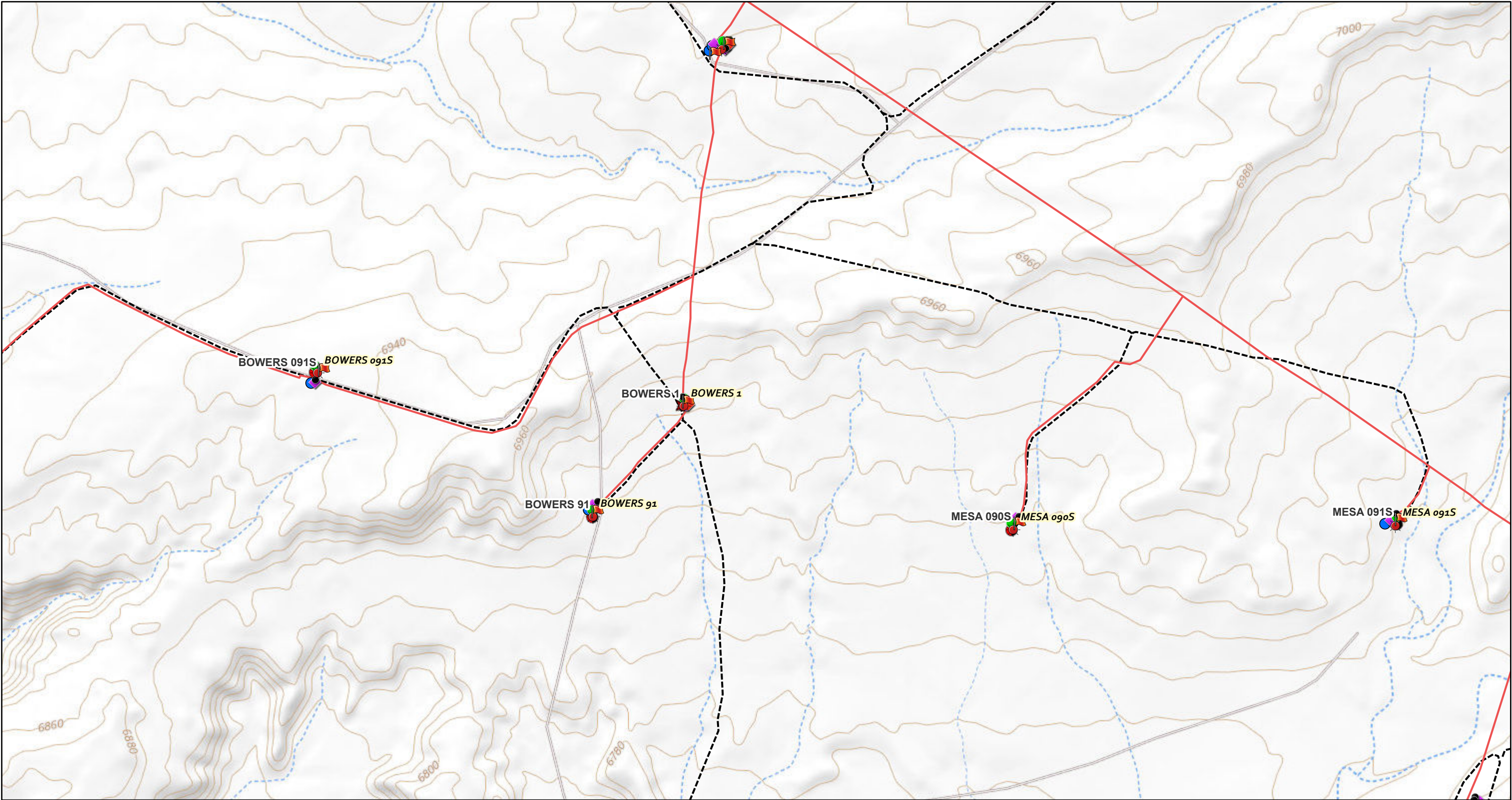
Dugan also consulted the hydrogeologic report generated with the original BGT registration located in Dugan's records. That report estimates the depth to water is also greater than 100 feet below surface.

Based on these pieces of information, and with OCD's agreement on the matter, Dugan proposes the standard for closure be set to the 100>feet to groundwater standard found in table 1.

#### **List of Attachments**

1. A topographic map of the area surrounding the BGT that identifies all nearby water courses as directed in section 9 of the C-144
2. The NMOSE iWaters database report for domestic water wells near the facility.  
None were found in the section the BGT is located in.
3. A copy of the hydrogeologic report.

# Bowers 1 Topo Map



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- SITES

GAS

ALLOCATION\_METERS
- PNEUMATICS

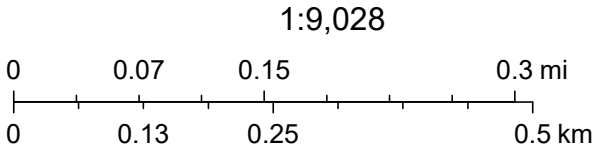
PJ ENGINES

PITS
- SEPARATORS

TANKS

INJECTION PUMP ENGINES
- PUMPJACK

ROADS
- GAS



USGS The National Map: National Boundaries Dataset, 3DEP Elevation Program, Geographic Names Information System, National Hydrography Dataset, National Land Cover Database, National Structures Dataset, and National Transportation Dataset; USGS

POD Number	Sec	Tws	Rng	X	Y		Distance (meters)	Distance (Feet)	Depth Well	Depth Water	Water Column
SJ 04373 POD1	16	24N	08W	258381	4021694		1199	0.74483	1000		
SJ 02686	32	24N	08W	257502	4017472	*	5158	3.20421	690	690	0
SJ 04587 POD1	25	24N	09W	253550	4018974		5478	3.403	640	165	475
SJ 01712	27	24N	09W	251195	4018933	*	7420	4.60939	528	515	13
SJ 00960 S	36	24N	08W	262744	4016920	*	7664	4.76097			
SJ 00870	36	24N	08W	263248	4017010	*	7945	4.93553	250		
SJ 00960 S-2	36	24N	08W	263147	4016909	*	7947	4.93677			
SJ 00960	36	24N	08W	262730	4016518	*	7959	4.94423			

Avg depth to water: 456  
 Minimum depth: 165  
 Maximum depth: 690

\*UTM location was derived from PLSS - see Help



### Bowers #1 Hydrogeologic Report

The Bowers #1 is located on Federal land on the Chaco Slope area of the San Juan Basin, San Juan County, New Mexico. The area can be characterized as an arid region with low ridges forested by Juniper and Pinon trees bordered by "Bad Lands" topography and sage brush flats.

A records search of the NM Office of the State Engineer –iWATERS database was conducted on a three square mile area centered on the Bowers #1 location (Exhibit 2). No water wells were located in the area of the below grade tank. The results of the search are shown on Exhibit 1.

The main source of stock water in the region is encountered in valley-fill deposits in existing arroyos at shallow depths of approximately 15 – 50 feet below the surface. The below grade tank is not located in an arroyo. There is a small arroyo 250 feet to the south and west that breeches the surface down to a depth of 60 feet (Exhibit 2).

The Nacimiento Formation extends from the surface down to a depth of approximately 1218 feet. Thin silty sands inter-bedded with more dominant mudstones occur near the top. Toward the base of the unit, mud content decreases and sand content increases. Shale content in the Nacimiento increases to the west toward the outcrop and recharge area.

The Nacimiento is a source of ground water for livestock purposes and more rarely domestic use in some areas near the outcrop. With depth and distance from the outcrop, water quality decreases quickly and may be useful for livestock only (Stone, 1983)..

Based on electric open hole logs, the iWATERS database, literature reviewed, depth to ground water ranges from 25 - 50 feet below the surface in major arroyos in the area. Moving away from the wash ground water depth drops rapidly to greater than 200 feet below the surface. At the location of the subject below grade tank, lesser amounts of poor quality ground water might be found at depths of approximately 200-250 and 400-800 feet below the surface in laterally discontinuous sand intervals in the middle and lower Nacimiento Formation. A deeper source of ground water would include the Ojo Alamo interval; at a depth of 1218-1300 feet below the surface.

Due to the high silt content in the sands, poor water and reservoir quality and unpredictable nature of sand occurrence, there has not been any Nacimiento water wells drilled in the area of the subject below grade tank.

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CONDITIONS

Created By	Condition	Condition Date
joel.stone	Upon the plugging and abandonment of well API 30-045-25486 (Bowers #1), and cessation of all production operations in the area associated with this below-grade tank, Dugan shall complete the requirements of 19.15.17.13.H NMAC for the area associated with this below-grade tank and notify the OCD when restoration, reclamation, and re-vegetation are complete.	4/30/2024
joel.stone	All future C-144 Form submittals related to this below-grade tank must include OCD Permit Number: BGT1 in Section 1 of the C-144 Form.	4/30/2024