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Energy Minerals and Natural Resources
Department
Oil Conservation Division
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Form C-144
Revised August 1, 2011

For temporary pits, closed-loop systems, and below-grade tanks, submit to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.
For permanent pits and exceptions submit to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office and provide a copy to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.

Pit, Closed-Loop System, Below-Grade Tank, or Proposed Alternative Method Permit or Closure Plan Application

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

Instructions: Please submit one application (Form C-144) per individual pit, closed-loop system, 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: Chevron Midcontinent, L.P. OGRID #: 241333
Address: Post Office Box 36366, Houston, TX 77236
Facility or well name: Horton Federal CB 27 1
API Number: 30-045-28892 OCD Permit Number:
U/L or Qtr/Qtr K Section 27 Township 32N Range 12W County: San Juan
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 36.955033° Longitude -108.084858° NAD: ☐ 1927 ☒ 1983
Surface Owner: ☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ Private ☐ Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

2.
☐ **Pit:** Subsection F or G of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
Temporary: ☐ Drilling ☐ Workover
☐ Permanent ☐ Emergency ☐ Cavitation ☐ P&A
☐ 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.
☐ **Closed-loop System:** Subsection H of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
Type of Operation: ☐ P&A ☐ Drilling a new well ☐ Workover or Drilling (Applies to activities which require prior approval of a permit or notice of intent)
☐ Drying Pad ☐ Above Ground Steel Tanks ☐ Haul-off Bins ☐ Other _____
☐ Lined ☐ Unlined Liner type: Thickness _____mil ☐ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other _____
Liner Seams: ☐ Welded ☐ Factory ☐ Other _____

4.
☒ **Below-grade tank:** Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
Volume: 95 bbl Type of fluid: Produced 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 _____mil ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☒ Other None

5.
☐ **Alternative Method:**
Submittal of an exception request is required. Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

6.

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 Four foot, pipe frame with square wire mesh

7.

Netting: Subsection E of 19.15.17.11 NMAC *(Applies to permanent pits and permanent open top tanks)*

☐ Screen ☐ Netting ☒ Other Solid

☐ Monthly inspections (If netting or screening is not physically feasible)

8.

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

9.

Administrative Approvals 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:

☒ Administrative approval(s): Requests must be submitted to the appropriate division district or the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

☐ Exception(s): Requests must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

10.

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. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria may require administrative approval from the appropriate district office or may be considered an exception which must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval. Applicant must attach justification for request. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance. **Siting criteria does not apply to drying pads or above-grade tanks associated with a closed-loop system.**

Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the temporary pit, permanent pit, or below-grade tank. - Groundwater is estimated to be 45 feet below the bottom of the below-grade tank on the Horton Federal CB-27 #1 well site; see attached ***Data Sheet for Deep Ground Cathodic Protection Wells***.	☒ Yes ☐ No
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). - The below-grade tank is greater than 300 feet from a continuously flowing watercourse and greater than 200 feet of any other significant watercourse or lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake; see attached ***Topographic Map***.	☐ Yes ☒ No
Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. *(Applies to temporary, emergency, or cavitation pits and below-grade tanks)* - The below-grade tank is greater than 300 feet from the nearest school, hospital, institution, or church: see attached ***Aerial Map***.	☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ NA
Within 1000 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. *(Applies to permanent pits)* - Not applicable for below-grade tanks.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
Within 500 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring that less than five households use for domestic or stock watering purposes, or within 1000 horizontal feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in existence at the time of initial application. - The below-grade tank is estimated to be 2,247 meters (1.4 miles) from the nearest domestic fresh water well or spring; see attached ***NMOSE Water Column/Average Depth to Water Report.***	☐ Yes ☒ No
Within 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. - The below-grade tank is not within incorporated Municipal Boundaries; see attached ***Municipal Boundary Map***.	☐ Yes ☒ No
Within 500 feet of a wetland. - The below-grade tank is greater than 500 feet from the nearest wetland; see attached ***Topographic Map*** and ***U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory Map***.	
Within the area overlying a subsurface mine. - The below-grade tank is not within an area overlying a subsurface mine; see attached ***NM EMNRD – Mining and Mineral Division Map.***	☐ Yes ☒ No
Within an unstable area. - The below-grade tank is not within an unstable area; see attached ***USGS Geologic Map***, ***USGS Karst Map***, and ***Hydrogeologic Report***.	☐ Yes ☒ No
Within a 100-year floodplain. - The below-grade tank is outside of any known 100-year flood plain; see the attached ***FIRM Flood Insurance Rate Map***	☐ Yes ☒ No

11.
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: _____

12.
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.

- ☐ Geologic and Hydrogeologic Data (only for on-site closure) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (3) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9
- ☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations (only for on-site closure) - 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: _____

☐ Previously Approved Operating and Maintenance Plan API Number: _____ *(Applies only to closed-loop system that use above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure)*

13.
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 Overtopping Prevention Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Nuisance or Hazardous Odors, including H_2S, 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

14.
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 ☐ Closed-loop System ☐ 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 (Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau for consideration)

15.
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 F 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 I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☒ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

16.

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 indentify 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: _____ Disposal Facility Permit Number: _____

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

17.

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 may require administrative approval from the appropriate district office or may be considered an exception which must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval. Justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance.

Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the buried waste. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
Ground water is between 50 and 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ 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	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
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 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 private, domestic fresh water well or spring that less than five households use for domestic or stock watering purposes, or within 1000 horizontal feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in existence at the time of initial application. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 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. - Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality	☐ 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
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

18.

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 F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

☐ Construction/Design Plan of Burial Trench (if applicable) based upon the appropriate requirements 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 Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

☐ Waste Material Sampling Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection F 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 I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

☐ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

19.
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): Leslie Barnes Title: Operations Manager, Piceance & San Juan

Signature: Leslie Barnes Date: 4/5/13

e-mail address: LeslieBarnes@chevron.com Telephone: (970) 257-6009

20.
OCD Approval: ☐ Permit Application (including closure plan) ☐ Closure Plan (only) ☐ OCD Conditions (see attachment)

OCD Representative Signature: _____ **Approval Date:** _____

Title: _____ **OCD Permit Number:** _____

21.
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:** _____

22.
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.

23.
Closure Report Regarding Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Above Ground Steel Tanks or Haul-off Bins Only:

Instructions: Please indentify 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

24.
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)
☐ 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

25.
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: _____

Chevron Midcontinent, LP
BGT Permit Siting Criteria Summary Sheet
Horton Federal CB-27 #1

- Groundwater is estimated to be 45 feet below the bottom of the BGT. This was calculated using information from the surrounding groundwater wells located near the well site along with information derived from a nearby playa lake. A water well is located approximately 1.40 miles to the northwest with a depth to groundwater of 15 feet, another water well is located a water well approximately 1.75 miles to the northeast with a depth to groundwater of 60 feet, and a playa lake is located approximately 3500 feet northwest of the BGT; see attached ***Topographic Map and NMOSE Water Column/Average Depth to Water Report*** (Depth to groundwater for water wells is measured from the top of casing so that all wells are labeled from a common point of interest.) This gives an estimated groundwater elevation of 6120 feet. The topographic map indicates the site elevation to be 6170 feet. The BGT is buried five (5) feet below ground surface which gives a bottom of the BGT elevation of 6165 feet. The difference between the BGT bottom elevation and estimated groundwater elevation is 45 feet.
- The below-grade tank is not within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse or lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake. The nearest continuously flowing watercourse is the La Plata River estimated to be 5.5 miles west of the BGT. The nearest lake is Blue Lake estimated to be 2.65 miles southwest of the BGT. The nearest wash is estimated to be 1200 feet north of the BGT and is an un-named, ephemeral wash that is a significant watercourse and is a first order tributary to Hartley Wash; see attached ***Topographic Map***. (The red dot on the topographic map indicates the location of the BGT.). There is one playa lake located approximately 3500 feet northwest of the BGT.
- The below-grade tank is not within 300 feet of a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application; see the attached ***Aerial Map***. (The red dot on the aerial map indicates the location of the BGT.) There are no permanent residences, schools, hospitals, institutions or churches within the mapped area of the ***Aerial Map***. The nearest residence is 4.5 miles southwest of the BGT. The nearest school, hospital, institution, or church is at least 7.05 miles southwest of the BGT.
- The BGT is not within 500 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring that less than five households use for domestic or stock watering purposes, or within 1000 horizontal feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in existence at the time of initial application. There are no freshwater springs within the mapped area of the attached ***Topographic Map***. The closest water well is estimated to be 1.4 miles northwest of the BGT and was revealed on the attached ***Topographic Map and NMOSE Water Column/Average Depth to Water Report.***
- The below-grade tank is not within 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; see the attached ***Municipal Boundary Map***. The closest boundary is the Aztec Municipal Boundary located approximately 8.5 miles southeast of the site; see attached ***Municipal Boundary Map***.
- The below-grade tank is not within 500 feet of a wetland; see the attached ***Topographic Map*** and ***U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory Map***. Any wetlands on the topographic map are noted in dark blue. The nearest wetland area is estimated to be 3.6 miles northwest of the BGT and is indicated as other on the attached ***U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory Map***.
- The below-grade tank is not within an area overlying a subsurface mine; see the attached ***NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division Map***. The nearest mine is an underground mine located approximately 2 miles north of the BGT.
- The below-grade tank is not within an unstable area; see the attached ***USGS Geologic Map*** and ***USGS Karst Map***. The site is indicated on the maps by a red square. The nearest Karst Feature is approximately 80 miles southeast of the site and is shown on the ***USGS Karst Map***. The underlying geology is comprised of the San Jose Formation, a Tertiary formation composed of shale, siltstone and sandstone.
- The well site is outside of any known 100 year floodplains as evidenced on the attached ***FIRM Flood Insurance Rate Map***. (Any floodplains are indicated by blue dotted hatching on the map.)

HYDROGEOLOGIC REPORT

Horton Federal CB-27 #1 Hydrogeologic Report

Topography and Surface Hydrology

The Horton Federal CB-27 #1 well site is located in what is considered the Colorado River Basin, within the Adobe Downs Ranch, San Juan County, New Mexico, United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute Quadrangle Map approximately 8.5 miles to the northwest of the Aztec, New Mexico, municipal boundary; see attached ***Municipal Boundary Map.*** The largest, continuously flowing streams of the Colorado River Basin are the Animas, La Plata, and San Juan Rivers. The La Plata River is the closest continuously flowing waterway to the site and is approximately 5.5 miles west of the site. Most stream channels within the Colorado River Basin are ephemeral, with some being intermittent (Stone et al., 1983). The tributaries of the San Juan River that contribute large quantities of water during precipitation events are Canyon Largo, Gallegos Canyon, Chaco River, and the La Plata River. The nearest wash is estimated to be 1200 feet north of the below grade tank and is an un-named, ephemeral wash that is a significant wash and is a first order tributary to Hartley Wash. The Hartley Wash is an ephemeral wash that only exists during periods of heavy precipitation and is a second order tributary to the La Plata River; see attached ***Topographic Map.***

Wetland areas can be found to the northeast and southwest of the well site. The nearest wetland area to the Horton Federal CB-27 #1 well site is approximately 3.6 miles northwest of the BGT. This wetland area is identified as other in accordance with the attached ***U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory Map.*** The well site is not within any known flood zone and is approximately 1.5 miles east of the nearest flood zone; see attached ***Firm Flood Insurance Rate Map.***

Residential areas are mostly within the La Plata River Valley to the west and within the Aztec City Municipal Boundaries. The closest permanent residence is approximately 4.5 miles to the southwest of the Horton Federal CB-27 #1 well site. The nearest school is the Koogler Junior High School located 9.4 miles southeast of the Horton Federal CB-27 #1. The nearest churches and institutions are located at least 7.05 miles southwest of the BGT near La Plata, New Mexico. The closest hospital is located within Farmington, New Mexico, approximately 17 miles southwest of the BGT.

The only mining activities identified are to the northwest of the Horton Federal CB-27 #1. The mining activities are underground mines and the nearest mine is approximately 2 miles north of the well site; see attached ***NM EMNRD – Mining and Mineral Division Map.***

Soil

The San Juan Basin contains a wide range of soil types, with the northwest part of the basin, including the bulk of the drainage area of the Chaco and San Juan Rivers, characterized by light-colored, cool, desertic soil types. The higher elevations bordering the basin are characterized by moderately dark to dark mountain soils, and the area in between the two zones being characterized by dark-colored, western plateau soils. The majority of the soils within the basin are of alluvial valley fill and consist of gravel, sand, silt, and clay (Stone et al., 1983). The soil type at the Horton Federal CB-27 #1 well site is a Blancot-Notal association, gently sloping. This is a well drained soil, characterized by fan and stream alluvium derived from sandstone and shale, with a high to low available water capacity. The unit's slope is relatively flat ranging between one (1) and five (5) percent sloping grade. It is a well drained soil with a very high available water capacity. The depth to paralithic bedrock is over 80 inches. The underlying bedrock is mainly fan alluvium derived from sandstone and shale. The unit is found between the elevations of 5,600 feet and 6,400 feet. Mean annual precipitation is between 6 to 10 inches per year ***(Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey).***

Geology and Groundwater Hydrology

The area geology is comprised of mostly sandstone, mudstone, and siltstone. Karst features are formed by the dissolution of soluble rocks, such as limestone and dolomite, and can be characterized by springs, caves, and sinkholes. The nearest documented Karst features are approximately 80 miles southeast of the well site in accordance with a search of Karst features conducted from the ***New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technological***

Petroleum Recovery Research Center Webb Mapping Portal. The information used to create the Karst feature search was compiled using data from the ***United States Geological Survey (USGS) Digital Engineering Aspects of Karst Map web site***. The identified Karst features consist of fissures, tubes and caves generally less than 1,000 feet long, 50 feet or less vertical extent, in moderately to steeply dipping beds of carbonate rock.

The Horton Federal CB-27 #1 well site lies in the northern area of the Nacimiento Formation Aquifer which dips between 7 and 8 degrees to the southeast toward the center of the San Juan Basin (Frenzel, 1983). The Nacimiento Formation lies at the surface in a broad belt at the western and southern edges of the central basin and dips beneath the San Jose Formation in the basin center. (Frenzel, 1983)

The **Nacimiento Formation (Tn)** is Paleocene in age and grades laterally into the Animas Formation (Tka) around Dulce, New Mexico thickening considerably around Durango, Colorado. The Animas occurs at the same stratigraphic interval as the Nacimientos (Fassett and Hinds, 1971, p. 34). The Nacimiento sits unconformably to conformably below the San Jose Formation, outcrops in a broad band inside the southern and western boundaries of the central basin and rises structurally as a narrow band along the west side of the Nacimiento Uplift (Baltz, 1967, p. 35). The Nacimiento is the surface formation in the eastern third of the San Juan Basin, and being nonresistant, erodes to low rounded hills or the formation of badlands-type physiography distinctive from the much more resistant overlying San Jose Formation. The Nacimiento Formation is present in only the southern two-thirds of the Basin where it conformably both overlies and intertongues with the much thinner Ojo Alamo Sandstone (Fassett, 1974, p. 229). Thickness ranges from 800 feet in the southern part to nearly 2,232 feet (Stone, et al, 1983, p. 30) in the subsurface of the northern part. In the eastern outcrops, the thickness is less than 500 feet to nearly 1,400 feet due to folding and erosion (Baltz, 1967, p. 1). In general, the total thickness of the Nacimiento thickens from the basin margins towards the basin center. The Nacimiento in the southern area is comprised predominantly of drab interbedded black and gray claystones and siltstones with some discontinuous relatively unconsolidated white, medium to coarse-grained arkosic sandstone with a few interbedded resistant sandstone strata (Stone, et al, 1983, p.30). To the north, the Naciemento Formation contains a much greater proportion of sandstone, and at some localized places more than 50 percent (Baltz, 1967, p. 1), although most of the sandstones extend only a few thousand feet (Brimhall, 1973, p. 201). Overall, the environment of deposition is predominantly lake deposits and to a lesser extent localization in stream channels (Brimhall, 1973, p. 201).

The nearest registered water well determined by a radius search of 3,000 meters (1.86 miles) from the center of the BGT on the Horton Federal CB-27 #1 well site is approximately 2,247 meters (1.4 miles) north of the BGT with a depth of groundwater of 15 feet below the top of casing; see attached ***New Mexico Office of the State Engineer Water Column/Average Depth to Water Report***. Groundwater is estimated to be 45 feet below the bottom of the BGT. This was calculated using information from the surrounding groundwater wells located near the well site along with information derived from a nearby playa lake. A water well is located approximately 1.40 miles to the northwest with a depth to groundwater of 15 feet, another water well is located approximately 1.75 miles to the northeast with a depth to groundwater of 60 feet, and a playa lake is located approximately 3500 feet northwest of the BGT with a surface elevation of 6120 feet; see attached ***Topographic Map and NMOSE Water Column/Average Depth to Water Report*** (Depth to groundwater for water wells is measured from the top of casing so that all wells are labeled from a common point of interest.) This gives an estimated groundwater elevation of 6120 feet. The topographic map indicates the site elevation to be 6170 feet. The BGT is buried five (5) feet below ground surface which gives a bottom of the BGT elevation of 6165 feet. The difference between the BGT bottom elevation and estimated groundwater elevation is 45 feet.

Resources

New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE) New Mexico Water Right Reporting System (iWaters database)

Stone et al., 1983, Hydrogeology and Water Resources of the San Juan Basin, New Mexico: Socorro, New Mexico Bureau of Mines and Mineral Resources Hydrologic Report 6, 70 p.

Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey web page

New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technological Petroleum Recovery Research Center Webb Mapping Portal

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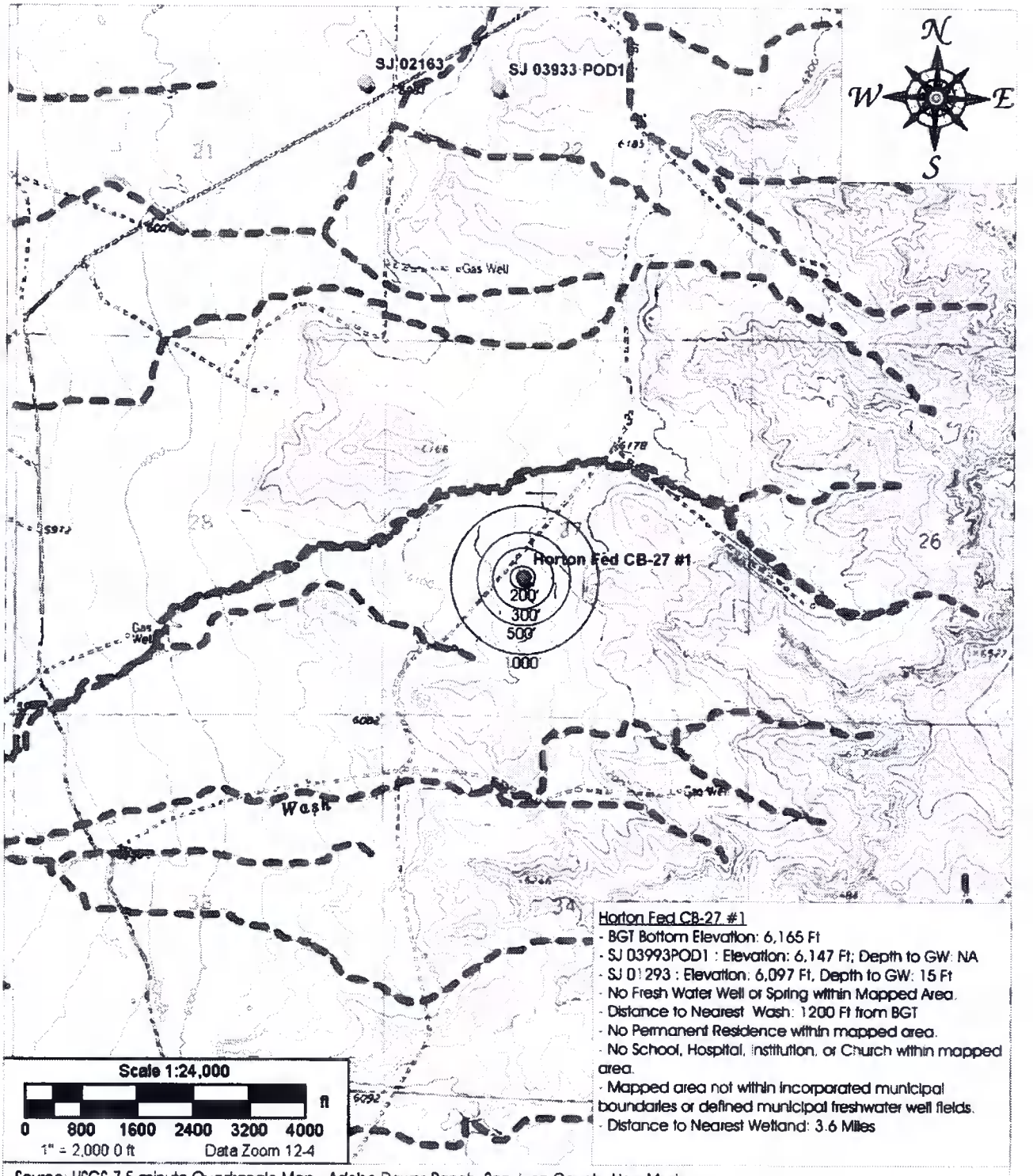

Horton Fed CB-27 #1
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- SJ 01293 : Elevation: 6,097 Ft, Depth to GW: 15 Ft
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- Mapped area not within incorporated municipal boundaries or defined municipal freshwater well fields.
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Source: USGS 7.5-minute Quadrangle Map - Adobe Downs Ranch, San Juan County, New Mexico

LEGEND
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- Water Well
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Topographic Map
Chevron North America
Horton Fed CB-27 #1
Section 27, Township 32 N, Range 12 W
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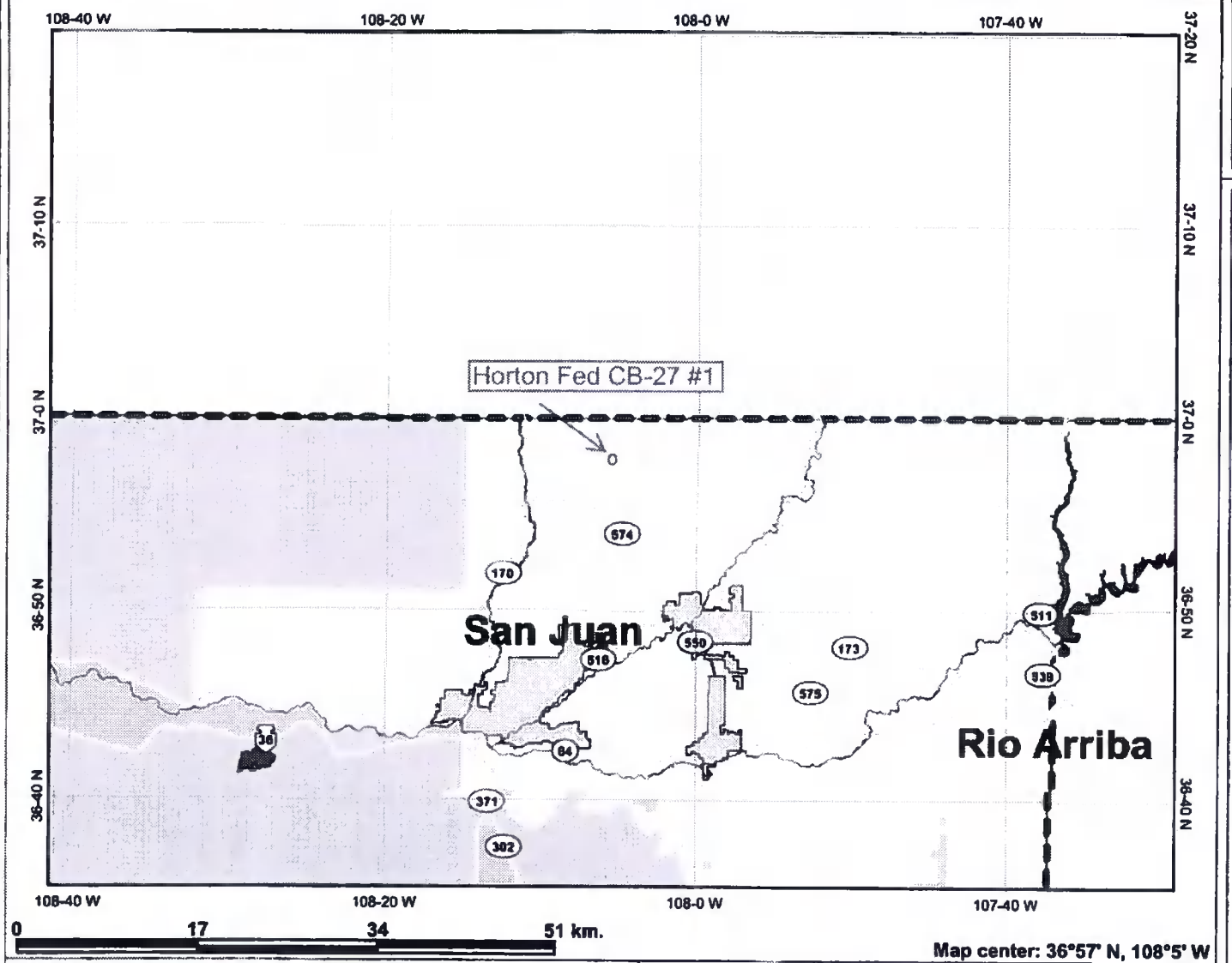

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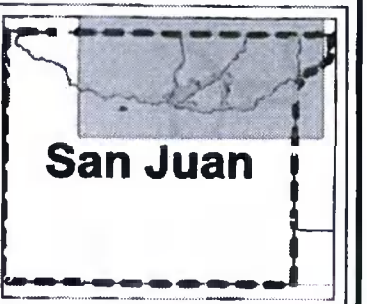

Legend

- RIVERS
- LAKES
- FARMINGTON CITY LIMITS
- BLOOMFIELD CITY LIMITS
- AZTEC CITY LIMITS
- SJC Road Status
- Major Road
- SAN JUAN COUNTY
- NEW MEXICO COUNTIES
- NAVAJO RESERVATION

Scale: 1:578,129

New Mexico Office of the State Engineer
Water Column/Average Depth to Water

(A CLW##### in the POD suffix indicates the POD has been replaced & no longer serves a water right file.)

(R=POD has been replaced, O=orphaned, C=the file is closed)

(quarters are 1=NW 2=NE 3=SW 4=SE)
(quarters are smallest to largest)

(NAD83 UTM in meters)

(In feet)

POD Number	POD Code	Subbasin	County	Q 64	Q 16	Q 4	Sec	Tws	Rng	X	Y	Distance	Depth Well	Depth Water	Water Column
SJ 03933 POD1			SJ	1	4	1	22	32N	12W	225262	4096446	2114			
SJ 02163			SJ	4	4	4	21	30N	12W	224688	4096488	2247	31	15	16
SJ 01106			SJ		4	3	35	32N	12W	226851	4092240*	2590	180	115	65
SJ 03583			SJ	1	1	1	23	32N	12W	226477	4096872*	2789	167	60	107

Average Depth to Water: **63 feet**

Minimum Depth: **15 feet**

Maximum Depth: **115 feet**

Record Count: 4

UTMNAD83 Radius Search (in meters):

Easting (X): 225322.81 Northing (Y): 4094331.98 Radius: 3000

***UTM location was derived from PLSS - see Help**

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

National Wetlands Inventory

Horton Federal CB-27 #1

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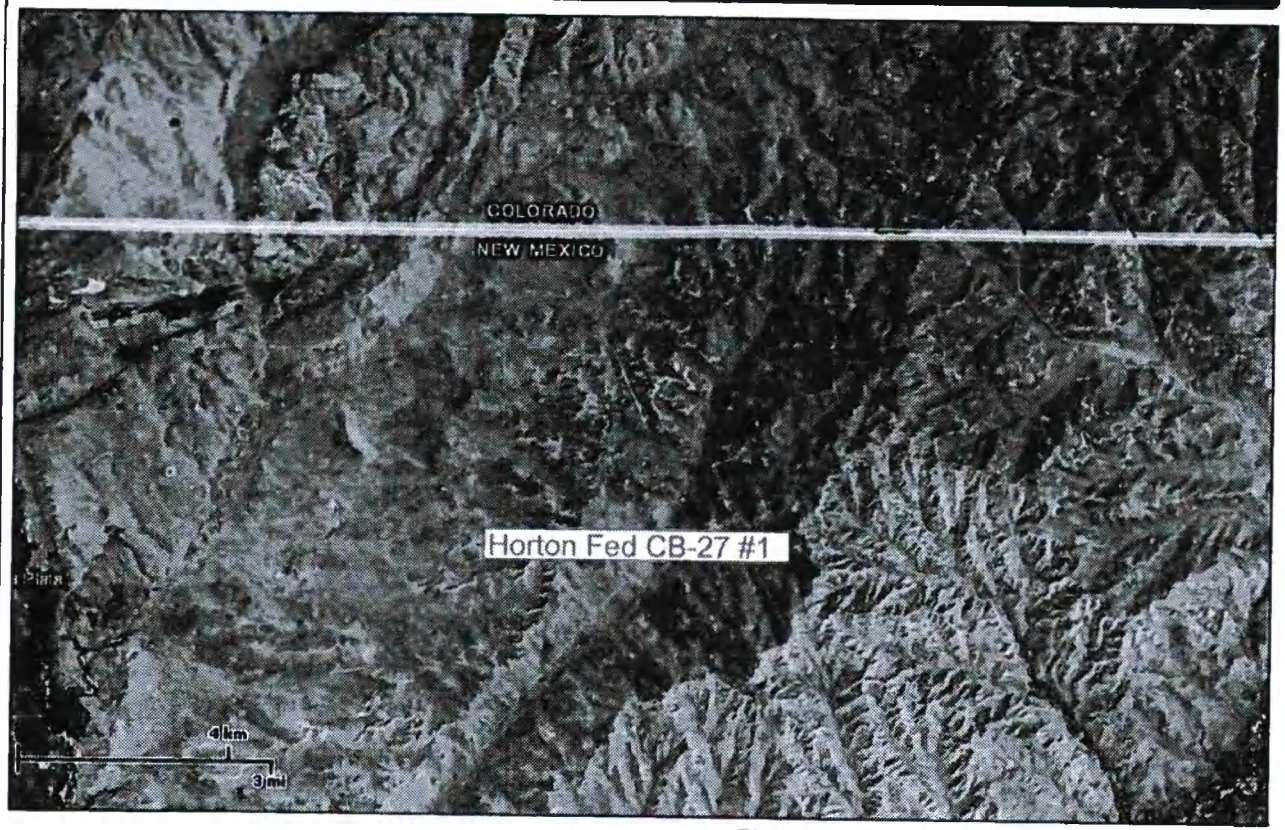

Wetlands

- Freshwater Emergent
- Freshwater Forested/Shrub
- Estuarine and Marine Deepwater
- Estuarine and Marine
- Freshwater Pond
- Lake
- Riverine
- Other

Riparian

- Herbaceous
- Forested/Shrub

User Remarks:

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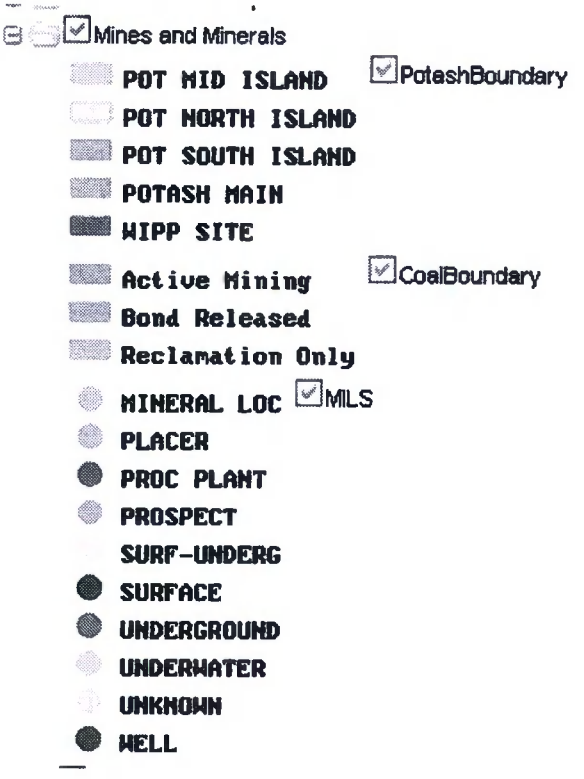
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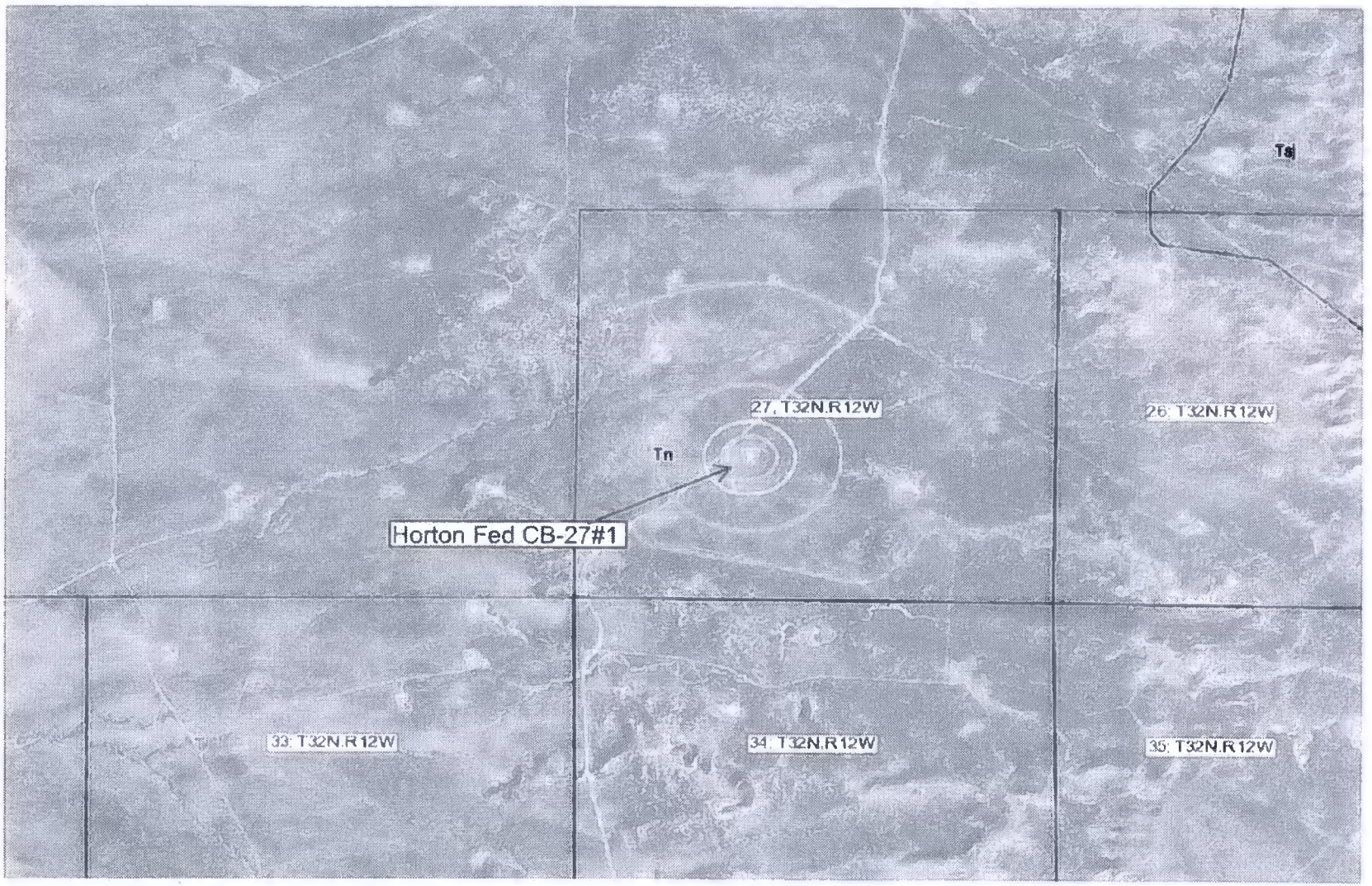

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Petroleum Recovery Research Center	USGS Geologic Map	Figure:
	Chevron/Horton Federal CB-27#1	Oct 30, 2012

USGS Geologic Map Legend

Tmb, Basalt and andesite flows; Miocene
Tn, Nacimiento Formation
Tnb, Basalt and andesite flows; Neogene
Tnr, Tertiary-Silicic to intermediate volcanic rocks
Tnv, Tertirary-Neogene volcanic rocks
To, Tertiary-Ogallala Formation
Toa, Tertiary-Ojo Alamo Formation
Tos, Tertiary-sedimentary and volcaniclastic rocks
Tpb, Basalt and andesite flows; Pliocene
Tpc, Tertiary-Poison Canyon Formation
Tps, Tertiary-Paleogene sedimentary units
Tsf, Tertiary-Lower and Middle Santa Fe Group
Tsj, Tertiary-San Jose Formation
Tual, Tertiary-Upper Oligocene andesites and basaltic andesites
Tuau, Tertiary-Lower Miocene and uppermost Oligocene basaltic andesites
Tui, Tertiary-Miocene to Oligocene silicic to intermediate intrusive rocks; dikes, stocks, plugs, and diatremes
Tuim, Upper and Middle Tertiary mafic intrusive rocks
Turf, Tertiary-Upper Oligocene silicic (or felsic) flows and masses and associated pyroclasitc rocks
Turp, Tertiary-Upper Oligocene rhyolitic pyroclastic rocks
Tus, Upper Tertiary sedimentary units
Tuv, Tertiary-Volcanic and some volcaniclastic rocks; undifferentiated
Tv, Middle Tertiary volcanic rocks; undifferentiated
Water
X, Precambrian-Lower Proterozoic rocks; undivided
Xm, Precambrian-Lower Proterozoic metasedimentary rocks
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Xmu, Precambrian-Lower Proterozoic metamorphic rocks, undivided
Xp, Precambrian-Lower Proterozoic plutonic rocks
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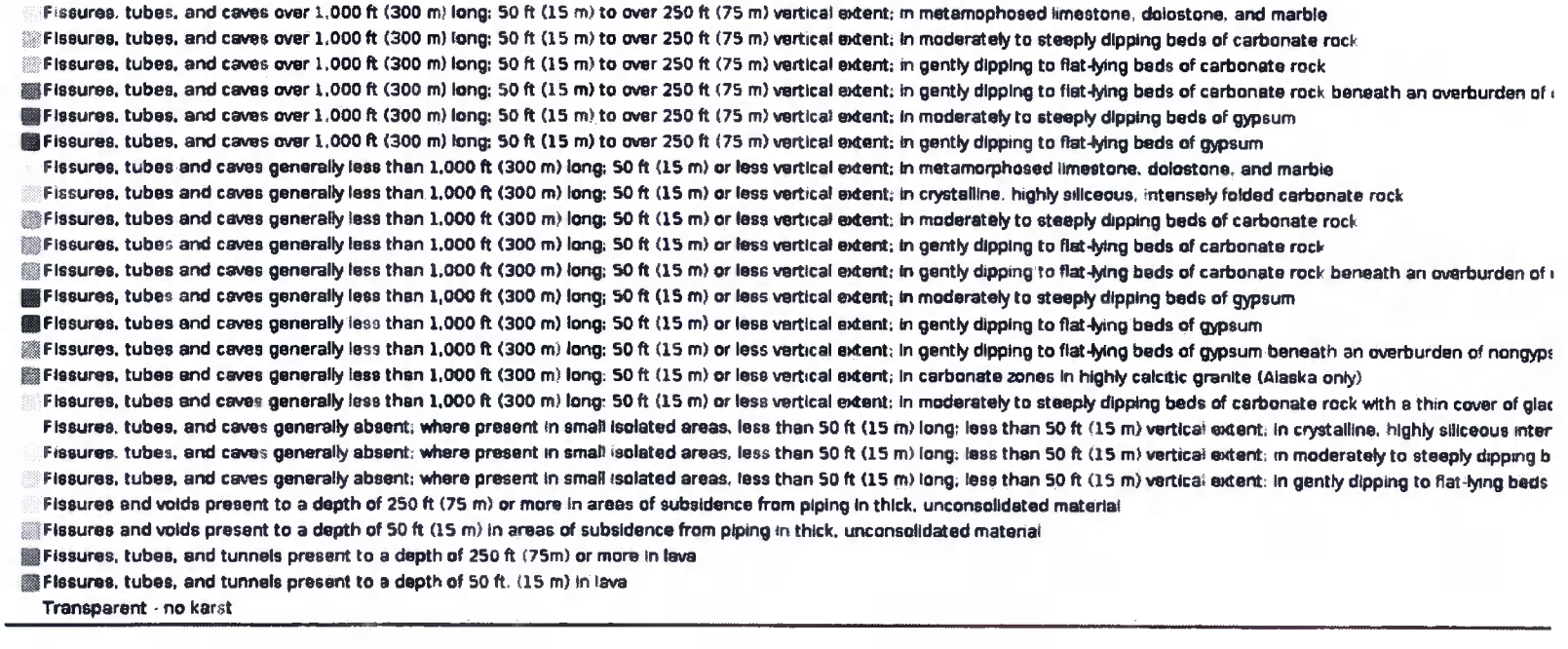

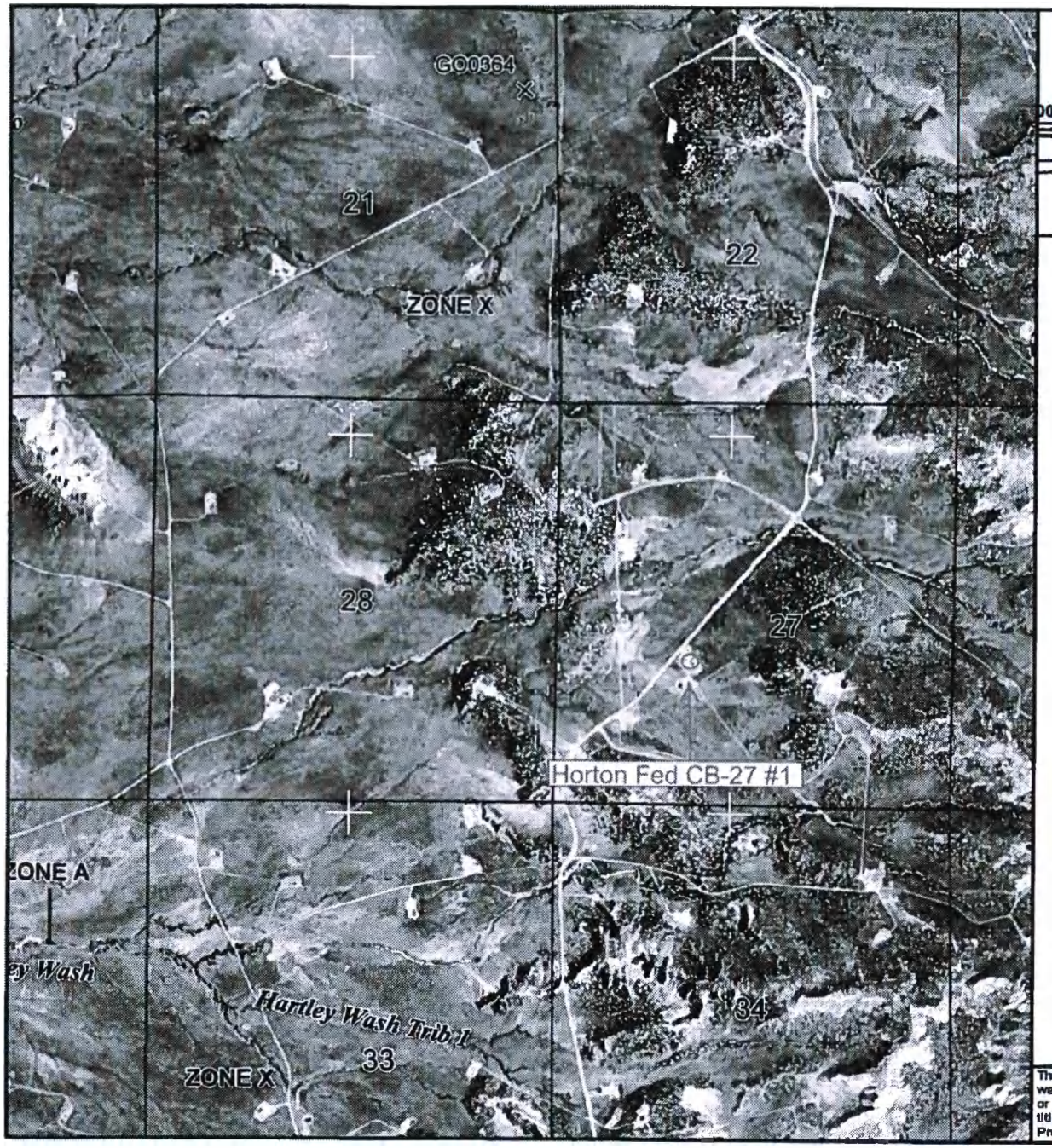

MAP SCALE 1" = 2000'

0 2000 4000 FEET

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NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

PANEL 0375F

FIRM

FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

AND INCORPORATED AREAS

PANEL 375 OF 2750

(SEE MAP INDEX FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT)

CONTAINS:

COMMUNITY	NUMBER	PANEL	SUFFIX
SAN JUAN COUNTY	350364	0375	F

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Federal Emergency Management Agency

BGT Design Plan

BELOW GRADE TANK (BGT) DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PLAN

SUBMITTED TO:

ENVIRONMENTAL BUREAU,

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San Juan Basin
Below Grade Tank Design and Construction Plan

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with NMAC §§ 19.15.17.9(B)(4) and 19.15.17.11 Chevron (representing Chevron USA Inc, Chevron Midcontinent, L.P., and Four Star Oil & Gas Company) submits this Design and Construction Plan for below grade tanks (BGTs) in New Mexico. This Plan contains standard conditions that attach to multiple BGTs.

1. Chevron will design and construct a BGT to contain liquids and solids, prevent contamination of fresh water, and protect public health and the environment. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(A).

2. Chevron will post an upright sign not less than 12 inches by 24 inches with lettering not less than two inches in height in a conspicuous place on the fence surrounding the BGT, unless the BGT is located on a site where there is an existing well, signed in compliance with NMAC § 19.15.16.8, that is operated by Chevron. Chevron will post the sign in a manner and location such that a person can easily read the legend. The sign will provide the following information: Chevron's name; the location of the site by quarter-quarter or unit letter, section, township and range; and emergency telephone numbers. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(C).

3. Chevron will fence or enclose a BGT in a manner that prevents unauthorized access and will maintain the fences in good repair. Fences are not required if there is an adequate surrounding perimeter fence that prevents unauthorized access to the well site or facility, including the BGT. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(D)(1).

4. Chevron will fence or enclose a BGT located within 1000 feet of a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church with a chain link security fence, at least six feet in height with at least two strands of barbed wire at the top. Chevron will close and lock all gates associated with the fence when responsible personnel are not on-site. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(D)(2).

5. Chevron will fence BGTs to exclude livestock with a four foot fence that has at least four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced in the interval between one foot and four feet above ground level. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(D)(3). Chevron may install tubular steel cattle panels, as it determines appropriate (photo of cattle

panel fence submitted to NMOCD, 24 June 2009). As illustrated on the attach photo.

6. Chevron will screen the permanent opening on the tank top with expanding steel mesh in order to render it non-hazardous to wildlife, including migratory birds. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(E).

7. Chevron's BGTs will be constructed with the design features illustrated on the attached drawing.

8. Only double-walled, double-bottomed BGTs will be installed.

9. Chevron will use 3/16" carbon steel which is resistant to the anticipated contents and resistant to damage from sunlight. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(I)(1).

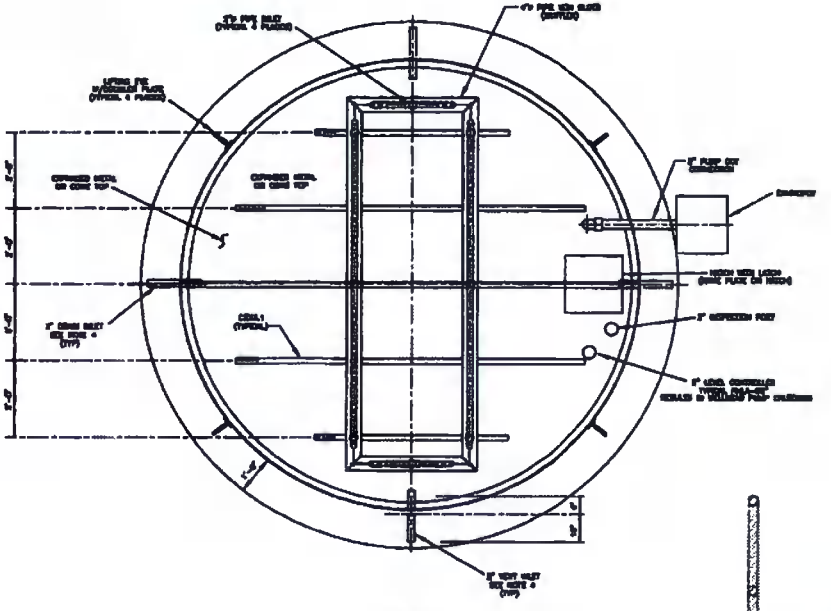
10. Chevron will construct a BGT foundation on a level base free of rocks, debris, sharp edges or irregularities to help prevent punctures, cracks or indentations of the liner or tank bottom. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(I)(2).

11. Chevron will construct a BGT to prevent overflow and the collection of surface water run-on. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(I)(3). Chevron, or a contractor representing Chevron, will install a level control device to help prevent overflow from the BGT and will use berms and/or a diversion ditch to prevent surface run on from entering the BGT. NMAC §§ 19.15.17.11(I)(3), 19.15.17.12(A)(7), and 19.15.17.12(D)(1).

12. All BGTs, in which the side walls are not open for visible inspection for leaks, will be double walled with leak detection capability. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(I)(4)(b).

13. Chevron, as the operator of a below-grade tank constructed and installed prior to June 16, 2008 that does not meet all the requirements in Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC and is not included in Paragraph (6) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC, is not required to equip or retrofit the below-grade tank to comply with Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC so long as it demonstrates integrity. If the existing below-grade tank does not demonstrate integrity, the operator shall promptly remove that below-grade tank and install a below-grade tank that complies with Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC, as illustrated in the approved drawing. Chevron shall comply with the operational requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC.

14. Chevron, as the operator of a below-grade tank constructed and installed prior to June 16, 2008 that is single walled and where any portion of the tank sidewall is below the ground surface and not visible, shall equip or retrofit the below-grade tank to comply with Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC, or close it, within five years after June 16, 2008. If the existing below-grade tank does not demonstrate integrity, Chevron shall promptly remove that below-grade tank and install a below-grade tank that complies with Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC, as illustrated in the approved drawing. Chevron shall comply with the operational requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC.



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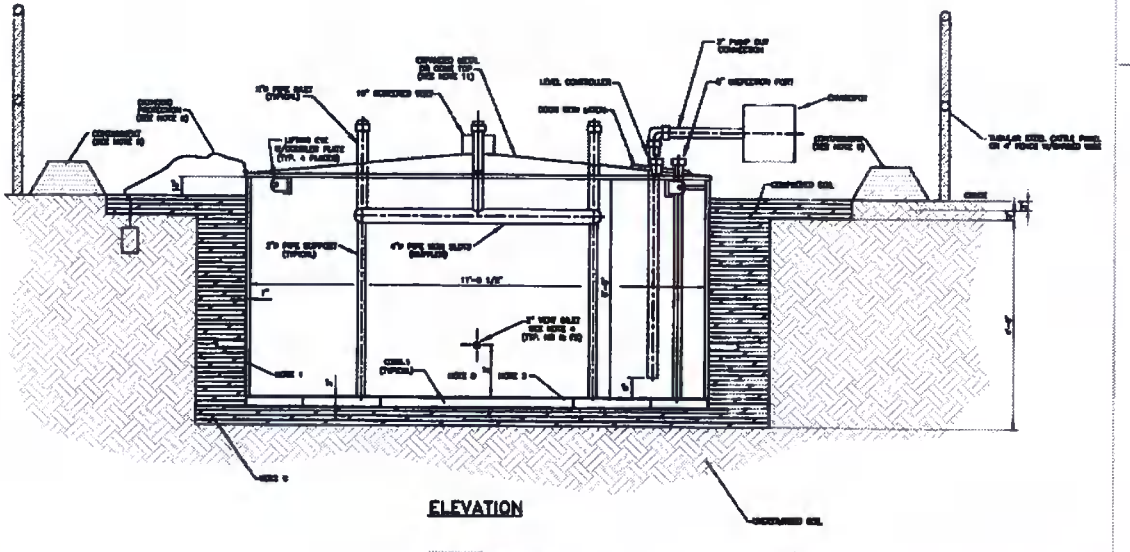

ELEVATION

NOTES

1. FABRICATOR TO PRESSURE TEST THE AREA BETWEEN THE TANK WALLS TO ENSURE LEAK-FREE DOUBLE CONTAINMENT.
2. TANK TO BE CONSTRUCTED OF 3/16" THK. ASTM A36 STEEL. ALL PIPING TO BE SCH. 40 CARBON STEEL.
3. DOUBLE WALL DOUBLE BOTTOM.
4. DEPENDING ON THE ORIENTATION OF THE EQUIPMENT ON LOCATION, ONE OF THE STUBS MAY BE CONNECTED TO THE DIFFUSER. ANY OF THE FOUR 2" STUBS THAT ARE NOT CONNECTED TO THE DIFFUSER WILL BE CAPPED BOTH INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY. SWING FOUR NOZZLES WILL NOT BE USED FOR THE MAJORITY OF PIT TANK INSTALLATIONS, SO THERE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CAPS SHALL BE SHOP-WELDED BY MANUFACTURE.
5. UNDERGROUND TANK CONNECTIONS AND TRANSFER LINES ARE WELDED. ALL UNDERGROUND TRANSFER LINES HAVE A FUSION BONDED EPOXY (FBE) COATING OR SIMILAR
6. CHEVRON WILL CONSTRUCT A DRY FOUNDATION ON A LEVEL BASE FREE OF ROCKS, DEBRIS, SHARP EDGES OR IRREGULARITIES TO HELP PREVENT PUNCTURES, CRACKS OR INDENTATIONS OF THE LINER OR TANK BOTTOM. NMAC 19.15.17.11(D)(2).
7. EXPANDED METAL TOP SHALL BE BOLTED, NOT WELDED.
8. EXTERNAL CATHODIC PROTECTION IS OPTIONAL.
9. CONTAINMENT SHALL BE BUILT TO THE SAN JUAN BERM COMPACTION SOP.
10. INTERNAL ANODES SHALL BE INSTALLED ONSITE.
11. EXPANDED METAL TOP WILL BE STANDARD AND SHOULD BE USED FOR THE MAJORITY OF PIT TANK INSTALLATIONS. CONE ROOF TOPS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

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BGT Operating and Maintenance Plan

BELOW GRADE TANK (BGT) OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE PLAN

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GENERAL PLAN:

1. Chevron, or a contractor representing Chevron, will operate and maintain a BGT to contain liquids and solids to prevent contamination of fresh water and to protect public health and environment. NMAC § 19.15.17.12(A)(1).

2. Chevron will not discharge into or store any hazardous waste in a BGT. NMAC § 19.15.17.12(A)(3).

3. If a BGT develops a leak or is penetrated below the liquid surface, Chevron will remove liquid above the damage within 48 hours, notify the appropriate division district office within 48 hours of discovery and will promptly repair the BGT. If a BGT develops a leak Chevron will remove liquid above the damage within 48 hours, notify the appropriate division district office within 48 hours of discovery and will promptly repair or replace the BGT. If replacement is required, the BGT will meet all specification included in the attached approved design drawing and comply with 19.15.17.11(I)(1-4).

4. If Chevron as an operator of a below-grade tank that was constructed and installed prior to June 16, 2008 that does not meet the requirements of Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC and discovers that the below-grade tank does not demonstrate integrity or that the below-grade tank develops any of the conditions identified in Paragraph (5) of Subsection A of 19.15.17.12 NMAC, then Chevron or their representative shall close the existing below-grade tank pursuant to the closure requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC and install a below-grade tank that complies with the requirements of Paragraphs

(1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC. NMAC § 19.15.17.12(D)(5). If replacement is required, the BGT will meet all specification included in the attached approved design drawing.

5. If Chevron as the operator of the below-grade tank that was constructed and installed prior to June 16, 2008 that does not comply with Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC and equips or retrofits the existing tank to comply with Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC, then Chevron or their representative shall visually inspect the area beneath the below-grade tank during the retrofit and document any areas that are wet, discolored or showing other evidence of a release on form C-141. Chevron shall demonstrate to the division whether the evidence of contamination indicates that an imminent threat to fresh water, public health, safety or the environment exists. If the division determines that the contamination does not pose an imminent threat to fresh water, public health, safety or the environment, the operator shall complete the retrofit or the replacement of the below-grade tank. If Chevron or division determines that the contamination poses an imminent threat to fresh water, public health, safety or the environment, then Chevron shall close the existing below-grade tank pursuant to the closure requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC prior to initiating the retrofit or replacement. NMAC § 19.15.17.12(D)(6). If replacement is required, the BGT will meet all specification included in the attached approved design drawing.

6. Chevron, or a contractor representing Chevron, will use berms and/or diversion ditches to prevent surface run-on from entering the BGT by diverting surface water run-on away from the bermed area. NMAC §§ 19.15.17.12(A)(7) and 19.15.17.12(D)(1).

7. Chevron, or a contractor representing Chevron, will not allow a BGT to overflow and will maintain adequate freeboard on existing BGTs by routine inspections utilizing pumper trucks whose routes are timed based on known production rates. Fluid is pumped out on this schedule. For newly constructed BGTs Chevron, or a contractor representing Chevron, will maintain adequate freeboard by installing level control devices that automatically shut off inflow to alleviate potential overtopping. NMAC § 19.15.17.12(D)(1) and 19.15.17.12(D)(4).

8. Chevron, or a contractor representing Chevron, will remove a visible or measurable layer of oil from the fluid surface of a BGT. NMAC § 19.15.17.12(D)(2).

9. Chevron, or a contractor representing Chevron, will inspect the BGT to assess compliance with NMAC § 19.15.17.12, Operational Requirements, at least once monthly and maintain a written record of each inspection for at least five (5) years. The approved inspection form is attached.

Chevron: New Mexico Inspection Form for Below Grade Tanks

Inspection Date:_____

Below Grade Tank (BGT) Location:_____

Does the BGT have adequate freeboard to prevent overflow;	yes	no
Does the tank have visible leaks or sign of corrosion;	yes	no
Do tank valves, flanges and hatches have visible leaks;	yes	no
Is there evidence of significant spillage of produced liquids;	yes	no
Is this a single of double wall tank; _____		
Are berms and/or diversion ditches in place to prevent surface run-on from entering the BGT;	yes	no
Have visible or measurable layers of oil been removed from liquid surface fluid;	yes	no

BGT CLOSURE PLAN

BELOW GRADE TANK (BGT) CLOSURE PLAN

SUBMITTED TO:

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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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Below Grade Tank Closure Plan

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with NMAC §§ 19.15.17.9(B)(4) and 19.15.17.13, Chevron (representing Chevron USA Inc, Chevron Midcontinent, L.P., and Four Star Oil & Gas Company) submits this Closure Plan for below grade tanks (BGTs) in New Mexico. This Closure Plan contains standard conditions that attach to multiple BGTs. If needed for a particular BGT, a modified Closure Plan for a proposed alternative closure will be submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD or the division) for approval prior to closure.

CLOSURE PLAN PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS (NMAC §§ 19.15.17.9(C) and 19.15.17.13).

1) Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, will close a BGT within the time periods provided in NMAC § 19.15.17.13(A), or by an earlier date required by NMOCD to prevent an imminent danger to fresh water, public health, or the environment. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(A).

2) Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, will close an existing BGT that does not meet the requirements of NMAC § 19.15.17.11(I)(1 through 4) or is not included in NMAC § 19.15.17.11(I)(5) within five years after June 16, 2008, if not retrofitted to comply with § 19.15.17.11(I)(1 through 4). NMAC § 19.15.17.13(A)(4).

3) Chevron 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, if not retrofitted to comply with Paragraphs 1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC, prior to any sale or change of operator pursuant to 19.15.9.9 NMAC.

4) Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, will close a permitted BGT within 60 days of cessation of the BGT's operation or as required by the transitional provisions of NMAC § 19.15.17.17(B) in accordance with a closure plan that the appropriate division district office approves. NMAC §§ 19.15.17.13(A)(9) and 19.15.17.9(C).

5) In accordance with NMAC § 19.15.17.13(J)(1), Chevron will notify the surface owner by certified mail, return receipt requested, of its plans to close a BGT prior to beginning closure activities. Evidence of mailing of the notice to the address of the surface owner shown in the county tax records is sufficient to demonstrate compliance. Chevron will also notify the appropriate division district office verbally or by other means 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. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(J)(2).

6) Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, will remove liquids and sludge from a BGT prior to implementing a closure method and will dispose of the liquids and sludge in a division approved facility. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(E)(1). A list of Chevron currently approved disposal facilities is included at the end of this document.
7) The proposed method of closure for this Closure Plan is waste excavation and removal. NMAC §§ 19.15.17.13 (E)(1).

8) Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, shall remove the below-grade tank and dispose of it in a division-approved facility or recycle, reuse, or reclaim it in a manner that the appropriate division district office approves. When required, prior approval for disposal will be obtained. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(E)(2). Documentation regarding disposal of the BGT and its associated liner, if any, will be included in the closure report.

9) Waste generated during closure will be handled and disposed of in accordance with applicable laws. NMAC § 19.15.35.8(C)(1)(m) provides that plastic pit liners may be disposed at a solid waste facility without testing before disposal, provided they are cleaned well.

10) Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, will remove on-site equipment associated with a BGT unless the equipment is required for some other purpose. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(E)(3).

11) Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, will test the soils beneath the BGT to determine whether a release has occurred. At a minimum, 5 point composite samples will be collected along with individual grab samples from any area that is wet, discolored, or showing other evidence of a release. Samples will be analyzed for BTEX, TPH and chlorides to demonstrate that the benzene concentration, as determined by EPA SW-846 methods 8021B or 8260B or EPA method that the division approves, does not exceed 0.2mg/kg; total BTEX concentration, as determined by EPA SW-846 methods 8021B or 8260B or other EPA method that the division approves, does not exceed 50mg/kg; the TPH concentration, as determined by EPA method 418.1 or other EPA method that the division approves, does not exceed 100mg/kg; and the chloride concentration, as determined by EPA method 300.1 or other EPA method that the division approves, does not exceed 250mg/kg; or the background concentration, whichever is greater. Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, will notify the NMOCD Division District office of its results on form C-141. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(E)(4).

12) If Chevron or the division determines that a release has occurred, Chevron will comply with NMAC §§ 19.15.29 and 19.15.30, as appropriate. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(E)(5).

13) If the sampling program demonstrates that a release has not occurred or that any release does not exceed the concentrations specified in NMAC § 19.15.17.13(E)(4), Chevron will backfill the excavation with compacted, non-waste containing, earthen materials; construct a division prescribed soil cover; re-contour and re-vegetate the site. The division-prescribed soil cover, recontouring and re-vegetation requirements shall comply with NMAC § 19.15.17.13)(G, H and I). NMAC § 19.15.17.13(E)(6).

14) As per NMAC § 19.15.17.13(G)(1), once Chevron has closed a BGT or is no longer using the BGT or an area associated with the BGT, Chevron will reclaim the BGT location and all areas associated with it including associated access roads not needed by the surface estate owner to a safe and stable condition that blends with the surrounding undisturbed area. Chevron will substantially restore impacted surface area to the condition that existed prior to its oil and gas operations by placement of soil cover as provided in NMAC § 19.15.17.13(H) (see below), re-contour the location and associated areas to a contour that approximates the original contour and blends with the surrounding topography, and re-vegetate according to NMAC § 19.15.17.13(I). NMAC § 19.15.17.13(G)(1).

15) Chevron may propose an alternative to the re-vegetation requirement of NMAC § 19.15.17.13(G)(1) if it demonstrates that the proposed alternative effectively prevents erosion, and protects fresh water, human health and the environment. The proposed alternative must be agreed upon in writing by the surface owner. Chevron will submit the proposed alternative, with written documentation that the surface owner agrees to the alternative, to the division for approval. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(G)(2).

16) Soil cover for closures where Chevron has removed the pit contents or remediated the contaminated soil to the division's satisfaction will consist of the background thickness of topsoil or one foot of suitable material to establish vegetation at the site, whichever is greater. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(H)(1).

17) Chevron will construct the soil cover to the site's existing grade and prevent ponding of water and erosion of the cover material. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(H)(3).

18) As per NMAC § 19.15.17.13(I)(1) and 19.15.17.13(G)(2), Chevron will seed or plant disturbed areas during the first growing season after it is no longer using a BGT or an area associated with the BGT including access roads unless needed by the surface estate owner as evidenced by a written agreement with the surface estate owner, if any and written approval by NMOCD.

19) Seeding will be accomplished by drilling on the contour whenever practical or by other division approved methods. Chevron will obtain vegetative cover that equals 70% of the native perennial vegetative cover (un-impacted by overgrazing, fire or other intrusion damaging to native vegetation) consisting of at least three native plant species, including at least one grass, but not including noxious weeds, and maintain that cover through two successive growing seasons. During the two growing seasons that prove viability, Chevron will not artificially irrigate the vegetation. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(I)(2).

20) Chevron will notify the division when it has seeded or planted and when it successfully achieves re-vegetation. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(I)(5).

21) Seeding or planting will be repeated until Chevron successfully achieves the required vegetative cover. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(I)(3).

22) When conditions are not favorable for the establishment of vegetation, such as periods of drought, the division may allow Chevron to delay seeding or planting until soil moisture conditions become favorable or may require Chevron to use additional cultural techniques such as mulching, fertilizing, irrigating, fencing or other practices. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(I)(4).
23) As per NMAC § 19.15.17.13(K), within 60 days of closure completion, Chevron will submit a closure report containing the elements required by NMAC § 19.15.17.13(K) including:

    i) Confirmation sampling results,
    ii) A plot plan ,
    iii) Details on back-filling, capping and covering, where applicable, including revegetation application rates and seeding technique,
    iv) Proof of closure notice to the surface owner, if any, and the division,
    v) Name and permit number of disposal facility, and
    vi) Photo documentation.

24) The closure report will be filed on NMOCD Form C-144. Chevron will certify that all information in the closure report and attachments is correct and that it has complied with all applicable closure requirements and conditions specified in the approved closure plan. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(K).

25) As requested, the following are the current Chevron approved Waste Disposal Sites for the identified waste streams:

    Soils and Sludges

    i) Envirotech Inc. Soil Remediation Facility, Permit No. NM-01-0011

    Solids

    ii) San Juan County Regional Land Fill (NMAC § 19.15.35.8 items only, with prior NMOCD approval when required)

    Liquids

    i) Key Energy Disposal Facility, Permit No. NM-01-0009
    ii) Basin Disposals Facility, Permit No. NM-01-005.

26) These waste disposal sites are subject to change if their certification is lost or they are closed or other more appropriate, equally protective sites become available. Chevron will provide notice if such a change is affected.