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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 June 6, 2013

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

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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: Enterprise Products Operating, LLC OGRID #: OIL CONS. DIV DIST. 3
Address: P.O. Box 4324, Houston, TX 77210 SEP 01 2016
Facility or well name: Buena Vista Compressor Station Tank #6
API Number: _____ OCD Permit Number: _____
U/L or Qtr/Qtr NW1/4/NE1/4 Section 13 Township 30N Range 9W County: San Juan
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 36.817352° Longitude -107.730034° NAD: 1927 1983
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: 750 Gal Type of fluid: Waste Oil
Tank Construction material: Steel double wall and bottom
 Secondary containment with leak detection Visible sidewalls, liner, 6-inch lift and automatic overflow shut-off
 Visible sidewalls and liner Visible sidewalls only Other Double wall tank with level detection and riser pipe in annular space for monitoring
Liner type: Thickness _____ 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 Enclosed
- 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. **Variations 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
- NA

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. **(Does not apply to below grade tanks)**

- Yes No

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

Within 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 Division

Within 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

Within a 100-year floodplain. **(Does not apply to below grade tanks)**

- Yes No

- 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 Overtopping Prevention Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- Nuisance or Hazardous Odors, including H₂S, 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within the area overlying a subsurface mine. - Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within an unstable area. - Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within a 100-year floodplain. - FEMA map	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

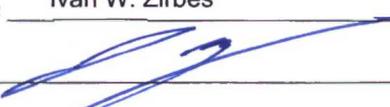
16. **On-Site Closure Plan Checklist:** (19.15.17.13 NMAC) *Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure plan. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.*

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:**

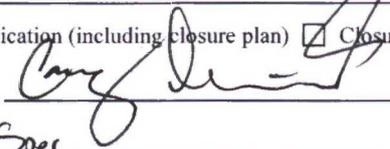
I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name (Print): Ivan W. Zirbes Title: Vice President-EHS&T

Signature:  Date: 08-26-2016

e-mail address: snolan@eprod.com Telephone: 713-381-6595

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

OCD Representative Signature:  Approval Date: 1/5/17

Title: Environmental Spec OCD Permit Number: 15744

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: _____



June, 2016

SMA #5124213

Mr. Tom Long
 Enterprise Products Operating, LLC
 Field Environmental-San Juan Basin
 614 Reilly Avenue
 Farmington, NM 87401

**BGT REGISTRATION PACKET FOR BUENA VISTA COMPRESSOR STATION
 TANK #6 LATITUDE 36.817352°, LONGITUDE -107.730034°**

Dear Mr. Long:

Souder, Miller and Associates (SMA) has compiled the following BGT Registration Packet including Form C-144 in Accordance with the NMOCD Pit Rules per 19.15.17 NMAC. The tank is located at latitude 36.817352°, longitude -107.730034° within the fenced area of the Buena Vista Compressor Station. Tank information is presented in Table 1.

Table 1: Tank Information				
Name	Buena Vista Compressor Station Tank #6			
Location	Latitude/Longitude		Section, Township, Range	
	36.817352°	-107.730034°	NW ¼ / NE ¼ Unit B Section 13	T30N R9W
Date of Site Visit	27-Oct-15			
County	San Juan			
Land Owner	BLM			
Tank Capacity	750 Gal			
Tank Dimensions	4' Diameter x 7'-3" Height			
Tank Serial Number (If Available)	T-108 (on attached diagrams)			
Tank Contents	Waste Oil			
Tank Construction Notes	Steel double wall tank with level detection and riser pipe in annular space for monthly monitoring			
Tank Operation Notes	Tank is inspected monthly			

Siting Criteria (19.15.17.10 NMAC)

The below-ground tank (BGT) is located at the Buena Vista Compressor Station at an elevation of 5822 feet above mean sea level (amsl). The BGT meets all siting criteria listed in 19.15.17.10 NMAC with the exceptions for which variances are requested.

Depth to groundwater at the site is estimated to be 40 feet below ground surface (bgs). This data is primarily supported by the local topography and proximity to adjacent water features. The nearest well permitted by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (OSE) reports depth to groundwater at 240 feet bgs². This well is 2.3 miles east, but at a similar hydrologic regime. For permitting considerations, the more conservative depth to groundwater is used. The BGT base is 7 feet bgs, and the nearest surface water is approximately 40 feet lower. Because the BGT base is thus estimated to be at least 33 feet above the ground water level, a variance is not being requested for this siting criteria.

Figure 1 shows the vicinity of the BGT location and the location of the nearby OSE Wells. The base layer of Figure 1 is the ESRI provided Imagery Topo map³ and includes USGS Blue Lines⁴.

An aerial imagery map of the site is provided as Figure 2 shows the vicinity of the BGT at 1:4,000 map scale. Figure 2 demonstrates that the BGT is not located within 300 horizontal feet of any permanent residences, schools, hospitals, institutions or churches.

An aerial imagery map of the site is provided as Figure 3 and demonstrates the location of the BGT at a 1:1,000 map scale. Figure 3 demonstrates the BGT is not located within 100 feet of any continuous flowing watercourse, any other significant watercourse, sinkhole, lakebed, wetlands or playa lake as measured from the ordinary high water mark⁵. Figure 3 also demonstrates that the BGT is not located within 200 feet of a spring or freshwater well used for public or livestock consumption, as indicated by the aerial photo⁶ and iWaters map layers³.

The BGT subject to the attached application for registration under 19.15.17 NMAC is located within the Buena Vista Compressor Station boundaries and was in existence prior to the promulgation of 19.15.17 NMAC. A review of the best available data and a visual inspection of the siting criteria of 19.15.17 NMAC specific to the BGT in question demonstrate that the BGT does not appear to pose a threat to fresh water, public health or the environment.

Local Geology and Hydrology

The Buena Vista Compressor Station is located about 2.4 miles north of the San Juan River, between Turley, New Mexico, and the Navajo Dam. The Compressor Station is located within the La Manga Canyon, on an eroded surface of sandstone, shales, and conglomerates belonging to the Paleocene Nacimiento Formation⁷.

The bluffs surrounding the compressor station are between 200 and 600 feet higher in elevation and are composed mostly of medium-grained mixed clastic rocks belonging to



the Eocene San Jose Formation⁸. 2 miles to the south, along the San Juan River, the surficial geology is composed of fluvial quaternary alluvium associated with the San Juan River⁸.

Groundwater is estimated to be about 40 feet bgs (5782 feet amsl) at this site, based on the following documentation:

- Depth to groundwater in SJ-04050, a NMOSE permitted well 2.3 miles east, reports depth to groundwater at 240 feet bgs. This well is in a similar location within the canyon but represents a less conservative estimate when compared to the local surficial flow features.
- Using the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association (NMOGA) differential method for "surface drainage influenced groundwater", depth to groundwater is estimated to be 40 feet bgs². The La Manga Canyon is a tributary to the San Juan River and is approximately 40 feet lower than the BGT at an elevation of 5782 feet amsl⁹ and located 1085 feet southwest of the BGT. Groundwater is conservatively assumed to be at the base of the wash.

Regional Geology and Hydrology

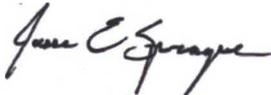
The San Juan Basin is located in the Navajo section of the Colorado Plateau and is characterized by broad open valleys, mesas, buttes and hogbacks. Away from major valleys and canyons, topographic relief is generally low. Native vegetation is sparse and shrubby consisting primarily of desert scrub (sage and chamisa) in the lower elevations and juniper and piñon in the higher elevations. Drainage of the San Juan Basin is by the San Juan River and its associated tributaries, including the La Plata and the Animas Rivers. The San Juan River is a tributary of the Colorado River. The climate is arid to semi-arid with an average annual precipitation of 8 to 10 inches. Soils within the basin consist of physically weathered parent rock. Aeolian depositional systems are responsible for a majority of the material transport in the San Juan Basin, fluvial systems are also present though less predominant¹⁰.

The primary aquifers in the San Juan Basin are contained in Cretaceous and Tertiary sandstones, as well as Quaternary Alluvial Deposits¹⁰. The Nacimiento Formation of Paleocene age occurs at the surface in a broad belt at the western and southern edges of the central San Juan Basin and dips beneath the San Jose Formation in the center. The lower part of the Nacimiento Formation is composed of interbedded black carbonaceous mudstones and white coarse grained sandstones. The upper part is comprised of mudstones and sandstones. Shales and conglomerates are often interbedded within the mudstones and sandstones, but they are not the primary rock type. The Nacimiento Formation is generally slope forming, even in the sandstone units. Thickness of the Nacimiento ranges from 418 to 2232 feet¹¹. Aquifers within the coarser and continuous sandstone bodies of the Nacimiento Formation are between 0 and 1000 feet deep in this section of the basin. Wells within these bodies flow from 16 to 100 gallons per minute (gpm) and transmissivities are expected to be 100 ft²/d. Groundwater within these units flows towards the Animas River¹⁰.



If there are any questions regarding this report, please contact myself or Reid Allan at 505-325-7535.

Sincerely,
Souder, Miller & Associates



Jesse E Sprague
Staff Scientist



Reid S. Allan
Principal Scientist

FIGURES:

- Figure 1 – Vicinity Map
- Figure 2 – Site Map at 1:4,000 Scale
- Figure 3 – Site Map at 1:1,000 Scale

ATTACHMENTS:

- Form C-144
- Variance Request
- Tank Diagrams
- Operation and Maintenance Plan
- Depth to Groundwater Documentation



References

¹Personal Communication from Tom Long at Enterprise Products, San Juan Operating

²Office of the State Engineer (OSE) Water Administrative Technical Engineering Resource System (WATERS), September 4, 2015. "Water Wells – 2015 – OSE", released September, 2015.
http://gstore.unm.edu/apps/rqis/datasets/6925a8e3-6f8d-4334-a15e-bf95a11fdaaa/OSE_Wells_May_2015.original.zip

³ESRI ArcGIS Online, "USGSImageryTopo", August, 2013. The USGS Imagery Topo base map service from The National Map is a combination of imagery and contours, along with vector layers, such as geographic names, governmental unit boundaries, hydrography, structures, and transportation, to provide a composite base map that resembles the US Topo product. Vector data sources are the National Atlas for small scales, and The National Map for medium to large scales. Imagery data sources are Blue Marble: Next Generation at small scales and NAIP at large scales, with Global Land Survey (Landsat) imagery for medium scales that lack NAIP coverage. Coordinate System: Web Mercator Auxiliary Sphere (WKID 102100) <http://www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=c641cc5c41d44faba509959748098471>

⁴New Mexico Oil and Gas Association Training Manual for 19.15.17 NMAC (Pit Rule) "NMOGA & NMOC D Pit Rules Training.pdf" State of New Mexico, October 17, 2014.

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Buena Vista Compressor Station, Tank # 6 Variance Request

Enterprise requests a variance for the items listed below. The requested variances, per 19.15.17.15A, provide equal or better protection of fresh water, public health and the environment.

1. Signage

- BGT is located within a facility signed appropriate to NMAC 20.2.70, Title V Operating Permits. The sign is legible and contains the operator's name, the location of the compressor station in decimal degrees and township section and range, and emergency contact telephone numbers. Additional signage relevant to the Title V air quality permit is also present and provides equal or better protection of fresh water, public health and the environment.

2. 2008 Pit Rules

- Buena Vista Compressor Station Tank #6 was installed prior to the 2008 pit rules. The BGT does not pose an imminent threat to the protection of fresh water, public health or the environment.

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- Buena Vista Tank #6
- OSE WELLS



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BUENA VISTA COMPRESSOR STATION
 TANK #6
 JANUARY, 2016
 SITE VICINITY MAP
 SECTION 13, T30N, R9W

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JES	JES	APM
DATE: 2/1/2016		
SCALE: 1:24,000		
PROJECTION: WGS 1984		
PROJECT NO: 5124213		
FIGURE: 1		

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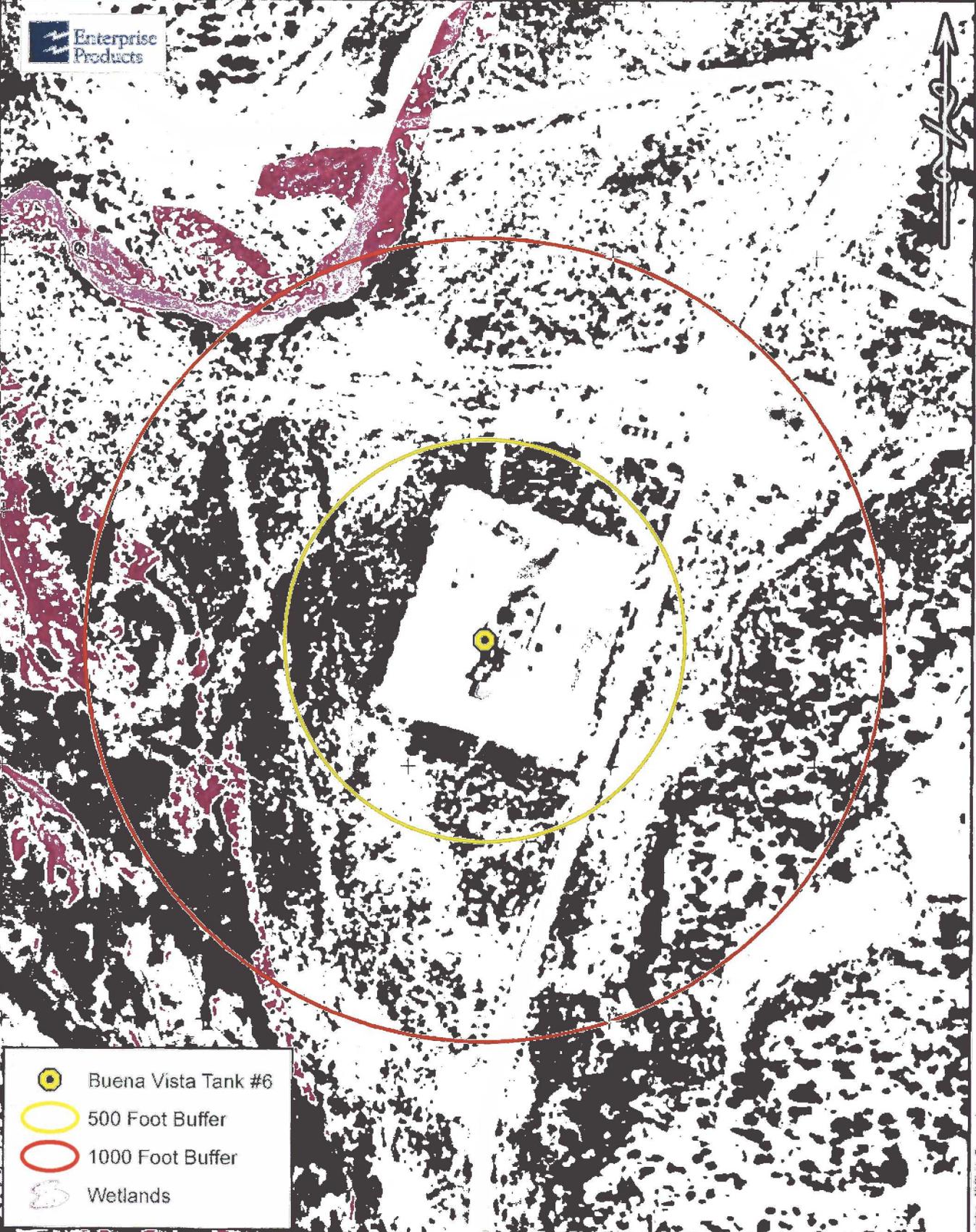
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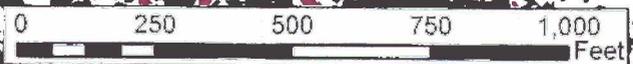
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-  Buena Vista Tank #6
-  500 Foot Buffer
-  1000 Foot Buffer
-  Wetlands



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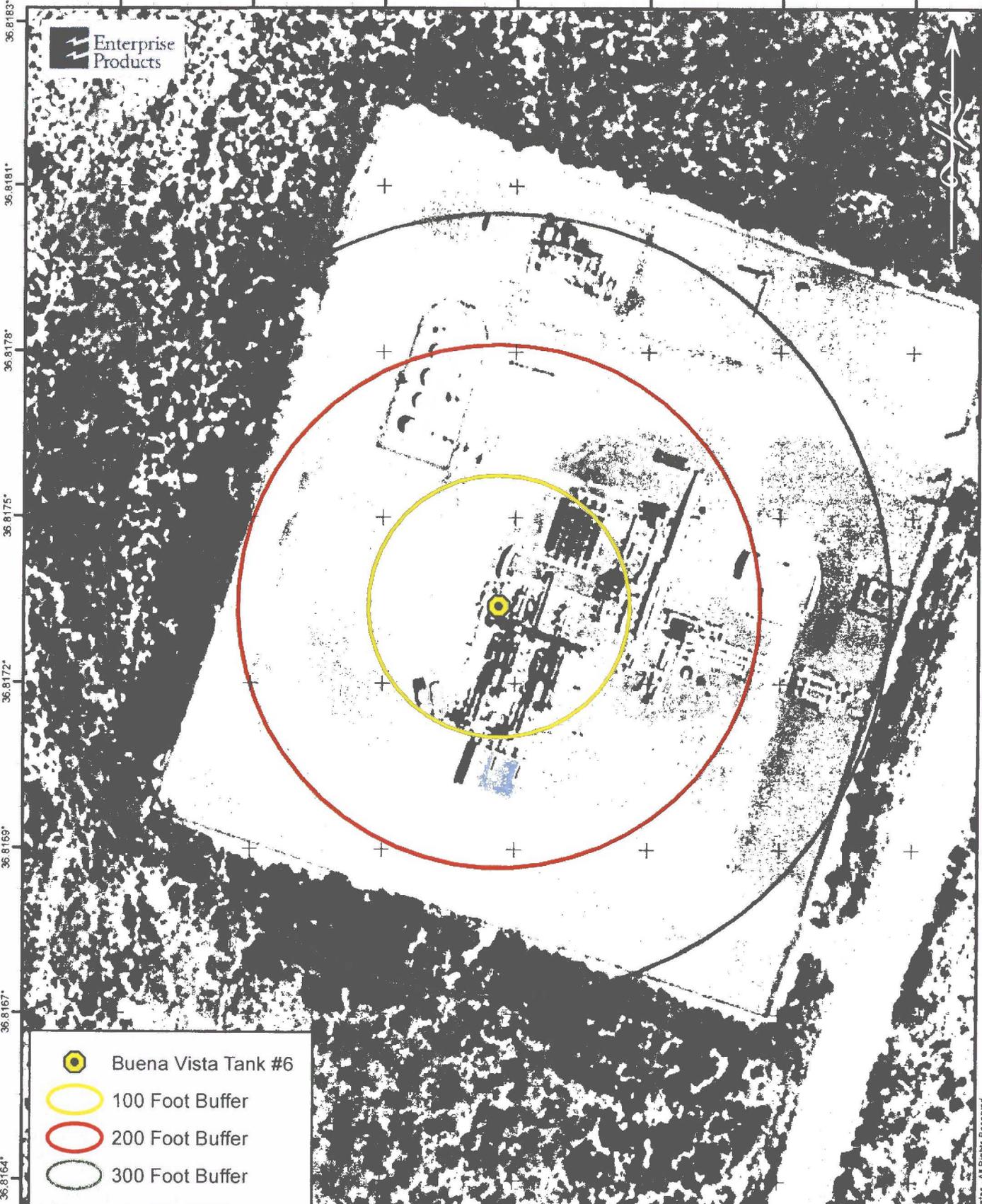
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 TANK #6
 FEBRUARY, 2016
 SITE VICINITY MAP
 SECTION 13, T30N, R9W

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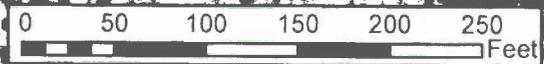
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-  Buena Vista Tank #6
-  100 Foot Buffer
-  200 Foot Buffer
-  300 Foot Buffer



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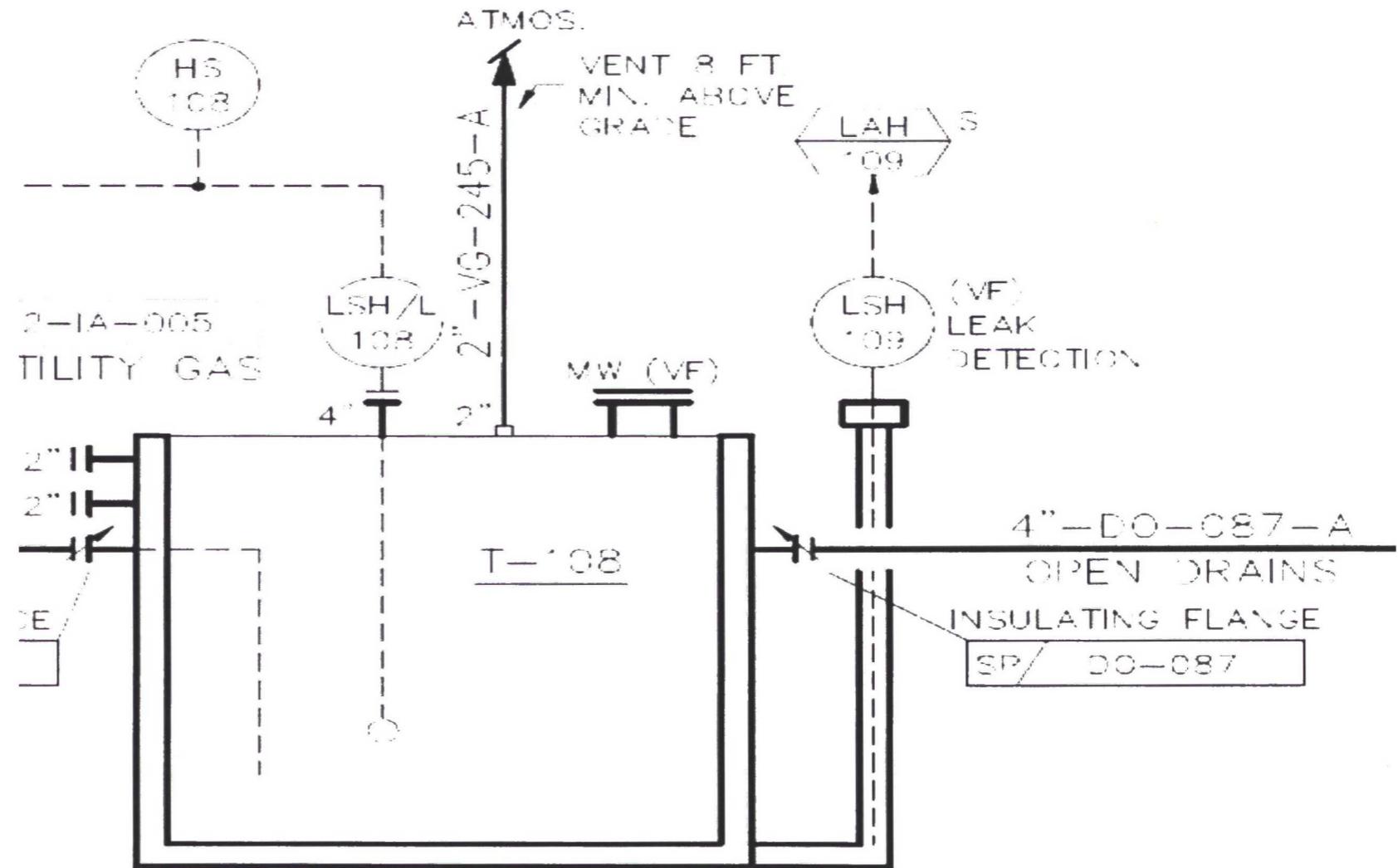
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Below Grade Tank Diagram
Buena Vista Tank #6



OCT 21 2016

**Enterprise Field Services, LLC
Existing Buried Double-Wall Steel Tank(s)
San Juan Basin - Below Grade Tank(s)
Design and Construction Plan**

In accordance with Rule 19.15.17 NMAC, the following plan describes the general design and construction of the Below Grade Tank(s) (BGT) using double-wall steel tanks at Enterprise Field Services, LLC (Enterprise) facilities in the San Juan Basin of New Mexico.

Plan requirements:

1. The existing BGT(s) is/are located within a facility signed appropriately to NMAC 20.2.70, Title V General Construction Permit requirements. The sign is legible and contains the operator's name, the location of the compressor station in decimal degrees and township section and range, and emergency contact telephone numbers. Additional signage relevant to the Title V air quality permit is also present and provides equal or better protection of fresh water, public health and the environment than the 19.15.17.11 NMAC Subsection C signage requirement.
2. The existing BGT(s) is/are located within a facility with a minimum six foot high chain link fence topped with barbed or razor wire which provides equal or better protection of fresh water, public health and the environment than the 19.15.17.11 NMAC Subsection D fencing requirement.
3. The existing BGT(s) has/have an enclosed double wall steel top which provides equal or better protection of fresh water, public health and the environment than the 19.15.17.11 NMAC Subsection E netting requirement.
4. The existing BGT(s) foundation(s) is/are level and free of rocks, debris, sharp edges or irregularities and has compacted bottom and sidewalls that are stable for the soil conditions.
5. The existing BGT(s) is/are protected from rainwater run-on because the top of the BGT(s) is a minimum of six inches above the ground surface.
6. The existing BGT(s) is steel double-wall and bottom equipped with an Electronic Flow Meter (EFM) to monitor high liquid levels and automatically shuts off liquid discharges to prevent overflows. The annulus between the double walls is also monitored and inspected monthly.

Operational Plan

NMAC 19.15.17.12

OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Enterprise will operate and maintain the below-grade tank to contain liquids and solids and maintain the secondary containment system to prevent contamination of fresh water and protect public health and the environment.

Enterprise shall not discharge into or store any hazardous waste in the below-grade tank.

If the below-grade tank develops a leak, Enterprise shall remove all liquid above the damage or leak within 48 hours of discovery, notify the appropriate division office and repair the damage or replace the below-grade tank as applicable per 19.15.29 NMAC.

Enterprise shall operate and install the below-grade tank to prevent the collection of surface water run-on.

Enterprise shall not allow a below-grade tank to overflow or allow surface water run-on to enter the below-grade tank.

Enterprise shall remove any measurable layer of oil from the fluid surface of a below-grade tank.

Enterprise shall inspect the below-grade tank for leakage and damage at least monthly.

Enterprise shall document the integrity of each tank at least annually and maintain a written record of the integrity for five years.

Enterprise shall maintain adequate freeboard to prevent overtopping of the below-grade tank.

CLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

Enterprise shall not commence closure without first obtaining approval of the closure plan submitted with the permit application or registration pursuant to 19.15.17.13 NMAC.

Enterprise shall close the below-grade tank by first removing all contents and transferring the materials to a division approved facility.

Enterprise shall test the soils beneath the below-grade tank as follows:

A minimum of one composite sample to include any obvious stained or wet soils, or other evidence of contamination shall be collected from under the below-grade tank and the sample shall be analyzed for the identified constituents with respective concentrations listed in Table I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC below.

Table I Closure Criteria for Soils Beneath Below-Grade Tanks, Drying Pads Associated with Closed-Loop Systems and Pits where Contents are Removed			
Depth below bottom of pit to groundwater less than 10,000 mg/l TDS	Constituent	Method*	Limit**
≤50 feet	Chloride	EPA 300.0	600 mg/kg
	TPH	EPA SW-846 Method 418.1	100 mg/kg
	BTEX	EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8260B	50 mg/kg
	Benzene	EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8015M	10 mg/kg
51 feet-100 feet	Chloride	EPA 300.0	10,000 mg/kg
	TPH	EPA SW-846 Method 418.1	2,500 mg/kg
	GRO-DRO	EPA SW-846 Method 8015M	1,000 mg/kg
	BTEX	EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8260B	50 mg/kg
	Benzene	EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8015M	10 mg/kg
> 100 feet	Chloride	EPA 300.0	20,000 mg/kg
	TPH	EPA SW-846 Method 418.1	2,500 mg/kg
	GRO-DRO	EPA SW-846 Method 8015M	1,000 mg/kg
	BTEX	EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8260B	50 mg/kg
	Benzene	EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8015M	10 mg/kg

*Or other test methods approved by the division

**Numerical limits or natural background level, whichever is greater

*** Or Method 8015 with GRO, DRO, & MRO

If any contaminant concentration is higher than the above parameters, the division may require additional delineation upon review of the results and Enterprise must receive approval before proceeding with closure.

If all contaminant concentrations are less than or equal to the parameters listed above, Enterprise can proceed to backfill the excavation with non-waste containing, uncontaminated, earthen material.

CLOSURE NOTICE

Enterprise shall notify the appropriate division district office verbally, and in writing, at least 72 hours, but not more than one week, prior to any closure operation. The notice shall include the Enterprise name and the location to be closed, including the unit letter, section, township, and range.

Enterprise shall notify the surface owner by certified mail (return receipt requested) that Enterprise plans closure operations at least 72 hours, but not more than one week, prior to any closure operation. 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.

CLOSURE REPORT AND BURIAL IDENTIFICATION

Within 60 days of closure completion, Enterprise shall submit a closure report on form C-144, with necessary attachments to document all closure activities including sampling results, information required by 19.15.17 NMAC, and details on back-filling, capping and covering, where applicable. In the closure report, Enterprise shall certify that all information in the report and attachments is correct and that Enterprise has complied with all applicable closure requirements and conditions specified in the approved closure plan.

TIMING REQUIREMENTS FOR CLOSURE

Within 60 days of cessation of operations, Enterprise shall remove liquids and sludge from a below-grade tank prior to implementing a closure method and shall dispose of the liquids and sludge in a division-approved facility.

Within six months of cessation of operations, Enterprise 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. If there is any equipment associated with a below-grade tank, Enterprise shall remove the equipment, unless the equipment is required for some other purpose.

SOIL COVER DESIGNS FOR BELOW-GRADE TANKS

The soil cover for closures after site contouring (where Enterprise has removed the below-grade tank and, if necessary, remediated the soil beneath the below-grade tank to chloride concentrations less than 600 mg/kg as analyzed by EPA Method 300.0) shall consist of the background thickness of topsoil or one foot of suitable material, whichever is greater.

Enterprise shall construct the soil cover to the site's existing grade and prevent ponding of water and erosion of the cover material.

RECLAMATION AND RE-VEGETATION

RECLAMATION OF AREAS NO LONGER IN USE

All areas disturbed by the closure of the below-grade tanks, except areas reasonably needed for production operations or for subsequent drilling operations, shall be reclaimed as early and as nearly as practicable to their original condition or their final land use and shall be maintained to control dust and minimize erosion to the extent practicable.

Enterprise shall replace topsoils and subsoils to their original relative positions and shall be contoured to achieve erosion control, long-term stability and preservation of surface water flow patterns. The disturbed area then shall be reseeded in the first favorable growing season following closure of the below-grade tank.

Reclamation of all disturbed areas no longer in use shall be considered complete when all ground surface disturbing activities at the site have been completed, and a uniform vegetative cover has been established that reflects a life-form ratio of plus or minus fifty percent (50%) of pre-disturbance levels and a total percent plant cover of at least seventy percent (70%) of pre-disturbance levels, excluding noxious weeds.

OTHER REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

The re-vegetation and reclamation obligations imposed by other applicable federal or tribal agencies on lands managed by those agencies shall supersede these provisions and govern the obligations of any operations subject to those provisions, provided the other requirements provide equal or better protection of fresh water, human health and the environment.

Enterprise shall notify the division when reclamation and re-vegetation are complete.



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 Sub-Code	basin	County	Q 64	Q 16	Q 4	Sec	Tws	Rng	X	Y	Depth Well	Depth Water	Water Column
SJ 04050 POD1			SJ	1	4	10		30N	09W	253540	4078667	380	240	140

Average Depth to Water: **240 feet**

Minimum Depth: **240 feet**

Maximum Depth: **240 feet**

Record Count: 1

PLSS Search:

Section(s): 10

Township: 30N

Range: 09W

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AE Order Number Banner

Report Description

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ENTERPRISE PRODUCTS OPERATING, LLC

12/29/2016

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

Form C-141
Revised August 8, 2011

Submit 1 Copy to appropriate District Office
in accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.

Release Notification and Corrective Action

OPERATOR

Initial Report Final Report

Name of Company: Enterprise Field Services, LLC	Contact: Thomas Long
Address: 614 Reilly Ave, Farmington, NM 87401	Telephone No. 505-599-2286
Facility Name: Mudge B#59	Facility Type: Natural Gas Gathering Pipeline
Surface Owner: BLM	Mineral Owner: BLM API No.

LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter H	Section 9	Township 31N	Range 11W	Feet from the 2189	North South Line	Feet from the 1302	East West Line	County San Juan
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Latitude 36.91366 Longitude -107.99122

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release: Natural Gas and Condensate	Volume of Release Unknown	Volume Recovered: None
Source of Release: Suspected Internal Corrosion	Date and Hour of Occurrence: 1/15/2016 @ 12:22 a.m.	Date and Hour of Discovery: 1/15/2016 @ 1:30 a.m.
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom?	
By Whom?	Date and Time	
Was a Watercourse Reached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, Volume	

OIL CONS. DIV DIST. 3
DEC 27 2016

If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.*
Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action: On January 15, 2016, Enterprise technicians discovered a gas leak on the Mudge B#59 pipeline. The pipeline was isolated, blown down, locked out and tagged out.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action: Due to the inclement weather conditions, the permanent repairs and remediation could not be completed at the time of discovery. Enterprise began the repairs and remediation on December 5, 2016. Enterprise has determined this release is reportable due to the volume of subsurface impacts. A third party corrective action report will be included with the "Final." C-141.

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to NMOCD rules and regulations all operators are required to report and/or file certain release notifications and perform corrective actions for releases which may endanger public health or the environment. The acceptance of a C-141 report by the NMOCD marked as "Final Report" does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, NMOCD acceptance of a C-141 report does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

Signature:	OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
Printed Name: Jon E. Fields	Approved by Environmental Specialist:	
Title: Director, Environmental	Approval Date: <u>12/29/2016</u>	Expiration Date:
E-mail Address: jefields@eprod.com	Conditions of Approval:	Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date: <u>12/20/2016</u> Phone: (713)381-6684	<u>NVF1636449671</u>	

* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

Operator/Responsible Party,

The OCD has received the form C-141 you provided on 12/27/2016 regarding an unauthorized release. The information contained on that form has been entered into our incident database and remediation case number NVF-1636449671 has been assigned. **Please refer to this case number in all future correspondence.**

It is the Division's obligation under both the Oil & Gas Act and Water Quality Act to provide for the protection of public health and the environment. Our regulations (19.15.29.11 NMAC) state the following,

The responsible person shall complete division-approved corrective action for releases that endanger public health or the environment. The responsible person shall address releases in accordance with a remediation plan submitted to and approved by the division or with an abatement plan submitted in accordance with 19.15.30 NMAC. [emphasis added]

Release characterization is the first phase of corrective action unless the release is ongoing or is of limited volume and all impacts can be immediately addressed. Proper and cost-effective remediation typically cannot occur without adequate characterization of the impacts of any release. Furthermore, the Division has the ability to impose reasonable conditions upon the efforts it oversees. **As such, the Division is requiring a workplan for the characterization of impacts associated with this release be submitted to the OCD District III office in 30 days on or before 1/27/2017. If and when the release characterization workplan is approved, there will be an associated deadline for submittal of the resultant investigation report. Modest extensions of time to these deadlines may be granted, but only with acceptable justification.**

The goals of a characterization effort are: 1) determination of the lateral and vertical extents along with the magnitude of soil contamination. 2) determine if groundwater or surface waters have been impacted. 3) If groundwater or surface waters have been impacted, what are the extents and magnitude of that impact. 4) The characterization of any other adverse impacts that may have occurred (examples: impacts on vegetation, impacts on wildlife, air quality, loss of use of property, etc.). To meet these goals as quickly as possible, the following items must, at a minimum, be addressed in the release characterization workplan and subsequent reporting:

- Horizontal delineation of soil impacts in each of the four cardinal compass directions. Adsorbed soil contamination must be characterized for the following constituents using the associated laboratory methods: benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes by either Method 8260 or 8021, total petroleum hydrocarbons by Method 8015 extended range (GRO+DRO+MRO; C₆ thru C₃₆), and for chloride by Method 300. This is not an exclusive list of potential contaminants. Analyzed parameters should be modified based on the nature of the released substance(s). Soil sampling must be both within the impacted area and beyond.
- Vertical delineation of soil impacts. Adsorbed soil contamination must be characterized for the following constituents using the associated laboratory methods: benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes by either Method 8260 or 8021, total petroleum hydrocarbons by Method 8015 extended range (GRO+DRO+MRO; C₆ thru C₃₆), and for chloride by Method 300. As above, this is not an exclusive list of potential contaminants and can be modified. Vertical characterization samples should be taken at depth intervals no greater than five feet apart. Lithologic description of encountered soils must also be provided. At least ten vertical feet of soils with contaminant concentrations at or below these values must be demonstrated as existing above the water table.
- Nominal detection limits for field and laboratory analyses must be provided.
- Composite sampling is not generally allowed.
- Field screening and assessment techniques are acceptable (headspace, titration, EC [include algorithm for validation purposes], EM, etc.), but the sampling and assay procedures must be clearly defined. Copies of field notes are highly desirable. A statistically significant set of split samples must be submitted for confirmatory laboratory analysis, including the laterally farthest and vertically deepest sets of soil samples. Make sure there are at least two soil samples submitted

for laboratory analysis from each borehole or test pit (highest observed contamination and deepest depth investigated). Copies of the actual laboratory results must be provided including chain of custody documentation.

- Probable depth to shallowest protectable groundwater and lateral distance to nearest surface water. If there is an estimate of groundwater depth, the information used to arrive at that estimate must be provided. If there is a reasonable assumption that the depth to protectable water is 50 feet or less, the responsible party should anticipate the need for at least one groundwater monitoring well to be installed in the area of likely maximum contamination.

- If groundwater contamination is encountered, an additional investigation workplan may be required to determine the extents of that contamination. Groundwater and/or surface water samples, if any, must be analyzed by a competent laboratory for volatile organic hydrocarbons (typically Method 8260 full list), total dissolved solids, pH, major anions and cations including chloride and sulfate, dissolved iron, and dissolved manganese. The investigation workplan must provide the groundwater sampling method(s) and sample handling protocols. To the fullest extent possible, aqueous analyses must be undertaken using nominal method detection limits. As with the soil analyses, copies of the actual laboratory results must be provided including chain of custody documentation.

- Accurately scaled and well-drafted site maps must be provided providing the location of borings, test pits, monitoring wells, potentially impacted areas, and significant surface features including roads and site infrastructure that might limit either the release characterization or remedial efforts. Field sketches may be included in subsequent reporting, but should not be considered stand-alone documentation of the site's layout. Digital photographic documentation of the location and fieldwork is recommended, especially if unusual circumstances are encountered.

Nothing herein should be interpreted to preclude emergency response actions or to imply immediate remediation by removal cannot proceed as warranted. Nonetheless, characterization of impacts and confirmation of the effectiveness of remedial efforts must still be provided to the OCD before any release incident will be closed.

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