District I
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240
District II
1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210
District III
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410
District IV
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505
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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

Proposed Alternative Method Permit of Closure Fran Application
Type of action: Existing BGT 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
I. Operator:XTO Energy, Inc. OGRID #:5380

Address: #382 County Road 3100, Aztec, NM 8410
Facility or well name: Phillips Rio Arriba #1
API Number: 30-039-25280 OCD Permit Number:
U/L or Qtr/Qtr M Section 11 Township 29N Range 05W County: Rio Arriba
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude36.736240
Surface Owner: X Federal X State Trivate 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: Thicknessmil ☐ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other
☐ String-Reinforced
Liner Seams: Welded Factory Other Volume: bbl Dimensions: L x W x D
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
Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC Volume: 95

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) Bour foot height, four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced between one and four feet	
★ Alternate. Please specify Four foot height, steel mesh field fence (hogwire) with pipe top railing	
7.	
Netting: Subsection E of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (Applies to permanent pits and permanent open top tanks)	
☐ Screen ☐ Netting ☒ Other Expanded metal or solid vaulted top	
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 19.15.3.103 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.	
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 acception material are provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria may require administrative approval from the approperation of the considered and exception which must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of the Applicant must attach justification for request. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance. Siting criteria does not apply to dry above-grade tanks associated with a closed-loop system.	opriate district approval.
Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the temporary pit, permanent pit, or below-grade tank.	⊠ Yes □ No
- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	
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).	☐ Yes ☑ No
- Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	
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) - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image	☐ Yes ☑ No ☐ NA
Within 1000 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.	Yes No
 (Applies to permanent pits) Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image 	⊠ NA
Within 500 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring that less than five households use for domestic or stock	☐ Yes ⊠ No
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 search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	
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.	☐ Yes ⊠ No
- Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality	
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

Temporary Pits, Emergency Pits, and Below-grade Tanks	Permit Application Attachment Checkli	ist: Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached tattached.	to the application. Please indicate, by a co	heck mark in the box, that the documents are
Hydrogeologic Report (Below-grade Tanks) - based upon Hydrogeologic Data (Temporary and Emergency Pits) - Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the approximate Closure Plan (Please complete Boxes 14 through 18, if a and 19.15.17.13 NMAC	based upon the requirements of Paragraph in the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17 of 19.15.17.11 NMAC opriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC	(2) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC .10 NMAC
Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) Al	PI Number:	or Permit Number:
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Closed-loop Systems Permit Application Attachment Chec Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached a attached.	eklist: Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC to the application. Please indicate, by a control of the application of the application.	heck mark in the box, that the documents are
Geologic and Hydrogeologic Data (only for on-site closed Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations (only for on Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate Plan (Please complete Boxes 14 through 18, if and 19.15.17.13 NMAC	n-site closure) - based upon the appropriate of 19.15.17.11 NMAC opriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC	e requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC
Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design)	API Number:	_
Previously Approved Operating and Maintenance Plan		_ (Applies only to closed-loop system that use
above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to impl	lement waste removal for closure)	
Permanent Pits Permit Application Checklist: Subsection Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached attached. Hydrogeologic Report - based upon the requirements of Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon Climatological Factors Assessment Certified Engineering Design Plans - based upon the application and Structural Integrity Design - based Leak Detection Design - based upon the appropriate recompliance Construction and Inspection and Compatibility Assessment - based upon the appropriate recompliance of Hazardous Odors, including H2S, Preventing Emergency Response Plan Oil Field Waste Stream Characterization Monitoring and Inspection Plan Erosion Control Plan Closure Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements	f Paragraph (1) of Subsection B of 19.15.15 on the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NM aupon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC assed upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC assed upon the appropriate requirements of installation Plan copriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC on the appropriate requirements of 19.15.1	7.9 NMAC 7.10 NMAC MAC 5.17.11 NMAC 19.15.17.11 NMAC C 7.11 NMAC
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Atternative Closure Method (Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa	1 C Dividimental Bureau for consideration)
Waste Excavation and Removal Closure Plan Checklist: (closure plan. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, th ☐ Protocols and Procedures - based upon the appropriate ☐ Confirmation Sampling Plan (if applicable) - based upon ☐ Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number (for liquids) ☐ Soil Backfill and Cover Design Specifications - based upon ☐ Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate require ☐ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate require	hat the documents are attached. requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC on the appropriate requirements of Subsect s, drilling fluids and drill cuttings) upon the appropriate requirements of Subse ements of Subsection I of 19.15.17.13 NM	ion F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC ection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC AC

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Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Above Ground Steel Tanks or Haul-off Bins Only: (19.15.17.13.1 Instructions: Please indentify the facility or facilities for the disposal of liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings. Use attachment if 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 ser 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 G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC	С
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 sour provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria may require administrative approval from the appropriate dist considered an exception which must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval. Just demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance.	rict office or may be
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
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
On-Site Closure Plan Checklist: (19.15.17.13 NMAC) Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure ple 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. Protocols and Procedures - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection F 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 cann 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 G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC	15.17.11 NMAC

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19.		
Operator Application Certification:		
I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application is true, accur	ate and complete to the	ne best of my knowledge and belief.
Name (Print): Kim Champlin	Title:	Environmental Representative
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		12/11/08
e-mail address: kim_champlin@xtoenergy.com	Telephone:	(505) 333-3100
20. OCD Approval: Permit Application (including closure plan) Closure P	lan (only)	Conditions (see attachment)
OCD Representative Signature:		Approval Date:
Title:	OCD Permit Num	ber:
Closure Report (required within 60 days of closure completion): Subsection Instructions: Operators are required to obtain an approved closure plan prior to the closure report is required to be submitted to the division within 60 days of the section of the form until an approved closure plan has been obtained and the closure plan prior to the division within 60 days of the closure plan prior to the division within 60 days of the closure plan prior to the division within 60 days of the closure plan prior to the division within 60 days of the closure plan prior to the division within 60 days of the closure plan prior to the division within 60 days of the closure plan has been obtained and the closure plan prior to the division within 60 days of the closure plan has been obtained and the closure plan prior to the closure plan plan prior to the closure plan plan plan prior to the closure plan plan plan plan plan plan plan plan	to implementing any of the completion of the losure activities have	closure activities and submitting the closure report. closure activities. Please do not complete this been completed.
	Closure Com	pletion Date:
22. Closure Method: Waste Excavation and Removal ☐ On-Site Closure Method ☐ Alternative If different from approved plan, please explain.	ative Closure Method	☐ Waste Removal (Closed-loop systems only)
Closure Report Regarding Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems Instructions: Please indentify the facility or facilities for where the liquids, drift two facilities were utilized.		
Disposal Facility Name:	Disposal Facility Po	ermit Number:
Disposal Facility Name:		ermit Number:
Were the closed-loop system operations and associated activities performed on or		
Yes (If yes, please demonstrate compliance to the items below) No	in all out that the first	of act to talk of the and operations.
Required for impacted areas which will not be used for future service and operat	ions:	
☐ 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 it	ems 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 Longit	tuda	NAD: □1927 □ 1983
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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 requirer		
Name (Print):	Title:	
Signature:		
e-mail address:	Telephone:	

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District Office
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-102 Revised 1-1-89

District Office
State Lease - 4 copies
Fee Lease - 3 copies

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

DISTRICT I P.O. Box 1980, Hobbs, NM 88240

P.O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

DISTRICT II
P.O. Drawer DD, Artesia, NM \$8210

DISTRICT III
1000 Rso Brazos Rd., Azzec, NM \$7410

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT
All Distances must be from the outer boundaries of the section

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A11. a ·	Pit Permit	Client:	XTO Energy
Lodestar Service	S, MC.	Project:	tank permitting
70 Bex 4465, Durang	U, CU 01JUZ	Revised:	8-Nov-08
V	Information She	et Prepared by:	Trevor Ycas
API#:[30-039-25280	USPLSS:	29N 05W 11 M
Name:	RIO ARRIBA No. 001	Lat/Long:	36.736240°, -107.334100°
Depth to groundwater:	depth < 50'	Geologic formation:	San Jose Formation (Tsj), alluvium
Distance to closest	13 miles NW to 'San Juan River'	1	
continuously flowing	at 'Navajo Reservoir'/'La Jara	Site Elevation:	
watercourse:	Canyon'	1966m/6450'	
Distance to closest significant watercourse, lakebed, playa lake, or sinkhole:	1530' SW to 'La Jara Canyon';		
Silikilole.		Soil Type:	Rockland/ Aridisols
Permanent residence,] "	
school, hospital, institution or church	NO		
within 300'] Annual	Navajo Dam: 12.95", Governador: 11.98",
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Domestic fresh water		Precipitation	Historical daily max. precip.: 4.19"
well or spring within	NO	Notes:	(Bloomfield)
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Any other fresh water			
well or spring within 1000'	NO		
Within incorporated municipal boundaries	NO	Attached Documents:	28N04W_iWaters.pdf, 28N05W_iWaters.pdf, 28N06W_iWaters.pdf, 29N04W_iWaters.pdf, 29N05W_iwaters.pdf, 29N06W_iwaters.pdf, 30N04W_iWaters.pdf, 30N05W_iWaters.pdf, 30N06W_iWaters.pdf
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rains to 'La Jara Canyon'	FEMA ZONE A likely, given proximity to stream channel in canyon mouth and position on quaternary stream alluvium/alluvial fan		located in 'La Jara Canyon', SW of 'Mestenas Mesa', W of 'Dry Point' & in the mouth of 'La Baca Canyon'

Phillips Rio Arriba A #1 Below Grade Tank Hydrogeologic Report for Siting Criteria

General Geology and Hydrology

The San Juan Basin is a typical Rocky Mountain basin with a gently dipping southern flank and a steeply dipping northern flank. Asymmetrically layered Tertiary sandstones and shales, along with Quaternary alluvial deposits, dominate surficial geology (Dane and Bachman, 1965). The proposed pit location will be located in the central La Jara Canyon region of the San Juan Basin in La Jara Canyon and west of Mestenas Mesa. The predominant geologic formation is the San Jose Formation of Tertiary age, which underlies surface soils and is often exposed (Dane and Bachman, 1965). Deposits of Quaternary alluvial and aeolian sands occur prominently near the surface of the area, especially near streams and washes.

Cretaceous and Tertiary sandstones, as well as Quaternary alluvial deposits serve as the primary aquifers in the San Juan basin (Stone et al., 1983). In most of the proposed area, the San Jose Formation lies at the surface and overlies the Nacimiento Formation. Thickness of the San Jose ranges from 200 to 2700 feet, thickening from west to east across the region of interest (Stone et al., 1983). Aquifers within the coarser and continuous sandstone bodies of the San Jose Formation are between 0 and 2700' deep in this section of the basin (Stone et al., 1983). Groundwater within these aquifers flows north, toward the San Juan River. Little specific hydrogeologic data is available for the San Jose Formation system, but "numerous wells and springs used for stock and domestic supplies" draw their water from the San Jose Formation (Stone et al., 1983).

The prominent soil type at the proposed site are entisols and aridisols, which are defined as soils exhibiting little to no profile development (www.emnrd.state.nm.us). Soils are basically unaltered from their parent rock. Miles of arroyos, washes and intermittent streams exist as part of the drainage network towards the San Juan River. These features often cut into soil and other unconsolidated materials, contributing to sedimentation downstream. The sudden influx of water from storm events easily erodes the soils that cover the area and prohibits effective recharge to the underlying aquifers.

Regional weather further prohibit active recharge. The climate is arid, averaging just over 12 inches of rainfall annually. As is typical of the southwestern United States monsoonal weather patterns, most precipitation falls from August through October. The heaviest rainfall occurs in the summer in isolated, intense cloudbursts. November through June is relatively dry. Snow generally falls from December to mid-February and averages less than one-half inch in depth. However, most recharge occurs during the winter months during snowmelt periods from the upper elevations (Western Regional Climate Center www.wrcc.dri.edu).

The predominant vegetation is sagebrush and grasses with a more restricted pinon-juniper association (Dick-Peddie, 1993).

Site Specific Hydrogeology

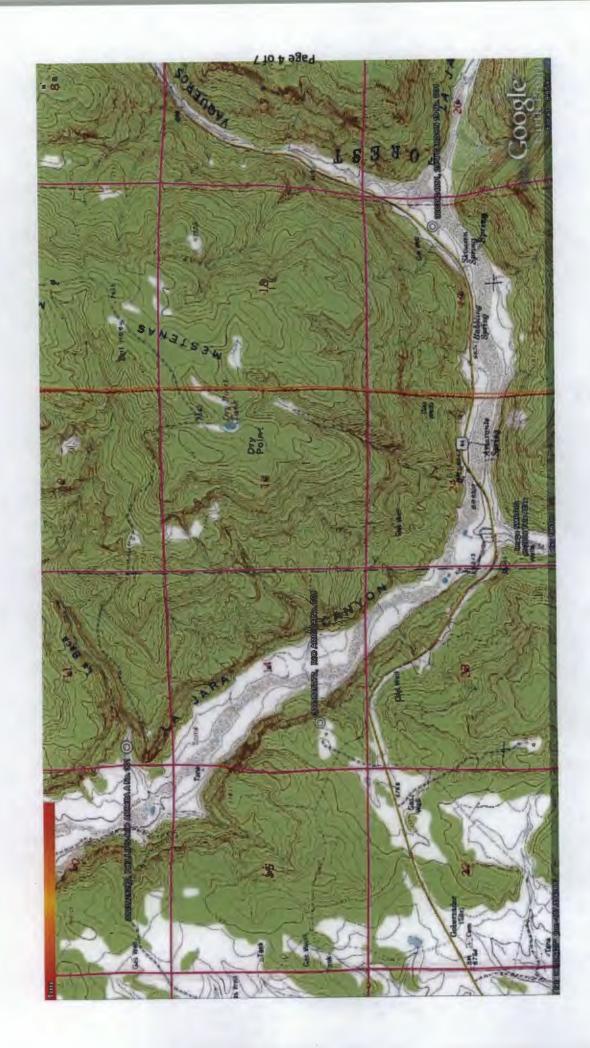
Depth to groundwater is estimated to be between less than 50°. This estimation is based on data from Stone and others (1983), the USGS Groundwater Atlas of the United States and depth to groundwater data published on the New Mexico State Engineer's iWaters Database website. Local topography, proximity to adjacent channels & spring features at similar elevations nearby are also taken into consideration.

Beds of water-yielding sandstone are present in the San Jose Formation, which are fluvial in origin and are interbedded with mudstone, siltstone & shale. "Extensive intertonguing" of different members of this formation is reported. (Stone et al., 1983). Porous sandstones form the principal aquifers, while relatively impermeable shales and mudstones form confining units between the aquifers (Stone et al., 1983). Local aquifers exist within the San Jose Formation at depths greater than 100 feet and thicknesses of the aquifer can be up to several hundred feet (USGS, Groundwater Atlas of the US) (Stone et al., 1983).

The site in question is located is on relatively flat ground in La Jara Canyon, southwest of the mouth of La Jara Canyon, at an elevation of approximately 6450 feet and approximately 1530' northeast of the main La Jara Canyon wash channel, the nearest significant watercourse. This site drains to La Jara Canyon, eventually to the San Juan River at Navajo Reservoir. This region is deeply incised by canyons, washes, gullies and arroyos, with large, flat-topped mesas the predominant topographic feature. The mesas are composed of cliff-forming sandstone, and systems of dry washes and their tributaries composed of alluvium are evident on the attached aerial image. Groundwater is expected to be shallow within Cereza and La Jara Canyons and within major tributary systems. Additionally, the La Jara Canyon area has many surface springs at varying elevations, including at least 4 within 5 miles of this site.

Groundwater data is extremely limited in this region; the nearest iWaters data point (Amarante Spring) lies 2.4 miles southeast (SP 04335). Bubbling Spring is located 2.7 miles southeast.(SP03623) Additionally, there is a spring located approx. 2.6 miles south (Burro Spring) (SP03624) & 'Skousen Spring' is located ~2.5 miles southeast of the site in question. Nearby springs are found at elevations above, below and similar to the site in question. Groundwater data available from the NM State Engineer's iWaters Database for wells near the proposed site are attached. Additionally, this area has not been mapped by the FEMA; no floodplain data is available for this region. Due to the elevation, constricted terrain and proximity to the nearest stream channels, this site is quite likely to be located in a 100-year floodplain.

Wells located at similar elevations nearby contain groundwater at depths of 50 feet and deeper, occasionally in excess of 300 feet. However, there exist numerous surface springs in the PLSS section 29N/30N, 04W/05W. The exact topography, underlying alluvium, multiple nearby springs, and elevation relative to nearby surface spring features are not enough to be certain that groundwater is deeper than 50 feet. A map showing the location of wells in reference to the proposed pit location is attached.





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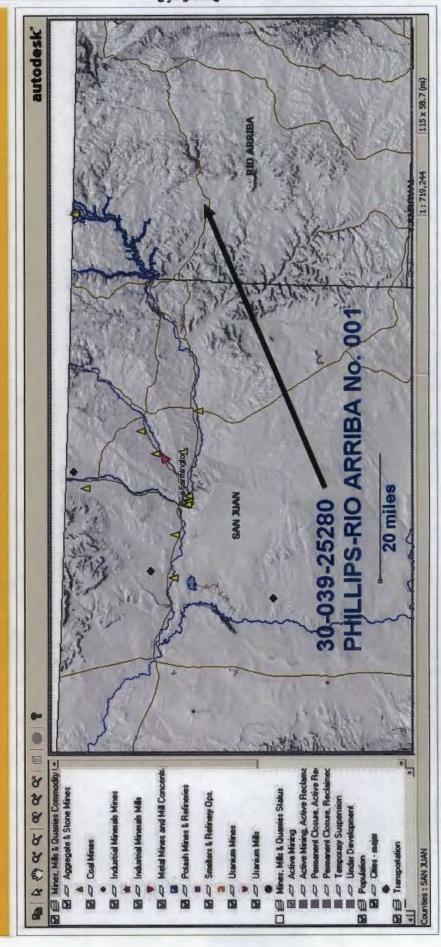
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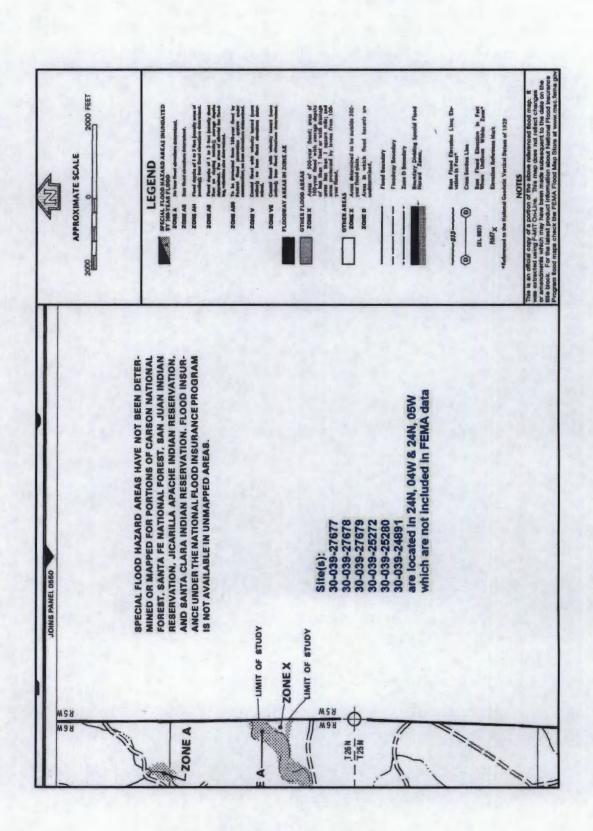
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XTO Energy Inc. San Juan Basin (Northwest New Mexico) General Design and Construction Plan For Below-Grade Tanks

In accordance with Rule 19.15.17.11 NMAC the following information describes the design and construction of below-grade tanks on XTO Energy Inc. (XTO) locations. This is XTO's standard procedure for all below-grade tanks. A separate plan will be submitted for any below-grade tank which does not conform to this plan.

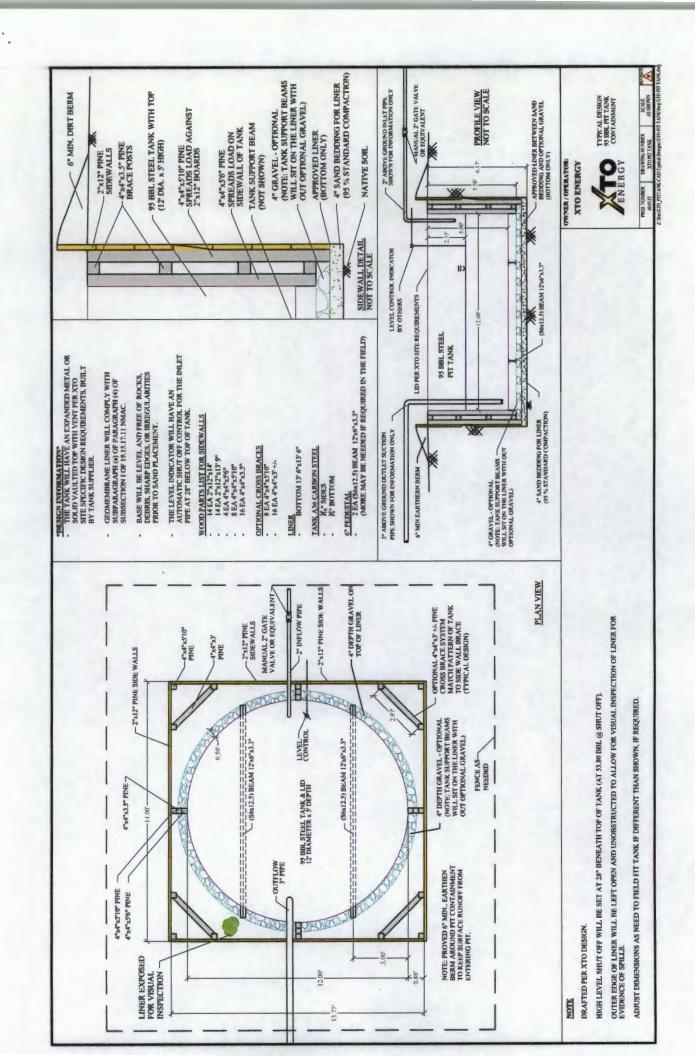
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- XTO will design and construct below-grade tanks to contain liquids and solids and prevent contamination of fresh water and protect public health and environment.
- 2. XTO will post a well sign, in compliance with 19.15.3.103 NMAC, on the existing well site operated by XTO where the existing below-grade tank is located. The sign will list the Operator on record as the operator, the location of the well site by unit letter, section, township, range, and emergency telephone numbers.
- 3. XTO is requesting approval of an alternative fencing to be used on below-grade tank locations. Below-grade tank locations will be fenced utilizing 48" steel mesh field-fence (hogwire) with pipe railing along the top. A 6' chain link fence will be utilized around the well pad if the well site is within a city limits or ½ mile of a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church. Below-grade tanks located within 1000' of a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church will be fenced by 6' chain link fence with at least two strands of barbed wire at the top. All gates associated with below-grade tanks will remain closed and locked when responsible individuals are not on site.
- 4. XTO shall construct below-grade tanks with an expanded metal covering or solid vaulted top on the top of the below-grade tank.
- 5. XTO will ensure that below-grade tanks are constructed of materials resistant to the below-grade tank's particular contents and resistant to damage from sunlight. Tanks will be constructed of A36 carbon steel with 3/16" sides and 1/4" bottom. (See attached drawing).
- 6. The below-grade tank system will have a properly constructed foundation consisting of a level base free of rocks, debris, sharp edges or irregularities to prevent punctures, cracks or indentations of the liner or tank bottom. Sand bedding (4") will be placed on top of a level foundation to ensure prevention of punctures, cracks or indentations of the liner or tank bottom.
- 7. XTO will construct a berm and/or diversion ditch in a manner that prevents the collection of surface water run-on. Below-grade tanks will be equipped with automatic high level shut-off devices as well as manually operated shut-off valves. (See attached drawing).
- 8. XTO will construct and use below-grade tanks that do not have double walls. The below-grade tank sidewalls will be open for visual inspection for leaks. The sidewalls of the cellar will be constructed with 2" X 12" pine sidewalls and 4" X 4" pine brace posts. The below-grade tank

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bottom will be elevated a minimum of 6" above the underlying ground surface and the belowgrade tank will be underlain with a geomembrane liner to divert leaked liquid to a location that can be visually inspected. (See attached drawing).

- 9. XTO will equip below-grade tanks designed in this manner with a properly functioning automatic high-level shut-off control device and manual controls to prevent overflows. (See attached drawing).
- 10. XTO will demonstrate to the OCD that the geomembrane liner complies with the specifications of Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC and obtain approval from OCD prior to the installation of the design. The geomembrane liner shall have a hydraulic conductivity no greater than 1 x 10-9 cm/sec. The geomembrane liner shall be composed of an impervious, synthetic material that is resistant to petroleum hydrocarbons, salts and acidics and alkaline solutions. The liner material shall be resistant to ultraviolet light. Liner compatibility shall comply with EPA SW-846 method 9090A. (See attached drawing).
- 11. The general specifications for design and construction are attached.



XTO Energy Inc. San Juan Basin (Northwest New Mexico) General Maintenance and Operating Plan For Below-Grade Tanks

In accordance with Rule 19.15.17.12 NMAC the following information describes the operation and maintenance of below-grade tanks on XTO Energy Inc. (XTO) locations. This is XTO's standard procedure for all below-grade tanks. A separate plan will be submitted for any below-grade tank which does not conform to this plan.

General Plan

- XTO will operate and maintain below-grade tanks to contain liquids and solids, maintain the
 integrity of the liner and secondary containment system, prevent contamination of fresh water and
 protect public health and the environment. Fluid levels will be monitored weekly and high levels
 will be removed as necessary. Monthly inspections will be conducted to monitor integrity of
 below-grade tank systems and below-grade tanks will be equipped with automatic high-level
 shut-off devices.
- 2. XTO will not allow below-grade tanks to overflow and will use berms and/or diversion ditch to prevent surface run on to enter the below-grade tank. Below-grade tanks will be equipped with automatic high-level shut-off control devices as well as manually operated shut-off valves. See attached drawing for vault design and placement of diversion berms and shut-off devices.
- XTO will continuously remove any visible or measurable layer of oil from the fluid surface of below-grade tanks in order to prevent significant accumulation of oil.
 - 4. XTO will inspect the below-grade tank monthly and maintain written records for five years. Monthly inspections will consist of documenting the following: (see attached template),

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XTO Inspector's name

Inspection date and time

Visible tears in liner

Visible signs of tank overflow

Collection of surface run on

Visible layer of oil

Visible signs of tank leak

Estimated freeboard

- 5. XTO will maintain adequate freeboard to prevent over topping of the below-grade tank. High level shut-off devices control the freeboard at an average of 28" beneath the top of the tank.
- XTO will not discharge into or store any hazardous waste in any below-grade tank.
- 7. If a below-grade tank develops a leak, or if any penetration of a below-grade tank occurs below the liquids surface, XTO will remove all liquids above the damage or leak line within 48 hours,

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notify the appropriate division district office within 48 hours of the discovery and repair the damage or replace the below-grade tank. If an existing below-grade tank does not meet current requirements of Paragraphs 1-4 of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC the tank will be modified or retrofitted to comply. If compliance can not be achieved XTO will implement the approved closure plan.

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XTO Energy Inc. San Juan Basin (Northwest New Mexico) General Closure Plan For Below-Grade Tanks

In accordance with Rule 19.15.17.13 NMAC the following information describes the closure requirements of below-grade tanks on XTO Energy Inc. (XTO) locations. This is XTO's standard procedure for all below-grade tanks. A separate plan will be submitted for any below-grade tank which does not conform to this plan.

General Plan

- 1. XTO will close below-grade tanks within the time periods provided in 19.15.17.13 NMAC, or by an earlier date that the division requires because of imminent danger to fresh water, public health or the environment.
- 2. XTO will close a below-grade tank that does not meet the requirements of Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC or is not included in Paragraph (5) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC within five years after June 16, 2008, if not retrofitted to comply with Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC.
- 3. XTO will close a permitted below-grade tank within 60 days of cessation of the below-grade tank's operation or as required by the transitional provisions of Subsection B of 19.15.17.17 NMAC in accordance with a closure plan that the appropriate division district office approves. The closure report will be filed on form C-144.
- 4. XTO will remove liquids and sludge from below-grade tanks prior to implementing a closure method and will dispose of the liquids and sludge in a division-approved facility. Approved facilities and waste streams include:

Envirotech Permit No. NM01-0011 and IEI Permit No. NM 01-0010B Soil contaminated by exempt petroleum hydrocarbons Produced sand, pit sludge and contaminated bottoms from storage of exempt wastes

Basin Disposal Permit No. NM01-005 Produced water

- 5. XTO will 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 has approved prior to removal. Any associated liners will be removed, properly cleaned and disposed of per 19.15.9.712 NMAC at San Juan County Landfill. Documentation of the final disposition will be included in the closure report.
- 6. XTO will remove any on-site equipment associated with a below-grade tank unless the equipment is required for some other purpose.
- 7. XTO will test the soils beneath the below-grade tank to determine whether a release has occurred. At a minimum 5 point composite sample 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

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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 0.2 mg/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 50 mg/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 250 mg/kg, or the background concentration, whichever is greater. XTO will notify the division of its results on form C-141.

- 8. If XTO or the division determines that a release has occurred, XTO will comply with 19.15.3.116 NMAC and 19.15.1.19NMAC as appropriate.
- 9. If the sampling program demonstrates that a release has not occurred or that any release does not exceed the concentrations specified in Paragraph (4) of Subsection E of 19.15.17.13 NMAC, XTO will backfill the excavation with compacted, non-waste containing, earthen material; construct a division prescribed soil cover; recontour and re-vegetate the site.
- 10. Notice of Closure operations will be given to the Aztec Division District III office between 72 hours and one week prior to the start of closure activities via email or verbally.

 The notification will include the following:
 - i. Operator's name
 - ii. Well Name and API Number
 - iii. Location by Unit Letter, Section, Township, and Range

The surface owner shall also be notified prior to the implementation of any closure operations of below-grade tanks as per the approved closure plan using certified mail, return receipt requested.

- 11. Re-contouring of location will match fit, shape, line, form and texture of the surrounding area. Re-shaping will include drainage control, prevent ponding, and prevent erosion. Natural drainages will be unimpeded and water bars and/or silt traps will be placed in areas where needed to prevent erosion on a large scale. Final re-contour shall have a uniform appearance with smooth surface, fitting the natural landscape.
- 12. A minimum of 4 feet of cover shall be achieved and the cover shall include 1 foot of suitable material to establish vegetation at the site, or the background thickness of topsoil, whichever is greater. Soil cover will be constructed to the site's existing grade and ponding of water and erosion of the cover material will be prevented with drainage control, natural drainages and silt traps where needed.
- 13. XTO will seed the disturbed areas the first growing season after the operator closes the pit. Seeding will be accomplished via drilling on the contour whenever practical or by other division-approved methods. BLM or Forest Service stipulated seed mixes will be used on federal lands. Vegetative cover will equal 70% of the native perennial vegetative cover (un-impacted) 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. Repeat seeding or planting will be continued until successful vegetative growth occurs.

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- 14. All closure activities will include proper documentation and be available for review upon request and will be submitted in closure report form to OCD within 60 days of closure of the below-grade tank. Closure report will be filed on form C-144 and incorporate the following:
 - i. Proof of closure notice to division and surface owner;
 - ii. Details on capping and covering, where applicable;
 - iii. Inspection reports;
 - iv. Confirmation sampling analytical results;
 - v. Disposal facility name(s) and permit number(s);
 - vi. Soil backfilling and cover installation;
 - vii. Re-vegetation application rates and seeding techniques, (or approved alternative to re-vegetation requirements if applicable);
 - viii. Photo documentation of the site reclamation.