

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

State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural  
Resources

Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-144  
June 1, 2004

For drilling and production facilities, submit  
to appropriate NMOCD District Office.  
For downstream facilities, submit to Santa Fe  
office

Pit or Below-Grade Tank Registration or Closure

Is pit or below-grade tank covered by a "general plan"? Yes X No ☐

Type of action: Registration of a pit or below-grade tank ☐ Closure of a pit or below-grade tank X

Operator: Yates Drilling Company Telephone: 505-748-4500 e-mail address: mstubblefield@state.nm.us  
Address: 105. South 4<sup>th</sup> street, Artesia, N.M. 88210  
Facility or well name: Pecos River Unit #9 API #: 30-015-32864 U/L or Qtr/Qtr N Sec 28 T 19s R 27e  
County: Eddy Latitude 32.37566 Longitude 104.17233 NAD: 1927 ☐ 1983 X  
Surface Owner: Federal X State Private Indian ☐

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Pit

Type: Drilling X Production ☐ Disposal ☐

Work over ☐ Emergency ☐

Lined X Unlined ☐

Liner type: Synthetic ☐ Thickness 12 mil Clay ☐

Pit Volume 25,000 bbl

Below-grade tank

Volume: bbl Type of fluid:

Construction material:

Double-walled, with leak detection? Yes ☐ If not, explain why not.

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OOD:ARTESIA

Depth to ground water (vertical distance from bottom of pit to seasonal high water elevation of ground water.)

Less than 50 feet

(20 points)

50 feet or more, but less than 100 feet

(10 points)

100 feet or more

( 0 points)X

Wellhead protection area: (Less than 200 feet from a private domestic water source, or less than 1000 feet from all other water sources.)

Yes

(20 points)

No

( 0 points)X

Distance to surface water: (horizontal distance to all wetlands, playas, irrigation canals, ditches, and perennial and ephemeral watercourses.)

Less than 200 feet

(20 points)

200 feet or more, but less than 1000 feet

(10 points)

1000 feet or more

( 0 points)X

**Ranking Score (Total Points)**

0 points

**If this is a pit closure:** (1) Attach a diagram of the facility showing the pit's relationship to other equipment and tanks. (2) Indicate disposal location: (check the onsite box if your are burying in place) onsite X offsite ☐ If offsite, name of facility Tropicana Fed. Com. #1 \_\_\_\_\_. (3) Attach a general description of remedial action taken including remediation start date and end date. (4) Groundwater encountered: No ☐ Yes ☐ If yes, show depth below ground surface \_\_\_\_\_ ft. and attach sample results. (5) Attach soil sample results and a diagram of sample locations and excavations.

Additional Comments: Work plan for the Closure of drilling pit. As per BLM request the drilling pit contents will be excavated and hauled to Tropicana Fed. Com. #1. Disposal will be as per the general plan and current guidelines.

The excavated area will then be backfilled back to grade using a min. of 3' of clean soil a like material. A one call & a 48 hour notice will be provided to the Oil Conservation Division.

Pit Closure start date NA. Final closure date NA.

Amended C-144 form.

I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that the above-described pit or below-grade tank has been/will be constructed or closed according to NMOCD guidelines ☒, a general permit ☒, or an (attached) alternative OCD-approved plan ☐.

Date: 12/28/2004

Printed Name/Title Don Dolan REG. DIST. Signature

Your certification and NMOCD approval of this application/closure does not relieve the operator of liability should the contents of the pit or tank contaminate ground water or otherwise endanger public health or the environment. Nor does it relieve the operator of its responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

Approval:

Printed Name/Title

Signature

JAN 3 2005  
Date: