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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 CLEZ
July 21, 2008

For closed-loop systems that only use above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure, submit to the appropriate NMOCB District Office

Closed-Loop System Permit or Closure Plan Application

(that only use above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure)

Type of action: ☐ Permit ☒ Closure

Instructions: Please submit one application (Form C-144 CLEZ) per individual closed-loop system request. For any application request other than for a closed-loop system that only use above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure, please submit a Form C-144.

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: APACHE CORPORATION OGRID #: 873
Address: 303 VETERANS AIRPARK LN., STE. 3000 MIDLAND TEXAS 79705
Facility or well name: EMPIRE ABO UNIT #404
API Number: 30-015-39054 OCD Permit Number: 211939
U/L or Qtr/Qtr G Section 33 Township 17 S Range 28 E County: EDDY, NM
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 32.794248 N Longitude 104.176274 W NAD: ☒ 1927 ☐ 1983
Surface Owner: ☐ Federal ☒ State ☐ Private ☐ Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

2. ☒ Closed-loop System: Subsection H of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
Operation ☒ Drilling a new well ☐ Workover or Drilling (Applies to activities which require prior approval of a permit or notice of intent) ☐ P&A
☒ Above Ground Steel Tanks or ☐ Haul-off Bins

3. 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

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4. Closed-loop Systems Permit Application Attachment Checklist: Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.
☒ 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 Box 5) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC
☐ Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: _____
☐ Previously Approved Operating and Maintenance Plan API Number: _____

5. Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Above Ground Steel Tanks or Haul-off Bins Only: (19.15.17.13 D NMAC)
Instructions: Please identify the facility or facilities for the disposal of liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings. Use attachment if more than two facilities are required.
Disposal Facility Name: SUNDANCE INCORPORATED Disposal Facility Permit Number: NM-01-0003
Disposal Facility Name: CRI Disposal Facility Permit Number: NM-01-0006
Will any of the proposed closed-loop system operations and associated activities occur on or in areas that will not be used for future service and operations?
☐ Yes (If yes, please provide the information below) ☒ No
Required for impacted areas which will not be used for future service and operations.
☐ Soil Backfill and Cover Design Specifications - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
☐ Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
☐ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

6 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): SORINA L. FLORESTitle: DRILLING TECH IIISignature: *Sorina L. Flores*Date: MAY 12, 2011e-mail address: sorina.flores@apachecorp.comTelephone: 432-818-1167**7. OCD Approval:** ☒ Permit Application (including closure plan) ☐ Closure Plan (only)OCD Representative Signature: *R. D. Spence*Approval Date: 09/13/2011Title: DIST. R. SpenceOCD Permit Number: 211939**8. Closure Report (required within 60 days of closure completion):** Subsection K of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

Instructions: Operators are required to obtain an approved closure plan prior to implementing any closure activities and submitting the closure report. The closure report is required to be submitted to the division within 60 days of the completion of the closure activities. Please do not complete this section of the form until an approved closure plan has been obtained and the closure activities have been completed.

☒ Closure Completion Date: 9-8-11**9. Closure Report Regarding Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Above Ground Steel Tanks or Haul-off Bins Only:**

Instructions: Please identify the facility or facilities for where the liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings were disposed. Use attachment if more than two facilities were utilized.

Disposal Facility Name: CRIDisposal Facility Permit Number: NM-01-0006

Disposal Facility Name: _____

Disposal Facility Permit Number: _____

Were the closed-loop system operations and associated activities performed on or in areas that will not be used for future service and operations?

☐ Yes (If yes, please demonstrate compliance to the items below) ☒ No

Required for impacted areas which will not be used for future service and operations:

☐ Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation)☐ Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation☐ Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique**10 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): VICKI BROWNTitle: Drilling TechSignature: *Vicki Brown*Date: 9-15-2011e-mail address: VICKI.brown@apachecorp.comTelephone: 432.818.1117

303 Veterans Airpark Lane, Ste. 3000, Midland, Texas 79705



September 16, 2011

Oil Conservation Division
ATTN: Donna Mull
1625 N French Dr
Hobbs, NM 88240

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Dear Donna,

Please find enclosed the closure C-144 for the following wells:

Empire Abo Unit #404

If there are any questions or concerns on this matter, please call me at (432) 818-1117.

Thank you,

Vicki Brown

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