

## Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

District II

1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210

District III

1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410

District IV

220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505For 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 ☐ No ☒Type of action: Registration of a pit or below-grade tank ☐ Closure of a pit or below-grade tank ☒

Operator: COG Operating LLC

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Address: Fasken Center Tower II, 550 W. Texas Ave., Suite 1300, Midland, TX 79701

Facility or well name: Gold Rush 29 Federal #2

API #: 30-015-34081

U/L or Qtr/Qtr: L Sec: 29 T: 23S R: 30E

County: Eddy

Latitude: N 32° 16' 27"

Longitude: W 103° 54' 34" NAD: 1927 ☐ 1983 ☐Surface Owner: Federal ☒ State ☐ Private ☐ Indian ☐

Pit  
Type: Drilling ☒ Production ☐ Disposal ☐  
Workover ☐ Emergency ☐  
Lined ☒ Unlined ☐  
Liner type: Synthetic ☒ Thickness: 12 mil Clay ☐  
Initial Volume: 30,000 bbl

**Below-grade tank**

Volume: \_\_\_\_\_ bbl Type of fluid: \_\_\_\_\_  
Construction material: \_\_\_\_\_  
Double-walled, with leak detection? Yes ☐ If not, explain why not.

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 - X (0 points)

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 - X (0 points)

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 - X (0 points)

Ranking Score (Total Points)

0 points

**Is this 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  
are burying in place) onsite ☒ offsite ☐ If offsite, name of facility \_\_\_\_\_. (3) Attach a general description of remedial action taken including  
decontamination start date and end date. (4) Groundwater encountered: No ☐ Yes ☐ If yes, show depth below ground surface \_\_\_\_\_ ft. and attach sample results.

Attach soil sample results and a diagram of sample locations and excavations.

Additional Comments: Pit Closure Plan attached

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: 9/02/05

Typed Name/Title: Diane Kuykendall, Regulatory Analyst

Signature: 

This 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:

Typed Name/Title: Field Supervisor

Signature: 

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Date:

## Pit Closure Plan – Drilling Pit

**Operator:** COG Operating LLC  
**Well Name:** Gold Rush 29 Federal #2  
**Location:** Unit L, Section 29, Township 23 S, Range 30 E, Eddy County, NM

The drilling pit associated with this well will be closed as per New Mexico OCD "Pit and Below-Grade Tank Guidelines" dated November 1, 2004. The visual inspection of the pit indicated that the pit liner has maintained its integrity.

1. Any remaining liquids will be removed from the pit.
2. Remaining solid wastes (i.e. buckets, cans, miscellaneous trash, debris, contaminated solids, etc.) will be removed from the pit, except for dried mud and cuttings, cement, and frac materials in drilling and reserve pits which have been approved by the OCD for encapsulation.
3. This well did penetrate a salt section, and 9.5 lb/gal brine or greater was used during drilling. Therefore, the pit will be closed by capping and encapsulation:

Capping and encapsulation will be accomplished by mixing earthen materials with the pit contents, as necessary to stiffen the pit contents sufficiently to provide physical stability and support for the pit cover; folding the edges of the liner over the stiffened mud and cuttings; capping with a 20 mil minimum thickness impervious, reinforced, synthetic or fabricated liner meeting ASTM standards that is designed to be resistant to the material encapsulated; the liner will overlap the underling pit by at least 3 feet on all directions; and covering the liner cap with minimum of 3 feet of clean soil that is capable of supporting native plant growth.

4. Upon closure of the pit, the surface where the pit was located will be contoured to prevent erosion and ponding of rainwater over the site.
5. Since this is a federal well, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be contacted for site reclamation requirements.