

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

Form C-144
June 1, 2004

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

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

SEP 04 2007

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 ☒ **OCD-ARTESIA**

Operator: COG Operating LLC Telephone: 432-685-4340 e-mail address: pedwards@conchoresources.com	
Address: 550 W. Texas, Suite 1300 Midland, TX 79701	
Facility or well name: POLARIS B FEDERAL #6 API #: 30-015-35428 U/L or Qtr/Qtr O Sec 9 T 17S R 30E	
County: EDDY Latitude 32.844846° N Longitude 103.973224° W 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 ☐ Pit Volume 3000 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.) 110'	Less than 50 feet (20 points) 50 feet or more, but less than 100 feet (10 points) 100 feet or more (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 (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 (0 points)
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 you are burying in place) onsite ☒ offsite ☐ If offsite, name of facility _____. (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:	COG Operating LLC proposes to close the drilling pit as follows:
1.	Remove fluids from pit.
2.	A deep trench pit will be constructed next to the existing reserve pit and lined with a 12 mil liner. The contents will be encapsulated in this pit and the liner will be folded over the mud & cuttings.
3.	Cover liner w/20 mil liner w/ excess of 3' on all sides as per option IV.B.3.(b) of Pit and Below-Grade Tank Guidelines.
4.	Cover w/ a minimum of 3' of native soil.
5.	Contour pit to prevent erosion & ponding of rainwater.

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: **8-31-07**

Printed Name/Title **Phyllis Edwards, Regulatory Analyst**

Signature *Phyllis Edwards*

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

Gerry Guye

Compliance Officer

Signature *Gerry Guye*

Date: **SEP 5 2007**

**See Attached
Stipulations**

Stipulations for Closure Of Pit

Contents of drilling pit must be mixed and stiffened so as to support the liner cap in the burial trench.

Samples are to be obtained from pit area and analysis submitted to NMOCD prior to back filling. Notify NMOCD 24 hours prior to obtaining samples.

Notify NMOCD 24 hours prior to beginning closure.

If pit is situated in an agricultural area pit contents must be hauled to an NMOCD approved disposal area.