

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



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

Form C-144
June 1, 2004

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 ☒

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Operator: Oxy USA Telephone: 505-887-8337 e-mail address: rick_kerby@oxy.com
Address: P. O. Box 1988 Carlsbad, NM 88221
Facility or well name: Merland C Com #1 API #: 30-015-20797 U/L or Qtr/Qtr F Sec 19 T 22S R 27E
County: Eddy Latitude _____ Longitude _____ NAD: 1927 ☐ 1983 ☐
Surface Owner: Federal ☐ State ☐ Private ☒ Indian ☐

Pit Type: Drilling ☒ Production ☐ Disposal ☐ Workover ☐ Emergency ☐ Lined ☒ Unlined ☐ Liner type: Synthetic ☒ Thickness _____ mil Clay ☐ Pit Volume _____ 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 (0 points) XXX
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) XXX
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) XXX
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: Closure for reclamation of an abandoned well pad and historic drilling pit AS PER LANDOWNERS REQUEST.
Three feet of the old drilling pit area will be excavated and deep trench buried onsite inside a 12 mil lined burial pit. The burial pit will be capped with a 20 mil impervious liner with three feet overlap in all directions and minimum three feet below ground surface. A 20 mil impervious liner will then be installed to cap the old pit area and three feet of clean soil will be backfilled and contoured to the surrounding area. The site will be re-seeded with BLM seed mixture #2 & #3.
A final report will be included at completion of job.

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: 10-24-07
Printed Name/Title: Logan Anderson - Agent 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: **DENIED**
Printed Name/Title: _____ Signature: _____ Date: NOV 06 2007