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Energy Minerals and Natural Resources
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Oil Conservation Division
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Form C-144
Revised April 3, 2017

For temporary pits, below-grade tanks, and multi-well fluid management pits, submit to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.
For permanent pits submit to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office and provide a copy to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.

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Pit, Below-Grade Tank, or Proposed Alternative Method Permit or Closure Plan Application

Type of action:
- ☐ Below grade tank registration
- ☐ Permit of a pit or proposed alternative method
- ☒ Closure of a pit, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method
- ☐ Modification to an existing permit/or registration
- ☐ Closure plan only submitted for an existing permitted or non-permitted pit, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method

Instructions: Please submit one application (Form C-144) per individual pit, below-grade tank or alternative request

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: Epic Energy, L.L.C OGRID #: 372834
Address: 7415 E. Main Street Farmington, NM 87402
Facility or well name: US Argo #001E
API Number: 30-045-24400 OCD Permit Number:
U/L or Qtr/Qtr N Section 18 Township 27N Range 10W County: Rio Arriba
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 36.5702477 Longitude -107.9401321 NAD83
Surface Owner: ☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ Private ☐ Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

2.
☐ **Pit:** Subsection F, G or J of 19.15.17.11 NMAC

*Release Confirmed via operator, assigned to incident nVF1705349202
Addtional Final C-141 Required.

Temporary: ☐ Drilling ☐ Workover
☐ Permanent ☐ Emergency ☐ Cavitation ☐ P&A ☐ Multi-Well Fluid Management Low Chloride Drilling Fluid ☐ yes ☐ no
☐ Lined ☐ Unlined Liner type: Thickness mil ☐ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other
☐ String-Reinforced
Liner Seams: ☐ Welded ☐ Factory ☐ Other Volume: bbl Dimensions: L x W x D

3.
☒ **Below-grade tank:** Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
Volume: 53 bbl Type of fluid: Produced Water
Tank Construction material: Fiberglass
☐ Secondary containment with leak detection ☐ Visible sidewalls, liner, 6-inch lift and automatic overflow shut-off
☐ Visible sidewalls and liner ☐ Visible sidewalls only ☒ Other Single Wall Tank
Liner type: Thickness mil ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other

4.
☐ **Alternative Method:**
Submittal of an exception request is required. Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

5.
Fencing: Subsection D of 19.15.17.11 NMAC *(Applies to permanent pits, temporary pits, and below-grade tanks)*
☐ Chain link, six feet in height, two strands of barbed wire at top *(Required if located within 1000 feet of a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church)*
☐ Four foot height, four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced between one and four feet
☒ Alternate. Please specify Four Foot height with mesh T-Post

6.
Netting: Subsection E of 19.15.17.11 NMAC *(Applies to permanent pits and permanent open top tanks)*

☐ Screen ☐ Netting ☒ Other___Domed Fiberglas Top_____

☐ Monthly inspections (If netting or screening is not physically feasible)

7.
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 19.15.16.8 NMAC

8.
Variances and Exceptions:

Justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17 NMAC for guidance.

Please check a box if one or more of the following is requested, if not leave blank:

☐ Variance(s): Requests must be submitted to the appropriate division district for consideration of approval.

☐ Exception(s): Requests must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

9.
Siting Criteria (regarding permitting): 19.15.17.10 NMAC

Instructions: The applicant must demonstrate compliance for each siting criteria below in the application. Recommendations of acceptable source material are provided below. **Siting criteria does not apply to drying pads or above-grade tanks.**

General siting	
Ground water is less than 25 feet below the bottom of a low chloride temporary pit or below-grade tank. - ☐ NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; ☐ USGS; ☐ Data obtained from nearby wells	☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ NA
Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of a Temporary pit, permanent pit, or Multi-Well Fluid Management pit . NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended. **(Does not apply to below grade tanks)** - Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within the area overlying a subsurface mine. **(Does not apply to below grade tanks)** - Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within an unstable area. **(Does not apply to below grade tanks)** - Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within a 100-year floodplain. **(Does not apply to below grade tanks)** - FEMA map	☐ Yes ☐ No
Below Grade Tanks	
Within 100 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, significant watercourse, lake bed, sinkhole, wetland or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark). - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☒ No
Within 200 horizontal feet of a spring or a fresh water well used for public or livestock consumption;. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☒ No
Temporary Pit using Low Chloride Drilling Fluid (maximum chloride content 15,000 mg/liter)	
Within 100 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or any other significant watercourse or within 200 feet of any lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark). (Applies to low chloride temporary pits.) - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 300 feet from a occupied permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 200 horizontal feet of a spring or a private, domestic fresh water well used by less than five households for domestic or stock watering purposes, or 300feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in existence at the time of the initial application. NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No

Within 100 feet of a wetland. - US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No
Temporary Pit Non-low chloride drilling fluid	
Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or any other significant watercourse, or within 200 feet of any lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark). - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 500 horizontal feet of a spring or a private, domestic fresh water well used by less than five households for domestic or stock watering purposes, or 1000 feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in the existence at the time of the initial application; - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 300 feet of a wetland. - US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No
Permanent Pit or Multi-Well Fluid Management Pit	
Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse, or lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark). - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 1000 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 500 horizontal feet of a spring or a fresh water well used for domestic or stock watering purposes, in existence at the time of initial application. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 500 feet of a wetland. - US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No

10.

Temporary Pits, Emergency Pits, and Below-grade Tanks 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.

☐ Hydrogeologic Report (Below-grade Tanks) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (4) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
☐ Hydrogeologic Data (Temporary and Emergency Pits) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (2) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC
☐ 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 Boxes 14 through 18, if applicable) - 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: _____ or Permit Number: _____

11.

Multi-Well Fluid Management Pit 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
☐ A List of wells with approved application for permit to drill associated with the pit.
☐ Closure Plan (Please complete Boxes 14 through 18, if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC
☐ Hydrogeologic Data - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (4) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC

☐ Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: _____ or Permit Number: _____

12.
Permanent Pits Permit Application 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.

- ☐ Hydrogeologic Report - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (1) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
- ☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC
- ☐ Climatological Factors Assessment
- ☐ Certified Engineering Design Plans - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Dike Protection and Structural Integrity Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Leak Detection Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Liner Specifications and Compatibility Assessment - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Quality Control/Quality Assurance Construction and Installation Plan
- ☐ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC
- ☐ Freeboard and Overtopping Prevention Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Nuisance or Hazardous Odors, including H_2S, Prevention Plan
- ☐ Emergency Response Plan
- ☐ Oil Field Waste Stream Characterization
- ☐ Monitoring and Inspection Plan
- ☐ Erosion Control Plan
- ☐ Closure Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC

13.
Proposed Closure: 19.15.17.13 NMAC
Instructions: Please complete the applicable boxes, Boxes 14 through 18, in regards to the proposed closure plan.

Type: ☐ Drilling ☐ Workover ☐ Emergency ☐ Cavitation ☐ P&A ☐ Permanent Pit ☒ Below-grade Tank ☐ Multi-well Fluid Management Pit ☐ Alternative

Proposed Closure Method: ☐ Waste Excavation and Removal
☒ Waste Removal (Closed-loop systems only)
☐ On-site Closure Method (Only for temporary pits and closed-loop systems)
☐ In-place Burial ☐ On-site Trench Burial
☐ Alternative Closure Method

14.
Waste Excavation and Removal Closure Plan Checklist: (19.15.17.13 NMAC) ***Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure plan. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.***

- ☒ Protocols and Procedures - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☒ Confirmation Sampling Plan (if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☒ Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number (for liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings)
- ☒ 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 H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☒ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

15.
Siting Criteria (regarding on-site closure methods only): 19.15.17.10 NMAC
Instructions: Each siting criteria requires a demonstration of compliance in the closure plan. Recommendations of acceptable source material are provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria require justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance.

Ground water is less than 25 feet below the bottom of the buried waste. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
Ground water is between 25-50 feet below the bottom of the buried waste - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
Ground water is more than 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
Within 100 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse, lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark). - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 300 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring used for domestic or stock watering purposes, in existence at the time of initial application. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No
Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 300 feet of a wetland. US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance	

adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended. - Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within the area overlying a subsurface mine. - Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within an unstable area. - Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within a 100-year floodplain. - FEMA map	☐ Yes ☐ No

16.
On-Site Closure Plan Checklist: (19.15.17.13 NMAC) ***Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure plan. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.***

- ☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC
- ☐ Proof of Surface Owner Notice - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection E of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Construction/Design Plan of Burial Trench (if applicable) based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection K of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Construction/Design Plan of Temporary Pit (for in-place burial of a drying pad) - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Protocols and Procedures - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Confirmation Sampling Plan (if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Waste Material Sampling Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number (for liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings or in case on-site closure standards cannot be achieved)
- ☐ Soil Cover Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

17.
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): _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

e-mail address: _____ Telephone: _____

18.
OCD Approval: ☐ Permit Application (including closure plan) ☒ Closure ~~Plan (only)~~ ☐ OCD Conditions (see attachment)

OCD Representative Signature: _____ **Approval Date:** 3/24/2020

Title: Environmental Specialist **OCD Permit Number:** BGT 1

19.
Closure Report (required within 60 days of closure completion): 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:** 03/24/2017

20.
Closure Method:

☒ Waste Excavation and Removal ☐ On-Site Closure Method ☐ Alternative Closure Method ☐ Waste Removal (Closed-loop systems only)

☐ If different from approved plan, please explain.

21.
Closure Report Attachment Checklist: ***Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure report. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.***

- ☒ Proof of Closure Notice (surface owner and division)
- ☐ Proof of Deed Notice (required for on-site closure for private land only)
- ☐ Plot Plan (for on-site closures and temporary pits)
- ☒ Confirmation Sampling Analytical Results (if applicable)
- ☐ Waste Material Sampling Analytical Results (required for on-site closure)
- ☒ Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number
- ☒ Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation
- ☒ Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique
- ☐ Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation)

On-site Closure Location: Latitude 36.5702477 Longitude -107.9401321 NAD: ☐ 1927 ☒ 1983

12.

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): Vanessa Fields Title: Regulatory Compliance Manager

Signature: Date: 1/31/2020

e-mail address: vanessa@walsheng.net Telephone: 505-327-4892

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Form C-141
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Submit 1 Copy to appropriate District Office in accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.

Release Notification and Corrective Action

OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company – Thompson Engineering & Production	Contact – Vern Andrews
Address – 7415 East Main St., Farmington, NM 87410	Telephone No. – 505-327-4892 or 505-320-1763 (cell)
Facility Name – Argo # 1E	Facility Type – Producing Natural Gas Well

Surface Owner - BLM	Mineral Owner - Federal	API No. – 30-045-24400

LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
N	18	27N	10W					San Juan

Latitude N36.570201 Longitude W107.940135

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release – Condensate	Volume of Release – 25.84 bbls	Volume Recovered - 0
Source of Release – Production Oil Tank	Date and Hour of Occurrence – 2/14 – 2/21/17	Date and Hour of Discovery 2/21/17 @ 1015 hrs
Was Immediate Notice Given? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Required	If YES, To Whom? NMOCD called Walsh Engineering office @ 1012 hrs on 2/21/17 Left voice message @ 1530 hrs on 2/22/17 at Farmington BLM office for Katrina Diemer – Environmental Specialist	
By Whom? Vern Andrews	Date and Hour –NMOCD – Jonathan Kelly notified Walsh @ 1012 hrs 2/21/17	
Was a Watercourse Reached? ☐ Yes ☒ No	If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse. NA	

If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.*
NA – Watercourse was not impacted.

OIL CONS. DIV DIST. 3
FEB 23 2017

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.*
2-21-17 - Sales valve on production oil tank failed due to crack in outlet side of valve. Valve was plugged, suspect ice froze and cracked vlve housing, then thawed out in warmer weather and the release occurred. Jonathan Kelly reported the release to Walsh Engineering's office on 2/22/17 @ appx. 10:12 am. Mike Coley (Production Foreman) was notified by the Walsh office staff and he responded to site. Mike found the sales valve sealed in the closed position with oil drained inside of the tank containment, affecting an area appx. 30' x 10', there was no standing oil on site inside the tank containment. No oil contamination was found outside of the containment. Tank level prior to leak was 3'-7.25" – 72.09 bbls in the single oil tank on the well. Post release gauge was 2'-3.75" – 46.25 bbls in a 300 bbl tank. The release was 25.84 bbls of produced condensate in the tank berm.
A separate top over of the below grade water pit tank was also discovered, with an unknown amount of produced water and condensate released in the area around the pit due to a leak where the dump line hole was cut thru the side of the tank below the top. Condensate and water was leaking out of the pit tank upon Mike's arrival. The last reported pit gauge by the lease operator was on 2/14/17 of 3'-8" in a 6'0" tall pit tank. Normal water production

2-22-17 We moved the pit tank and oil tank and began excavating the contaminated soil in the below grade tank area and hauled it to Envirotech's landfarm facility.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.*
Area affected was inside the oil tank containment, an area 30 feet long by 10 feet wide, and the area inside of the below grade water tank containment, appx. 12'x 12'. See attached pictures.

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I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to NMOCD rules and regulations all operators are required to report and/or file certain release notifications and perform corrective actions for releases which may endanger public health or the environment. The acceptance of a C-141 report by the NMOCD marked as "Final Report" does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, NMOCD acceptance of a C-141 report does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

Signature: Vern O. Andrews	OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION Approved by Environmental Specialist:	
Printed Name: Vern O. Andrews		
Title: Production Superintendent	Approval Date: 2/23/2017	Expiration Date:
E-mail Address: vern@walsheng.net	Conditions of Approval: NVF1705349202	Attached [X]
Date: 2/22/17 Phone: 505-327-4892		

* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

Operator/Responsible Party,

The OCD has received the form C-141 you provided on 2/23/2017 regarding an unauthorized release. The information contained on that form has been entered into our incident database and remediation case number NF1705349202 has been assigned. **Please refer to this case number in all future correspondence.**

It is the Division's obligation under both the Oil & Gas Act and Water Quality Act to provide for the protection of public health and the environment. Our regulations (19.15.29.11 NMAC) state the following,

> *The responsible person shall complete division-approved corrective action for releases that endanger public health or the environment. The responsible person shall address releases in accordance with a remediation plan submitted to and approved by the division or with an abatement plan submitted in accordance with 19.15.30 NMAC.* [emphasis added]

Release characterization is the first phase of corrective action unless the release is ongoing or is of limited volume and all impacts can be immediately addressed. Proper and cost-effective remediation typically cannot occur without adequate characterization of the impacts of any release. Furthermore, the Division has the ability to impose reasonable conditions upon the efforts it oversees. **As such, the Division is requiring a workplan for the characterization of impacts associated with this release be submitted to the OCD District II office in 30 on or before 3/23/2017. If and when the release characterization workplan is approved, there will be an associated deadline for submittal of the resultant investigation report. Modest extensions of time to these deadlines may be granted, but only with acceptable justification.**

The goals of a characterization effort are: 1) determination of the lateral and vertical extents along with the magnitude of soil contamination. 2) determine if groundwater or surface waters have been impacted. 3) If groundwater or surface waters have been impacted, what are the extents and magnitude of that impact. 4) The characterization of any other adverse impacts that may have occurred (examples: impacts on vegetation, impacts on wildlife, air quality, loss of use of property, etc.). To meet these goals as quickly as possible, the following items must, at a minimum, be addressed in the release characterization workplan and subsequent reporting:

- Horizontal delineation of soil impacts in each of the four cardinal compass directions. Adsorbed soil contamination must be characterized for the following constituents using the associated laboratory methods: benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes by either Method 8260 or 8021, total petroleum hydrocarbons by Method 8015 extended range (GRO+DRO+MRO; C_6 thru C_{36}), and for chloride by Method 300. This is not an exclusive list of potential contaminants. Analyzed parameters should be modified based on the nature of the released substance(s). Soil sampling must be both within the impacted area and beyond.

- Vertical delineation of soil impacts. Adsorbed soil contamination must be characterized for the following constituents using the associated laboratory methods: benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes by either Method 8260 or 8021, total petroleum hydrocarbons by Method 8015 extended range (GRO+DRO+MRO; C_6 thru C_{36}), and for chloride by Method 300. As above, this is not an exclusive list of potential contaminants and can be modified. Vertical characterization samples should be taken at depth intervals no greater than five feet apart. Lithologic description of encountered soils must also be provided. At least ten vertical feet of soils with contaminant concentrations at or below these values must be demonstrated as existing above the water table.

- Nominal detection limits for field and laboratory analyses must be provided.

- Composite sampling is not generally allowed.

- Field screening and assessment techniques are acceptable (headspace, titration, EC [include algorithm for validation purposes], EM, etc.), but the sampling and assay procedures must be clearly defined. Copies of field notes are highly desirable. A statistically significant set of split samples must be submitted for confirmatory laboratory analysis, including the laterally farthest and vertically deepest sets of soil samples. Make sure there are at least two soil samples submitted

for laboratory analysis from each borehole or test pit (highest observed contamination and deepest depth investigated). Copies of the actual laboratory results must be provided including chain of custody documentation.

- Probable depth to shallowest protectable groundwater and lateral distance to nearest surface water. If there is an estimate of groundwater depth, the information used to arrive at that estimate must be provided. If there is a reasonable assumption that the depth to protectable water is 50 feet or less, the responsible party should anticipate the need for at least one groundwater monitoring well to be installed in the area of likely maximum contamination.

- If groundwater contamination is encountered, an additional investigation workplan may be required to determine the extents of that contamination. Groundwater and/or surface water samples, if any, must be analyzed by a competent laboratory for volatile organic hydrocarbons (typically Method 8260 full list), total dissolved solids, pH, major anions and cations including chloride and sulfate, dissolved iron, and dissolved manganese. The investigation workplan must provide the groundwater sampling method(s) and sample handling protocols. To the fullest extent possible, aqueous analyses must be undertaken using nominal method detection limits. As with the soil analyses, copies of the actual laboratory results must be provided including chain of custody documentation.

- Accurately scaled and well-drafted site maps must be provided providing the location of borings, test pits, monitoring wells, potentially impacted areas, and significant surface features including roads and site infrastructure that might limit either the release characterization or remedial efforts. Field sketches may be included in subsequent reporting, but should not be considered stand-alone documentation of the site's layout. Digital photographic documentation of the location and fieldwork is recommended, especially if unusual circumstances are encountered.

Nothing herein should be interpreted to preclude emergency response actions or to imply immediate remediation by removal cannot proceed as warranted. Nonetheless, characterization of impacts and confirmation of the effectiveness of remedial efforts must still be provided to the OCD before any release incident will be closed.

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Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Below-Grade Tank Closure Report Attachment Checklist

1) Notification:

Jonathan Kelly who found the release while inspecting the location, reported the release to Walsh Engineering's office on 2/22/17. Vanessa Fields with NMOCD and on location on 2/22/17.
Whitney Thomas with BLM (managing surface agency) was notified via phone and email on 2/22/2017.

Approval to proceed with back filling was granted on 3/28/17 (Vanessa Fields – NMOCD)

2)
All liquids, sludge and contaminated soil was removed and hauled to Envirotech Land Farm, Disposal Facility, Section 6, T26N, R10W, CR #7175, San Juan, New Mexico Permit #NM-01-0011.

3) BGT removal: The BGT was removed and replaced with a 95 bbl steel tank.

4) Temporary Tank: A temporary tank was not utilized; the well was shut in while excavation took place.

5) Soil Tests: Soil samples were tested once the area of release was excavated and all sampling results have been included as per the closure documentation on Form C-141.

6) C-141: Results of the soil sample testing has been filed with the Aztec NMOCD office

7) Due to the release that was discovered, Thompson E&P has complied with rule 19.15.3.116 NMAC and 19.15.1.19 NMAC.

8) Due to the release the site had to be excavated prior to back filling with compacted, non-waste containing, earthen material. The site was then covered with a division – prescribed soil cover before being re-contoured in order to comply with Subsections G, H and I of 19.15.17.13

NMAC. A new 95 bbl steel tank was then placed and piped into the production tank and separator.

9) After approval the area that was excavated was reclaimed following section 19.15.17.13 G (1) and (2) and were reclaimed to a safe and stable condition that blends with the surrounding area by placement of soil cover that restored the area to the surface conditions that existed prior to oil and gas operations that involved the BGT. Re-vegetation is not necessary since the release and subsequent remediation was within the containment area of the tanks and all on location.

10) Soil Cover: Because the site had to be excavated, once approval was approved, new top soil was hauled into location and used in accordance with section 19.15.17.13H (1) and (3).

11) This closure report contains all necessary attachments to document the closure activities, including sampling results, information required by 19.15.17 NMAC and related details (with pictures) as per the closure plan that is on file with NMOCD.

EPIC Energy, L.L.C

Below Grade Tank Closure Plan

US Argo #001E

U/L: N, Section 18, TWN: 27N. RNG: 10W

San Juan County, New Mexico

As stipulated in Rule 19 .15 .17 .13 NMAC, the following information adheres to the requirements established in closing below-grade tanks (BGTs) on EPIC Energy, L.L.C well sites. This plan will address the standard protocols and procedures for closure of BGTs.

EPIC Energy, L.L.C proposes to close its existing BGTs that do not meet the requirements of Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC or are not included in Paragraph (5) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC in accordance with this closure plan and the transitional provisions of Subsection E of 19.15.17.17 NMAC, or within five (5) years after the effective date (June 16, 2008) of 19.15.17 NMAC.

The following outline addresses all requirements for closure of EPIC Energy, L.L.C BGTs:

1.Prior notification of EPIC Energy, L.L.C intent to close the BGT will follow 19.15.17.13J (I) and (2).

a. EPIC Energy, L.L.C will notify the surface owner by certified mail, return receipt requested, of closure plans. Evidence of mailing of the notice to the address of the surface owner shown in the county tax records is enough to demonstrate compliance with this requirement.

b. Notification will also be given to the division District III office verbally or by other means at least 72 hours, but not more than one (1) week, prior to any closure operation. The notice will include the operator's name and the well's name, number, and API number, in addition to the well's legal description, including the unit letter, section, township, and range.

Notice was provided to the NMOCD District III office and the Farmington NM BLM Office. However, with the closure being historic the records were unable to be located.

2.EPIC ENERGY, L.L.C will remove liquids and sludge from the BGT prior to implementing a closure method and dispose of the liquids and sludge in a NMOCD's division-approved facility. A list of EPIC Energy, L.L.C approved disposal facilities is below:

Fluid disposal:

Agua Moss

Sunco well #1

U/L=E, SWNW, Section 2, T29N-Rl2W San Juan, New Mexico

Permit #NM-01-0009

Basin Disposal Inc.

Basin Disposal well # 1

U/L=F, SWNW, Section 3, T29N-Rl 1 W San Juan, New Mexico

Permit #NM-01-0005

Solid disposal: **Envirotech Land Farm**

Disposal Facility

Section 6, T26N-R10W, County Road #7175 San Juan, New Mexico

Permit #NM-01-0011

All liquids that were in the BGT were removed and sent to one of their referenced Division approved faculties.

3.EPIC ENERGY, L.L.C will remove the BGT from the pit and place it at ground level adjacent to the original BGT site and dispose of it in a NMOCD approved facility or recycle, reuse, or reclaim it in a manner that the NMOCD approved. If a liner is present and must be disposed of it will be cleaned and disposed at a permitted solid waste facility, pursuant to Subparagraph (m) of Paragraph (1) of Subsection C of 19.15.35.8 NMAC.

The BGT was transported for recycling.

4. EPIC Energy, L.L.C will hook up necessary equipment and piping for temporary tank use. At this time, any on-site equipment not necessary to the operation of the tank will be removed from the site.

All equipment associated with the BGT removal has been removed and an above ground tank was installed after removal of the BGT.

5.EPIC Energy, L.L.C will test the soils beneath the original BGT location to determine whether a release has occurred. At a minimum, a five (5) point composite sample will be collected in addition to individual grab samples from areas that are wet, discolored, or showing other evidence of a release. The samples will be analyzed for BTEX, TPH, and chlorides to demonstrate that they do not exceed certain concentrations. The testing methods and closure standards for those constituents are as follows:

Analytical results came back above closure standards demonstrating a release did occur. OCD and BLM representative were onsite to witness the removal of the BGT and all confirmation sampling.

Constituents	Testing Method	Closure Standards (mg/Kg)
Benzene	US EPA SW-846 methods 8021B or 8260B	0.2
total BTEX	US EPA SW-846 methods 8021B or 8260B	50
TPH	US EPA method 418.1	100
Chlorides	US EPA method 300.1	250 or background

Notes: mg/Kg= milligram per kilogram; BTEX = benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes; TPH = total petroleum hydrocarbons. Other EPA methods that the division approves may be applied to all constituents listed. The Chlorides closure standards will be determined by whichever concentration level is greatest.

6.EPIC Energy, L.L.C will notify the division District III office of the soil test results on Form C-14 I. It is understood that the NMOCD may require additional delineation upon review of the results.

A C-141 is attached demonstrating a release did occur. A final C-141 will be submitted demonstrating closure.

7. If it is determined that a release has occurred, then EPIC Energy, L.L.C will comply with 19.15.3.116 NMAC and 19.15.1.19 NMAC, as appropriate.

A C-141 is attached demonstrating a release did occur. A final C-141 will be submitted demonstrating closure.

8. If the confirmation sampling demonstrates that a release has not occurred or that any release does not exceed the concentrations specified above, then EPIC Energy, L.L.C will backfill the excavation with compacted, non-waste containing, earthen material; construct a division prescribed soil cover; re-contour the site; and move the fiberglass tank onto the newly backfilled and compacted site. The division-prescribed soil cover, re-contouring, and re-vegetation requirements shall comply with Subsections G, H, and I of 19.15.17.13

NMAC.

The area has been backfilled and will be reclaimed once the well has been plugged and abandoned.

9.Reclamation will follow 19.15.17.130 (1) and (2).

a. The BGT location and all areas associated with the BGT, including associated access roads, if applicable, will be reclaimed to a safe and stable condition that blends with the surrounding undisturbed area. It is understood that EPIC Energy, L.L.C shall substantially restore the impacted surface area to the condition that existed prior to oil and gas operations by placement of the soil cover as provided in Subsection H of 19 .15 .1 7 .13 NMA C and re-contour the location and associated areas to a contour that approximates the original contour and blends with the surrounding topography.

b. Re-vegetation will not be completed at the time the BGT pit is reclaimed but will instead be applied for as part of the P&A process when the well is plugged and abandoned.

10.Soil cover will follow 19.15.17.13H (1) and (3).

a. The soil cover for closures where the BGT has been removed or contaminated soil has been remediated to the NMOCD's satisfaction will consist of the background thickness of topsoil or one (1) foot of suitable material to establish vegetation at the site, whichever is greater.

b. The soil cover will be constructed to the site's existing grade, and all possible efforts will be conducted to prevent ponding of water and erosion of the cover material.

The area has been backfilled and will be reclaimed once the well has been plugged and abandoned.

11.Within 60 days of closure completion, EPIC Energy, L.L.C will submit a closure report on NMOCD's Form C-144, with necessary attachments to document all closure activities, including sampling results; information required by 19.15.17 NMAC; and details on backfilling, capping, and covering, where applicable. EPIC Energy, L.L.C will certify that all information in the report and attachments is correct and that EPIC Energy, L.L.C has complied with all applicable closure requirements and conditions specified in the approved closure plan.