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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
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 NMOCD 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: ELM RIDGE EXPLORATION CO LLC OGRID #: 149052
Address: PO BOX 156 Bloomfield, NM 87413
Facility or well name: Joe Hixon #1
API Number: 30-045-26531 OCD Permit Number: _____
U/L or Qtr/Qtr N Section 22 Township 25N Range 12W County: San Juan County
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 36.38124 Longitude 108.101105 NAD: ☐ 1927 ☒ 1983
Surface Owner: ☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ Private ☐ Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

2.
X 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
☒ Sign 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: 30-045-26726

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: Carson Unit WDW 242 Disposal Facility Permit Number: SWD-933
Disposal Facility Name: Envirotech Land farm Disposal Facility Permit Number: NM-0-0011
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): _____ Title: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____
e-mail address: _____ Telephone: _____

7. **OCD Approval:** ☐ Permit Application (including closure plan) ☒ Closure Plan (only)

OCD Representative Signature: Jonathan D. Kelly Approval Date: 11/05/2012

Title: Compliance Officer OCD Permit Number: _____

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: 10-19-12

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: Carson Unit WDW 242 Disposal Facility Permit Number: SWD-933

Disposal Facility Name: Envirotech Landfarm Disposal Facility Permit Number: NM-0-0011

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): Amy Mackey Title: Sr. Regulatory Supervisor

Signature: [Signature] Date: 10-31-12

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November 5, 2012

NMOCD, Aztec Office
1000 Rio Brazos
Aztec, NM 87410


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Regarding: Joe Hixon #1 (30-045-26531)

Dear Jonathan,

We originally planned on Plugging and Abandoning the Joe Hixon #1 in June of 2011. When we moved on location to do the plugging the well started to produce. We returned the well to production in June. The well then stopped producing and it was decided that Elm Ridge would plug the well. I have attached the revised original C-144 CLEZ forms with workover marked instead of P&A. We sent a C-144 CLEZ form to the OCD office in July 2012 for the plugging of this well. Unaware of the permit not being approved we moved on this location and plugged the well. We didn't check the website for approval of the permit. To insure this doesn't happen again we have started a spreadsheet to track all the closed loop permits.

Best Regards,


Amy Mackey
Sr. Regulatory Supervisor