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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  
Revised June 6, 2013

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.

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

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- 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: WPX Energy Production' LLC OGRID #: 120782  
Address: PO Box 640/721 S Main Aztec, NM 87410  
Facility or well name: Chaco 2408-32P 114H, Chaco 2408-32P #115H  
API Number: 30-045-35441.30-045-35491 OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
U/L or Qtr/Qtr P Section 32 Township 24N Range 8W County: San Juan  
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 36.26670 Longitude -107.69811 NAD:  1927  1983  
Surface Owner:  Federal  State  Private  Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

2.  
 **Pit:** Subsection F, G or J of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
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: 120 bbl Type of fluid: Produced Water  
Tank Construction material: Double wall, double bottom, Steel  
 Secondary containment with leak detection  Visible sidewalls, liner, 6-inch lift and automatic overflow shut-off  
 Visible sidewalls and liner  Visible sidewalls only  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Liner type: Thickness \_\_\_\_\_ mil  HDPE  PVC  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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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 As per BLM specifications

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

Screen  Netting  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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. **Variations 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<sub>2</sub>S, 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within 300 feet of a wetland. US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

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

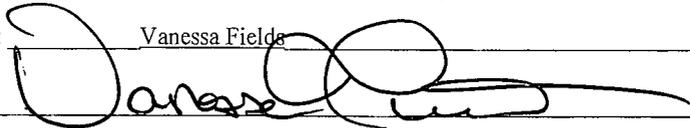
16. **On-Site Closure Plan Checklist:** (19.15.17.13 NMAC) *Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure plan. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.*

- 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:**

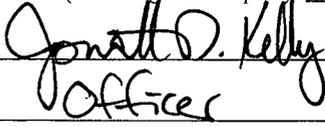
I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name (Print): Vanessa Fields Title: Environmental Specialist

Signature:  Date: 3/12/2014

e-mail address: Vanessa.Fields@wpenergy.com Telephone: 505-333-1880

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

OCD Representative Signature:  Approval Date: 3/27/2014

Title: Compliance Officer OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_ NAD:  1927  1983

**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): \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

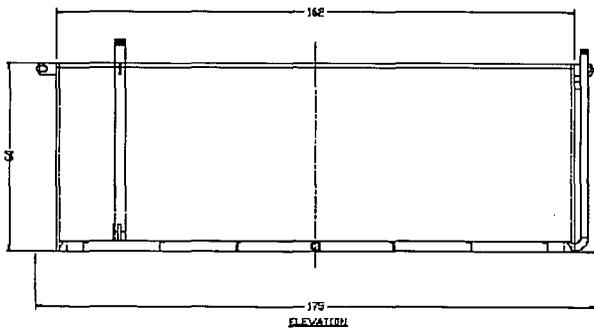
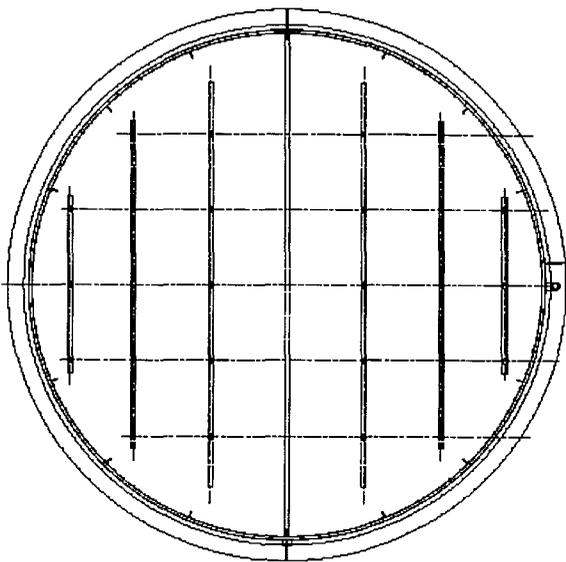
**WPX Energy Co., LLC**  
**San Juan Basin: New Mexico Assets**  
Production Pit: Buried Double-Wall Steel Tank  
Design and Construction Plan

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In accordance with Rule 19.15.17 NMAC, the following plan describes the general design and construction (D&C) of production pits using buried double-wall steel tanks on WPX Energy Co, LLC (WPX) locations in the San Juan Basin of New Mexico. For those production pits which do not conform to this standard plan, a separate well-specific D&C plan will be developed and utilized.

General Plan Requirements:

1. WPX will design and construct a production pit to contain liquids associated with the dehydration and compression of produced natural gas, which will prevent contamination of fresh water resources and protect public health and the environment.
2. The pit will be located as close as possible to the well and associated production/process equipment to minimize surface disturbance. Prior to excavation for the pit, topsoil will be stripped and stockpiled on the well location.
3. The excavation will have a firm compacted bottom and sidewalls that are stable for the soil conditions.
4. The BGT will be placed in the excavation such that there is 30 mil rubber liner overlay between the surrounding soils and the tank top.
5. The buried BGT will be constructed of steel with double-walls and double-bottom, welded following appropriate API and industry codes, coated with an epoxy based paint, covered with a steel #9 mesh screen, and equipped with an EFM to monitor high liquid levels and automatically shut off liquid discharges.
6. A solid riser pipe will be installed to allow withdrawal of liquids by suction. The riser will draw from the bottom of the BGT, capped when not in use and sloped to the pit to allow drainage of liquids not collected during withdrawal operations.
7. A solid riser pipe will be installed between the interstitial space of the double-walls to allow monthly inspection to determine tank integrity.
8. The BGT will be protected from run on by being installed upon a top felt rock shield with a overlay of 30 mil rubber liner attached to the sidewalls of the inside containment berm.
9. A 42 inch tall, 12 gauge coated metal steel will be constructed around the BGT to protect livestock/wildlife as specified by the federal Surface Management Agency or, if not federal land/minerals, NMOCD rule 17 requirements.
10. WPX will post a well sign in accordance with the federal Surface Management Agency and rule 19.15.3.103.



**NOTES**  
 1. INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR TO BE WASH, WASH PREPARED AND COATED WITH GREEN OIL-PLATE EPOXY.  
 2. AFTER WELDING, TEST SPACE BETWEEN SECTIONS W/ NO MORE THAN 3 PSI AIR.

WEIGHT 6,470 LBS.

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FOR		CUSTOMER	

**WPX Energy Co., LLC**  
**San Juan Basin: New Mexico Assets**  
Production Pit: Buried Double-Wall Steel Tank  
Operations and Maintenance Plan

In accordance with Rule 19.15.17 NMAC, the following plan describes the general operations and maintenance (O&M) of production pits using below tanks on WPX Energy Co, LLC (WPX) locations in the San Juan Basin of New Mexico. For those production pits which do not conform to this standard O&M plan, a separate well specific O&M plan will be developed and utilized.

1. WPX will only allow produced liquids meeting the RCRA exemption for O&G wastes to be stored in the BGT. WPX will not discharge or store any hazardous waste as defined under RCRA 40CFR 261 and 19.15.1.7.W (3) NMAC in any temporary pit.
2. Produced water will be disposed by evaporation or transport any of the following NMOCD approved facilities depending on the well location: Basin Disposal, Inc in Bloomfield, New Mexico (Permit # NM-01-005), WPX Energy Rosa SWD#1 (Permit # SWD-916), WPX Energy Rosa #94 (Permit # SWD-758), Burlington Resources Jillson SWD#1 (Permit #R10168A), or other NMOCD approved water disposal facilities.
3. WPX shall maintain sufficient freeboard for to prevent overtopping. Discharges to the pit will be shutoff automatically if the high-level alarm is triggered from the EFM or manually if the EFM is not functional.
4. Any oil or hydrocarbon collecting on the pit will be removed. Saleable condensate will be returned to the sales tank. Slop oil from compression will be recycled with Safety Kleen, Farmington, NM or Hydropure, Aztec, NM (No Permit Required).
5. If the tank integrity is compromised:
  - a. All discharges will be shut off to the pit.
  - b. All liquids will be removed as soon as possible but no more that within 24 hours of discovery
  - c. WPX will notify and report to NMOCD as follows:
    - i. If the release is less than 25 bbls, the Aztec District Office by phone or email within 48-hours of discovery and repair.
    - ii. If the release is suspected to be greater than 25 bbls, the Aztec District Office and the Environmental Bureau Chief by phone for immediate verbal notification pursuant to 19.15.3.116.B (1)(d).
  - d. Written Spill/Release reports will be submitted on Form C-141 per 19.15.3.116.C NMAC within 15 days to the Aztec District Office.
6. Berms around the perimeter of the pit shall be maintained as protection from run-on.
7. WPX will inspect the BGT pit monthly. Electronic copies of the inspections will be kept at the WPX San Juan Basin office for a minimum of five years following completion. Copies of the inspections will be available to NMOCD upon request.

**WPX Energy Co., LLC**  
**San Juan Basin: New Mexico Assets**  
Production Pit: Buried Double-Wall Steel Tank  
Closure Plan

In accordance with Rule 19.15.17.13 NMAC, the following plan describes the general closure requirements of below-grade tanks (BGT) on WPX Energy Co, LLC (WPX) locations in the San Juan Basin of New Mexico. This is WPX's standard closure procedure for all BGTs regulated under Rule 19.15.17 NMAC and operated by WPX. For those closures which do not conform to this standard closure plan, a separate well/pit specific closure plan will be developed and utilized.

**Closure Conditions and Timing:**

Pursuant to 19.15.17.13 (A) NMAC, WPX will initiate closure of any BGT should any one of these conditions occur:

- The Division requires closure because of imminent danger to fresh water, public health or the environment.
- The integrity of the BGT fails. Notification will be within 48 hours to the Division and closure will be schedule as specified in 19.15.17.12 (A)(5) NMAC.
- WPX chooses to take the BGT out-of-service due to operational needs. Closure under these conditions will be closed within 60 days of cessation of the BGT's operation.
- BGTs installed prior to June 16, 2008 that do not meet the requirements under 19.15.17.11.1 (6) NMAC and WPX chooses not to retrofit or upgrade. Closure under these conditions will be completed within five years (by June 16, 2013).

**General Plan Requirements:**

1. Prior to initiating any BGT Closure except in the case of an emergency, WPX will review County Tax Records for the current surface owner of record. The surface owner of record will be notified of the intent to close the BGT by certified mail and a copy of this notification will be included in the closure report. In the case of an emergency, the surface owner of record will be notified as soon as practical.
2. Notice of Closure will be given to the Aztec District office between 72 hours and one week of the scheduled closure via email or phone. The notification of closure will include the following:
  - a. Operators Name (WPX)
  - b. Well Name and API Number
  - c. Location (USTR)
3. All piping will be rerouted to an alternative produced water storage/disposal location (e.g. surface tanks, temporary frac tank ...). The well will be temporarily shut in until the rerouting is completed.
4. All produced water will be removed from the BGT following discharge-pipe rerouting. Produced water will be disposed at one of the following NMOCD approved facilities depending on the proximity of the BGT site: Rosa Unit SWD #1 (Order: SWD-916, API: 30-039-27055), Rosa Unit #94 (Order: SWD-3RP-1003-0, API: 30-039-23035), Jillson Fed. SWD #001 (Order: R10168/R10168A, API: 30-039-25465), Middle Mesa SWD #001 (Order: SWD-350-0, API: 30-045-27004) and/or Basin Disposal (Permit: NM-01-0005).
5. Solids and sludges will be shoveled and /or vacuumed out for disposal at Envirotech (Permit Number NM-01-0011).
6. WPX will obtain prior approval from NMOCD to dispose, recycle, reuse, or reclaim the BGT and provide documentation of the disposition of the BGT in the closure report. Steel materials will be recycled or reused as approved by the Division. Fiberglass tanks will be empty, cut up or shredded, and EPA cleaned for disposal as solid waste.

Liners materials will be cleaned without soils or contaminated material for disposal as solid waste. Fiberglass tanks and liner materials will meet the conditions of paragraph 1 subsection D of 19.15.9.712 NMAC. Disposal will be at a licensed disposal facility, presently San Juan Regional Landfill operated by Waste Management under NMED Permit SWM-052426.

7. Any equipment associated with the BGT that is no longer required for some other purpose, following the closure will be removed from the location.
8. Following removal of the tank and any liner material, a five-point composite sample will be taken of the excavation and tested per 19.15.17.13(E)(4) NMAC as identified in Table 1. Grab samples will be collected from any area that is wet, discolored or showing other evidence of a release. Results will be reported to the Division following receipt from the lab on Form C-141.

Depth below bottom of pit to groundwater less than 10,000 mg/l TDS	Constituent	Method	Limit
<b>&gt;100 feet</b>	Chloride	EPA 300.0	20,000 mg/kg
	TPH	EPA SW-846 Method 418.1	2,500 mg/kg
	GRO+DRO	EPA SW-846 Method 8015M	1,000 mg/kg
	BTEX	EPA SE-846 Method 8021B or 8015M	50 mg/kg
	Benzene	EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8015M	10 mg/kg

(1) Method modified for solid waste.

(2) If background concentration of Chlorides greater than 250 mg/Kg, then higher concentration will be used for closure.

9. If the Division and/or WPX determine there is a release, WPX will comply with 19.15.3.116 NMAC and 19.15.1.19 NMAC.
10. Upon completion of the tank removal, the excavation will be backfilled with non-waste earthen material compacted and covered with a minimum of one foot of top

soil or background thickness whichever is greater and to existing grade. The surface will be re-contoured to match the native grade and prevent ponding.

11. For those portions of the former pit area no longer required for production activities, WPX will seed the disturbed areas the first growing season after the pit is covered. Seeding will be accomplished via drilling on the contour whenever practical, or by other Division-approved methods. Vegetative cover will equal 70% of the native perennial vegetative cover (un-impacted) consisting of at least three native plant species, including at least one grass, but not including noxious weeds, and maintained that cover through two successive growing seasons. Repeat seeding or planting will be continued until successful vegetative growth occurs. *Note: If a surface owner agreement requires reseeded or other surface restoration that do not meet the re-vegetation requirements of 19.15.17.13.1 NMAC then WPX will submit the proposed alternative with written documentation that the surface owner agrees to the alternative, for Division approval.*
12. For those portions of the former pit area required for production activities, reseeding will be done at well abandonment, and following the procedure noted above.

**Closure Report:**

All closure activities will include proper documentation and will be submitted to OCD within 60 days of the BGT closure on a Closure Report using Division Form C-144. The Report will include the following:

- Proof of Closure Notice (surface owner & NMOCD)
- Backfilling & Cover Installation
- Site Diagram with coordinates
- Available Inspection reports
- Confirmation Sampling Analytical Results
- Disposal Facility Name(s) and Permit Number(s)
- Application Rate & Seeding techniques
- Photo Documentation of Reclamation

Regional Hydrological Context

**Referenced Well Location:**

The referenced well and pit is located on New Mexico state land in Sandoval County, New Mexico. This site is positioned in the northeastern portion of the San Juan Basin, an asymmetrical syncline that extends from northwestern New Mexico into southwestern Colorado (Carson National Forest FEIS, 2008). Elevation of the referenced well is approximately 7,017 feet MSL.

**General Regional Groundwater Description:**

As a portion of the San Juan Basin, the Jicarilla Ranger District is underlain by sandstone aquifers of the Colorado Plateau. The primary aquifer of potential concern at this location is the Uinta-Animas Aquifer, composed primarily of Lower Tertiary rocks in the San Juan Basin. The aquifer consists of the San Jose Formation; the underlying Animas formation and its lateral equivalent, the Nacimiento formation; and the Ojo Alamo Sandstone. The thickness of the Uinta-Animas aquifer generally increases toward the central part of the basin. In this region, the maximum thickness of the aquifer is approximately 3500 feet (USGS, 2001). This aquifer contains fresh to moderately saline water.

Groundwater generally flows toward the San Juan River and its tributaries, where it becomes alluvial groundwater or is discharged to stream flow. Additional information regarding the hydrogeologic setting can be found in the provided references.

**Site Specific Information:**

**Surface Hydrology:**

The pit is located on a mid- north facing slope draining southwest into Kimbeto wash.

**1<sup>st</sup> Water Bearing Formation:**

San Jose, Tertiary

**Formation Thickness:**

Approximately 1,900 ft.

**Underlying Formation:**

Nacimiento, Tertiary

**Depth to Groundwater:**

Depth to groundwater is estimated at greater than 100 feet below bottom of pit liner. Within a one-mile radius of this location, there is one iWATERS well with recorded water depth of 650 feet (see Siting Criteria Map I for details).

**References:**

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## Water Column/Average Depth to Water

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(R=POD has been replaced, O=orphaned, C=the file is closed) (quarters are 1=NW 2=NE 3=SW 4=SE) (quarters are smallest to largest) (NAD83 UTM in meters)

(In feet)

POD Number	POD		Q Q Q				X	Y	Depth Well	Depth Water	Water Column			
	Code	Subbasin	County	64	16	4						Sec.	Tws.	Rng
<u>SJ 00870</u>			SJ	2	3	36	24N	08W	263248	4017010*	250			
<u>SJ 00960</u>			SJ	3	3	36	24N	08W	262730	4016518*				
<u>SJ 00960 S</u>			SJ	3	1	36	24N	08W	262744	4016920*				
<u>SJ 00960 S-2</u>			SJ	3	2	36	24N	08W	263147	4016909*				
<u>SJ 00960 S-3</u>			SJ	2	4	36	24N	08W	263336	4016707*				
<u>SJ 02686</u>			SJ	3	4	32	24N	08W	257502	4017472*	690	690	0	

Average Depth to Water: **690 feet**

Minimum Depth: **690 feet**

Maximum Depth: **690 feet**

**Record Count: 6**

**PLSS Search:**

**Township: 24N      Range: 08W**

\*UTM location was derived from PLSS - see Help

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POD Number	POD Code	Subbasin	County	Q Q Q				X	Y	Depth	Depth	Water		
				64	16	4	Sec			Tws	Rng	Well	Water	Column
<u>SJ 01304</u>			SJ		2	01	23N	08W	263823	4015987*	100			
<u>SJ 01334</u>			SJ		2	01	23N	08W	263823	4015987*	90	40	50	
<u>SJ 01709</u>			SJ	1	1	27	23N	08W	259451	4009831*	317	225	92	
<u>SJ 03978 POD1</u>			SJ	1	2	1	22	23N	08W	259816	4011541	500	260	240
Average Depth to Water:										175 feet				
Minimum Depth:										40 feet				
Maximum Depth:										260 feet				

**Record Count: 4**

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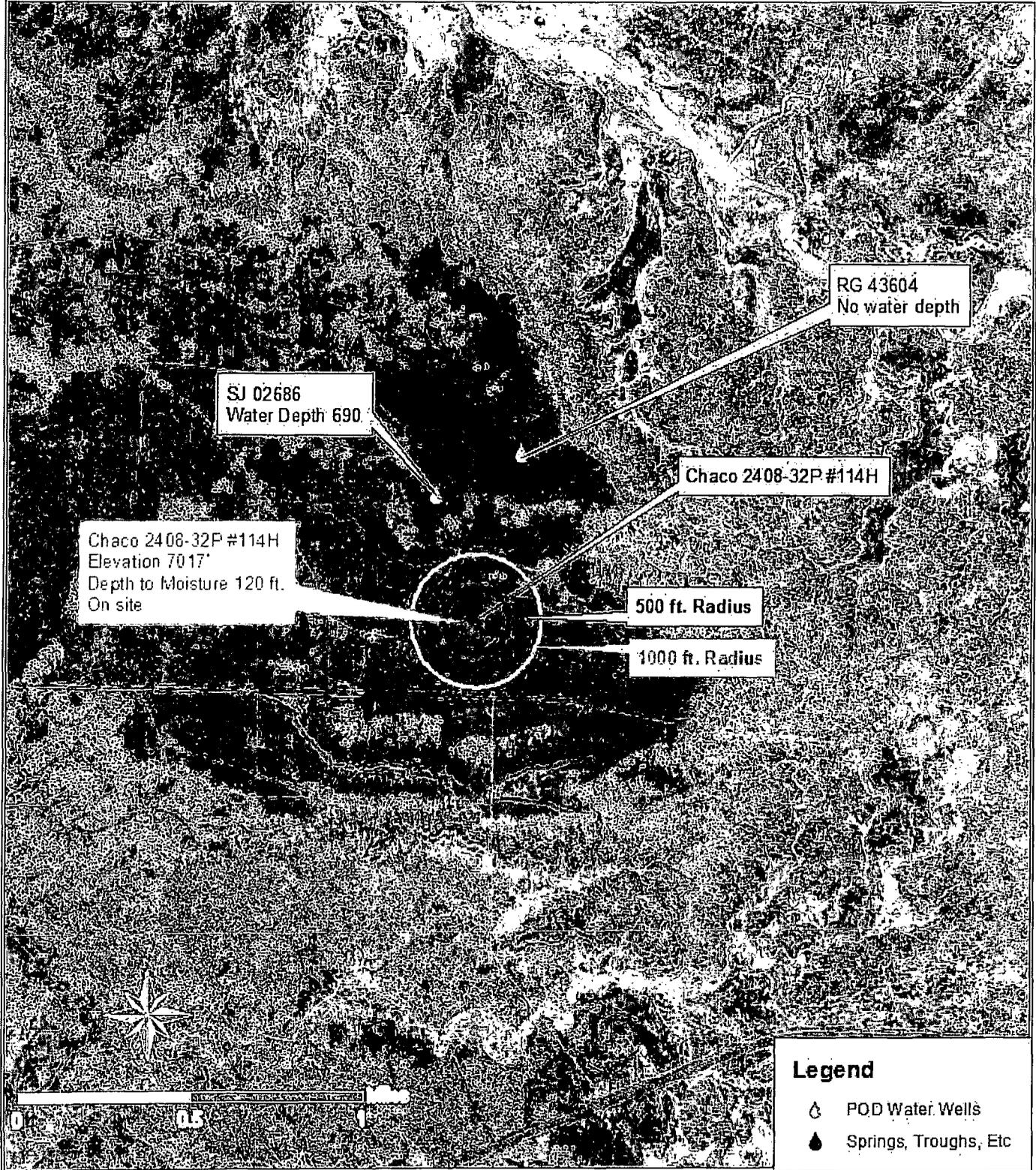
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**Range: 08W**

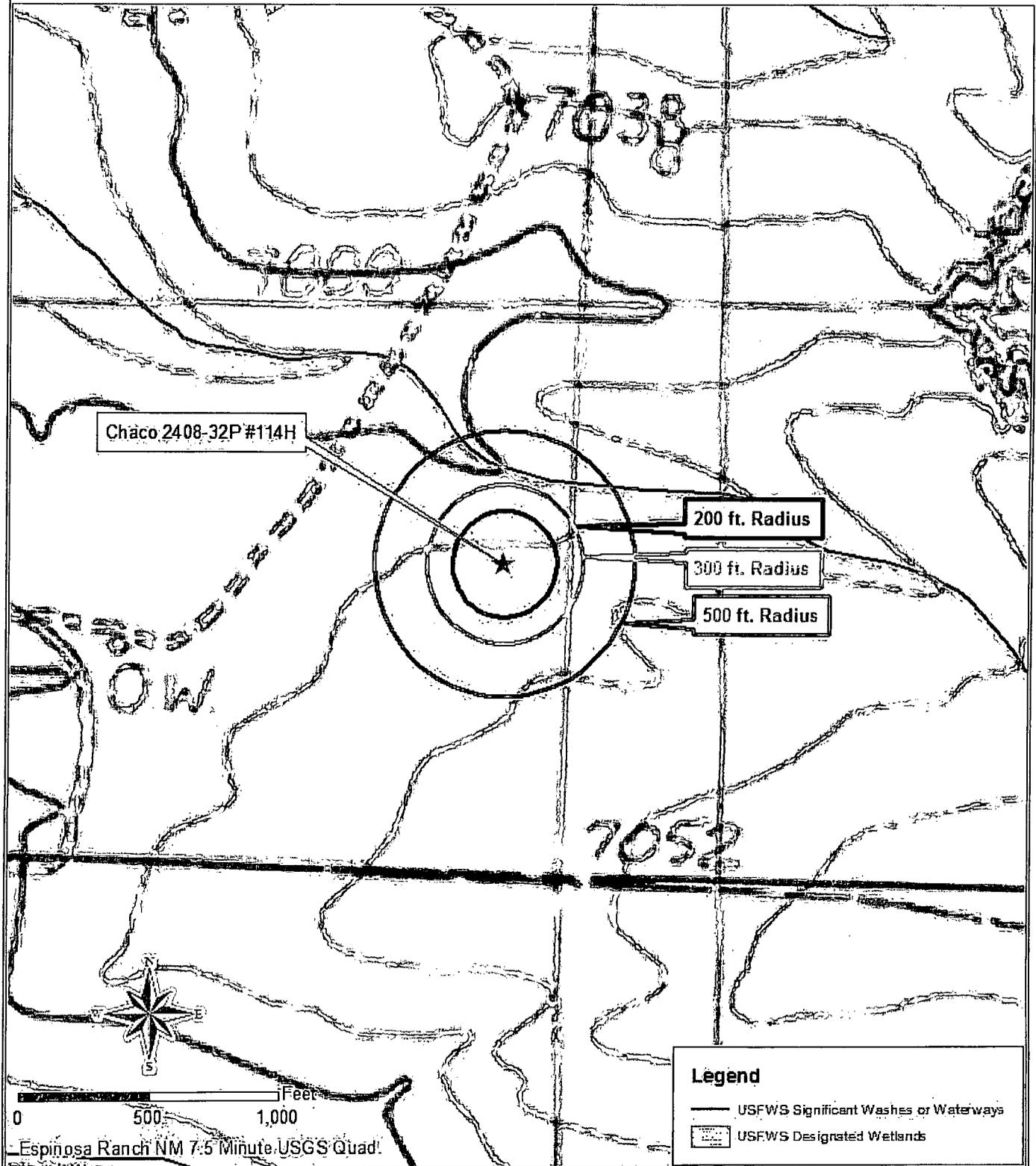
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Siting Criteria Map I  
 Water Wells, Cathodic Wells, & Springs  
 WPX Energy Production, LLC  
 Chaco 2408 -32P #114H  
 T24N, R08W, Section 32 NMPM  
 San Juan County, New Mexico



Siting Criteria Map II  
Topographic Features  
WPX Energy Production, LLC  
Chaco 2408-32P #114H  
T24N, R08W, Section 32 NMPM  
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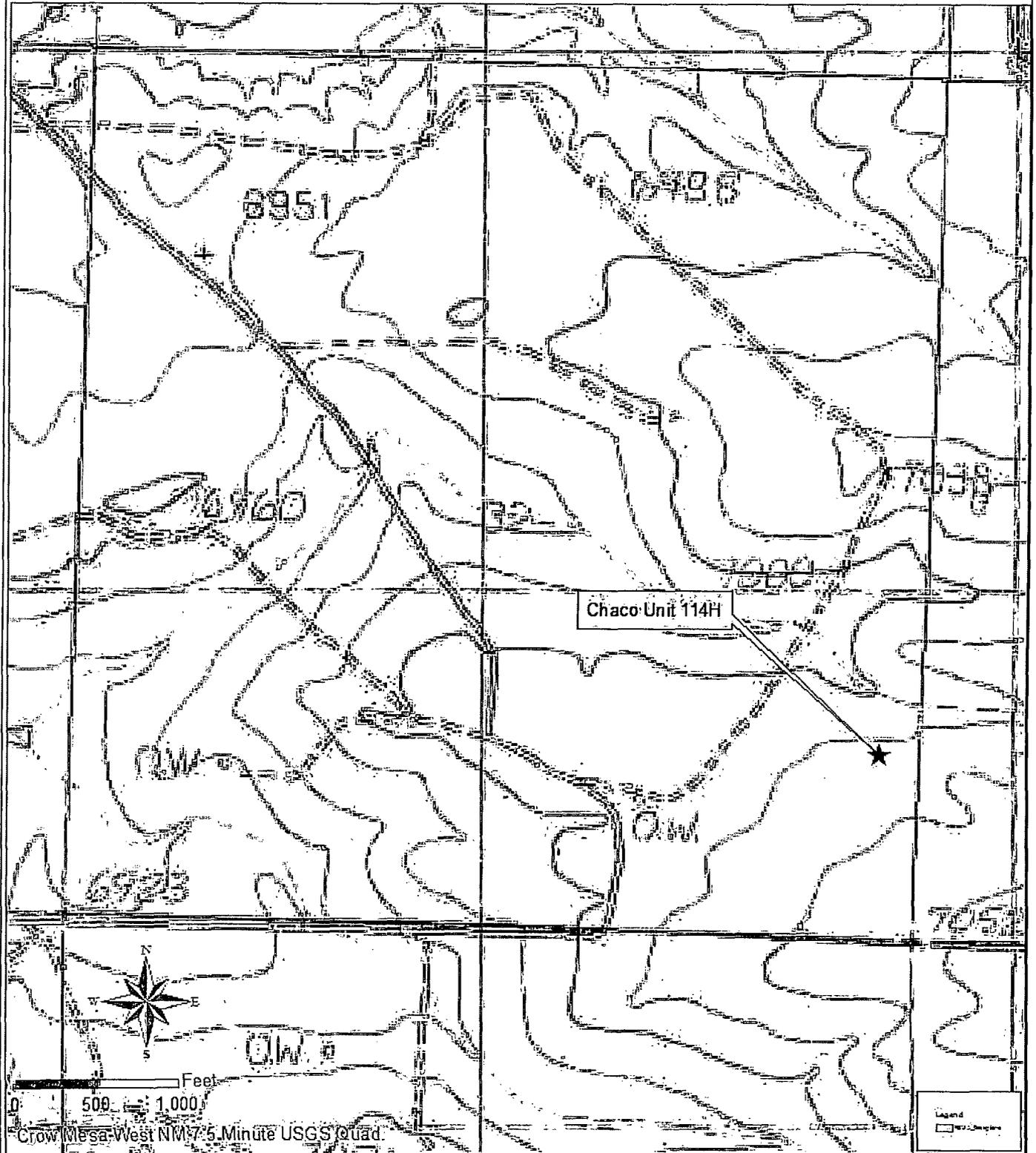
**FEMA Map – 100-Year Floodplain:**

According to FEMA records, this site is not located in a 100-year floodplain (see attached FEMA map).

**Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations:**

The Chaco 2408-32P #114H well is not located in an unstable area. The location is not situated over a mine or a steep slope. Excavated pit material will not be located within 300 feet of a continuously flowing water course or within 200 feet of any other significant water course, lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (see Siting Criteria Map II). The site is not within 500 feet of any reported riparian areas or wetlands (see attached USFWS wetland map); within 500 feet of any private, domestic fresh water well or spring; or within 1000 feet of any other fresh water well or spring (see Siting Criteria Map I). The pit will not be within any incorporated municipal boundaries or defined municipal freshwater well field covered under a municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended. The location of the proposed pit is not within 300 feet of any permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church.

FEMA Flood Map  
Topographic Features  
WPX Energy Production, LLC  
Chaco 2408-32P Unit 114H  
T24N, R08W, Section 32 NMPM  
San Juan County, New Mexico

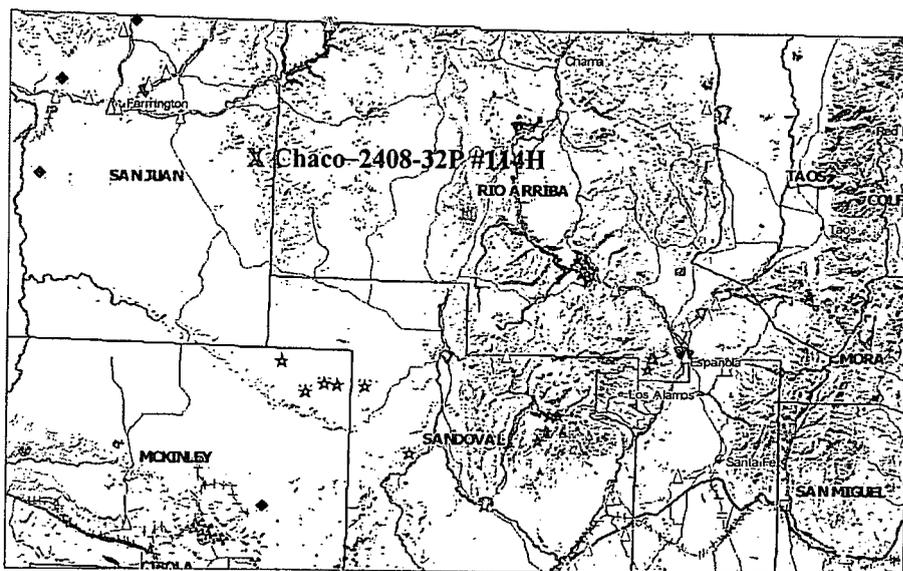


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**Mines, Mills & Quarries Commodity Groups**

- △ Aggregate & Stone Mines
- ◆ Coal Mines
- ☆ Industrial Minerals Mines
- ▽ Industrial Minerals Mills
- ☒ Metal Mines and Mill Concentrate
- ☐ Potash Mines & Refineries
- ⊖ Smelters & Refinery Ops.
- ✱ Uranium Mines
- ⊕ Uranium Mills

**Population**



SCALE 1 : 2,203,053

