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1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240  
District II  
1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210  
District III  
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410  
District IV  
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

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

Form C-144  
June 1, 2004

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

**Pit or Below-Grade Tank Registration or Closure**

Is pit or below-grade tank covered by a "general plan"? Yes ☐ No ☐

Type of action: Registration of a pit or below-grade tank ☐ Closure of a pit or below-grade tank ☒

Operator: <u>ELM RIDGE EXPLORATION COMPANY LLC</u> Telephone: <u>505-632-3476 x 201</u> e-mail address: <u>amackey1@elmridge.net</u>		
Address: <u>PO Box 156 Bloomfield, NM 87413</u>		
Facility or well name: <u>Martin Whittaker #18</u> API #: <u>30-039-23281</u> U/L or Qtr/Qtr <u>A</u> Sec <u>7</u> T <u>23N</u> R <u>4W</u>		
County: <u>Rio Arriba County</u> Latitude _____ Longitude _____ NAD: 1927 <input type="checkbox"/> 1983 <input type="checkbox"/>		
Surface Owner: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Indian <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Pit</b> Type: Drilling <input type="checkbox"/> Production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disposal <input type="checkbox"/> Workover <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Lined <input type="checkbox"/> Unlined <input type="checkbox"/> Liner type: Synthetic <input type="checkbox"/> Thickness _____ mil Clay <input type="checkbox"/> Pit Volume _____ bbl	<b>Below-grade tank</b> Volume: <u>20</u> bbl Type of fluid: <u>Water</u> Construction material: <u>Galvanized Metal</u> Double-walled, with leak detection? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If not, explain why not. <u>Replace below-grade tank with an above ground metal tank.</u>	
Depth to ground water (vertical distance from bottom of pit to seasonal high water elevation of ground water.)	Less than 50 feet 50 feet or more, but less than 100 feet <u>100 feet or more</u>	(20 points) (10 points) ( 0 points)
Wellhead protection area: (Less than 200 feet from a private domestic water source, or less than 1000 feet from all other water sources.)	Yes <u>No</u>	(20 points) ( 0 points)
Distance to surface water: (horizontal distance to all wetlands, playas, irrigation canals, ditches, and perennial and ephemeral watercourses.)	Less than 200 feet 200 feet or more, but less than 1000 feet <u>1000 feet or more</u>	(20 points) (10 points) ( 0 points)
<b>Ranking Score (Total Points)</b>		<u>0</u>

**If this is a pit closure:** (1) Attach a diagram of the facility showing the pit's relationship to other equipment and tanks. (2) Indicate disposal location: (check the onsite box if you are burying in place) onsite ☒ offsite ☐ If offsite, name of facility \_\_\_\_\_. (3) Attach a general description of remedial action taken including remediation start date and end date. (4) Groundwater encountered: No ☒ Yes ☐ If yes, show depth below ground surface NONE ft. and attach sample results. (5) Attach soil sample results and a diagram of sample locations and excavations.

Additional Comments:
Removed 20 bbl galvanized below grade tank. Sidewalls had settled in around tank. Install 40 bbl above ground metal tank in same location as galvanized below grade tank.

I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that the above-described pit or below-grade tank has been/will be constructed or closed according to NMOCD guidelines ☐, a general permit ☐, or an (attached) alternative OCD-approved plan ☐.

Date: 10-17-05

Printed Name/Title Amy Mackey, Production Assistant Signature Amy Mackey

Your certification and NMOCD approval of this application/closure does not relieve the operator of liability should the contents of the pit or tank contaminate ground water or otherwise endanger public health or the environment. Nor does it relieve the operator of its responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

Approval:

Printed Name/Title

DEPUTY OIL & GAS INSPECTOR, DIST. #3

Signature

Henry Font

Date:

OCT 19 2005

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