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

State of New Mexico Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis Dr. Santa Fe, NM 87505

For temporary pits, closed-loop systems, and below-grade tanks, submit to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.
For permanent pits and exceptions submit to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office and provide a copy to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.

Proposed Alternative Method Permit or Closure Plan Application

Type of action:

| Example 2 | Example 2 | Example 2 | Example 3 | Example 2 | Example 3 | Example 3 | Example 4 | Example 3 | Example 4 | Example 3 | Example 4 | Example 5 | Example 6 | Example 6

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

Please be advised that approval of this request does not relieve the operator of his environment. Nor does approval relieve the operator of its responsibility to com	ability should operations result in pollution of surface water, ground water or the ply with any other applicable governmental authority's rules, regulations or ordinances				
Operator: Dugan Production Corp.	OGRID #. 006515 RCUD JUL 29 '08				
Address: 709 East Murray Drive, Farmington, New Me					
Facility or well name: El Nino #6					
i e	OCD Permit Number:				
U/L or Qtr/Qtr L Section 11 Township 2	6N Range 9W County: San Juan				
1	Longitude 107.76415 West NAD: 図1927 ☐ 1983				
Surface Owner: X Federal State Private Tribal Trust or Indian	Allotment				
Pit: Subsection F or G of 19.15.17.11 NMAC	Closed-loop System: Subsection H of 19.15.17.11 NMAC				
Temporary: Drilling Workover	☐ Drying Pad ☐ Tanks ☐ Haul-off Bins ☐ Other				
☐ Permanent ☐ Emergency ☐ Cavitation	Lined Unlined				
☐ Lined ☐ Unlined	Liner type: Thicknessmil				
Liner type: Thicknessmil	Other				
Other String-Reinforced	Seams: Welded Factory Other				
Seams: Welded Factory Other	Volume:bblyd³				
Volume:bbl Dimensions: L x W x D	Dimensions: Lengthx Width				
Below-grade tank: Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC	Fencing: Subsection D of 19.15.17.11 NMAC				
Volume: 100 bbl	☐ Chain link, six feet in height, two strands of barbed wire at top				
Type of fluid: Produced H2O	Four foot height, four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced between one and				
Tank Construction material: Steel	four feet Other Fencing 4'=3' Hog wire + 1 Strand barbed wire				
Secondary containment with leak detection	Netting: Subsection E of 19.15.17.11 NMAC				
☐ Visible sidewalls, liner, 6-inch lift and automatic overflow shut-off	☐ Screen ☐ Netting ☒ Other Expanded metal				
☐ Visible sidewalls and liner					
☐ Visible sidewalls only	Signs: Subsection C of 19.15.17.11 NMAC				
X Other No visible sidewalls, Leak detection	☑ 12'x24', 2' lettering, providing Operator's name, site location, and				
Liner type: Thicknessmil HDPE PVC	emergency telephone numbers				
Other	Signed in compliance with 19.15.3 103 NMAC				
Alternative Method: Submittal of an exception request is required. Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration	Administrative Approvals and Exceptions: Justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17 NMAC for guidance.				
of approval.	Please check a box if one or more of the following is requested, if not leave blank: Administrative approval(s): Requests must be submitted to the appropriate division district or the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval. Exception(s): Requests must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.				

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. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria may require administrative approval from the appropriate district office or may be considered an exception which must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval. Applicant must attach justification for request. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance. Siting criteria does not apply to drying pads or above-grade tanks associated with a closed-loop system.							
Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the temporary pit, permanent pit, or below-grade tank - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	☐ Yes ☒ No						
Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other watercourse, lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark) - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site							
Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. (Applies to temporary, emergency, or cavitation pits and below-grade tanks) - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image	☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ NA						
Within 1000 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. (Applies to permanent pits) - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site, Aerial photo; Satellite image	☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA						
Within 500 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring that less than five households use for domestic or stock watering purposes, or within 1000 horizontal feet of any other fresh water well or spring, 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 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 500 feet of a wetland. - US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ 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						
Temporary Pits, Emergency Pits, and Below-grade Tanks Permit Application Attachment Checklist: Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the do							
attached. \[\text{\text{Mydrogeologic Report (Below-grade Tanks)}} - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (4) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.15 NMAC \[\text{Hydrogeologic Data (Temporary and Emergency Pits)} - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (2) of Subsection B of 19.15.17. \[\text{Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations} - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC \[\text{Design Plan} - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC \[\text{\text{Closure Plan}} - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.19 NMAC \[\text{Closure Plan} - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.19 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC	;						
Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: 30-045- or Permit Number:							
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 do attached. Geologic and Hydrogeologic Data (required for on-site closure) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (3) of Subsection B of Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations (required for on-site closure) - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 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 - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15 17.13 NMAC	19.15.17.15						
☐ Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number:							

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 de	ocuments are
attached. Hydrogeologic Report - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (1) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.15 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 H₂S, Prevention Plan Emergency Response Plan Oll 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	
Proposed Closure: 19.15.17.13 NMAC	
Type: Drilling Workover Emergency Cavitation Permanent Pit X Below-grade Tank Closed-loop System	Alternative
Proposed Closure Method: Waste Excavation and Removal	
☐ On-site Closure Method (only for temporary pits and closed-loop systems) ☐ In-place Burial ☐ On-site Trench Burial	
Alternative Closure Method (Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau for cor	nsideration)
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 may require administrative approval from the appropriate district office or may be considered an exception which must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval. Justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance.	
Ground water is less than 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 between 50 and 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
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 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other 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 500 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring that less than five households use for domestic or stock watering purposes, or within 1000 horizontal feet of any other fresh water well or spring, 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
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 500 feet of a wetland. - US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No
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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

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Operator Application Certification:	
I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application is true, accurate a	and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief
Name (Print): Kurt Fagrelius	Title: Vice President, Exploration
Signature: Kurt Fegrelin	Date: 7-29-08
e-mail address: kfagrelius@duganproduction.com	Telephone: 505-325-1821 (O), 505-320-8248 (C)
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El Nino #6 Hydrogeologic Data

The El Nino #6 is located on Federal Lands on the Chaco Slope area of the San Juan Basin in San Juan County, New Mexico. The area can be characterized as a flat arid region with low topographic relief and sage brush covered flats. The area is poorly drained by numerous small arroyos trending north and east, eventually emptying into Reed Canyon.

A records search of the NM Office of the State Engineer –iWATERS database was conducted on a three square mile area centered on the El Nino #6 location (Exhibit 2). Four water wells were located in the area of the below grade tank. The closest water well is 4200 feet to the northeast (total depth 75', depth to water 40'). The second well is located 5400 feet to the east (total depth 348', depth to water 175'). The last two are 8000 and 11,500 feet to the northeast and were both drilled to a depth of 1500 feet (no other information is available on these two). The results of the search are shown on Exhibit 1. All but one of the existing water wells is located in or very close to existing arroyos.

The main source of stock water in the region is encountered in valley-fill deposits in existing arroyos at shallow depths of approximately 15-50 feet below the surface. The proposed below grade tank is not located in an arroyo. A small arroyo is located 230 feet to the east. A second arroyo 300 feet to the west has breeched the surface down to a depth of about 40 feet.

The Nacimiento Formation extends from the surface down to a depth of approximately 1135 feet. From the surface down to 210 feet, the section is entirely mudstone / shale. Below 210 feet to a depth of 520 feet, thin silty sands inter-bedded with more dominant mudstones occur. From 520-790 feet, mud content decreases, sand content increases and the cleanest, potential water bearing sands exist (five sands ranging from 25 to 50 feet in thickness). The interval from 790-920, is nearly all mudstone / shale (one clean sand at 770-790 feet). From 920-1167 feet, the lower Nacimiento is a thick section of shaly sand.

The Nacimiento is a source of ground water for livestock purposes and more rarely domestic use in some areas near the outcrop. With depth and distance from the outcrop, water quality decreases quickly and may be useful for livestock only.

Based on electric open hole logs, the iWATERS database, literature reviewed, depth to ground water ranges from 25 - 50 feet below the surface in major arroyos in the area. Moving away from the washes ground water depth drops rapidly to greater than 200 feet below the surface. At the location of the subject below grade tank, lesser amounts of poor quality ground water might be found at depths of approximately 210-520 feet. The best sands for groundwater from the Nacimiento occur between 520 and 790 feet in laterally discontinuous sands. A deeper source of ground water would include the Ojo Alamo / Animas interval; at a depth of 1135 - 1238 feet below the surface.

Due to excessive drilling depths to unpredictable sands with high silt content and poor water and reservoir quality there has not been many Nacimiento water wells drilled in the area. Most water wells in the area have been drilled in or very close to the major arroyos.

- Stone, W.J., Lyford, F.P., Frenzel, P.F., Mizell, N.H., and Padgett, E.T., 1983, Hydrogeology and water resources of San Juan Basin, New Mexico: New Mexico Bureau of Mines and Mineral Resources Hydrologic Report 6, 70 p.
- Brown, D.R., and Stone, W.J., 1979, Hydrogeology of Aztec quadrangle, San Juan County, New Mexico: New Mexico Bureau of Mines and Mineral Resources Hydrogeologic Sheet 1.
- Levings, G.W., Craigg, S.D., Dam, W.L. Kernodle, J.M., and Thorn, C.R., 1990, Hydrogeology of the San Jose, Nacimiento, and Animas Formations in the San Juan Structural Basin, New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona and Utah: U.S. Geological Survey, Atlas HA-720-A, Sheet 1 and 2.
- Thorn, C.R., Levings, G.W., Craigg, S.D., Dam, W.L., and Kernodle, J.M., 1990, Hydrogeology of the Ojo Alamo Sandstone in the San Juan Structural Basin, New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona and Utah: U.S. Geological Survey, Atlas HA-720-B, Sheet 1 and 2.

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WATER COLUMN REPORT 07/24/2008

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SJ 03811 POD1	26N	09W	12	3	3 3	3				348	175	173		

Record Count: 4

El Nino #6 Visual Inspection Certification

I, <u>Kurt Fagrelius</u>, Vice President of Exploration for Dugan Production Corp. 709 East Murray Drive, Farmington, New Mexico hereby certify that I or persons under my direct supervision prepared the attached exhibits and conducted a Visual Inspection of the location and area around the El Nino #6 below grade tank (Week of July 14, 2008). This application is not in full compliance with all siting criteria and standards for below grade tanks established by the State of New Mexico, Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

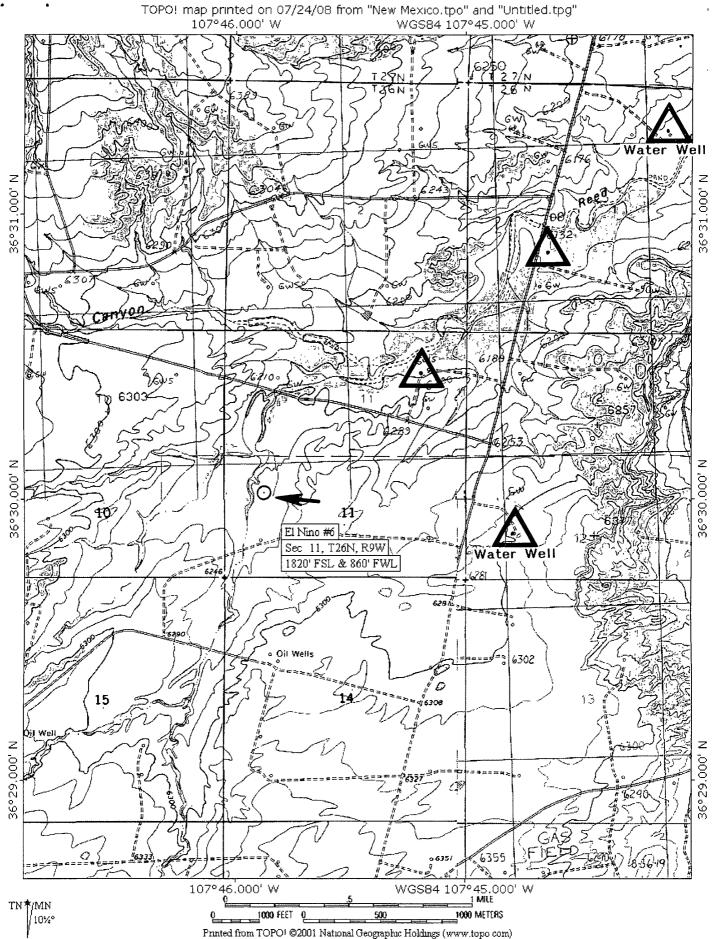
Department 19.15.17.10 NMAC. El Nino #6 is within Zone A (No base flood elevation determined) of the 100 year Floodplain map.

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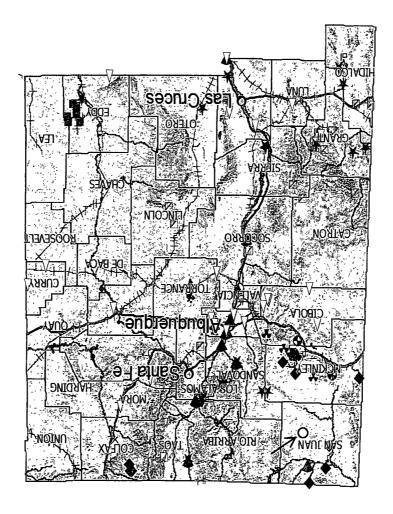
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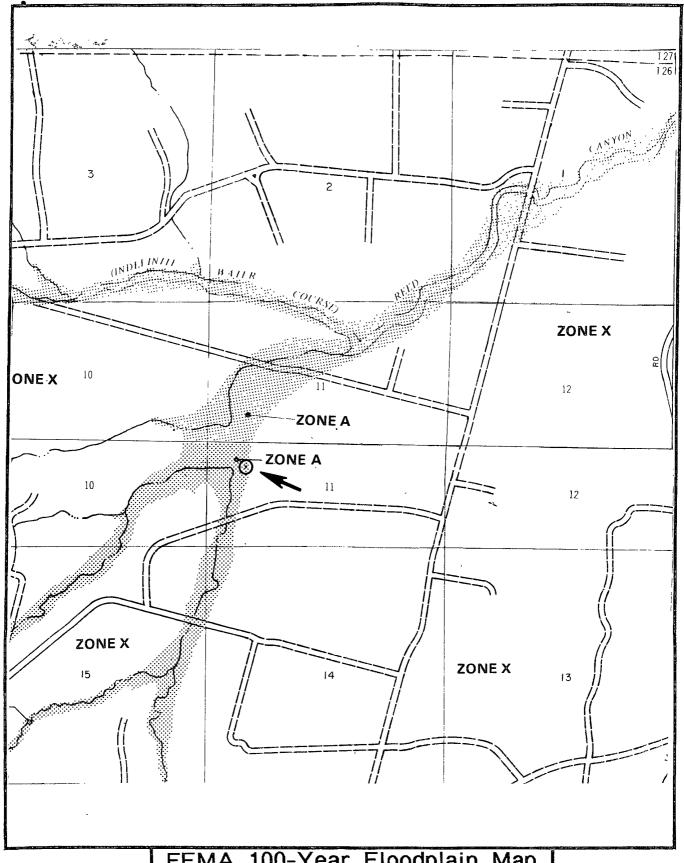
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Mine, Mills and Quarry Map of New Mexico

Dugan Production Corp. El Nino #6



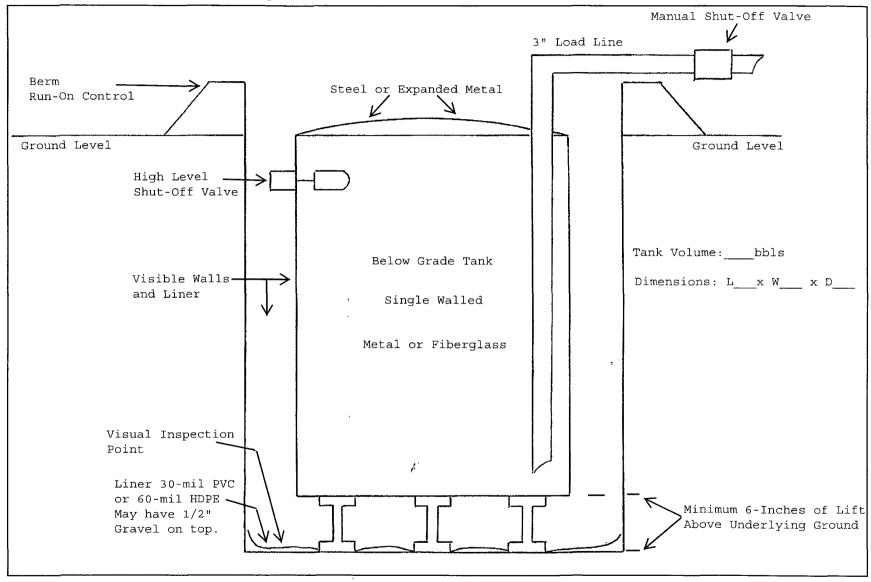
FEMA 100-Year Floodplain Map El Nino #6

El Nino #6 Design and Construction Plan

The El Nino #6 below grade tank will be designed and constructed in accordance with the following requirements:

- 1. Below grade tank will be designed and constructed to contain liquids and solids, prevent contamination of fresh water and protect the public health and environment (Exhibit 7).
- 2. Stockpile topsoil prior to digging pit, keep separate from subsoil and use as final cover and fill when closing pit.
- 3. Sign-12" by 24" with operator name, lease name, well #, location (unit letter, qtr/qtr, Sect., Twp., and Rge.) and emergency phone #'s will be posted on location. Sign will be posted in a location where it can be easily read.
- 4. Fencing around the El Nino #6 below grade tank will be constructed and operated in a manner that prevents unauthorized access and shall be maintained in good condition to protect the public and wildlife. Fencing will include a 4-foot hog wire fencing with two strands of barbed wire or top rail of re-bar or pipe on top. See the attached request for Administrative Approval. The El Nino #6 below grade tank is not located within 1000 feet of a house, school, hospital or church.
- 5. The El Nino #6 below grade tank will be covered with expanded metal, chicken-wire or a metal lid on top of the tank.
- 6. El Nino #6 below grade tank will be designed and constructed to ensure the confinement of liquids and prevent unauthorized releases. Pit will be constructed with a firm foundation and interior slopes, smooth and free of rocks or sharp edges to prevent punctures, cracks or indentations of the liner or tank bottom.
- 7. El Nino #6 below grade tank will be constructed of materials resistant to the tank's particular contents and resistant to damage from sunlight.
- 8. Liner will be 30-mil flexible PVC or 60-mil HDPE, string reinforced, impervious material, resistant to UV light, hydrocarbons, salt, acidic or basic liquids. The liner will have a hydraulic conductivity less than 1 x 10-9 cm/sec. Liner compatibility will comply with EPA SW-846.
- 9. The El Nino #6 below grade tank will be constructed with single walled sides and bottom which will be open for visual inspection for leaks. The below grade tank will be elevated a minimum of 6-inches above the underlying ground surface. The below grade tank will be underlain with a geo-membrane liner designed to divert any leaked fluid to a visual inspection point. Liner may be covered with gravel.
- 10. The El Nino #6 below grade tank will be equipped with a properly operating automatic high-level shut-off control device and manual controls to prevent overflows.
- 11. Diversionary berms, ditches or sloping will be constructed as necessary to prevent overflow and the collection of surface water entrapment.

Design Plan For Below Grade Tank



Dugan Production Corp. El Nino #6

El Nino #6 Operational Requirements

The El Nino #6 below grade tank will be maintained and operated in accordance with the following requirements:

- 1. The El Nino #6 below grade tank will be operated and maintained to contain liquids and solids and maintain the integrity of the tank / liner system or secondary containment system to prevent contamination of fresh water and protect public health and environment.
- 2. All fluids will be recycled, reused, reclaimed or disposed of in a manner approved by NMOCD rules.
- 3. Do not dispose of solid waste, trash, debris or hazardous material into the pit.
- 4. If the El Nino #6 below grade tank develops a leak or if a penetration occurs below the liquids surface, all liquid will be removed above the damage or leak line within 48-hours. The NMOCD office will be notified within 48-hours of the discovery. The below grade tank / liner system or secondary containment system will then be either replaced or repaired.
- 5. Below grade tank will be constructed and operated in a manner that prevents the tank from over flow and prevents surface water from entering the pit. Diversion berms will be constructed around the sides of pit and an automatic high level shut-off will be installed.
- 6. Any measurable oil will be continuously removed from the El Nino #6 below grade tank to prevent a significant accumulation of oil overtime.
- 7. The El Nino #6 below grade tank will be inspected at least monthly and records of each inspection will be maintained for five years.
- 8. Adequate freeboard will be maintained to prevent overtopping of the El Nino #6 below grade tank.

El Nino #6 Closure Plan-Methods, Procedures and Protocols

1. Comply with deadlines for closure of a pit or below grade tank established by the State of New Mexico, Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department 19.15.17.13 NMAC, or an earlier date if required by the NMOCD in the case of imminent danger to fresh water, public health or the environment.

Existing On June 16, 2008	Permit Applc. Submittal or Modification Request	File Closure Plan By	Stop Use By	Close By
Temporary Pit - Unlined	Not Permtd under 19 15 17	7/16/2008	Upon drlg rig release	9/16/2008
Permanent Pit - Unlined or Lined	Not permitted with NMOCD	7/16/2008	6-16-2008	12/16/2008
Permanent Pit - Unlined	Permitted or with NMOCD	,12-16-2008	6-16-2010	6-16-2011
BGT-Aprvd. Design	Not Permtd under 19 15 17	12/16/2008	failed integrity replc	
	Apple by 9-16-2008		w/apprvd design	
BGT-Not Aprvd Design Nor Retrofit to Comply w/19, 15 17	Not Permtd under 19 15 17 Mod. Rqust by 9-16-2008	12/16/2008	6/16/2013	6-16-2013
BGT-Not Aprvd Design Nor Retrofit to comply w/19 15 17	NA	12/16/2008	6/16/2013	6/16/2013
Permanent Pit-Design and Constr	Mod Rqust by 12-16-2008	12/16/2008 submit w/mod	failed integrity replc	60-days after cessation
Does not comply w/19.15.17 permitted and lined	Comply w/in 18-mos of aprvl	request	w/apprvd design	
Permanent Pit-Design and Constr	Permit Apple by 12-16-2008	12/16/2008 submit w/permit		60-days after cessation
Does not comply w/19.15.17 Registered and Lined	Comply w/in 18-mos of aprvl	Apple		
Permanent Pit	Permitted under 19 15 17	60-Days prior to close		
Temporary Pit	Permitted under 19.15.17	Prior to closure	Upon drlg rig release	6-mos after rig release
BGT	Permitted under 19 15 17	12/16/2013 or prior to closure	failed integrity replc w/apprvd design	60-days after cessation

- 2. The El Nino #6 below grade tank was registered under rule 50; however, it is not an approved design under rule 19.15.17. Upon approval of this application, the existing below grade tank will be closed and a new below grade tank that meets the design requirements of rule 19.15.17 will be constructed.
- 3. Below grade tank will be closed within 60-days after cessation of use.
- 4. Proof of closure notice will be provided by certified mail to surface owner after closure. Proof of notice will be attached to final closure report.

- 5. Remove all liquid from below grade tank prior to closure and dispose of at the Dugan Production operated Sanchez O'Brien #1 SWD (permit SWD-694) located 1650 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 6, Township 24 North, Range 9 West.
- 6. All solids from the below grade tank and all solids removed from the containment pit will be excavated, hauled to and disposed of at either the Envirotech facility (permit #NM-01-0011) facility located in Section 6, Township 26 North, Range 10 West or the IEI facility (permit NM-01-0010B) located in Section 2, Township 29 North, Range 12 West.
- 7. Remove below grade tank and dispose of in a NMOCD approved facility, or recycle, reuse, or reclaim it in a manner that the NMOCD approves.
- 8. On site equipment associated with the below grade tank will be removed unless it is needed for some other purpose.
- 9. Collect a five point, composite sample of the soils beneath the below grade tank (any area that is wet, discolored or shows evidence of a release) to demonstrate that Benzene, BTEX, TPH and chlorides do not exceed the standards as specified in 19.15.17.13.E or the background concentration, whichever is greater.

Components	Test Method	Limit (mg/kg)
Benzene	EPA SW-846 8021B or 8260B	0.2
BTEX	EPA SW-846 8021B or 8260B	50
TPH	EPA SW-846 418.1	100
GRO/DRO	EPA SW-846 8015M	NS
Chlorides	EPA 300.1	250 or Background

- 10. The NMOCD will be notified of the testing results on form C-141.
- 11. If it is determined that a release has occurred, rule 19.15.3.116 NMAC and 19.15.1.19 NMAC will be complied with as required.
- 12. If the sampling results demonstrate that a release has not occurred, or that any release does not exceed the concentrations specified above or background concentrations, the pit will be backfilled with compacted, non-waste containing, earthen material.
- 13. Stockpiled sub-surface soil will be used to backfill pit and re-contour (to a final or intermediate cover that blends with the surrounding topography). A minimum of four feet of compacted, non-waste containing, earthen material will be used as backfill.
- 14. Stockpiled surface soil will be used as a cover over the backfilled pit and disturbed area no longer needed for production operations. The soil cover will include either the background thickness of top soil or one foot of suitable material to establish vegetation at the site whichever is greater.
- 15. The area will be re-seeded as per BLM guidelines. Re-seeding will be repeated until 70% of the native natural cover is achieved and maintained for two successive growing seasons. The first growing season after the pit is closed the disturbed area will be re-seeded. The seeding method will be to drill on contour whenever possible.

16. The NMOCD will be notified within 60-days of closure of the below grade tank. The closure report will be filed on form C-144 and will document all closure activities, sampling results, a plot plan, and details on backfilling and capping where applicable.

17. The NMOCD will be notified once successful re-vegetation has been achieved.

El Nino #6 Request for Administrative Approval

Administrative approval is hereby requested for an alternative to the fencing design for the El Nino #6 below grade tank.

The request for administrative approval cited above is needed to help minimize environmental impact and increase safety and protect wildlife and public health. The alternative proposed will protect fresh water, public health, safety and the environment more effectively than the design and construction specifications established by the State of New Mexico, Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department do in rule 19.15.17.11 NMAC.

1. The proposed alternative fencing design will include T-posts spaced 10-feet apart. Hog wire / field fence 4-feet in height will be strung tightly and anchored to the top and bottom of each T-post. Small holes (3" high X 6" wide) in the hog-wire will be located at ground level with increasing larger holes (up to 7" high X 6" wide) located at the top of the fence. Anchor braces will be put at all four corners to strengthen and tighten the fence. Two strands of barbed wire or a pipe / re-bar top rail will be constructed above the hog wire. This fence design (developed over the last 30-years) has proven to be very effective controlling unauthorized access to below grade tanks.

The existing rule (19.15.17.11.D.3) would require the operator to fence the below grade tank with a four foot fence that has at least four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced in the interval between on foot and four feet above the ground level. The proposed fencing alternative would provide better security against unauthorized access to below grade tanks. The smaller holes in hog-wire (3" X 6" up to 7" X 6") is more effective at controlling unauthorized access by the public and wildlife than 4-strands of barbed wire spaced 12" apart.

The proposed fence around the below grade tank will be constructed and operated in a manner that prevents unauthorized access and shall maintain the fence in good condition to protect the public and wildlife.

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