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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

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.

Pit, Closed-Loop System, Below-Grade Tank, or Proposed Alternative Method Permit or Closure Plan Application							
Type of action:  Permit of a pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method  Closure of a pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method  Modification to an existing permit							
Closure plan only submitted for an existing permitted or non-permitted pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method							
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 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.							
Operator: Williams Operating Co, LLC OGRID #: 120782							
Address: PO Box 640 / 721 S Main Aztec, NM 87410							
Facility or well name: Rosa Unit #361A							
API Number:3003929774 OCD Permit Number:							
U/L or Qtr/Qtr C Section 16 Township 31N Range 5W County: Rio Arriba							
Center of Proposed Design:         Latitude         36.003339N         Longitude         -107.370046W         NAD:         □1927 ⋈ 1983							
Surface Owner: X Federal X State Private Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment							
Pit: Subsection F or G of 19.15.17.11 NMAC   Temporary:							
3.  Closed-loop System: Subsection H of 19.15.17.11 NMAC							
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☐ Drying Pad ☐ Above Ground Steel Tanks ☐ Haul-off Bins ☐ Other							
☐ Lined ☐ Unlined Liner type: Thickness mil ☐ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other							
Type of Operation:   F&A   Diffining a flew well   Workover of Diffining (Applies to activities which require prior approval of a perint of notice of intent)   Drying Pad   Above Ground Steel Tanks   Haul-off Bins   Other     Lined   Unlined   Liner type: Thickness   mil   LLDPE   HDPE   PVC   Other     Liner Seams:   Welded   Factory   Other   Total Control of the prior approval of a perint of notice of intent)							
Below-grade tank: Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC   Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC   Oil CONS DIV OIL CO							
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Alternative Method:							
Submittal of an exception request is required. Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.							

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, institution or church)	hospital,
Four foot height, four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced between one and four feet	
□ Alternate. Please specify Per BLM APD Specifications Per BLM APD Sp	
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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)	
8. 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 19.15.3.103 NMAC	
Za organed in compliance with 17.15.5.165 Name	
Administrative Approvals 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:  Administrative approval(s): Requests must be submitted to the appropriate division district or the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau of	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 accept material are provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria may require administrative approval from the appropriate or may be considered an exception which must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of a Applicant must attach justification for request. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance. Siting criteria does not apply to drying above-grade tanks associated with a closed-loop system.	priate district pproval.
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 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 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)	☐ Yes ☐ No 図 NA
- 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 search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	
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

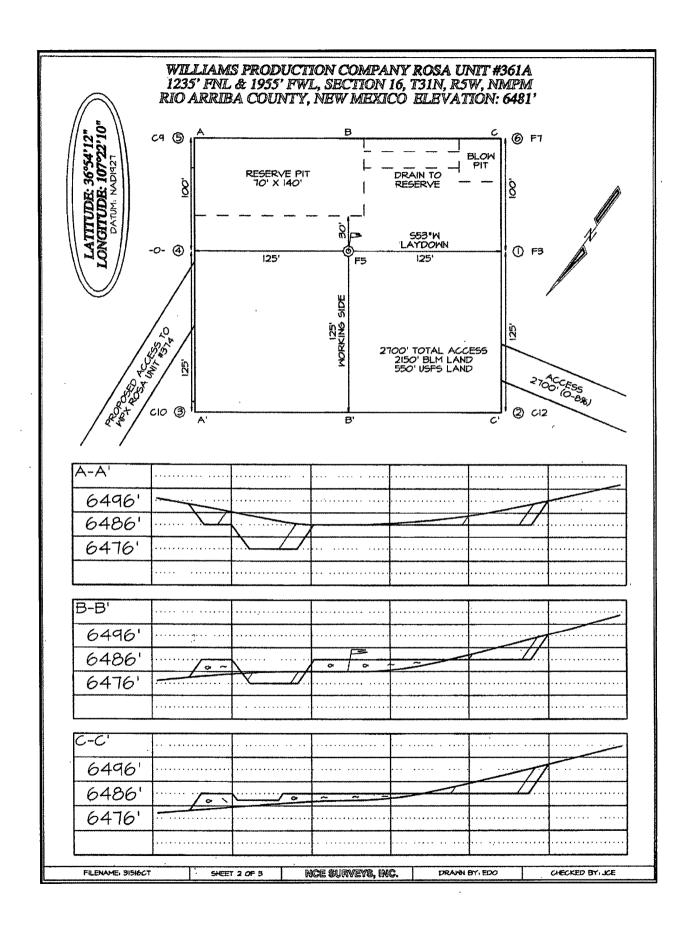
Temporary Pits, Emergency Pits, and Below-grade Tanks Permit Application Attachment Checklist: Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are
attached.  ☐ Hydrogeologic 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
<ul> <li>✓ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC</li> <li>✓ 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</li> </ul>
Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: or Permit Number:
12.  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.
☐ Geologic and Hydrogeologic Data (only for on-site closure) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (3) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9  ☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations (only for on-site closure) - 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:
Previously Approved Operating and Maintenance Plan API Number:
above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure)
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
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 Closed-loop System 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 (Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau for consideration)
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 F 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 I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC □ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Above Ground Instructions: Please indentify the facility or facilities for the disposal of liquids, facilities are required.		
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Will any of the proposed closed-loop system operations and associated activities of Yes (If yes, please provide the information below) ☐ No		
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Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the buried waste.  - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Da	ata obtained from nearby wells	☐ Yes ☑ No ☐ NA
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Ground water is more than 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste.  - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Da	ata obtained from nearby wells	⊠ Yes □ No □ NA
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Within a 100-year floodplain FEMA map		☐ Yes ☑ No
On-Site Closure Plan Checklist: (19.15.17.13 NMAC) Instructions: Each of the by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.  Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of Construction/Design Plan of Burial Trench (if applicable) based upon the a Construction/Design Plan of Temporary Pit (for in-place burial of a drying Protocols and Procedures - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.1 Confirmation Sampling Plan (if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number (for liquids, drilling fluids and Soil Cover Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection	quirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC of Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC pad) - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19. 15.17.13 NMAC quirements of Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC of Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC drill cuttings or in case on-site closure standards cann of H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC on I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC	15.17.11 NMAC

Operator Application Certification:	
I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application is true, acc	curate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Name (Print): Michael K. Lane	Title: Sr. EH & S Specialist
Signature:	Date: 913NOS
e-mail address: <u>myke.lane@williams.com</u>	Telephone: 505-634-4219
OCD Approval: Permit Application (including closure plan) Closure	Plan (only) OCD Conditions (see attachment)
OCD Representative Signature: Brand 6 ell	Approval Date: 10-23-08
Title: <u>Enviro/spec</u>	OCD Permit Number:
Closure Report (required within 60 days of closure completion): Subsections: Operators are required to obtain an approved closure plan prior The closure report is required to be submitted to the division within 60 days of section of the form until an approved closure plan has been obtained and the	or to implementing any closure activities and submitting the closure report.  If the completion of the closure activities. Please do not complete this
22.  Closure Method:  Waste Excavation and Removal On-Site Closure Method Alte If different from approved plan, please explain.	rnative Closure Method   Waste Removal (Closed-loop systems only)
Closure Report Regarding Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop System Instructions: Please indentify the facility or facilities for where the liquids, at two facilities were utilized.  Disposal Facility Name:  Disposal Facility Name:  Were the closed-loop system operations and associated activities performed on Yes (If yes, please demonstrate compliance to the items below) No Required for impacted areas which will not be used for future service and open Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation)  Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation  Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique	Disposal Facility Permit Number:  Disposal Facility Permit Number:  or in areas that will not be used for future service and operations?
Closure Report Attachment Checklist: Instructions: Each of the following 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)  Plot Plan (for on-site closures and temporary pits)  Confirmation Sampling Analytical Results (if applicable)  Waste Material Sampling Analytical Results (required for on-site closur 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	
Operator Closure Certification:  I hereby certify that the information and attachments submitted with this closure belief. I also certify that the closure complies with all applicable closure requirements.	re report is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and rements and conditions specified in the approved closure plan.
Name (Print):	Title:
Signature:	Date:
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#### Hydrogeological Report Williams Production Company, LLC Rosa #361A Regional Hydrological Context

#### **Referenced Well Location:**

The referenced well and pit is located in Carson National Forest's Jicarilla Ranger District in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. This site is positioned in the northeastern portion of the San Juan Basin, an asymetrical syncline that extends from northwestern New Mexico into southwestern Colorado (Carson National Forest DEIS, 2007). Elevation of the referenced well is approximately 6481 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 Unita-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 Unita-Animas aquifer generally increases toward the central part of the basin. In the northeastern part of the San Juan Basin, 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 it 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 in mid elevations on a southern slope, draining towards

a wash associated with Cabresto Canyon. There are no drainages within

300 feet of the pit. San Jose, Tertiary

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

Formation Thickness: Approximately 1,900 ft. Underlying Formation: Nacimiento, Tertiary

**Depth to Groundwater:** Depth to groundwater is estimated at greater than 100 feet bgs. There are

no iWATERS wells with water depth data located within one mile of this

location. However, cathodic data associated with Rosas #45

(approximately 2200 feet from the pit), 109 (approximately 2500 feet from the pit), and 361 (approximately 2500 feet from the pit) shows a depth to moisture of 240, 240, and 80 feet, respectively (see Siting

Criteria Map I for details).

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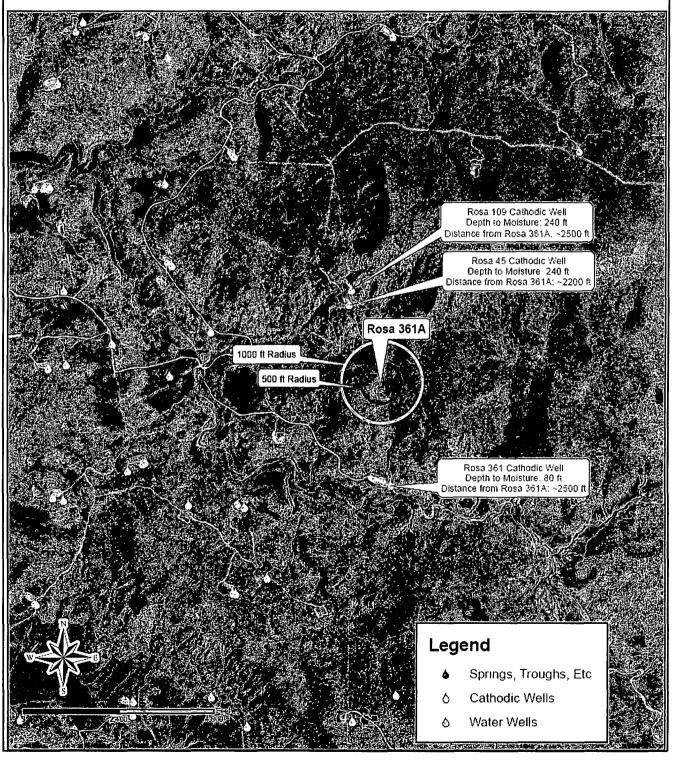
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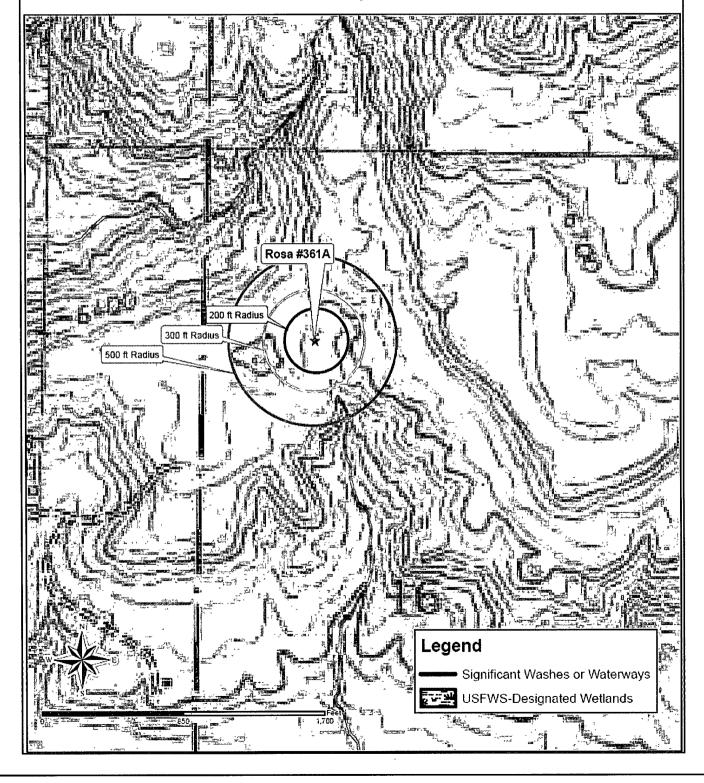
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# Siting Criteria Map I Water Wells, Cathodic Wells, & Springs Williams Exploration and Production Company Rosa #361A T31N, R5W, Section 16, NMPM Rio Arriba County, New Mexico



### Siting Criteria Map II Topographic Features Williams Exploration and Production Company Rosa #361A T31N, R5W, Section 16, NMPM

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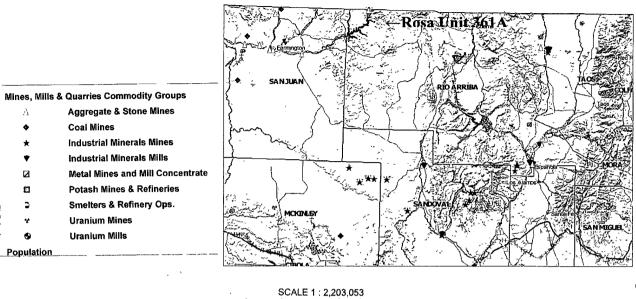
#### FEMA Map - 100-Year Floodplain:

As this location is within Carson National Forest, no FEMA maps are available. However, ortho and topographic maps indicate that this location is not within a floodplain.

#### **Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations:**

The Rosa #361A pit is not located in an unstable area. The pit is not situated over a mine or a steep slope (see attached New Mexico Mines, Mills, and Quarries Map). Excavated pit material will not be located within 300 feet of a continuously flowing water course; within 200 feet of another significant watercourse, lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake; or within 500 feet of any reported riparian areas or wetlands (see Siting Criteria Map II). The pit is not within 500 feet of any private, domestic fresh water well or spring or within 1000feet 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.

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#### Williams Production Co., LLC San Juan Basin: New Mexico Assets

Temporary Pit Maintenance & Operating Plan Drilling/Completion and Workover

In accordance with Rule 19.15.17 NMAC, the following plan describes the general operations and maintenance (O&M)of temporary pits on Williams Production Co, LLC (WPX) locations in the San Juan Basin of New Mexico. This is WPX's standard procedure for all temporary pits to be utilized for the drilling, completion and/or workover of oil and gas wells operated by WPX. For those temporary pits which do not conform to this standard O&M plan, a separate well specific O&M plan will be developed and utilized.

#### General Plan Requirements:

- 1. WPX will operate and maintain a temporary pit to contain liquids and solids associated with drilling, completion and workover of oil and gas wells which will prevent contamination of fresh water resources and protect public health and the environment.
- 2. WPX will to the extent practical conserve drilling fluids for reuse by transferring liquids to pits ahead of the rigs. All other fluids will be disposed by evaporation or transport to Basin Disposal, Inc in Bloomfield, New Mexico (Permit # NM-01-005).
- 3. WPX shall maintain at least two (2) feet of vertical freeboard for a temporary pit.
- 4. WPX shall remove all free liquids from a temporary pit within 30 days from the date the drilling or workover rig is released.
- 5. Only fluids and solids generated during the drilling/completion/workover process may be discharged into a temporary pit. Other miscellaneous soild waste or debris will not be allowed.
- 6. WPX will not discharge or store any hazardous waste as defined under RCRA 40CFR 261 and 19.15.1.7.W(3) NMA in any temporary pit.
- 7. If any pit liner's integrity is compromised, or if any penetration of the liner occurs:
  - a. Above the liquid's surface, WPX shall repair the damage or replace the liner as necessary. WPX will notify the NMOCD Aztec District Office by phone or email within 48-hours of discovery.
  - b. Leak below the liquid's surface, WPX shall suspend operations, remove all liquids above the damaged liner within 48 hours, and repair the damage or replace the liner. 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).
  - c. 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.
- 8. The liner shall be protected from any fluid force or mechanical damage through the use of mud pit slides (secondary liner placed over the primary liner), and/or a manifold system.
- 9. Diversion ditches, around the location or around the perimeter of the pit, shall be maintained as protection from run-on.
- 10. WPX shall immediately remove any visible layer of oil from the surface of a temporary pit following cessation of drilling/completion/workover operations. Oil absorbent booms will be utilized to contain and remove oil. An oil absorbent boom will stored on-site until the pit is covered.
- 11. WPX will inspect the temporary pits as follows to ensure compliance with this plan:
  - a. Daily during drilling or workover operations. Inspections will be included with the IADC reports.
  - b. Weekly as long as liquids remain in the pit. Electronic copies of the inspections will be kept at the WPX San Juan Basin office.
  - c. Copies of the inspections will be filed with the NMOCD Aztec District office upon pit closure.
- 12. WPX shall remove all free liquids from a blow/flare (cavitation) pit within 48 hours after completing operations. WPX may request additional time to remove liquids from the Aztec District office if it is not feasible to meet the 48 hour requirement.

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Temporary Pit In-place Closure Plan Drilling/Completion and Workover (Groundwater >100 feet bgs)

In accordance with Rule 19.15.17.13 NMAC, the following plan describes the general in-place closure requirements of temporary pits on Williams Production Co, LLC (WPX) locations in the San Juan Basin of New Mexico. This is WPX's standard procedure for all temporary pits to be utilized for the drilling, completion and/or workovers of oil and gas wells operated by WPX. For those temporary pits which do not conform to this standard closure plan, a separate well/pit-specific closure plan will be developed and utilized.

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

- Details on Capping and Covering, where applicable
- Plot Plan (Pit Diagram)
- Inspection reports
- Sampling Results
- Division Form C-105: WELL COMPLETION OR RECOMPLETION REPORT AND LOG
- Copy of Deed Notice filed with the County Clerk (formatted to meet County requirements)

#### General Plan Requirements:

- 13. All free-standing liquids will be removed from the pit at the start of the closure process. Liquids will be removed in a manner that the appropriate District Office approves including: recycled, reused, reclaimed, evaporated, and/or disposed of in a Division-approved facility. Once all free liquids are removed, the sludge will be stabilized by one of the following methods depending on equipment availability: blending with clean stockpiled soils or dewatering using a Bowl Decanter Centrifuge, then blending with clean stockpiles soils.
- 14. The preferred method of closure for all temporary pits will be on-site closure by in-place burial, provided all the criteria in 19.15.17.13.B are met.
- 15. The surface owner shall be notified of WPX's proposed closure plan using a means that provides proof of notice (i.e. certified mail/return receipt requested).
- 16. Within six months of the "rig-off" status occurring, WPX will ensure that the temporary pit is covered and recontoured, and that reseeding is in progress.
- 17. 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. Operator's Name (WPX)
  - b. Well Name and API Number
  - c. Location (USTR)
- 18. The pit liner shall be removed above "mud level" after stabilization. Removal of the liner will consist of manually or mechanically cutting the liner at the mud level and removing all remaining liner. Care will be taken to remove "all" of the liner (i.e. anchored material). All excessive liner will be disposed of at a licensed disposal facility (probably San Juan Regional Landfill, operated by Waste Management under NMED Permit SWM-052426).

- 19. Solidification of the remaining pit contents shall be achieved by mixing non-waste-containing, earthen material. The solidification process will be accomplished using a combination of natural drying and mechanical mixing. Pit contents will be mixed with non-waste, earthen material to a consistency that is deemed safe and stable. The mixing ratio shall not exceed 3 parts non-waste to 1 part pit contents.
- 20. A five-point composite sample will be taken of the pit using sampling tools; all samples will be tested per 19.15.17.13(B)(1)(b) NMAC. In the event that the criteria are not met (See Table 1), all contents will be handled per 19.15.17.13(B)(1)(a) (i.e. dig and haul to a Division-approved facility). Approval to haul will be requested of the Aztec District office prior to initiation.

Table 1: Closure Criteria for Temporary Pits in Non-sensitive Areas

Components	Testing Methods	Closure Limits (mg/Kg)
Benzene	EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8260B	0.2
BTEX	EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8260B	50
TPH	EPA SW-846 Method 8015 M(Full Range)*	2500
	or Method 418.1	
GRO/DRO	EPA SW-846 Method 8015M (GRO/DRO)	500
Chlorides	EPA SW-846 Method 300.1	1000

<sup>\*</sup> Preferred method

- 21. Upon completion of solidification and testing, the pit area will be backfilled with non-waste, earthen material compacted to native conditions to enable effective revegetation for successful evapotranspiration. A minimum of four feet of cover will be used, including replacement of one foot of suitable material to establish vegetation, or the background thickness of topsoil, whichever is greater.
- 22. Following cover, the site will be recontoured to meet the Surface Management Agency or surface owner requirements. Re-contouring will attempt to match fit, shape, line form, and texture of the surrounding geography. Re-shaping will provide drainage control, prevent ponding, and minimize erosion. Natural drainages will be unimpeded and stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be used to aid in soil stabilization and protect surface water quality.
- 23. Notification will be sent to the Aztec District office when the reclaimed area is seeded.
- 24. WPX shall 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. Cover will be maintained through two successive growing seasons. Repeat seeding or planting will be continued until successful vegetative growth occurs. Note: WPX assumes the seeding stipulations, including mix and seeding methods, specified by the Surface Management Agency (BLM, BOR, USFS, Tribal, etc.) or Landowner as part of a surface use agreement or APD are Division-approved methods unless notified by the Division of their unacceptability.
- 25. Upon the abandonment of all wells on the pad, the temporary pit will be located with a steel marker no less than four inches in diameter, cemented in a hole three feet deep in the center of the on site burial. The marker will be flush with the ground to allow access of the active well pad and for safety concerns. The marker will include a threaded collar to be used for future abandonment. The top of the marker will contain a welded steel 12" square plate that indicates the on site burial of the temporary pit. The plate will be easily removable and a four-foot tall riser will be threaded into the top of the collar marker and welded around the base with the operations information at the time of all wells on the pad abandoned. The information will include Operator Name, Lease Name, Well Name and number, USTR, and an indicator that the marker is an onsite pit burial location.

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Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2008 7:39 AM

To: John Reidinger

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Subject: Land Owner Notice - Rosa 361A Reserve Pit Closure

#### John;

This correspondence is to notify the USFS-Carson Forest: Jicarilla District that Williams Production is planning to close the temporary pit associated with the drilling and completion of the reference wells on-site. The planned closure is consistent with the Surface Use Plan submitted with Williams APD, approved earlier.

This notice is to comply with the NMOCD Pit Rule 19.15.17 NMAC requirement to notify surface owners of the operator's intended closure method. If site conditions do not allow Williams to close in-place, we will provide your office with prior notice should the BLM have any concerns.

Please contact us if there are any questions or additional information is required.

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