

July 21, 2008

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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.

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**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.

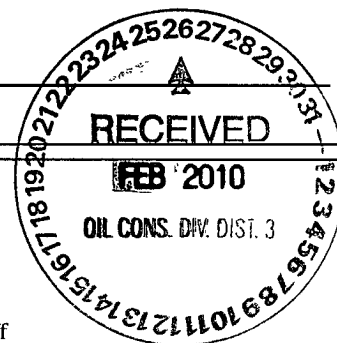
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Operator: Energen Resources Corporation OGRID #: 162928
 Address: 2010 Afton Place, Farmington, NM 87401
 Facility or well name: Carracas 16B #15
 API Number: 30-039-30464 OCD Permit Number: _____
 U/L or Qtr/Qtr L Section 16 Township 32N Range 04W County: Rio Arriba
 Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 36.98405 N Longitude 107.26591 W NAD: ☐ 1927 ☒ 1983
 Surface Owner: ☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ Private ☐ Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

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☒ **Pit:** Subsection F or G of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
 Temporary: ☒ Drilling ☐ Workover
☐ Permanent ☐ Emergency ☐ Cavitation ☐ P&A
☒ Lined ☐ Unlined Liner type: Thickness 20 mil ☒ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other _____
☒ String-Reinforced
 Liner Seams: ☐ Welded ☒ Factory ☐ Other _____ Volume: 1500 bbl Dimensions: L 155 x W 85 x D 10

3.
☐ **Closed-loop System:** Subsection H of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
 Type of Operation: ☐ P&A ☐ Drilling a new well ☐ Workover or Drilling (Applies to activities which require prior approval of a permit or 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 _____

4.
☐ **Below-grade tank:** Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
 Volume: _____ bbl Type of fluid: _____
 Tank Construction material: _____
☐ 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 ☐ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other _____

5.
☐ **Alternative Method:**
 Submittal of an exception request is required. Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.



6.

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 _____

7.

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

9.

Administrative Approvals and Exceptions:

Justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17 NMAC for guidance.

- ☐ 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.

10.

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 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) - 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	☐ 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

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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: _____

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: _____ (Applies only to closed-loop system that use above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure)

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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
☐ Quality Control/Quality Assurance Construction and Installation Plan the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
☐ 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
☐ 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

14.

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)

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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 Steel Tanks or Haul-off Bins Only: (19.15.17.13.D NMAC)

Instructions: Please identify the facility or facilities for the disposal of liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings. Use attachment if more than two facilities are required.

Disposal Facility Name: _____ Disposal Facility Permit Number: _____

Disposal Facility Name: _____ Disposal Facility Permit Number: _____

Will any of the proposed closed-loop system operations and associated activities occur on or in areas that will not be used for future service and operations?

☐ Yes (If yes, please provide the information below) ☐ No

Required for impacted areas which will not be used for future service and operations:

- ☐ Soil Backfill and Cover Design Specifications - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
☐ Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
☐ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

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 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. - 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
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

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 F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
☐ Construction/Design Plan of Burial Trench (if applicable) based upon the appropriate requirements 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 Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
☒ Waste Material Sampling Plan - 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 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 I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
☒ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

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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): Stephen Byers Title: Drilling Engineer
 Signature: *Stephen Byers* Date: 2/25/2010
 e-mail address: sbyers@energen.com Telephone: 505 324-4144

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OCD Approval: ☒ Permit Application (including closure plan) ☐ Closure Plan (only) ☐ OCD Conditions (see attachment)

OCD Representative Signature: *Bob Zell* **Approval Date:** 4/15/10
Title: EnviroSpec **OCD Permit Number:** _____

21.

Closure Report (required within 60 days of closure completion): Subsection K of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

Instructions: Operators are required to obtain an approved closure plan prior to implementing any closure activities and submitting the closure report. The closure report is required to be submitted to the division within 60 days of the completion of the closure activities. Please do not complete this section of the form until an approved closure plan has been obtained and the closure activities have been completed.

☐ Closure Completion Date: _____

22.

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.

23.

Closure Report Regarding Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Above Ground Steel Tanks or Haul-off Bins Only:

Instructions: Please identify the facility or facilities for where the liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings were disposed. Use attachment if more than two facilities were utilized.

Disposal Facility Name: _____ Disposal Facility Permit Number: _____

Disposal Facility Name: _____ Disposal Facility Permit Number: _____

Were the closed-loop system operations and associated activities performed on or in areas that will not be used for future service and operations?

☐ Yes (If yes, please demonstrate compliance to the items below) ☒ No

Required for impacted areas which will not be used for future service and operations:

- ☐ Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation)
☐ Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation
☐ Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique

24.

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)
☐ 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

25.

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: _____

Temporary Pit Design Plan

The pit will be designed and constructed in the following manner:

- 1) Top soil will be stripped, stockpiled and stored as designated on the attached well sight layout schematic. Storage will be in accordance with the requirements set forth as described in item B of the the siting requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC.
- 2) A sign will be posted on location in accordance with 19.15.3.103 NMAC.
- 3) A four strand barbwire fence will be constructed around the perimeter of the pit with the strands evenly spaced between one and four feet from the ground. This fence will be used to excluded livestock from inadvertently entering the pit. The side of the fence adjacent to the rig will be removed during operations. This fence if located within 1000 feet of a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church will be a six foot chain link fence with two strands of barbed wire at the top.
- 4) The pit will be designed to confine liquids, prevent unauthorized releases by constructing a foundation with interior slopes consisting of a firm and unyielding base that are smooth and free of rocks, debris or other sharp edges to prevent liner damage.
- 5) The slopes will be constructed with a 2:1 ratio of vertical to horizontal with a changing slope within five feet of the shale shakers trending towards horizontal.
- 6) The volume of the pit will no exceed 10 acre feet including freeboard.
- 7) The pit will be lined with a LLDPE geomembrane liner with a thickness of no less than 20mm. The liner material will be compatible with EPA SW-846 method 9090A.
- 8) Liner seams will be orientated perpendicular to the largest slope with an overlap of four to six inches.
- 9) If needed a geotextile will be placed under the liner to reduce localized stress-strain that may compromise liner integrity.
- 10) The edges of the liner will be anchored in the bottom of a compacted earth-filled trench no less than 18 inches deep.
- 11) To prevent runoff of surface water a berm no less than 12 inches high will be constructed around the perimeter of the pit. With drainage ditches being directed to the runoff requirements set forth in the APD Condition of Approval.

Temporary Pit Operations Plan

The pit will be operated and maintained; to contain liquids and solids, to insure liner and secondary containment integrity, to aid in the prevention of contamination of fresh water sources, in order to protect public health and the environment. To attain this goal the following steps will be followed;

- 1) The fluids in the pit remaining after rig release will be vacuumed out and transported to active drilling locations to be reused or disposed of with Agua Moss LLC in the Pretty Lady #1 (Disposal API Number # 30-048-30922) within 30 days. Residual fluids after vacuuming will be allowed to evaporate.
- 2) No hazardous waste, miscellaneous solid waste or debris will be discharged into or stored in the pit. Only fluids or cuttings used or generated in the drilling process will be placed or stored in the pit.
- 3) The division district office will be notified within 48 hrs of the discovery of compromised liner integrity. Upon the discovery of the compromised liner repairs will be enacted immediately.
- 4) The division district office will be notified within 48 hrs of the discovery of compromised liner integrity below the fluid level unless more than 25 bbls is released in which case Rule 116's 24 hr notification will apply. All liquid above the damaged liner section will be removed to a level below the damage within 48 hrs and repairs will be enacted.
- 5) Precautionary measures will be taken to insure no liner damage is caused when adding or removing fluids and solids from the pit. This will be accomplished by gradually increasing the slope of the pit from negligible underneath the shale shakers to the 2:1 ratio required by 19.15.17.11 within five feet. A perforated pipe will be installed in the corner of the pit so that a vacuum hose can be run through it to remove fluids without damaging the liner.
- 6) Perimeter berms and ditches will be constructed around the exterior of the pit to prevent surface water run-on but the rig side may be left open to allow location drainage.
- 7) An oil absorbent boom will be maintained on site to remove oil from the pit's surface if necessary. Immediately on the cessation of drilling any accumulated oil will be removed from the surface of the pit.
- 8) A minimum of two feet of freeboard will be maintained at all times. Once fluid levels have the possibility of rising above the minimum freeboard fluid will be vacuumed out of the pit.
- 9) All of the above operations will be inspected and a log will be signed and dated. During drilling operations the inspection will be daily and after rig release they will be carried out weekly as long as there is fluid in the pit.

Temporary Pit Closure Plan

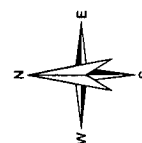
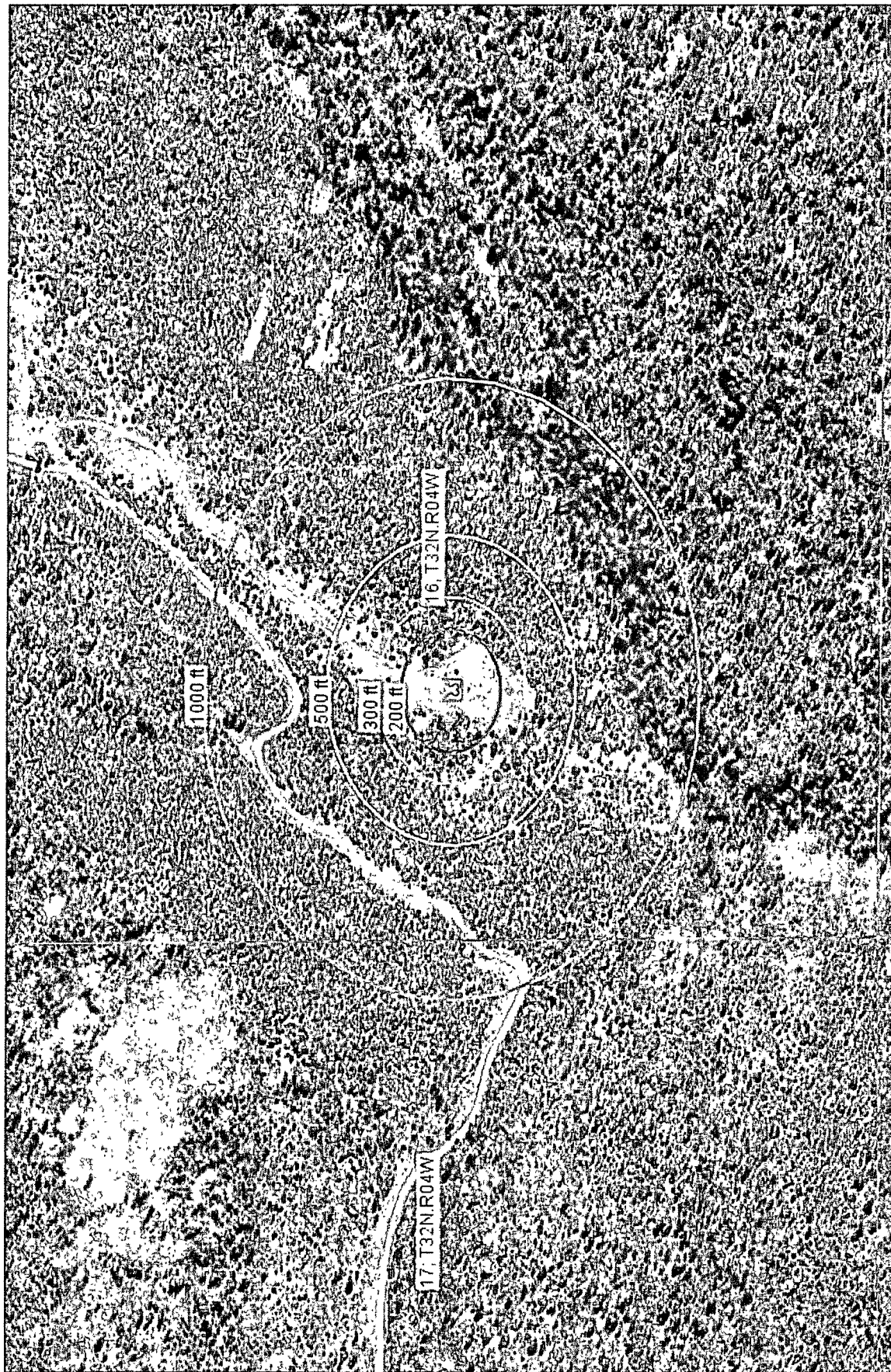
The pit will be closed with in place burial. If the pit is located on private surface, the surface owner will be notified prior to closure by certified mail and the return receipt will be included in the closure packet. The OCD will be verbally or by other means notified at least 72 hours and not more than one week prior to the pit closing. The following process will be used to close the pit:

- 1) At time of closure, all free standing fluids will be removed and reused or disposed with Agua Moss LLC in the Pretty Lady #1 (Disposal API Number # 30-048-30922) or an Energen operated permitted disposal well. The contents will be solidified to a bearing capacity sufficient to support the final cover. This will be accomplished by mixing the contents with soil at a mixing ratio no greater than 3:1 soil to contents.
- 2) The liner will be cut off at the mudline of the stabilized contents.
- 3) Sampling will be done by collecting a minimum of a five-point composite sample of the contents after stabilization. The sample will be analyzed for the following components (if the groundwater is less than 100 feet below the pit but greater than 50 feet, testing for chlorides will be done to the lower limit);

Components	Tests 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	2500
GRO/DRO	EPA SW-846 8015M	500
Chlorides	EPA 300.1	500/1000

- 4) After demonstrating that the stabilized contents are under the limits listed above, the contents will be covered with compacted non-waste containing earthen material to a minimum of three feet. If stabilized contents exceed a volume that can be covered with three feet of earth and a foot of topsoil the excess contents will be removed and sent to Envirotech (Permit NM-01-0011) or IEI Landfarm (Permit NM-01-0010B). If the stabilized contents do not meet the above stated limits the stabilized contents will all be hauled to Envirotech pursuant to excavation and removal guidelines (19.15.17.13 B1).
- 5) After the stabilized contents have been covered, the stockpiled topsoil will be replaced to a minimum depth of one foot. Topsoil cover will be graded to prevent ponding of water and erosion of the cover material. This will be accomplished within six months of rig release.
- 6) The exact location of the on-site burial will be reported to the Aztec field office on the C-105 form. A deed notice identifying the exact location of the on-site burial will be filed with the county clerk if the pit is on private surface.
- 7) The final closure report (C-144) will be filed within 60 days of closure completion and include sampling results, plot plan, details on backfilling / covering and inspections during the life of the pit.

- 8) If the pit is located on federal or tribal surface, seeding will be deferred to BLM requirements per the BLM / OCD MOU. Otherwise, the disturbed area will be seeded or planted the first growing season after closing the pit. Seed will be drilled on the contour whenever practical or by other division-approved methods. The goal being to obtain vegetative cover that equals 70% of the native cover (un-impacted by overgrazing, fire or other intrusion damaging to native vegetation) 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. During the two growing seasons that prove viability there shall be no artificial irrigation of the vegetation. Seeding or planting will continue until the required cover is reached. If conditions are not favorable to establishment of vegetation due to periods of drought or similar problems then the Aztec office of the OCD will be notified. The Aztec office of the OCD will also be notified when the disturbed ground successfully achieves re-vegetation.
- 9) Until the abandonment of the wells on the pad where the pit is located a steel marker no less than four inches in diameter will be cemented in a hole three feet deep in the center of the onsite burial. The top of this marker will be flush with the ground. Once all wells on the pad are abandoned a four foot tall riser will be welded on top of the marker with; operator name, lease name, well name and number, unit number, section, township and range, and a designation that it is an onsite burial location



0 200 400ft

Petroleum Recovery
Research Center

Aerial Photo

Figure: ##

Energen Resources/Carracas 16B #15

Feb 25, 2010

Hydrogeologic Data

100-year Floodplain:

The Carracas 16B #15 has no FEMA map available for inspection in that section of Rio Arriba County, NM.

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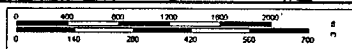
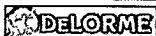
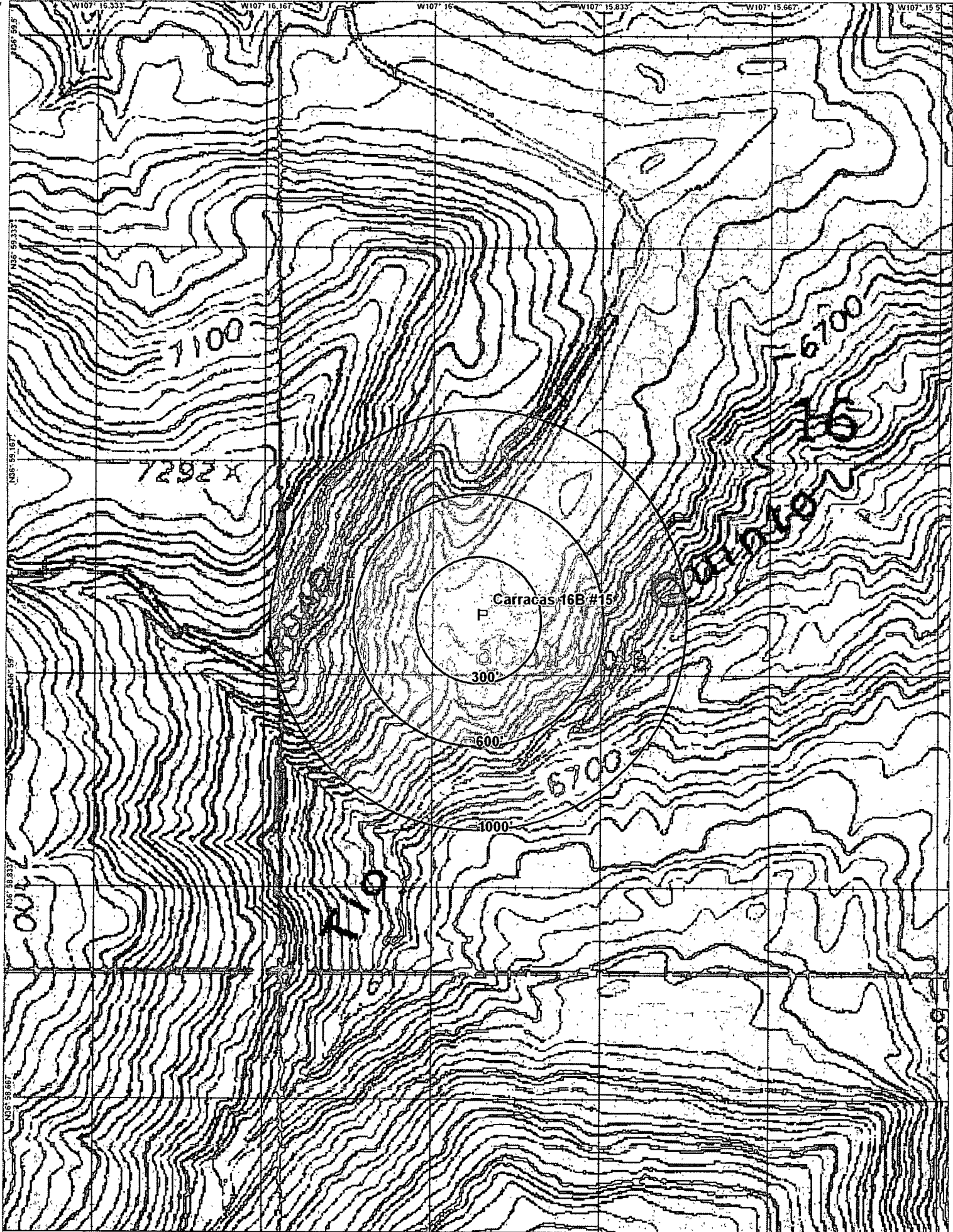
The San Jose formation is the highest water bearing zone at this site with the exception of possible perched water. It is the youngest Tertiary bedrock unit in the San Basin. The formation occurs at the surface to a depth of 1,727' at the Carracas 16B #15 location and ranges from surface to 2,300' in this township and range. The only potentially unstable areas in the region are over subsurface coal mines. This pit will not be located over a subsurface mine.

Geologic Summary:

The San Jose is a sequence of interbedded sandstones and mudstones deposited in an alluvial and fluvial environment. The formation accumulated in broad, wet, alluvial aprons. Groundwater is associated with the alluvial and fluvial sandstone aquifers, hence it is controlled by the distribution of these sands. The San Jose can further be broken into four members: Cuba Mesa, Regina, Llaves, and Tapicitos (in ascending order). The first two, Cuba Mesa and Regina, are predominately sandstone and the latter two, Llaves and Tapicitos, are predominately mudstone.

Reference:

Stone W.J., Lyford F.P., Frenzel P.F., Mizell N.H., and Padgett E.T.: Hydrology and water resources of San Juan Basin, New Mexico Hydrologic Report 6, 1983.





New Mexico Office of the State Engineer **Water Column/Average Depth to Water**

No records found.

PLSS Search:

Section(s): 16

Township: 32N

Range: 04W

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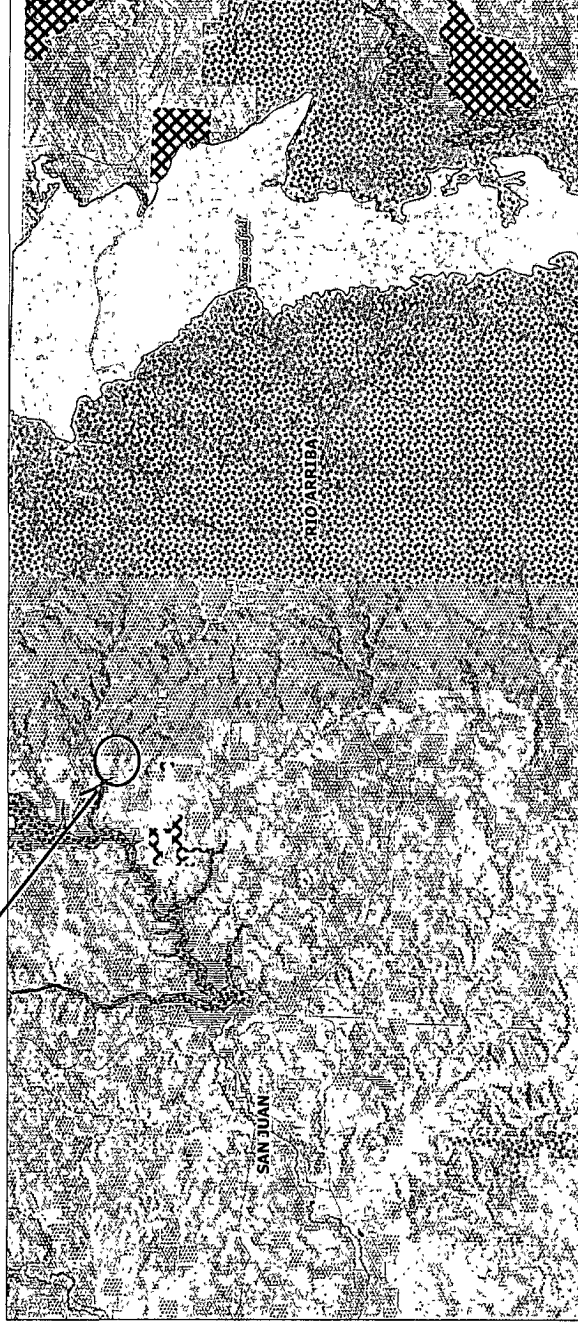
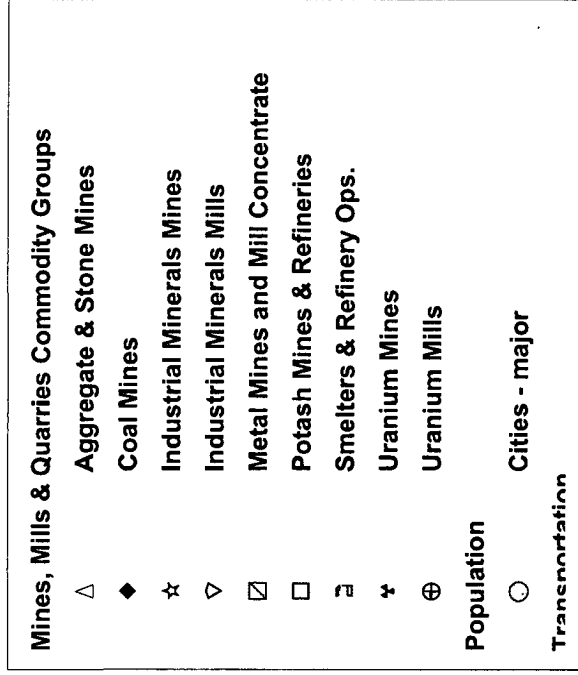
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