

July 21, 2008

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.

5556 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.

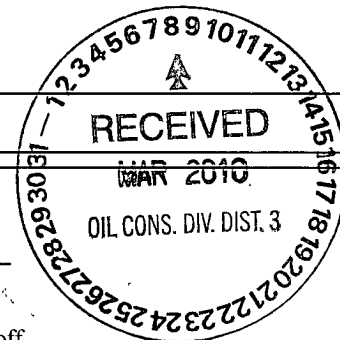
1 Operator: Energen Resources Corporation OGRID #: 162928  
 Address: 2010 Afton Place, Farmington, NM 87401  
 Facility or well name: Carracas 21B #1  
 API Number: 30-039-30473 OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 U/L or Qtr/Qtr E Section 21 Township 32N Range 04W County: Rio Arriba  
 Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 36.97483 Longitude 107.26512 NAD: ☐ 1927 ☒ 1983  
 Surface Owner: ☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ Private ☐ Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

2 ☒ 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: 2000 bbl Dimensions: L 125 x W 40 x D 15

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.



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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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)

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**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

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**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.

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**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.*

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| Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the temporary pit, permanent pit, or below-grade tank.<br>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells                                                                                                                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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).<br>- Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site                                                                                                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.<br>(Applies to temporary, emergency, or cavitation pits and below-grade tanks)<br>- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image                                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> NA |
| Within 1000 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.<br>(Applies to permanent pits)<br>- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image                                                                                                                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.<br>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended.<br>- Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality                                                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within 500 feet of a wetland.<br>- US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within the area overlying a subsurface mine.<br>- Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within an unstable area.<br>- Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within a 100-year floodplain.<br>- FEMA map                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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  
☒ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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)

**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 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 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.*

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| Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the buried waste<br>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> NA |
| Ground water is between 50 and 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste<br>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> NA |
| Ground water is more than 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste.<br>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> 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).<br>- Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site                                                                                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.<br>- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image                                                                                                                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.<br>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended.<br>- Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality                                                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within 500 feet of a wetland.<br>- US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within the area overlying a subsurface mine.<br>- Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within an unstable area.<br>- Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                |
| Within a 100-year floodplain.<br>- FEMA map                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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): Doug Thomas Title: Drilling Superintendent  
 Signature: [Signature] Date: 03/02/10  
 e-mail address: dthomas@energen.com Telephone: 505 324-4127

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

**OCD Representative Signature:** [Signature] **Approval Date:** 6/2/10  
**Title:** Enviro/Spec **OCD Permit Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.

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**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

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**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

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP.

SAN JUAN BASIN, NEW MEXICO

Drilling/Completion and Workover

Type of action & rational

☒ Transfer Drilling Pit to Completion/Workover

- Energen proposes to utilize the same pit built to drill the well for the subsequent workover/completion activities noted in the well APD and necessary to bring the subject well into optimum production. Utilization of the same pit will minimize environmental impacts and waste of resources (i.e. waste of fuel and associated greenhouse emissions, surface disturbance...).
- Workover rig to be mobilized within six months of Drilling rig demobilized
- Transfer Drilling Pit from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
(well name) (well name)
- As required by the Surface Owner and/or Surface Managing agency (e.g. BLM, USFS, Tribal). Energen is being required to utilize the same well pad for multiple new wells. In these cases, Energen proposed to utilize the same pit for all the new wells to be drilled. Utilization of the same pit will minimize environmental impacts and waste of resources (i.e. waste of fuel and associated greenhouse emissions, surface disturbance...). Energen has permitted the common pit for each well and request permission to transfer the pit since the first well has been drilled and completed.
- Pit to be considered for first well named.
- Drill rig to be rigged up within six months of former rig demobilization.

☒ Extension for three months to meet closure/cover requirements in Rule 19.15.17.13.A(6)

- As required by the Surface owner and/or Surface Managing Agency (e.g. BLM, USFS, Tribal), Energen cannot conduct construction or similar activities during Seasonal Closures and therefore cannot meet the closure requirements specified in the referenced rule. Closure will be scheduled and initiated as soon as the Seasonal Closure is lifted.
- 7-31-2010 7-18-10 (KV) needed due to Surface Owner restriction and limitation.  
(revised closure date)

In accordance with Rule 19.15.17 NMAC, this Modification/Transfer (M/T) Plan describes the modifications to the Design and Construction (D&C). Operations and Maintenance (O&M) and Closure Plans for the transfer of a previously permitted Temporary Pit on an Energen Resources Corp. location in the san Juan Basin of New Mexico.

Completion Rig Release date: 10/31/09 (KV)

This M/1 plan will be followed in that case:

D&C Plan

- No proposed changes. Energen will comply with the original Design Plan. This will include ensuring that the original design of the pit is large enough to accommodate all of the fluids and solids.

O&M Plan:

- The pit is to be considered out-of-service for the purpose of drilling the referenced well.
- The pit status will be considered in-service during this transition to and during the scheduled workover/completion activities.
- Pit inspections during the period between drill-rig down and workover/completion-rig up will be weekly.
- The fluid will be removed within 30 days after the completion of each process.
- Energen will conduct an inspection and take photo documentation no more than seven days prior to the pit being placed back into use.
- Energen will notify NMOCD district office 7-14 days prior to start of each process.
- If any mud and solids require removal to ensure that two-foot freeboard is maintained, it will be removed by use of a Supersucker® (or similar equipment that will not damage the liner ) and disposed of offsite at an approved land farm.
- Energen will sample the contents of the pit after each process is completed for Benzene, BTEX, and TPH (only required for a pit used for multiple wells).

Closure Plan:

- Due to the use of the pit for multiple processes the confirmation sampling will occur before and after the contents have been stabilized to ensure a representative sample (only required for a pit used for multiple wells).
- Energen will submit the photo documentation and testing stated above with the C-144 closure.
- All APD #s and well names will be placed on the C-144 form when the closure form is filed
- No additional proposed changes except as noted above. Energen will comply with the rest of the original Closure Plan.

Energen realizes this does not relieve them of any of the requirements of 19.15.17 NMAC.

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

FORM APPROVED  
OMB NO. 1004-0137  
Expires July 31, 2010

SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS

*Do not use this form for proposals to drill or to re-enter an abandoned well. Use Form 3160-3 (APD) for such proposals.*

**SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE - Other instructions on page 2**

1. Type of Well

☐ Oil Well ☒ Gas Well ☐ Other

2. Name of Operator

Energen Resources Corporation

3a. Address

2010 Afton Place, Farmington, NM 87401

3b. Phone No. (include area code)

(505) 325-6800

4. Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T, R, M, or Survey Description)

Sec.21, T32N, R04W 1655' ENL, 1165' FWL  
(E) SW/NW

5. Lease Serial No.

NMM 30014

6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name

7. If Unit or CA/Agreement, Name and/or No.

8. Well Name and No.

Carracas 21B # 1

9. API Well No.

30-039-30473

10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory Area

Basin Fruitland Coal

11. County or Parish, State

Rio Arriba NM

12. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES) TO INDICATE NATURE OF NOTICE, REPORT, OR OTHER DATA

TYPE OF SUBMISSION

- ☐ Notice of Intent
- ☒ Subsequent Report
- ☐ Final Abandonment Notice

TYPE OF ACTION

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|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acidize              | <input type="checkbox"/> Deepen           | <input type="checkbox"/> Production (Start/Resume) | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Shut-Off              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alter Casing         | <input type="checkbox"/> Fracture Treat   | <input type="checkbox"/> Reclamation               | <input type="checkbox"/> Well Integrity              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Casing Repair        | <input type="checkbox"/> New Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Recomplete                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>pit</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change Plans         | <input type="checkbox"/> Plug and Abandon | <input type="checkbox"/> Temporarily Abandon       | <u>extension</u>                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Convert to Injection | <input type="checkbox"/> Plug Back        | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Disposal            |                                                      |

13. Describe Proposed or Completed Operation (clearly state all pertinent details, including estimated starting date of any proposed work and approximate duration thereof. If the proposal is to deepen directionally or recompleat horizontally, give subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths of all pertinent markers and zones. Attach the Bond under which the work will be performed or provide the Bond No. on file with BLM/BIA. Required subsequent reports shall be filed within 30 days following completion of the involved operations. If the operation results in a multiple completion or recompleat in a new interval, a Form 3160-4 shall be filed once testing has been completed. Final Abandonment Notices shall be filed only after all requirements, including reclamation, have been completed, and the operator has determined that the final site is ready for final inspection.)

Due to the winter closure deadline, we are unable to complete the pit closure of this location. We are requesting an extension. Attached is the Forest Service approval and a copy of the extension request to OOD.

14. I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct

Name (Printed/Typed)

Vicki Donaghey

Title

Regulatory Analyst

Signature

Vicki Donaghey

Date

03/03/10

**THIS SPACE FOR FEDERAL OR STATE OFFICE USE**

Approved by

Title

Date

Conditions of approval, if any, are attached. Approval of this notice does not warrant or certify that the applicant holds legal or equitable title to those rights in the subject lease which would entitle the applicant to conduct operations thereon.

Office

**Bill Vocke**

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**From:** John Reidinger [jreidinger@fs.fed.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 10, 2010 2:06 PM  
**To:** Bill Vocke  
**Cc:** Jon J Miller; Miguel I Valdez; Mark Catron  
**Subject:** Re: carracas reserve pit extensions

Bill, we request that, due to the need for the winter closure, all open reserve pits that you have be left open until the closure is over, which is April 1. On April 1, if road conditions and site conditions allow, please get them closed and seeded. If conditions do not allow you to seed them, then lets close them and seed them as early as possible in the hopes of getting a head start on the revegetation. The sucess of the seeding would need to be monitored and the seeding done again in fall if unsuccessful. Should you wish to wait to seed them till next fall, lets put a cover crop on them such as an annual rye. Thanks John.

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cc

02/10/2010 11:38 AM

Subject carracas reserve pit extensions

John

As we discussed in mid November 2009 regarding the open, dewatered reserve pits. They are the carracas 16B#1-carracas 32B#7-carracas 17B#1-carracas 21B#1. Please verify that energen has a verbal extension to leave these open trough the winter closure. thank you. bill vocke ENERGEN

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