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### Jones, Brad A., EMNRD

From:

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Sent:

Thursday, May 06, 2010 3:17 PM

To:

Jones, Brad A., EMNRD

Cc:

Kim\_Champlin@xtoenergy.com

Subject:

Gardner #7A

Attachments:

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Brad,

we are scheduled to close the pit at the Gardner #7A well site, API 3004530743, located in Unit B, Section 26, Township 32N, Range 9W, San Juan County, New Mexico. We submitted the closure plan to you around February 27, 2009, and are requesting approval of the closure plan only for this well site. I appreciate your time in regards to this matter. Thanks much. (Embedded image moved to file: pic11538.jpg)

Submitted April 17 2009

District I 1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240 1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210 District III 1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410
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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.

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

Santa Fe, NM 87505

Proposed Alternative Method Permit or Closure Plan Application
Type of action:  Existing BGT  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:XTO Energy, Inc OGRID #: 5380
Address:#382 County Road 3100, Aztec, NM 87410
Facility or well name: Gardner # 7A
API Number: 30-045-30743 OCD Permit Number:
U/L or Qtr/Qtr B Section 26 Township 32N Range 09W County: San Juan
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude
Surface Owner: Federal Tstate 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: Thicknessmil LLDPE HDPE PVC Other
☐ String-Reinforced
Liner Seams: Welded Factory Other Volume: bbl Dimensions: L x W x D
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 Other
4.
Below-grade tank: Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
Volume: 95 bbl Type of fluid: Produced Water
Tank Construction material: Steel
Secondary containment with leak detection Usible sidewalls, liner, 6-inch lift and automatic overflow shut-off
Visible sidewalls and liner Visible sidewalls only Other Visible sidewalls, earthen side walls, automatic high-level shut off, no liner
Liner type: Thickness mil

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, vinstitution or church)	hospital,
Four foot height, four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced between one and four feet	
Alternate. Please specify Four foot height, steel mesh field fence (hogwire) with pipe top railing	
7.	
Netting: Subsection E of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (Applies to permanent pits and permanent open top tanks)	
☐ Screen ☐ Netting ☐ Other Expanded metal or solid vaulted top	
☐ 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	
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.	
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 accep	table source
material are provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria may require administrative approval from the appropriate the state of the stat	
office or may be considered an exception which must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of applicant must attach justification for request. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance. Siting criteria does not apply to dryi	
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	☐ Yes ⊠ No
lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).  - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	
Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.	☐ Yes ☒ No
(Applies to temporary, emergency, or cavitation pits and below-grade tanks)	□ NA
- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image	Yes No
Within 1000 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. (Applies to permanent pits)	NA NA
- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image	
Within 500 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring that less than five households use for domestic or stock	☐ Yes ⊠ No
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	☐ Yes ⊠ No
adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended.	☐ ICS ☑ NO
- Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality	
Within 500 feet of a wetland.	☐ Yes ☒ No
- US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	
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 Rureau of Geology & Mineral Resources: USGS: NM Geological	☐ Yes ☒ No
<ul> <li>Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology &amp; Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map</li> </ul>	
Within a 100-year floodplain.	☐ Yes ⊠ No
- FEMA map	

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 19.15.17.12 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.
<ul> <li>☐ Geologic and Hydrogeologic Data (only for on-site closure) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (3) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9</li> <li>☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations (only for on-site closure) - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC</li> <li>☐ Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC</li> <li>☐ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC</li> </ul>
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)
13.  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.
<ul> <li>☐ Hydrogeologic Report - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (1) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC</li> <li>☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC</li> </ul>
☐ 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
Uganty Control Quanty Assurance Construction and Instantation 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
<ul> <li>Nuisance or Hazardous Odors, including H₂S, Prevention Plan</li> <li>Emergency Response Plan</li> </ul>
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
<ul> <li>☐ Waste Removal (Closed-loop systems only)</li> <li>☐ On-site Closure Method (Only for temporary pits and closed-loop systems)</li> </ul>
☐ In-place Burial ☐ On-site Trench Burial
Alternative Closure Method (Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau for consideration)
15.  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
<ul> <li>☑ Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC</li> <li>☑ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC</li> </ul>

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.		
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 o  ☐ Yes (If yes, please provide the information below) ☐ No	ccur on or in areas that will not be used for future ser	vice and operations?
Required for impacted areas which will not be used for future service and operation Soil Backfill and Cover Design Specifications based upon the appropriate Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection	e requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMA I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC	С
Siting Criteria (regarding on-site closure methods only): 19.15.17.10 NMAC Instructions: Each siting criteria requires a demonstration of compliance in the provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria may requi considered an exception which must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmenta demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC	re administrative approval from the appropriate dist Il Bureau office for consideration of approval. Justi	rict office or may be
Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the buried waste.  - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Database search; USG	a 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; Database search;	a 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; Database search;	a obtained from nearby wells	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other siglake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).  - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	gnificant watercourse or lakebed, sinkhole, or playa	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellit		☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 500 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring that les watering purposes, or within 1000 horizontal feet of any other fresh water well or NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database; Visual inspection	spring, in existence at the time of initial application.	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh wat adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended.  - Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approx	-	Yes No
Within 500 feet of a wetland.  - US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visu	al 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	g and Mineral Division	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within an unstable area.  - Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geolog Society; Topographic map	y & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological	☐ 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 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 appropriate requirements of 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 Confirmation Plan - 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	uirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC f Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC propriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC pad) - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19. 5.17.13 NMAC uirements of Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC drill cuttings or in case on-site closure standards cann H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC 1 of 19.15.17.13 NMAC	15.17.11 NMAC

19.	
Operator Application Certification:	
I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application is true	e, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Name (Print): Kim Champlin	Title: Environmental Representative
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Signature: him Champlin	Date:03/04/2009
e-mail address: kim_champlin@xtoenergy.com	Telephone: (505) 333-3100
C-mail address. Ami champing According Second	(505) 535 5100
20.	
OCD Approval: Permit Application (including closure plan) Co	
OCD Representative Signature	Approval Date: 5/12/(0
Title: Farrimunta Engineer	OCD Permit Number:
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	prior to implementing any closure activities and submitting the closure report. ays of the completion of the closure activities. Please do not complete this
	Closure Completion Date:
22.	
Closure Method:	Alternative Closure Method
23.	
Closure Report Regarding Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop S Instructions: Please indentify the facility or facilities for where the liquid two facilities were utilized.	systems That Utilize Above Ground Steel Tanks or Haul-off Bins Only: ids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings were disposed. Use attachment if more than
Disposal Facility Name:	Disposal Facility Permit Number:
Disposal Facility Name:	
Were the closed-loop system operations and associated activities performe  Yes (If yes, please demonstrate compliance to the items below)	
Required for impacted areas which will not be used for future service and	operations:
Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation)	operations.
Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation	
Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique	
24.	
mark in the box, that the documents are attached.	wing items must be attached to the closure report. Please indicate, by a check
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)	
<ul> <li>☐ Waste Material Sampling Analytical Results (required for on-site cl</li> <li>☐ Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number</li> </ul>	osure)
Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation	
Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique	
Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation)	
On-site Closure Location: Latitude	Longitude NAD:
25.	
Operator Closure Certification:  I hereby certify that the information and attachments submitted with this cibelief. I also certify that the closure complies with all applicable closure references.	losure report is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and equirements and conditions specified in the approved closure plan.
Name (Print):	Title:
Signature:	Date:
e-mail address:	Telephone:

# XTO Energy Inc. San Juan Basin (Northwest New Mexico) General Closure Plan For Below-Grade Tanks

In accordance with Rule 19.15.17.13 NMAC the following information describes the closure requirements of below-grade tanks on XTO Energy Inc. (XTO) locations. This is XTO's standard procedure for all below-grade tanks. A separate plan will be submitted for any below-grade tank which does not conform to this plan.

### General Plan

- 1. XTO will close below-grade tanks within the time periods provided in 19.15.17.13 NMAC, or by an earlier date that the division requires because of imminent danger to fresh water, public health or the environment.
- 2. XTO will close a below-grade tank that does not meet the requirements of Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC or is not included in Paragraph (5) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC within five years after June 16, 2008, if not retrofitted to comply with Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC.
- 3. XTO will close a permitted below-grade tank within 60 days of cessation of the below-grade tank's operation or as required by the transitional provisions of Subsection B of 19.15.17.17 NMAC in accordance with a closure plan that the appropriate division district office approves. The closure report will be filed on form C-144.
- 4. XTO will remove liquids and sludge from below-grade tanks prior to implementing a closure method and will dispose of the liquids and sludge in a division-approved facility. Approved facilities and waste streams include:

Envirotech Permit No. NM01-0011 and IEI Permit No. NM 01-0010B

Soil contaminated by exempt petroleum hydrocarbons

Produced sand, pit sludge and contaminated bottoms from storage of exempt

Basin Disposal Permit No. NM01-005 Produced water

- 5. XTO will remove the below-grade tank and dispose of it in a division approved facility or recycle, reuse, or reclaim it in a manner that the appropriate division district office has approved prior to removal. Any associated liners will be removed, properly cleaned and disposed of per 19.15.9.712 NMAC at San Juan County Landfill. Documentation of the final disposition will be included in the closure report.
- 6. XTO will remove any on-site equipment associated with a below-grade tank unless the equipment is required for some other purpose.
- 7. XTO will test the soils beneath the below-grade tank to determine whether a release has occurred. At a minimum 5 point composite sample will be collected along with individual grab samples from any area that is wet, discolored or showing other evidence of a release. Samples will be

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analyzed for BTEX, TPH and chlorides to demonstrate that the benzene concentration, as determined by EPA SW-846 methods 8021B or 8260B or EPA method that the division approves, does not exceed 0.2 mg/kg; total BTEX concentration, as determined by EPA SW-846 methods 8021B or 8260B or other EPA method that the division approves, does not exceed 50 mg/kg; the TPH concentration, as determined by EPA method 418.1 or other EPA method that the division approves, does not exceed 100mg/kg; and the chloride concentration, as determined by EPA method 300.1 or other EPA method that the division approves, does not exceed 250 mg/kg, or the background concentration, whichever is greater. XTO will notify the division of its results on form C-141.

- 8. If XTO or the division determines that a release has occurred, XTO will comply with 19.15.3.116 NMAC and 19.15.1.19NMAC as appropriate.
- 9. If the sampling program demonstrates that a release has not occurred or that any release does not exceed the concentrations specified in Paragraph (4) of Subsection E of 19.15.17.13 NMAC, XTO will backfill the excavation with compacted, non-waste containing, earthen material; construct a division prescribed soil cover; recontour and re-vegetate the site.
- 10. Notice of Closure operations will be given to the Aztec Division District III office between 72 hours and one week prior to the start of closure activities via email or verbally. The notification will include the following:
  - i. Operator's name
  - ii. Well Name and API Number
  - iii. Location by Unit Letter, Section, Township, and Range

The surface owner shall also be notified prior to the implementation of any closure operations of below-grade tanks as per the approved closure plan using certified mail, return receipt requested.

- 11. Re-contouring of location will match fit, shape, line, form and texture of the surrounding area. Re-shaping will include drainage control, prevent ponding, and prevent erosion. Natural drainages will be unimpeded and water bars and/or silt traps will be placed in areas where needed to prevent erosion on a large scale. Final re-contour shall have a uniform appearance with smooth surface, fitting the natural landscape.
- 12. A minimum of 4 feet of cover shall be achieved and the cover shall include 1 foot of suitable material to establish vegetation at the site, or the background thickness of topsoil, whichever is greater. Soil cover will be constructed to the site's existing grade and ponding of water and erosion of the cover material will be prevented with drainage control, natural drainages and silt traps where needed.
- 13. XTO will seed the disturbed areas the first growing season after the operator closes the pit. Seeding will be accomplished via drilling on the contour whenever practical or by other division-approved methods. BLM or Forest Service stipulated seed mixes will be used on federal lands. 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, and maintain that cover through two successive growing seasons. Repeat seeding or planting will be continued until successful vegetative growth occurs.

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- 14. All closure activities will include proper documentation and be available for review upon request and will be submitted in closure report form to OCD within 60 days of closure of the below-grade tank. Closure report will be filed on form C-144 and incorporate the following:
  - i. Proof of closure notice to division and surface owner;
  - ii. Details on capping and covering, where applicable;
  - iii. Inspection reports;
  - iv. Confirmation sampling analytical results;
  - v. Disposal facility name(s) and permit number(s);
  - vi. Soil backfilling and cover installation;
  - vii. Re-vegetation application rates and seeding techniques, (or approved alternative to re-vegetation requirements if applicable);
  - viii. Photo documentation of the site reclamation.

District.1 1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240 District II 1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210 District III

1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

District IV

State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources SEP 2006

Form C-102 Revised June 10, 2003

### OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 1220 South St. Francis Dr. Santa Fe, NM 87505

Submit to Appropriate District Office State Lease - 4 Copies Fee Lease - 3 Copies

AMENDED REPORT

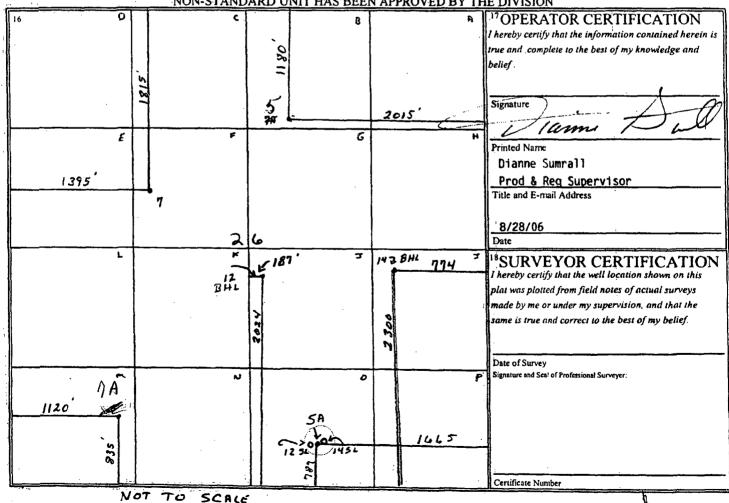
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505 WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION API Number Pool Code 30-045-30743 72319 Blanco · Mesaverde <sup>5</sup> Property Name Property Code Well Number 033362 Gardner OGRID No <sup>8</sup> Operator Name Elevation Peoples Energy Production - TX, L.P. 225711 6537

<sup>10</sup>Surface Location Range Feet from the Feet from the Section Township Lot. Idn North/South line East/West line County UL or lot no. 835 1120 9W We ST M 26 32N San Juan

Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot no.	Sec	ction	Township	Range	Lot	. ldn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
	2	6	32N	9W						<u>.</u>	San Juan
12 Dedicated Acre	es	13 Join	it or Infill	14 Consolidatio	n Code	15 Or	der No.				
320		1	nfill					f	R-10987-A(1)		

NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION





### Pit Permit Siting Criteria

Client:	XTO Energy
Project:	Pit Permits
Revised:	2-Mar-09
Prepared by:	Brooke Herb

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АРІ#:[		30-045-30743	USPLSS:	T32N,R09W,S26B
Name:		Gardner #7A	Lat/Long:	36.959365; -107.746995
Depth to groundwater:		> 100'	Geologic formation:	San Jose Formation
Distance to closest continuously flowing watercourse:	7.72 mile	es W of Los Pinos River		
Distance to closest significant watercourse, lakebed, playa lake, or sinkhole:	Lake; 1600 pond; 215	ox Canyon; 4650' E of a Playa b' NE of a lined evaporation l' N-NW of Devil's Washpan; S' W of Pinto Canyon		
sinknoie:[			Soil Type:	Entisols
Permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church within 300'		No	33 1 <b>7.</b>	
, wayan 355 [			Annual Precipitation:	12.95 inches (Navajo Dam)
Domestic fresh water well or spring within 500'		No	Precipitation Notes:	no significant precip events
Any other fresh water well or spring within 1000'	No - 3380	' NE of Rawhide Spring	<b>'</b>	
Within incorporated municipal boundaries		No	Attached Documents:	Groundwater report and Data; FEMA Flood Zone Map
Within defined municipal fresh water well field		No		Aerial Photo, Topo Map, Mines Mills and Quarries Map
Wetland within 500'		No	Mining Activity:	
Within unstable area		No		None Near
Within 100 year flood plain	No - Fi	EMA Flood Zone 'X'		
Additional Notes:			, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	3470' NE of a cleared area for agriculture/
				Livestock

### Gardner #7A Below Ground Tank Siting Criteria and Closure Plan

### General Geology and Hydrology

The San Juan Basin is a typical Rocky Mountain basin with a gently dipping southern flank and a steeply dipping northern flank. Asymmetrically layered Tertiary sandstones and shales, along with Quaternary alluvial deposits, dominate surficial geology (Dane and Bachman, 1965). The proposed pit location will be located in the north central San Juan Basin near Navajo Lake. The predominant geologic formation is the San Jose Formation of Tertiary age, which underlies surface soils and is often exposed (Dane and Bachman, 1965). Deposits of Quaternary alluvial and aeolian sands occur near the surface of the area, especially near streams and washes.

Cretaceous and Tertiary sandstones, as well as Quaternary alluvial deposits serve as the primary aquifers in the San Juan Basin (Stone et al., 1983). In most of the proposed area, the San Jose Formation lies at the surface and overlies the Nacimiento Formation. Thickness of the San Jose ranges from 200 to 2700 feet, thickening from west to east across the region of interest (Stone et al., 1983). Aquifers within the coarser and continuous sandstone bodies of the San Jose Formation are between 0 and 2700' deep in this section of the basin (Stone et al., 1983). Groundwater within these aquifers flows southwest, toward the San Juan River. Little specific hydrogeologic data is available for the San Jose Formation system, but "numerous wells and springs used for stock and domestic supplies" draw their water from the San Jose Formation (Stone et al., 1983).

The prominent soil type(s) at the proposed site are entisols and aridisols, which are defined as soils exhibiting little to no profile development (www.emnrd.state.nm.us). Soils are basically unaltered from their parent rock. Miles of arroyos, washes and intermittent streams exist as part of the drainage network towards the San Juan River. These features often cut into soil and other unconsolidated materials, contributing to sedimentation downstream. The sudden influx of water from storm events easily erodes the soils that cover the area and prohibits effective recharge to the underlying aquifers.

Regional weather further prohibit active recharge. The climate is arid, averaging just over 11 inches of rainfall annually. As is typical of the southwestern United States monsoonal weather patterns, most precipitation falls from July through September. The heaviest rainfall occurs in the summer in isolated, intense cloudbursts. September through June is relatively dry. Snow generally falls from December to mid-February and averages less than one-half inch in depth. However, most recharge occurs during the winter months during snowmelt periods from the upper elevations (Western Regional Climate Center www.wrcc.dri.edu).

The predominant vegetation is sagebrush and grasses with a more restricted pinon-juniper association (Dick-Peddie, 1993).

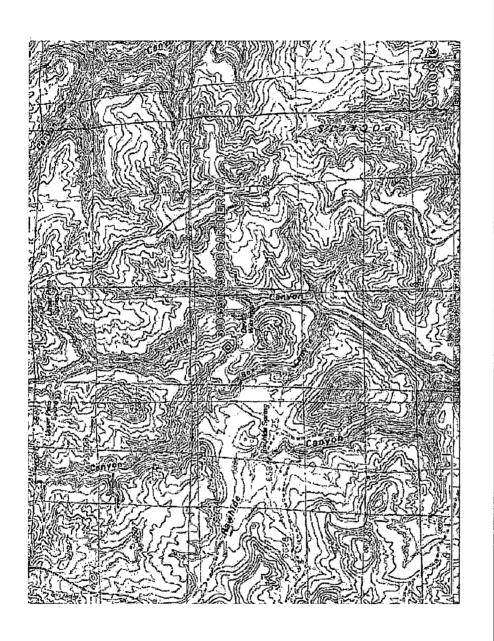
### Site Specific Hydrogeology

Depth to groundwater is estimated to be greater than 100 feet. This estimation is based on data from Stone and others (1983), the USGS Groundwater Atlas of the United States and depth to groundwater data published on the New Mexico State Engineer's iWaters Database website. Local topography, proximity to adjacent channels & spring features at similar elevations nearby are also taken into consideration. Groundwater data is extremely limited in this region; the nearest iWaters data point lies 1700 feet east (SP 045231); this source is an evaporation pond. The closest water well is 1.56 miles to the west (SJ 03131).

Beds of water-yielding sandstone are present in the San Jose Formation, which are fluvial in origin and are interbedded with mudstone, siltstone & shale. "Extensive intertonguing" of different members of this formation is reported (Stone et al, 1983). Porous sandstones form the principal aquifers, while relatively impermeable shales and mudstones form confining units between the aquifers (Stone et al., 1983). Local aquifers exist within the San Jose Formation at depths greater than 100 feet and thicknesses of the aquifer can be up to several hundred feet (USGS, Groundwater Atlas of the US; Stone et al, 1983).

A site visit to this location determined that there is a playa lake approximately 4650 feet to the west of the site. Within the cleared area of the playa lake, there are vegetated patches and some man-made berms for stock ponds. Approximately 3470 feet to the west of the below grade tank site there is an area cleared for agriculture or livestock. Approximately 215 feet to the north is a drainage basin named Devil's Washpan.

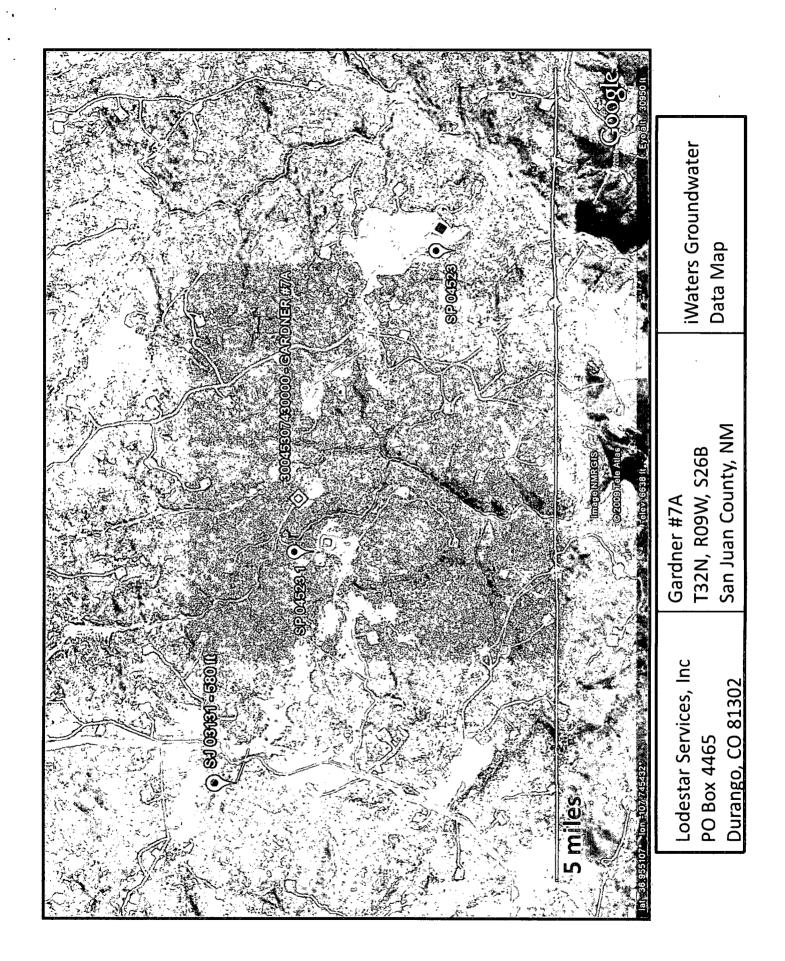
Groundwater data available from the NM State Engineer's iWaters Database for wells near the existing below grade tank are attached. A water well to the northwest is approximately 80 feet higher in elevation then the proposed site. Depth to groundwater within the well is 580 feet below ground surface. Distance to groundwater at the site is greater than 100 feet below ground surface.



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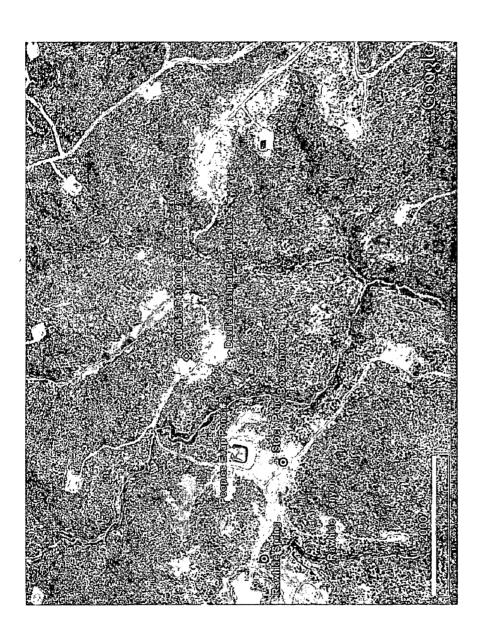
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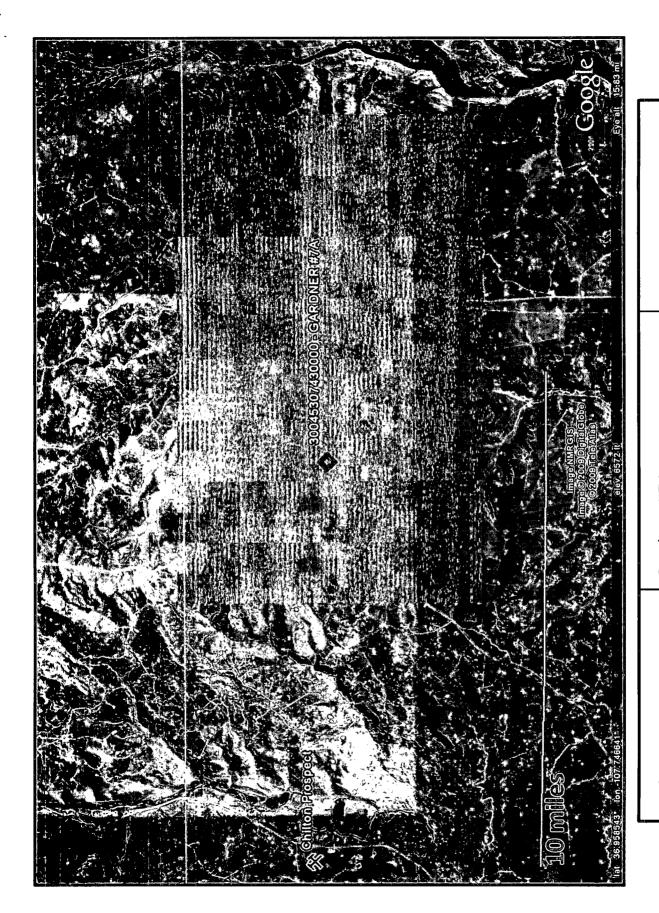
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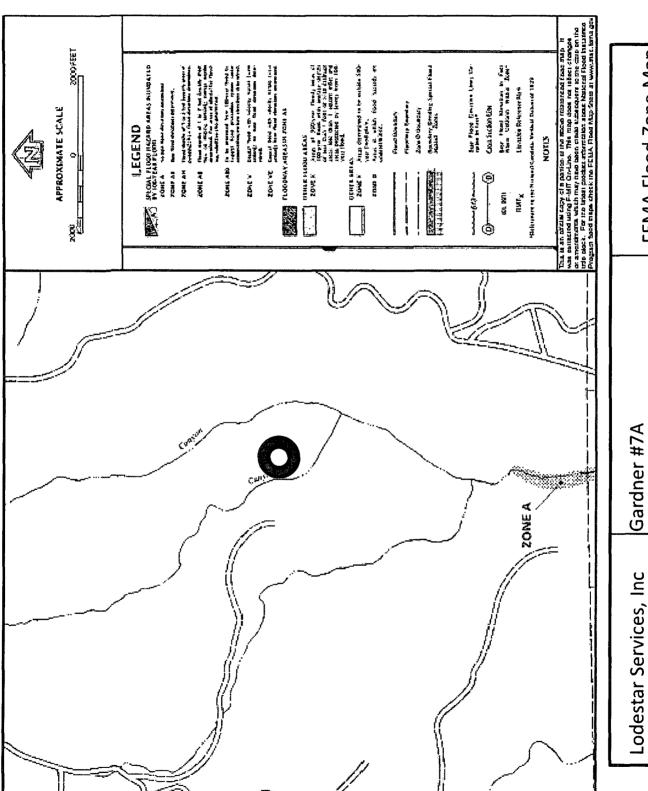
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Mines, Mills, and Quarries Map



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**FEMA Flood Zone Map** 

# XTO Energy Inc. San Juan Basin (Northwest New Mexico) General Design and Construction Plan For Below-Grade Tanks

In accordance with Rule 19.15.17.11 NMAC the following information describes the design and construction of below-grade tanks on XTO Energy Inc. (XTO) locations. This is XTO's standard procedure for all below-grade tanks. A separate plan will be submitted for any below-grade tank which does not conform to this plan.

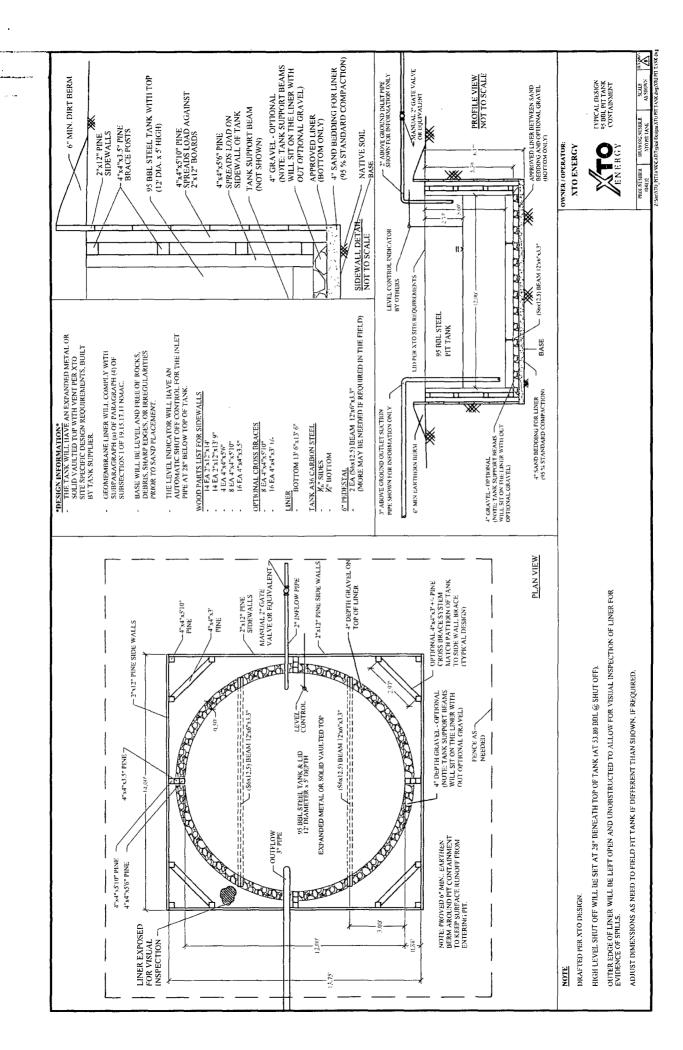
### General Plan

- 1. XTO will design and construct below-grade tanks to contain liquids and solids and prevent contamination of fresh water and protect public health and environment.
- 2. XTO will post a well sign, in compliance with 19.15.3.103 NMAC, on the existing well site operated by XTO where the existing below-grade tank is located. The sign will list the Operator on record as the operator, the location of the well site by unit letter, section, township, range, and emergency telephone numbers.
- 3. XTO is requesting approval of an alternative fencing to be used on below-grade tank locations. Below-grade tank locations will be fenced utilizing 48" steel mesh field-fence (hogwire) with pipe railing along the top. A 6' chain link fence will be utilized around the well pad if the well site is within a city limits or ¼ mile of a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church. Below-grade tanks located within 1000' of a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church will be fenced by 6' chain link fence with at least two strands of barbed wire at the top. All gates associated with below-grade tanks will remain closed and locked when responsible individuals are not on site.
- 4. XTO shall construct below-grade tanks with an expanded metal covering or solid vaulted top on the top of the below-grade tank.
- 5. XTO will ensure that below-grade tanks are constructed of materials resistant to the below-grade tank's particular contents and resistant to damage from sunlight. Tanks will be constructed of A36 carbon steel with 3/16" sides and \(\frac{1}{2}\)" bottom. (See attached drawing).
- 6. The below-grade tank system will have a properly constructed foundation consisting of a level base free of rocks, debris, sharp edges or irregularities to prevent punctures, cracks or indentations of the liner or tank bottom. Sand bedding (4") will be placed on top of a level foundation to ensure prevention of punctures, cracks or indentations of the liner or tank bottom.
- 7. XTO will construct a berm and/or diversion ditch in a manner that prevents the collection of surface water run-on. Below-grade tanks will be equipped with automatic high level shut-off devices as well as manually operated shut-off valves. (See attached drawing).
- 8. XTO will construct and use below-grade tanks that do not have double walls. The below-grade tank sidewalls will be open for visual inspection for leaks. The sidewalls of the cellar will be constructed with 2" X 12" pine sidewalls and 4" X 4" pine brace posts. The below-grade tank

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> bottom will be elevated a minimum of 6" above the underlying ground surface and the belowgrade tank will be underlain with a geomembrane liner to divert leaked liquid to a location that can be visually inspected. (See attached drawing).

- 9. XTO will equip below-grade tanks designed in this manner with a properly functioning automatic high-level shut-off control device and manual controls to prevent overflows. (See attached drawing).
- 10. XTO will demonstrate to the OCD that the geomembrane liner complies with the specifications of Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC and obtain approval from OCD prior to the installation of the design. The geomembrane liner shall have a hydraulic conductivity no greater than 1 x 10-9 cm/sec. The geomembrane liner shall be composed of an impervious, synthetic material that is resistant to petroleum hydrocarbons, salts and acidics and alkaline solutions. The liner material shall be resistant to ultraviolet light. Liner compatibility shall comply with EPA SW-846 method 9090A. (See attached drawing).
- 11. The general specifications for design and construction are attached.



# XTO Energy Inc. San Juan Basin (Northwest New Mexico) General Maintenance and Operating Plan For Below-Grade Tanks

In accordance with Rule 19.15.17.12 NMAC the following information describes the operation and maintenance of below-grade tanks on XTO Energy Inc. (XTO) locations. This is XTO's standard procedure for all below-grade tanks. A separate plan will be submitted for any below-grade tank which does not conform to this plan.

### General Plan

- XTO will operate and maintain below-grade tanks to contain liquids and solids, maintain the
  integrity of the liner and secondary containment system, prevent contamination of fresh water and
  protect public health and the environment. Fluid levels will be monitored weekly and high levels
  will be removed as necessary. Monthly inspections will be conducted to monitor integrity of
  below-grade tank systems and below-grade tanks will be equipped with automatic high-level
  shut-off devices.
- 2. XTO will not allow below-grade tanks to overflow and will use berms and/or diversion ditch to prevent surface run on to enter the below-grade tank. Below-grade tanks will be equipped with automatic high-level shut-off control devices as well as manually operated shut-off valves. See attached drawing for vault design and placement of diversion berms and shut-off devices.
- 3. XTO will continuously remove any visible or measurable layer of oil from the fluid surface of below-grade tanks in order to prevent significant accumulation of oil.
  - 4. XTO will inspect the below-grade tank monthly and maintain written records for five years. Monthly inspections will consist of documenting the following: (see attached template),

Well Name

API#

Sec., Twn., Rng.

XTO Inspector's name

Inspection date and time

Visible tears in liner

Visible signs of tank overflow

Collection of surface run on

Visible layer of oil

Visible signs of tank leak

Estimated freeboard

- 5. XTO will maintain adequate freeboard to prevent over topping of the below-grade tank. High level shut-off devices control the freeboard at an average of 28" beneath the top of the tank.
- 6. XTO will not discharge into or store any hazardous waste in any below-grade tank.
- 7. If a below-grade tank develops a leak, or if any penetration of a below-grade tank occurs below the liquids surface, XTO will remove all liquids above the damage or leak line within 48 hours,

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notify the appropriate division district office within 48 hours of the discovery and repair the damage or replace the below-grade tank. If an existing below-grade tank does not meet current requirements of Paragraphs 1-4 of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC the tank will be modified or retrofitted to comply. If compliance can not be achieved XTO will implement the approved closure plan.

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Well Name:					API No.:			
Legals	Sec		Township:		Range:			
XTO Inspector's Name	Inspection Date	Inspection	Any visible liner tears (Y/N)	Any visible signs of tank overflows (Y/N)	Collection of surface run on (Y/N)	Visible layer of oil (Y/N)	Any visible signs of a tank leak (Y/N)	Freeboard Est (#)
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