## Jones, Brad A., EMNRD

From:

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Thursday, December 09, 2010 1:17 PM

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Subject:

**BGT Closures** 

#### Brad.

We are planning to plug and abandon several more Gallegos Federal wells in the near future, and I was hoping you could approve the BGT closure plans only for these well sites.

Gallegos Federal 26-12-31 #1 API 30-045-28902 Submitted 11/21/2008 Gallegos Federal 26-13-12 #1S API 30-045-31657 Submitted 11/21/2008 Gallegos Federal 26-13-1 #1S API30-045-31712 Submitted 11/21/2008 Gallegos Federal 26-12-31 #1S API 30-045-31904 Submitted 01/16/2009

Thank you very much for your time.

Kim Champlin XTO Energy Inc. **EHES Administrative Coordinator** San Juan Division (505) 333-3100 office (505) 330 8357 cell (505) 333-3280 fax kim\_champlin@xtoenergy.com

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 LIN 20 PM 1 52	Form C-144 July 21, 2008  For temporary pits, closed-loop systems, and below-grade tanks, submit to the appropriate NMOCD District Office. For permanent pits and exceptions submit to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office and provide a copy to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.
Pit, Closed-Loop System, Below-Grade T Proposed Alternative Method Permit or Closure P	
Type of action:  Existing BGT  Closure of a pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank, or Modification to an existing permit  Closure plan only submitted for an existing permitted or below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method	r proposed alternative method
Instructions: Please submit one application (Form C-144) per individual pit, closed-loop system	m, 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 environment. Nor does approval relieve the operator of its responsibility to comply with any other applicable government.	pollution of surface water, ground water or the
Operator: XTO Energy, Inc. OGRID #:	. 5390
Address: #382 County Road 3100, Aztec, NM 87410	
Facility or well name: _Gallegos Federal 26 12 31 #1S	
API Number: 30-045-31904 OCD Permit Number:	
U/L or Qtr/Qtr D Section 31 Township 26N Range 12W Coun	
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 36.44889 Longitude 108.15883	NAD: 🔲 1927 🔀 1983
Surface Owner:  Federal  State  Private  Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment	
Pit: Subsection F or G of 19.15.17.11 NMAC   Temporary:	
3.	
Closed-loop System: Subsection H of 19.15.17.11 NMAC	
Type of Operation: P&A Drilling a new well Workover or Drilling (Applies to activities which intent)	ch require prior approval of a permit or notice of
☐ Drying Pad ☐ Above Ground Steel Tanks ☐ Haul-off Bins ☐ Other	
☐ Lined ☐ Unlined Liner type: Thicknessmil ☐ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐	Other
Liner Seams:  Welded  Factory  Other	
4.    Below-grade tank: Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC   Volume: 120   bbl Type of fluid: Produced Water   Tank Construction material: Steel   Visible sidewalls, liner, 6-inch lift and automatic over	erflow shut-off

Alternative Method:

Liner type: Thickness

Submittal of an exception request is required. Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

☐ Visible sidewalls and liner ☐ Visible sidewalls only ☒ Other Visible sidewalls, vaulted, automatic high-level shut off, no liner

mil HDPE PVC Other

Fencing: Subsection D of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (Applies to permanent pits, temporary pits, and below-grade tanks)  □ Chain link, six feet in height, two strands of barbed wire at top (Required if located within 1000 feet of a permanent residence, school, institution or church)  □ 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	hospital,
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 consideration of approval.  Exception(s): Requests must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.	office for
Siting Criteria (regarding permitting): 19.15.17.10 NMAC Instructions: The applicant must demonstrate compliance for each siting criteria below in the application. Recommendations of accept material are provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria may require administrative approval from the approoffice or may be considered an exception which must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of a Applicant must attach justification for request. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance. Siting criteria does not apply to dry above-grade tanks associated with a closed-loop system.	priate district pproval.
Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the temporary pit, permanent pit, or below-grade tank.  - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	☐ Yes ⊠ No
Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse or lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).  - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ⊠ No
Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.  (Applies to temporary, emergency, or cavitation pits and below-grade tanks)  - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image	☐ Yes ☑ No ☐ NA
Within 1000 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.  (Applies to permanent pits)  - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image	☐ Yes ☐ No ☑ NA
Within 500 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring that less than five households use for domestic or stock watering purposes, or within 1000 horizontal feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in existence at the time of initial application.  - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ⊠ No
Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended.  - Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality.	☐ Yes ⊠ No
Within 500 feet of a wetland US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes 🖾 No
Within the area overlying a subsurface mine.  - Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division	☐ Yes ☑ No
<ul> <li>Within an unstable area.</li> <li>Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology &amp; Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map</li> </ul>	☐ Yes ⊠ No
Within a 100-year floodplain FEMA map	☐ Yes ☑ No

Temporary Pits, Emergency Pits, and Below-grade Tanks Permit Application Attachment Checklist: Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC  Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.  Mydrogeologic 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: 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:
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   Quality Control/Quality Assurance Construction and Installation Plan   Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC   Freeboard and Overtopping Prevention Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC   Nuisance or Hazardous Odors, including H <sub>2</sub> S, Prevention Plan   Gil Field Waste Stream Characterization   Monitoring and Inspection Plan   Closure Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 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 G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Above Ground Ste Instructions: Please indentify the facility or facilities for the disposal of liquids, dril facilities are required.	el Tanks or Haul-off Bins Only: (19.15.17.13.D NM ling fluids and drill cuttings. Use attachment if more	IAC) than two
,	sposal Facility Permit Number:	
	sposal Facility Permit Number:	
Will any of the proposed closed-loop system operations and associated activities occur  ☐ 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 I o  Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection	f 19.15.17.13 NMAC	
17. <u>Siting Criteria (regarding on-site closure methods only)</u> : 19.15.17.10 NMAC  Instructions: Each siting criteria requires a demonstration of compliance in the clo provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria may require a considered an exception which must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bi demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for	dministrative approval from the appropriate district o ureau office for consideration of approval. Justificat	ffice 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; Data of		Yes  No
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 of		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 of		Yes □ No NA
Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significance (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).  - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	cant watercourse or lakebed, sinkhole, or playa	Yes No
Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in  Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite im		Yes No
Within 500 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring that less th watering purposes, or within 1000 horizontal feet of any other fresh water well or spring - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database; Visual inspection (cer	ng, in existence at the time of initial application.	Yes No
Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water wadopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended.  - Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval	_	Yes No
Within 500 feet of a wetland.  - US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual in	nspection (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 an	d Mineral Division	Yes No
Within an unstable area.  - Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology & Society; Topographic map	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 for by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.  Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of Surface Owner Notice - based upon the appropriate requirements of Surface Owner Notice - based upon the appropriate requirements of Surface Owner Plan of Burial Trench (if applicable) based upon the appropriate Construction/Design Plan of Temporary Pit (for in-place burial of a drying pad)  Protocols and Procedures - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17  Confirmation Sampling Plan (if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Sulface Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number (for liquids, drilling fluids and drill Soil Cover Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection I of Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection	ements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC absection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC opriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17 7.13 NMAC ements of Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC bsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC cuttings or in case on-site closure standards cannot be if 19.15.17.13 NMAC f 19.15.17.13 NMAC	7.11 NMAC

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): Kim Champlin Title: Environmental Representative
Signature:
e-mail address: kim_champlin@xtoenergy.com Telephone: (505) 333-3100
20.
OCD Approval: Permit Application (including closure plan) Closure Plan (only) OCD Conditions (see attachment)
OCD Representative Signature: Approval Date: 12/13/10
Title: OCD Permit Number:
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:
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 indentify 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
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
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:

Osstract I PO 80x 1980, Hobbs, NM 88241-1980

State of New Mexico gy, Hinarals & Natural Pesources Department

Form C-102 Revised February 21, 1994
Instructions on back
Submit to Appropriate District Office
State Lease - 4 Copies
Fee Lease - 3 Copies

PO Drawer 00, Artesia, NM 88211-0719

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION PO Box 2088 Santa Fe. NM 87504-2088

District III 1000 Rio Brazos Rd. Aztec, NH 87410

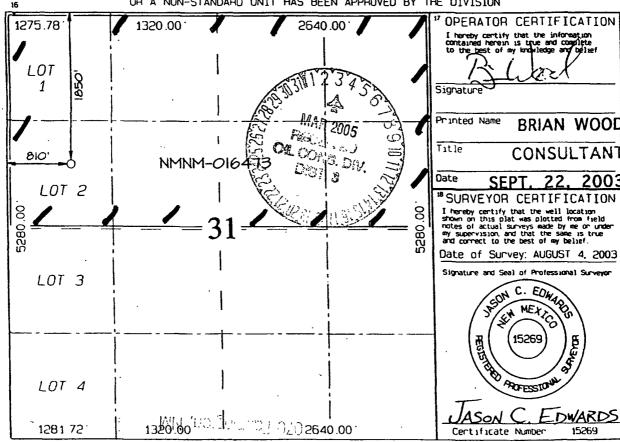
AMENDED REPORT

District IV PO 80x 2088, Santa Fe. NM 87504-2088

### WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

30-04	PI Number	and		*Pool Cod 71629	2	POO) Name BASIN FRUITLAND COAL				
300 7	72		Property Name  Well Number  Well Number  SEME 26-12-31  SE 15							
'0GA10 N 19480		*Operator Name *Elevation CALPINE NATURAL GAS L.P. 6150								
17	811				<sup>lo</sup> Surface	Location				
UL or lot no	Section	Cownertup	Range	Lot lan	Feet from the	Harth/South 13ne	Feet from the	East/Mest lum	County	
E	31	26N	12W		1850	NORTH	810	WEST	SAN JUAN	
•		11 B	ottom	Hole L	ocation I	f Different	From Surf	ace	•	
UL or bot no	Section	Township	Range	Lat Ion	Feet from the	North/South 'Isne	Feet from the	East/Nest lune	County	
M Dedicated Acres		41 Acre	s - (N	1/5)	<sup>13</sup> Joint or Infill	<sup>56</sup> Coneclidation Code	E Order No	<u>i_,</u> _		

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



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# Lodestar Services, Inc. P0 Box 4465, Duranga, CO 81302

# Pit Permit Siting Criteria Information Sheet

Client:	XTO Energy
Project:	Pit Permits
Revised:	11/10/2008
Prepared by:	Daniel Newman

V	information sheet	Prepared by:	Daniel Newman
API#:	3004531904	USPLSS:	T26N,R12W,31D
Name:	Gallegos Federal 26 12 31 #1S	Lat/Long:	36.44889 / -108.15883
Depth to groundwater:	between 50' and 100'	Geologic formation:	Nacimiento Formation
Distance to closest continuously flowing watercourse:	11 / 78 miles south of the San Juan I		
Distance to closest significant watercourse, lakebed, playa lake, or sinkhole:	1.31 miles west of the West Fork of Gallegos Canyon		
Permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church within 300'	No	Soil Type:	Entisols & Aridisols
		Annual Precipitation:	8.71 inches average
Domestic fresh water well or spring within 500'	No	Precipitation Notes:	no significant precipatation events
Any other fresh water well or spring within 1000'	No	<u> </u>	
Within incorporated municipal boundaries	No	Attached Documents:	
Within defined municipal fresh water well field	No		Topo map, ground water data map, ariel photo, mines and quarries map, FEMA map
Wetland within 500'	No	Mining Activity:	No
Within unstable area	No		
Within 100 year flood plain	Zone X		
Additional Notes:		<del>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </del>	
	corrected township/range from T26N,R12W,31E to T26N,R12W,31D	*1	

## Gallegos Federal 26 12 31 #18 Below Ground Tank Hydrogeologic Report for Siting Criteria

#### 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 northernmost Bisti region of the San Juan Basin within an area dominated by irrigated fields of the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project. The predominant geologic formation is the Nacimiento Formation of Tertiary age, which underlies surface soils and is often exposed (Dane and Bachman, 1965). Deposits of Quaternary alluvial and aeolian sands occur prominently 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 Nacimiento Formation lies at the surface and grades into the Animas Formation to the west. Thickness of the Nacimiento ranges from 418 to 2232 feet (Stone et al., 1983). Aquifers within the coarser and continuous sandstone bodies of the Nacimiento Formation are between 0 and 1000' deep in this section of the basin (Stone et al., 1983). Groundwater within these aquifers flows toward the San Juan River.

The prominent soil type at the proposed site are entisols and aridisols, which are defined as soils that exhibit little to no any 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.

The climate of the region is arid, averaging just over 8 inches of rainfall annually. As is typical of the southwestern United States monsoonal weather patterns, most precipitation falls from August through October. The heaviest rainfall occurs in the summer in isolated, intense cloudbursts. November 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).

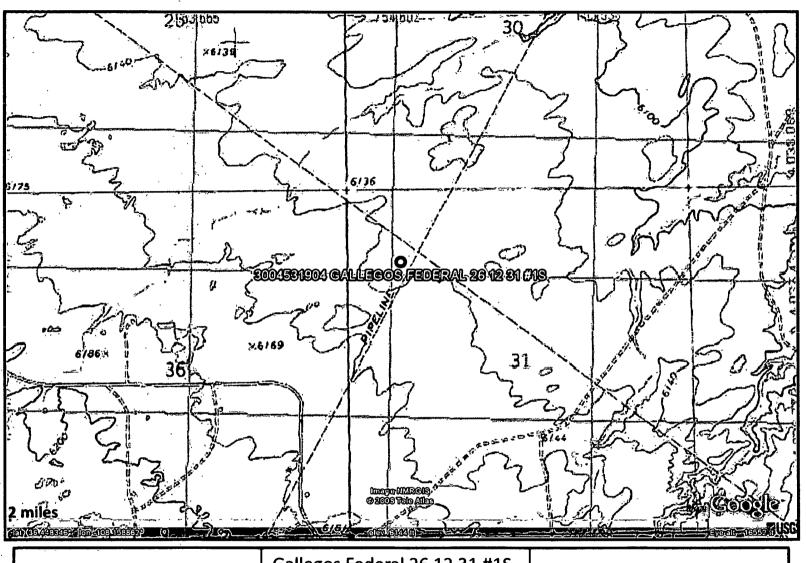
#### Site Specific Hydrogeology

Depth to groundwater is estimated to be between 50 and 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 and proximity to surface hydrologic features are also taken into consideration.

Beds of water-yielding sandstone are present in the Nacimiento Formation, which are fluvial in origin and are interbedded with siltstone, shale and coal. Porous sandstones form the principal aquifers, while relatively impermeable shales form confining units between the aquifers (Stone et al., 1983). Local aquifers exist within the Nacimiento Formation at depth s greater than 100 feet and thicknesses of the aquifer can be up to 3500 feet (USGS, Groundwater Atlas of the US).

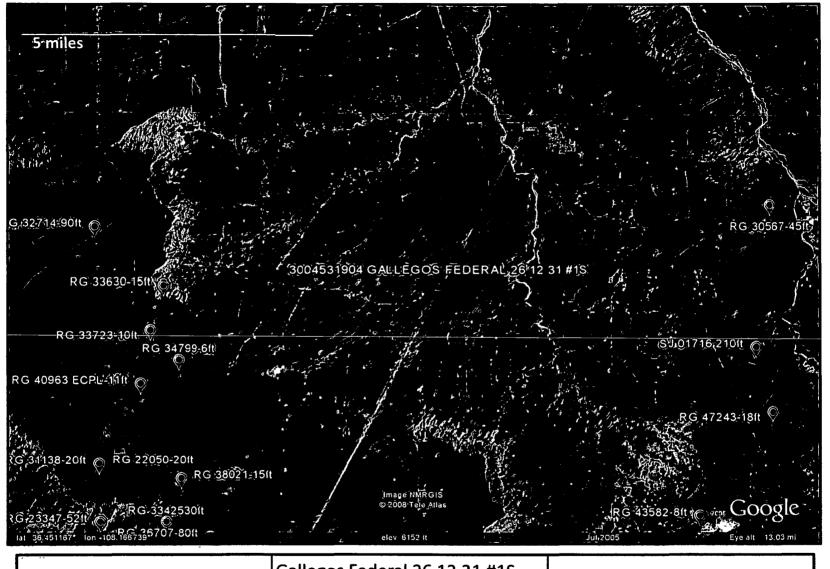
The site in question is located 2.06 miles southeast of an unnamed arroyo, at an elevation of approximately 6,141 feet and approximately 1.4 mile west of the West Fork of Gallegos Canyon. Broad shalely hills are interspersed with occasional sandstone outcrops, and systems of dry washes and their tributaries are evident on the attached aerial image. Groundwater is expected to be shallow within Gallegos Canyon. The floor of the West Fork Gallegos Canyon is at an elevation of approximately 6,044 feet approximately 100 feet lower in elevation.

Groundwater data available from the NM State Engineer's iWaters Database for wells near the proposed site are attached. A map showing the locations of wells in reference to the proposed pit location is also attached. Water drops show locations of wells and the labels for each water drop indicate depth to groundwater in feet. The closest well to the site is an elevation of approximately of 6,270 feet and is located 4.7 miles to the west this well puts groundwater at 15 feet below the surface. This well is not representative of the proposed site. The observations made within this report suggest that groundwater is between 50 and 100 feet deep at the proposed location.



Lodestar Services, Inc PO Box 4465 Durango, CO 81302 Gallegos Federal 26 12 31 #1S T26N,R12W,31D San Juan County , NM

**TOPOGRAPHIC MAP** 



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i-Waters Ground Water Data Map

## AVERAGE DEPTH OF WATER REPORT 11/09/2008

								(Depth	Water in	Feet)
Bsn	Tws	Rng	Sec	Zone	X	· <b>Y</b>	Wells	Min	Max	Avg
RG	25Ñ	12W	11	C	684250	1972400	1	19	19	19
RG	25N	12W	12				1	18	18	18
RG	25N	12U	22				. 1	8	8	8
RG	25N	12W	23				1	8	8	. В
RG	25N	12W	27	С	€78500	1958950	1	50	50	50
RG	25N	12W	31	С	689100	1949800	1	30	30	30
SJ	25N -	12W	01				1	210 -	210	210

### AVERAGE DEPTH OF WATER REPORT 11/08/2008

								(Depth	Water in	Feet)
Bsn	Tws	Rng :	Sec	Zone	x	Y	Wells	Min	Max	Avg
RG	25N	13W	05				2	6	10	8
RG	25N	13W	08				1	11	11	11
RG	25N	13W	17				1	15	15	15
RG	25N	13W	18				2	20	20	20
RG	25N	13W	19				2	52	60	56
RG	25N	13W :	20				3	30	60	43
RG	25N	13W :	21				1	80	80	80

Record Count: 12

# AVERAGE DEPTH OF WATER REPORT 11/04/2008

		*					(Depth 1	Water in	Feet)
Bsn	Tws	Rng Sec	Zone	x	Y	Wells	Min	Max	Avg
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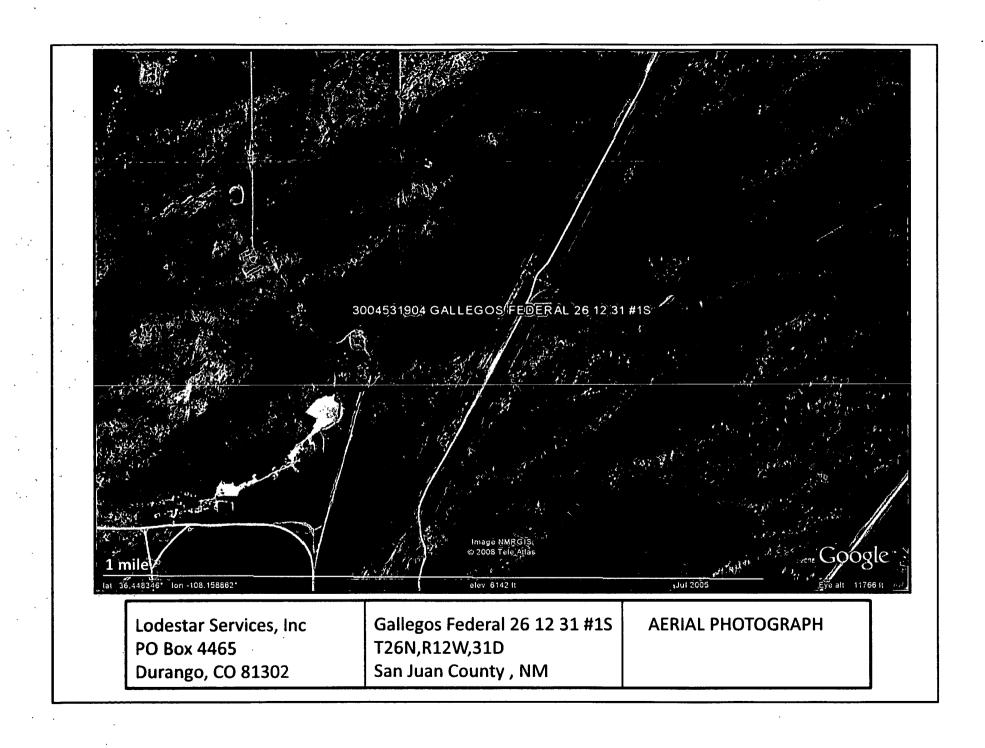
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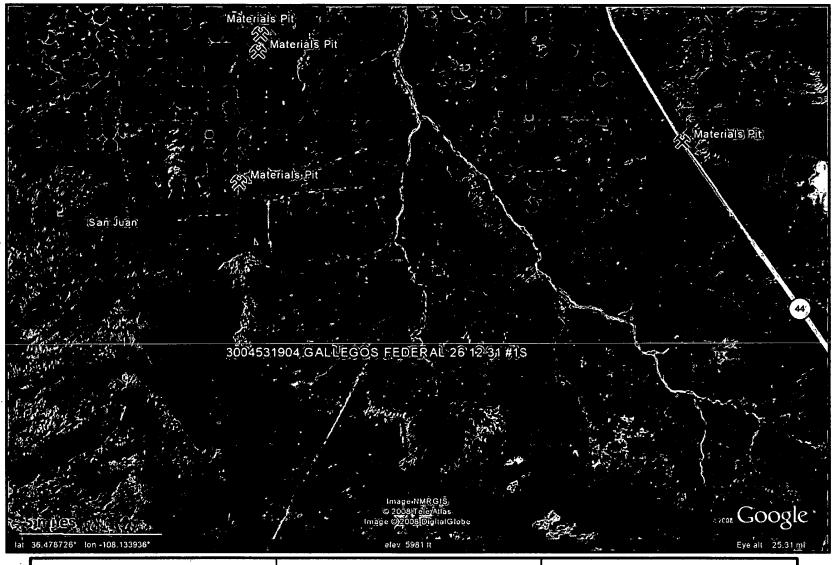
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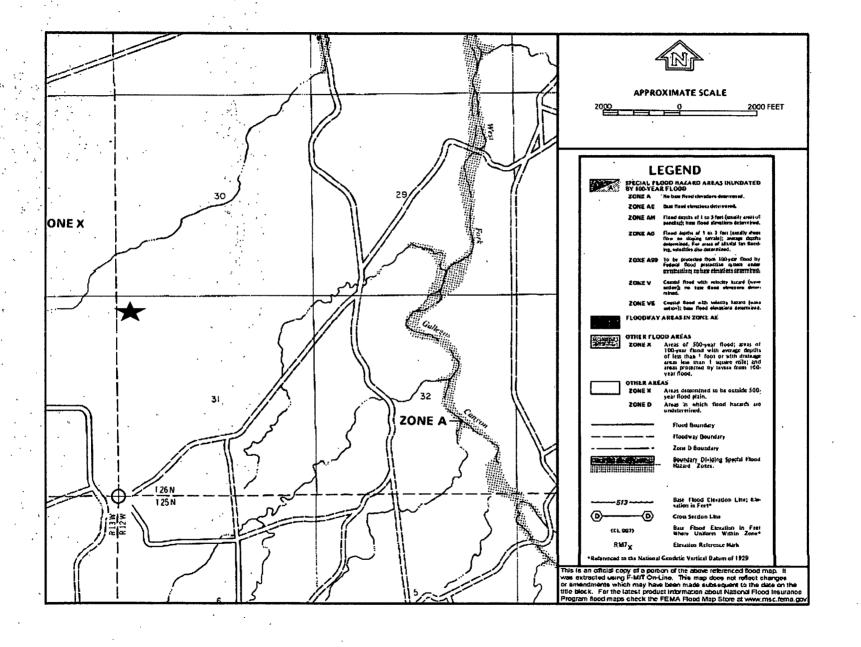
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Mines and Quarries Map



# 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

- 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 wastes

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.

# 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.

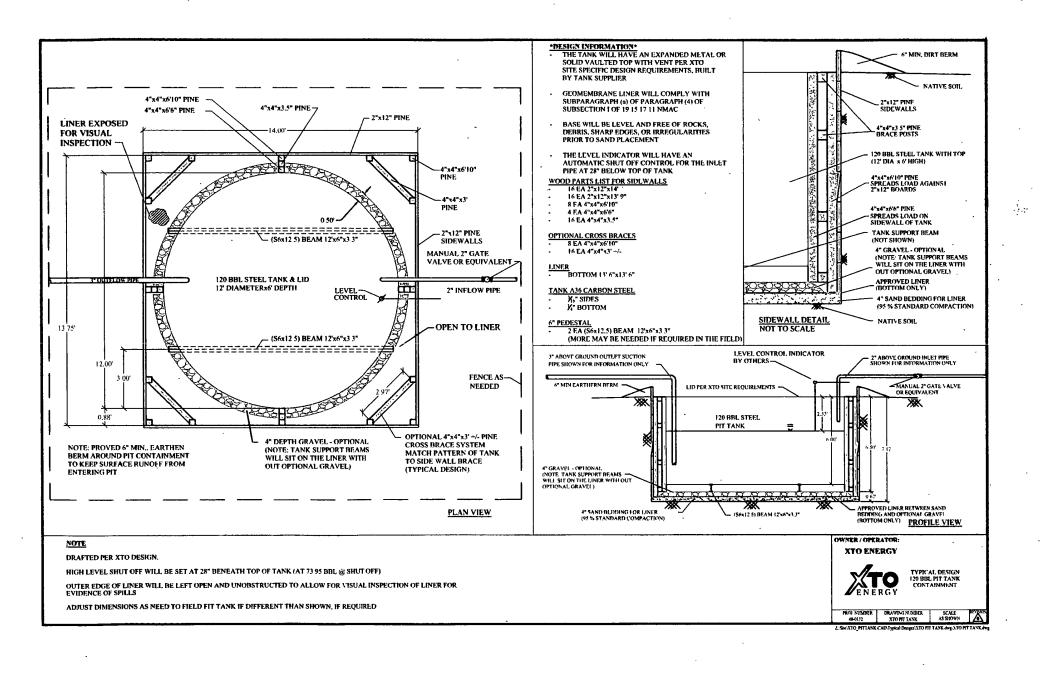
#### General Plan

- 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 1/4" 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 below-grade tank will be underlain with a geomembrane liner to divert leaked liquid to a location that can be visually inspected. (See attached drawing).

- 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

MONTHLY BELOW GRADE TANK INSPECTION FORM											
Well Nam	ie:		·	API No.:							
Legals	Sec:		Township:		Range:						
XTO Inspector's Name	Inspection Date	Inspection Time	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. (ft)			
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