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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.

District IV
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

**Pit, Closed-Loop System, Below-Grade Tank, or
Proposed Alternative Method Permit or Closure Plan Application**

- Type of action:
- Permit of a pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method
 - Closure of a pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method
 - Modification to an existing permit
 - Closure plan only submitted for an existing permitted or non-permitted pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method

Instructions: Please submit one application (Form C-144) per individual pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank or alternative request

Please be advised that approval of this request does not relieve the operator of liability should operations result in pollution of surface water, ground water or the environment. Nor does approval relieve the operator of its responsibility to comply with any other applicable governmental authority's rules, regulations or ordinances.

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Operator: Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company, LP OGRID#: 14538
Address: PO Box 4289, Farmington, NM 87499
Facility or well name: LARGO FEDERAL 1A
API Number: 3004523562 OCD Permit Number: _____
U/L or Qtr/Qtr: C Section: 34 Township: 29N Range: 9W County: San Juan
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude: 36.68622°N Longitude: -107.77188°W 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 _____ mil 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 PVD 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: Metal
 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 HDPE PVC Other Unspecified

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

6 **Fencing:** Subsection D of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (Applies to permanent pit, 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 4' hog wire fencing topped with two strands barbed wire.

7 **Netting:** Subsection E of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (Applies to permanent pits and permanent open top tanks)

Screen Netting Other _____

Monthly inspections (If netting or screening is not physically feasible)

8 **Signs:** Subsection C of 19.15.17.11 NMAC

12" X 24", 2" lettering, providing Operator's name, site location, and emergency telephone numbers

Signed in compliance with 19.15.3.103 NMAC

9 **Administrative Approvals and Exceptions:**
 Justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17 NMAC for guidance.
 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 of the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval. (Fencing/BGT Liner)

Exception(s): Requests must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

10 **Siting Criteria (regarding permitting):** 19.15.17.10 NMAC
Instructions: The applicant must demonstrate compliance for each siting criteria below in the application. Recommendations of acceptable source material are provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria may require administrative approval from the appropriate district office or may be considered an exception which must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau Office for consideration of approval. Applicant must attach justification for request. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance. Siting criteria does not apply to drying pads or above grade-tanks associated with a closed-loop system.

Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the temporary pit, permanent pit, or below-grade tank.
 - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells Yes No

Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other watercourse, 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.
 (Applied 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 Yes No

Within 500 feet of a wetland.
 - US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site Yes No

Within the area overlying a subsurface mine.
 - Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD - Mining and Mineral Division Yes No

Within an unstable area.
 - Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map Yes No

Within a 100-year floodplain
 - FEMA map Yes No

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 #: _____

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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) No

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

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

Siting Criteria (Regarding on-site closure methods only): 19.15.17.10 NMAC

Instructions: Each siting criteria requires a demonstration of compliance in the closure plan. Recommendations of acceptable source material are provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria may require administrative approval from the appropriate district office or may be considered an exception which must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval. Justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance.

Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the buried waste. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS: Data obtained from nearby wells	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Ground water is between 50 and 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS: Data obtained from nearby wells	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Ground water is more than 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS: Data obtained from nearby wells	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; satellite image	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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 the initial application. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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. - Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within 500 feet of a wetland - US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within the area overlying a subsurface mine. - Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within an unstable area. - Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within a 100-year floodplain. - FEMA map	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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): Crystal Tafoya Title: Regulatory Technician
 Signature: *Crystal Tafoya* Date: 12/22/2008
 e-mail address: ctafoya@comcast.net Telephone: 505-326-9837

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

OCD Representative Signature: _____ **Approval Date:** _____

Title: _____ **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 (if applicable)
- 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: _____

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Township: Range: Sections:

NAD27 X: Y: Zone: Search Radius:

County: Basin: Number: Suffix:

Owner Name: (First) (Last) Non-Domestic Domestic All

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(quarters are 1=NW 2=NE 3=SW 4=SE)
(quarters are biggest to smallest)

POD Number	Tws	Rng	Sec	q	q	q	Zone	X	Y	Depth Well	Depth Water	Water Column
SJ 00028	29N	08W	01	2	1	4				606	300	306
SJ 00196	29N	08W	09	3						1624	500	1124
SJ 00003	29N	08W	18	1						525		
SJ 00004	29N	08W	18	1						591	70	521
SJ 03050	29N	08W	18	2	3	2				600		
SJ 00019	29N	08W	21	2						502		
SJ 00005	29N	08W	21	3						606	406	200
SJ 00025	29N	08W	21	3						606	406	200
SJ 00006	29N	08W	26	2						560		

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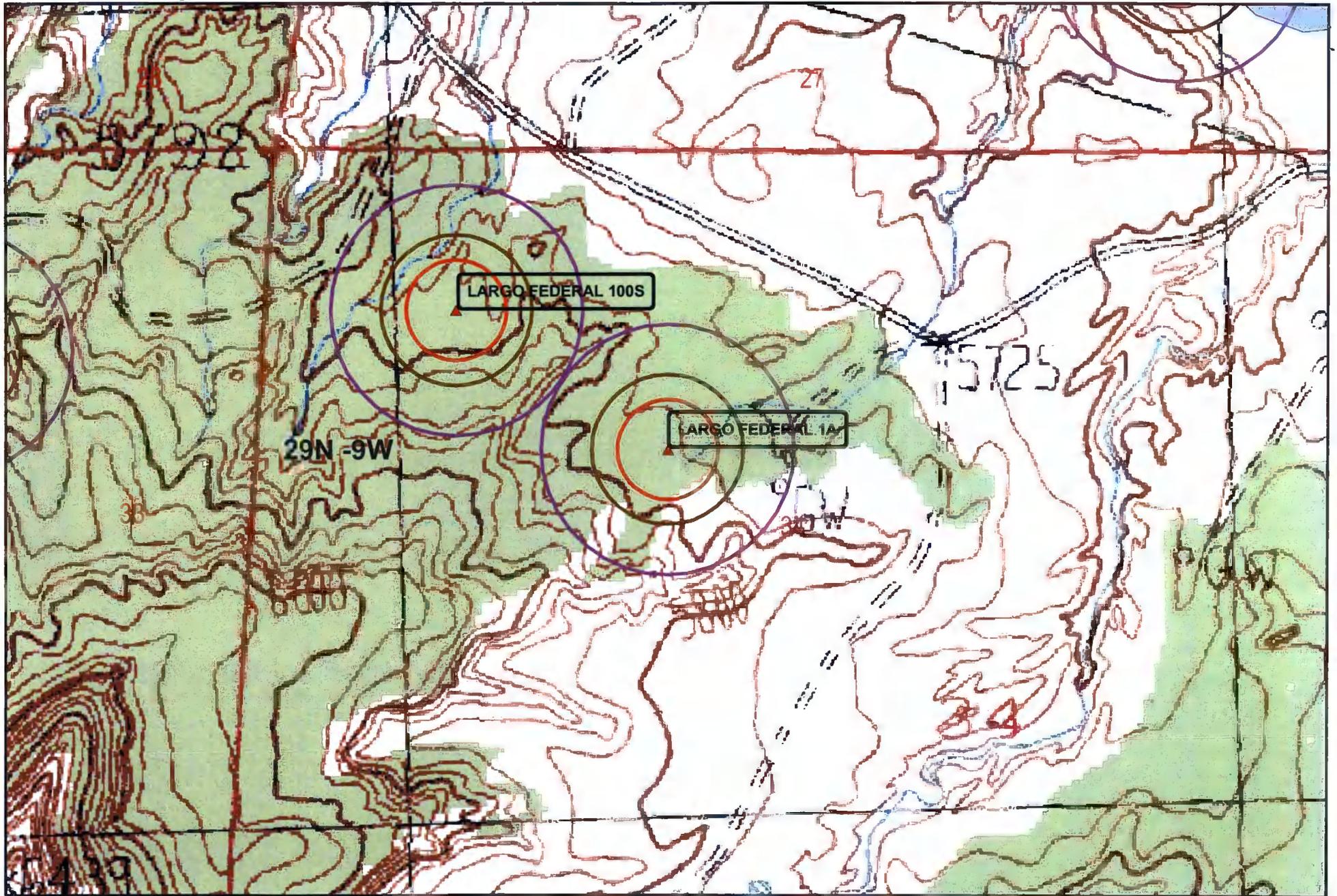
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POD Number	Tws	Rng	Sec	q	q	q	Zone	X	Y	Depth Well	Depth Water	Water (in feet) Column
SJ 01874	29N	09W	02							28	8	20
SJ 02347	29N	09W	02	1						25	4	21
SJ 01983	29N	09W	02	1						25	3	22
SJ 02346	29N	09W	02	1						25	4	21
SJ 03138	29N	09W	02	1	1	1				11	5	6
SJ 03044	29N	09W	02	1	1	2				10		
SJ 03396	29N	09W	02	1	1	2				10	4	6
SJ 02677	29N	09W	02	1	1	3				21	7	14
SJ 02492	29N	09W	02	1	1	3				13	5	8
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SJ 02369	29N	09W	03	1	2	4				23		

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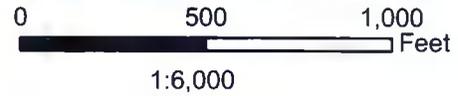
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Ground Water

- + iWaters
- + COP

Buffers

- 200ft
- 300ft
- 500ft
- Wetlands



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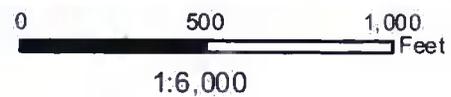
AERIAL MAP LARGO FEDERAL 1A



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 1000FT

 300FT



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Mines, Mills and Quarries Web Map

LARGO FEDERAL 1A

Unit Letter: C, Section: 34, Town: 029N, Range: 009W

Mines, Mills & Quarries Commodity Groups

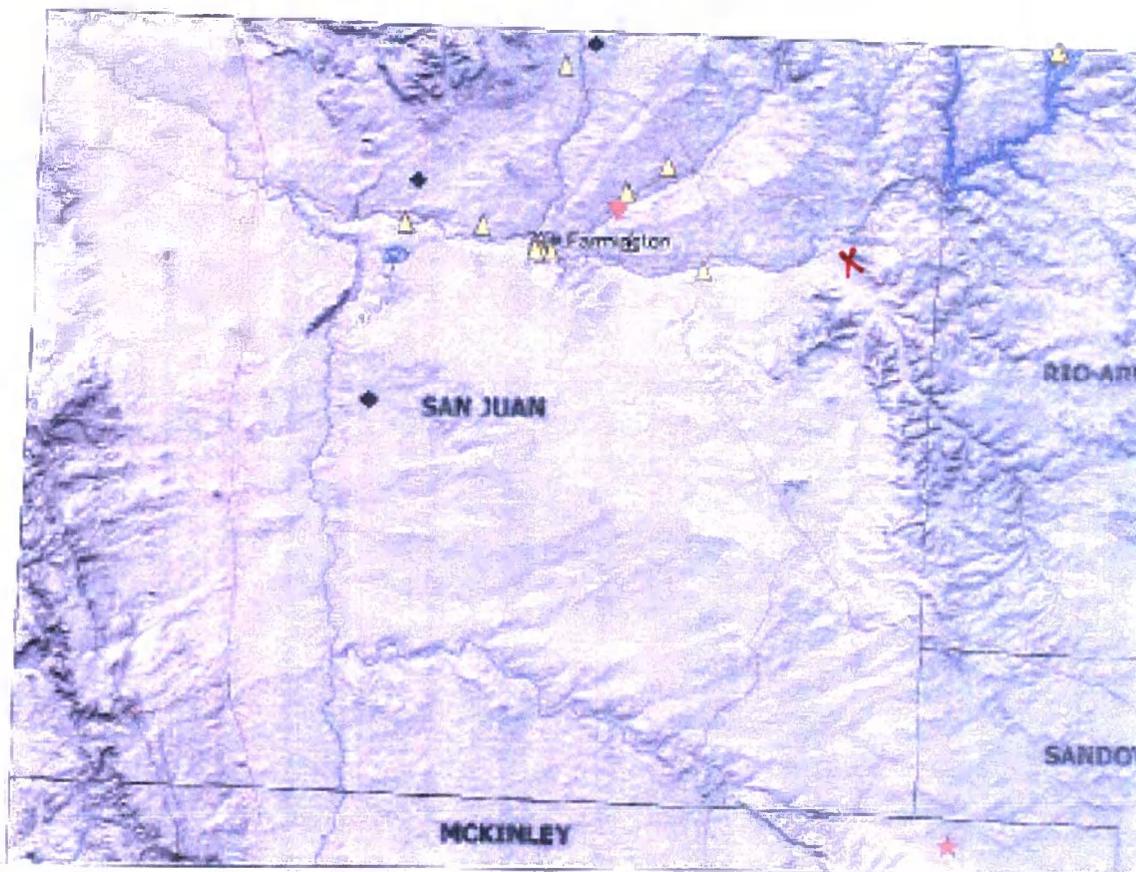
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-  Coal Mines
-  Industrial Minerals Mines
-  Industrial Minerals Mills
-  Metal Mines and Mill Concentrate
-  Potash Mines & Refineries
-  Smelters & Refinery Ops.
-  Uranium Mines
-  Uranium Mills

Population

-  Cities - major

Transportation

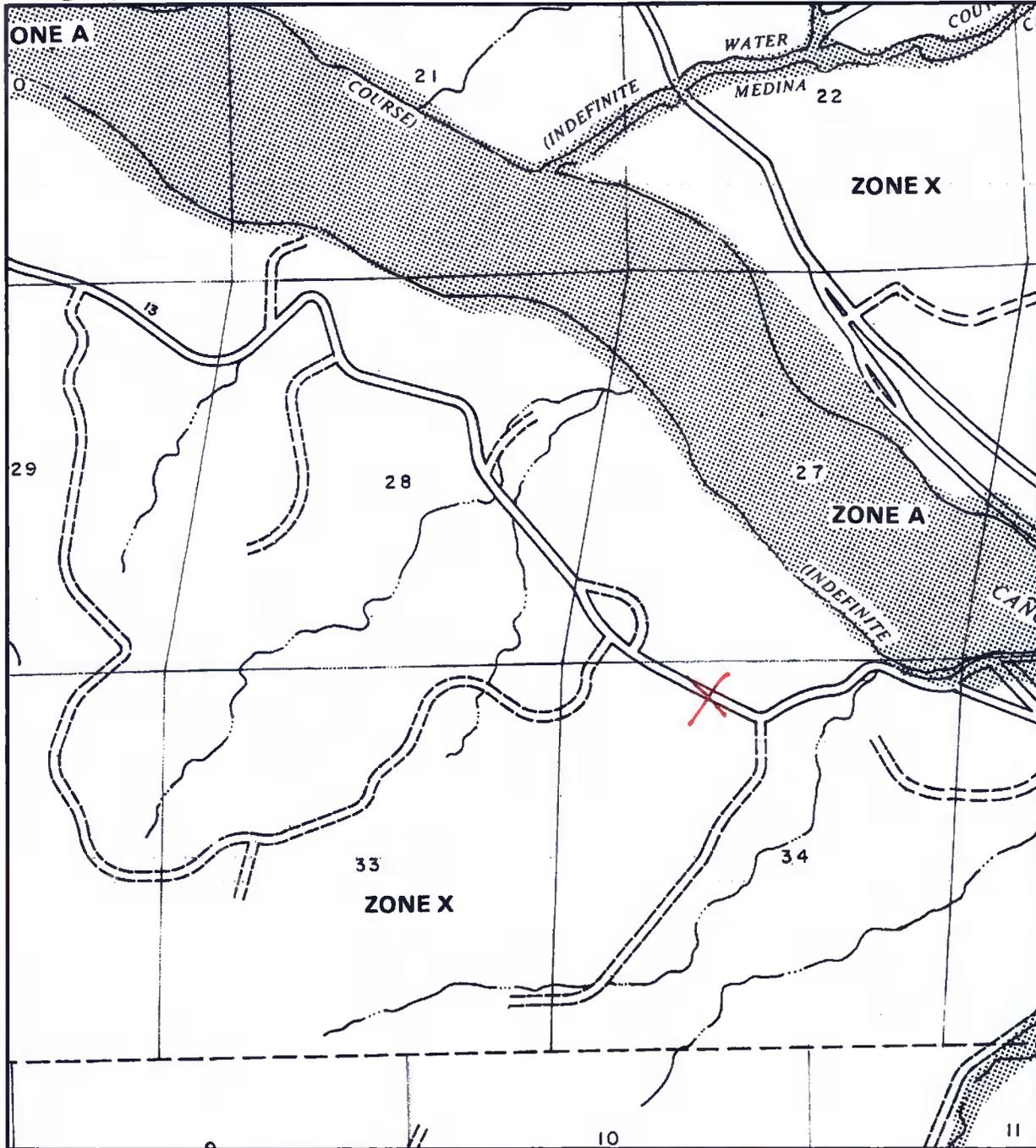
-  Railways
-  Interstate Highways
-  Major Roads



SCALE 1 : 1,180,363



LARGO Federal #1A



APPROXIMATE SCALE



NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

FIRM
FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

SAN JUAN COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO
UNINCORPORATED AREAS

PANEL 575 OF 1450
(SEE MAP INDEX FOR PANELS NOT PRINTED)



PANEL LOCATION

COMMUNITY-PANEL NUMBER
350084 0575

EFFECTIVE DATE:
AUGUST 4, 1988



Federal Emergency Management Agency

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LARGO FEDERAL 1A

Site Specific Hydrogeology

A visual site inspection confirming the information contained herein was performed on the well 'LARGO FEDERAL 1A', which is located at 36.68622 degrees North latitude and 107.77188 degrees West longitude. This location is located on the Blanco 7.5' USGS topographic quadrangle. This location is in section 34 of Township 29 North Range 9 West of the Public Land Survey System (New Mexico Principal Meridian). This location is located in San Juan County, New Mexico. The nearest town is Blanco, located 4.1 miles to the northwest. The nearest large town (population greater than 10,000) is Farmington, located 24.3 miles to the west (National Atlas). The nearest highway is US Highway 64, located 3.2 miles to the northwest. The location is on BLM land and is 6,942 feet from the edge of the parcel as notated in the BLM land status layer updated January 2008. This location is in the Blanco Canyon, New Mexico, Sub-basin. This location is located 1757 meters or 5762 feet above sea level and receives 11 inches of rain each year. The vegetation at this location is classified as Colorado Plateau Pinon-Juniper Woodland as per the Southwest Regional Gap Analysis Program.

The estimated depth to ground water at this point is 66 feet. This estimation is based on the data published on the New Mexico Engineer's iWaters Database website and water depth data from ConocoPhillips' cathodic wells. Groundwater data available from the NM State Engineer's iWaters Database for wells near the proposed site are attached. The nearest stream is 32 feet to the northwest and is classified by the USGS as an intermittent stream. The nearest perennial stream is 2,806 feet to the northwest. The nearest water body is 1,722 feet to the south. It is classified by the USGS as an intermittent lake and is 0.1 acres in size. The nearest spring is 9,265 feet to the southeast. All stream, river, water body and spring information was determined as per the USGS Hydrographic Dataset (High Resolution), downloaded 3/2008. The nearest water well is 3,622 feet to the southwest. The nearest wetland is a 610.7 acre Ravine located 2,690 feet to the northeast. The slope at this location is 2 degrees to the northeast as calculated from USGS 30M National Elevation Dataset. This information is also discerned from the aerial and topographic map included. The surface geology at this location is NACIMIENTO FORMATION—Shale and sandstone with a Shale dominated formations of all ages substrate. The soil at this location is 'Fruitland-Persayo-Sheppard complex, hilly' and is well drained and not hydric with severe erosion potential as taken from the NRCS SSURGO map unit, downloaded January 2008. The nearest underground mine is 20.3 miles to the north as indicated on the Mines, Mills and Quarries Map of New Mexico provided.

Regional Geological context:

The Nacimiento Formation is of Paleocene age (Baltz, 1967, p. 35). It crops out in a broad band inside the southern and western margins of the central basin and in a narrow band along the west face of the Nacimiento Uplift. The Nacimiento is a nonresistant unit and typically erodes to low, rounded hills or forms badland topography.

The Nacimiento Formation occurs in approximately only the southern two-thirds of the San Juan Basin where it conformably overlies and intertongues with the Ojo Alamo Sandstone (Fassett, 1974, p. 229). The Nacimiento Formation grades laterally into the main part of the Animas Formation (Fassett and Hinds, 1971, p. 34); thus, in this area, the two formations occupy the same stratigraphic interval.

Strata of the Nacimiento Formation were deposited in lakebeds in the central basin area with lesser deposition in stream channels (Brimhall, 1973, p. 201). In general, the Nacimiento consists of drab, interbedded black and gray shale with discontinuous, white, medium- to very coarse grained arkosic sandstone (Stone et al., 1983, p.30). Stone et al. indicated that the formation may contain more sandstone than commonly reported because some investigators assume the slope-forming strata in the unit area shales, whereas in many places the strata actually are poorly consolidated sandstones.

Total thickness of the Nacimiento Formation ranges from about 500 to 1,300 feet. The unit generally thickens from the basin margins toward the basin center (Steven et al., 1974). The sandstone deposits within the Nacimiento Formation are much thinner than the total thickness of the formation because their environment of deposition was localized stream channels (Brimhall, 1973, p. 201). The thickness of the combined San Jose, Animas, and Nacimiento Formations ranges from 500 to more than 3,500 feet.

Hydraulic Properties:

Reported well yields for 53 wells completed in either the Animas or Nacimiento Formations range from 2 to 90 gallons per minute and the median yield is 7.5 gallons per minute. The primary use of water from Nacimiento and Animas Formations is domestic and livestock supplies. There are no known aquifer tests for the Animas or Nacimiento Formations, but specific capacities reported for six wells range from 0.24 to 2.30 gallons per minute per foot of drawdown (Levings et al., 1990).

The Animas and Nacimiento Formations are in many ways hydrologically similar to the San Jose Formation because sands in both units produce approximately the same quantities of water. However, the greater percentage of fine materials in the Animas and Nacimiento Formations may restrict downward vertical leakage to the Ojo Alamo Sandstone or Kirtland Shale. The poorly cemented fine material is highly erodible, forms a badland terrain, and supports only spotty vegetation. These conditions are more conducive to runoff than retention of precipitation.

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