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State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources  
Department  
Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-144  
Revised August 1, 2011

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 Tank, or  
Proposed Alternative Method Permit or Closure Plan Application**

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

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

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

1.  
Operator: Chevron Midcontinent, L.P. OGRID #: 241333  
Address: Post Office Box 36366, Houston, TX 77236  
Facility or well name: Rincon Unit No. 169M  
API Number: 30-039-26209 OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
U/L or Qtr/Qtr P Section 26 Township 27N Range 7W County: Rio Arriba  
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 36.5402921439 Longitude -107.539314685 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  PVC  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Liner Seams:  Welded  Factory  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  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 None

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

6.  
**Fencing:** Subsection D of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (*Applies to permanent pits, temporary pits, and below-grade tanks*)

Chain link, six feet in height, two strands of barbed wire at top (*Required if located within 1000 feet of a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church*)

Four foot height, four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced between one and four feet

Alternate. Please specify Four foot, pipe frame with square wire mesh

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

Screen  Netting  Other Solid Netting

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 19.15.16.8 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 or the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

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

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

Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the temporary pit, permanent pit, or below-grade tank.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
- Groundwater is estimated to be 205 feet below the bottom of the below-grade tank on the Rincon Unit #169M well site; see attached <i>Data Sheet for Deep Ground Cathodic Protection Wells</i> .	
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).	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
- The below-grade tank is greater than 300 feet from a continuously flowing watercourse and greater than 200 feet of any other significant watercourse or lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake; see attached <i>Topographic Map</i> .	
Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. ( <i>Applies to temporary, emergency, or cavitation pits and below-grade tanks</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
- The below-grade tank is greater than 300 feet from the nearest residence, school, hospital, institution, or church; see attached <i>Aerial Map</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/> NA
Within 1000 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. ( <i>Applies to permanent pits</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
- Not applicable for below-grade tanks.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
- The below-grade tank is estimated to be 2008 meters (1.25 miles) from the nearest domestic fresh water well or spring; see attached <i>NMOSE Water Column/Average Depth to Water Report</i> .	
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.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
- The below-grade tank is not within incorporated Municipal Boundaries; see attached <i>Municipal Boundary Map</i> .	
Within 500 feet of a wetland.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
- The below-grade tank is greater than 500 feet from the nearest wetland; see attached <i>Topographic Map</i> and <i>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory Map</i> .	
Within the area overlying a subsurface mine.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
- The below-grade tank is not within an area overlying a subsurface mine; see attached <i>NM EMNRD - Mining and Mineral Division Map</i> .	
Within an unstable area.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
- The below-grade tank is not within an unstable area; see attached <i>USGS Geologic Map, USGS Karst Map, and Hydrogeologic Report</i> .	
Within a 100-year floodplain.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
- The below-grade tank is outside of any known 100-year flood plain; see the attached <i>FIRM Flood Insurance Rate Map</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

11. **Temporary Pits, Emergency Pits, and Below-grade Tanks Permit Application Attachment Checklist:** Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC  
**Instructions:** Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.

Hydrogeologic Report (Below-grade Tanks) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (4) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC  
 Hydrogeologic Data (Temporary and Emergency Pits) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (2) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC  
 Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC  
 Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
 Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC  
 Closure Plan (Please complete Boxes 14 through 18, if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC

Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: \_\_\_\_\_ or Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

12. **Closed-loop Systems Permit Application Attachment Checklist:** Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC  
**Instructions:** Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.

Geologic and Hydrogeologic Data (only for on-site closure) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (3) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9  
 Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations (only for on-site closure) - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC  
 Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
 Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC  
 Closure Plan (Please complete Boxes 14 through 18, if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC

Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Previously Approved Operating and Maintenance Plan API Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Applies only to closed-loop system that use above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure)

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.

Hydrogeologic Report - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (1) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC  
 Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC  
 Climatological Factors Assessment  
 Certified Engineering Design Plans - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
 Dike Protection and Structural Integrity Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
 Leak Detection Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
 Liner Specifications and Compatibility Assessment - based upon 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  
 Emergency Response Plan  
 Oil Field Waste Stream Characterization  
 Monitoring and Inspection Plan  
 Erosion Control Plan  
 Closure Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC

14. **Proposed Closure:** 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
**Instructions:** Please complete the applicable boxes, Boxes 14 through 18, in regards to the proposed closure plan.

Type:  Drilling  Workover  Emergency  Cavitation  P&A  Permanent Pit  Below-grade Tank  Closed-loop System  
 Alternative

Proposed Closure Method:  Waste Excavation and Removal  
 Waste Removal (Closed-loop systems only)  
 On-site Closure Method (Only for temporary pits and closed-loop systems)  
 In-place Burial  On-site Trench Burial  
 Alternative Closure Method (Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau for consideration)

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  
 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

16. **Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Above Ground Steel Tanks or Haul-off Bins Only:** (19.15.17.13.D NMAC)  
**Instructions:** Please identify the facility or facilities for the disposal of liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings. Use attachment if more than two facilities are required.

Disposal Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Disposal Facility Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Disposal Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Disposal Facility Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Will any of the proposed closed-loop system operations and associated activities occur on or in areas that *will not* be used for future service and operations?  
 Yes (If yes, please provide the information below)  No

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

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

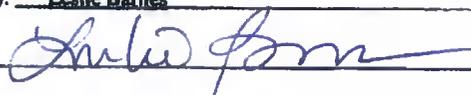
17. **Siting Criteria (regarding on-site closure methods only):** 19.15.17.10 NMAC  
**Instructions:** Each siting criteria requires a demonstration of compliance in the closure plan. Recommendations of acceptable source material are provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria 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"/> NA
Ground water is between 50 and 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Ground water is more than 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse or lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark). - 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
Within 500 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring that less than five households use for domestic or stock watering purposes, or within 1000 horizontal feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in existence at the time of initial application. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	<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

18. **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

19. **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): Leslie Barnes Title: Operations Manager, Piceance & San Juan  
 Signature:  Date: 12/11/12  
 e-mail address: LeslieBarnes@chevron.com Telephone: (970) 257-6009

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

OCD Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_ OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

21. **Closure Report (required within 60 days of closure completion):** Subsection K of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
*Instructions: Operators are required to obtain an approved closure plan prior to implementing any closure activities and submitting the closure report. The closure report is required to be submitted to the division within 60 days of the completion of the closure activities. Please do not complete this section of the form until an approved closure plan has been obtained and the closure activities have been completed.*

Closure Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

22. **Closure Method:**  
 Waste Excavation and Removal  On-Site Closure Method  Alternative Closure Method  Waste Removal (Closed-loop systems only)  
 If different from approved plan, please explain.

23. **Closure Report Regarding Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Above Ground Steel Tanks or Haul-off Bins Only:**  
*Instructions: Please indentify the facility or facilities for where the liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings were disposed. Use attachments if more than two facilities were utilized.*

Disposal Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Disposal Facility Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Disposal Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Disposal Facility Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Were the closed-loop system operations and associated activities performed on or in areas that will not be used for future service and operations?  
 Yes (If yes, please demonstrate compliance to the items below)  No

Required for impacted areas which will not be used for future service and operations:  
 Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation)  
 Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation  
 Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique

24. **Closure Report Attachment Checklist:** *Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure report. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.*

- Proof of Closure Notice (surface owner and division)
- Proof of Deed Notice (required for on-site closure)
- Plot Plan (for on-site closures and temporary pits)
- Confirmation Sampling Analytical Results (if applicable)
- Waste Material Sampling Analytical Results (required for on-site closure)
- Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number
- Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation
- Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique
- Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation)

On-site Closure Location: Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_ NAD:  1927  1983

25. **Operator Closure Certification:**  
 I hereby certify that the information and attachments submitted with this closure report is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also certify that the closure complies with all applicable closure requirements and conditions specified in the approved closure plan.

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Chevron Midcontinent, LP  
BGT Permit Siting Criteria Summary Sheet  
Rincon Unit #169M

- Groundwater is estimated to be 205 feet below the bottom of the BGT. This was calculated using information from cathodic wells located near the site, surrounding domestic freshwater wells, and the elevation of surrounding surface water including Flat Lake. This combined information gives an estimated groundwater elevation of 6500 feet. The topographic map indicates the site elevation to be 6710 feet. The BGT is buried five (5) feet below ground surface which gives a bottom of the BGT elevation of 6705 feet. The difference between the BGT bottom elevation and groundwater elevation is 205 feet.
- The below-grade tank is not within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse or lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake. The nearest continuously flowing watercourse is the San Juan River estimated to be 17 miles northwest of the BGT. The nearest lake is Flat Lake estimated to be 1.23 miles south of the BGT. The nearest ephemeral wash is 950 feet south of the BGT. The wash is a significant watercourse that is a first order tributary of Little Palluche Canyon creek; see attached **Topographic Map**. (The red dot on the topographic map indicates the location of the BGT.)
- The below-grade tank is not within 300 feet of a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application; see the attached **Aerial Map**. (The red dot on the aerial map indicates the location of the BGT.) There are no permanent residences, schools, hospitals, institutions or churches within the mapped area of the **Aerial Map**. The nearest residence is 4 miles southwest of the BGT. The nearest school, hospital, institution, or church is at least 19 miles southwest of the BGT.
- The BGT is not 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. There are no freshwater springs within 1000 feet of the BGT as indicated on the attached **Topographic Map**. The closest water well is estimated to be 2,008 meters (1.25 miles) southeast of the BGT and was revealed on the attached **NMOSE Water Column/Average Depth to Water Report**.
- The below-grade tank is not 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; see the attached **Municipal Boundary Map**. The closest boundary is the Nageezi Municipal Boundary located approximately 18 miles southwest of the site. (The Nageezi City Limits are colored orange and the BGT is indicated by a red circle on the **Municipal Boundary Map**.)
- The below-grade tank is not within 500 feet of a wetland; see the attached **Topographic Map** and **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory Map**. Any wetlands on the topographic map are noted in dark blue. The nearest wetland area is estimated to be 1.26 miles south of the BGT.
- The below-grade tank is not within an area overlying a subsurface mine; see the attached **NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division Map**. The nearest mine is an aggregate mine located approximately 24 miles northwest of the BGT.
- The below-grade tank is not within an unstable area; see the attached **USGS Geologic Map** and **USGS Karst Map**. The site is indicated on the maps by a red square. The nearest Karst Feature is approximately 40 miles southeast of the site and is shown on the **USGS Karst Map**. The underlying geology is comprised of the San Jose Formation, a Tertiary formation composed of shale, siltstone and sandstone.
- The well site is outside of any known 100 year floodplains as evidenced on the attached **FIRM Flood Insurance Rate Map**. (Any floodplains are indicated by blue dotted hatching on the map.)

# HYDROGEOLOGIC REPORT

## Rincon Unit #169M Hydrogeologic Report

### Topography and Surface Hydrology

The Rincon Unit #169M well site is located in what is considered the Colorado River Basin, within the Gould Pass, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute Quadrangle Map approximately 18 miles to the northeast of the Nageezi, New Mexico, municipal boundary; see attached *Municipal Boundary Map*. The largest, continuously flowing streams of the Colorado River Basin are the Animas and San Juan Rivers. The San Juan River is the closest continuously flowing waterway to the site and is approximately 17 miles northwest of the site. Most stream channels within the Colorado River Basin are ephemeral, with some being intermittent (Stone et al., 1983). The tributaries of the San Juan River that contribute large quantities of water during precipitation events are Canyon Largo, Gallegos Canyon, Chaco River, and the La Plata River. The nearest wash is a significant watercourse approximately 950 feet south of the below grade tank and is a first order tributary of the Little Palluche Canyon Creek. The general topographic slope of the site is to the southeast. Storm water runoff flows off of the Rincon Unit #169M well site toward the southeast and then follows storm water channels toward Little Palluche Canyon Creek. Little Palluche Canyon Creek is a first order tributary to Canyon Largo; see attached *Topographic Map*.

Wetland areas can be found to the south. The nearest wetland area to the Rincon Unit #169M well site is approximately 1.26 miles south of the BGT. These wetland areas are identified as a freshwater pond in accordance with the attached *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory Map*. The nearest identified 100 year flood zone is approximately 5000 feet to the east of the well site; see attached *Firm Flood Insurance Rate Map*.

Residential areas are mostly within the San Juan River Valley to the north and within the Bloomfield City Municipal Boundaries. The closest permanent residence is approximately 4 miles to the southwest of the Rincon Unit #169M well site. The nearest school is the Dzilth-Na-O-Dith-Hle School located 19 miles southwest of the Rincon Unit #169M. All other schools, churches and institutions are all located within the Blanco and Bloomfield City Municipal Boundaries. The closest hospital is located within Farmington, New Mexico, approximately 15 miles west of Bloomfield.

The only mining activities identified are to the northwest of the Rincon Unit #169M. The mining activities are Aggregate and Stone Mines and the nearest mine is approximately 24 miles northwest of the well site. No mines were identified within the map boundary; see attached *NM EMNRD – Mining and Mineral Division Map*.

### Soil

The San Juan Basin contains a wide range of soil types, with the northwest part of the basin, including the bulk of the drainage area of the Chaco and San Juan Rivers, characterized by light-colored, cool, desertic soil types. The higher elevations bordering the basin are characterized by moderately dark to dark mountain soils, and the area in between the two zones being characterized by dark-colored, western plateau soils. The majority of the soils within the basin are of alluvial valley fill and consist of gravel, sand, silt, and clay (Stone et al., 1983). The soil type in the area of the Rincon Unit #169M well site is the Vessilla-Menefee-Orlie complex. This soil is characterized by moderate organic material and high permeability. The unit consists of slope alluvium over residuum weathered from sandstone. The unit is low to moderately steep and ranges between one (1) and 30 percent sloping grade. It is a well drained soil with a very low available water capacity. The depth to paralithic bedrock is between 10 and 20 inches. The underlying bedrock is mainly weathered sandstone and shale with visible outcrops along the canyon rim to the west of the well site. The unit is found between the elevations of 6,100 feet and 7,200 feet. Mean annual precipitation is between 13 to 16 inches per year (*Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey*).

### Geology and Groundwater Hydrology

The area geology is comprised of mostly sandstone, mudstone, and siltstone. Karst features are formed by the dissolution of soluble rocks, such as limestone and dolomite, and can be characterized by springs, caves, and sinkholes. The nearest documented Karst features are approximately 40 miles southeast of the well site in

accordance with a search of Karst features conducted from the *New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technological Petroleum Recovery Research Center Webb Mapping Portal*. The information used to create the Karst feature search was compiled using data from the *United States Geological Survey (USGS) Digital Engineering Aspects of Karst Map web site*. The identified Karst features consist of fissures, tubes and caves generally less than 1,000 feet long, 50 feet or less vertical extent, in moderately to steeply dipping beds of carbonate rock.

Most water supplies in the San Juan Basin are from groundwater that is accessed through wells completed within the surficial valley-fill deposits of Quaternary age and sandstones of Tertiary, Cretaceous, Jurassic, and Triassic age. The Rincon Unit #169M well site lies in the San Jose Formation Aquifer which dips at 7 degrees to the north-east (Frenzel, 1983). The San Jose Formation ranges from less than 200 feet in the west and south to nearly 2,700 feet in the basin center between Cuba and Gobernador (Frenzel, 1983).

The **San Jose Formation (Tsj)** is the youngest Tertiary unit in the San Juan Basin and was named by Simpson (1948, p. 277-283). It is of early Eocene age and as early as 1875 was correlated with the Wasatch Formation in Wyoming. The San Jose is the surface formation in the eastern two-thirds of the San Juan Basin. Although largely exposed in New Mexico, the San Jose also straddles the New Mexico/Colorado State boundaries. It outcrops in its west, south and northeast boundaries in a broad, and in some places irregular, southeasterly trending band in the Blanco Canyon to Largo Canyon area. On the east side, it rises structurally and outcrops in a narrow band along the west face of the Nacimiento Uplift forming the eastern boundary of the San Juan Basin. There are several smaller, isolated remnants of the San Jose Formation west of the central exposure. The San Jose has eroded deeply in some areas and because of differential resistance to erosion of its various sandstone and shale units, produces a large thickness variance and in some places formation of very rugged topographic expression (Baltz, 1967, p. 45). In some places it erodes to horseshoe-shaped badlands and massive cliffs. The San Jose overlays the nonresistant slope-forming Nacimiento Formation (Tn). Thickness of the San Jose ranges from less than 200' at the outcrop on the west and south sides to almost 2700 feet in the the Basin center (Stone, et al, p. 25). The thickness is 1300' or less on the southern part of the Tapicitos Plateau where the San Jose structurally rises and its upper beds are eroded. In the Largo Plains area (Largo Canyon) which marks the western exposure of the preserved San Jose, more than half of the Formation was removed by erosion (Baltz, p. 46). The San Jose Formation contact is that of an angular unconformity surface with the underlying Paleocene-age Nacimiento Formation near the Nacimiento Uplift, but is slightly disconformable to conformable in the Basin center (Stone, et al, p. 25). The San Jose Formation is comprised of four identifiable rock facies (in ascending order) called the Cuba Mesa, the Regina, the Llaves and the Tapicitos Members. These four members are only present in the far eastern part of the basin (Brimhall, 1973, p. 198). Within the preserved area, only the Cuba Mesa and Regina are widespread throughout the basin. The oldest Member of the San Jose is the Cuba Mesa (150-800 feet thick), which is largely a massive cliff-forming buff and yellow, rusty-weathering cross-bedded arkosic coarse-grained sandstone with lenticular reddish, green and gray shale beds (Baltz, p. 46). The Cuba Mesa is overlain in the southern two-thirds of the area by drab-colored variegated shale and interbedded soft to hard sandstones known as the Regina Member (100 to 1700 feet thick) and overlain in the northern one-third by a thick sequence of sandstone called the Llaves (50 to 1300 feet thick) which in turn intertongues and grades southward into the Regina. In the northeastern part of the area, the upper Llaves Member grades southward and westward into the red silty mudstones, siltstones and interbedded poorly consolidated sandstones of the Tapicitos Member (120-500 feet thick) (Stone, et al, p. 25).

The nearest registered water well determined by a radius search of 4000 meters (2.5 miles) from the center of the BGT on the Rincon Unit #169M well site is approximately 2008 meters (1.25 miles) southeast of the BGT with a depth of groundwater of 465 feet below the top of casing; see attached *New Mexico Office of the State Engineer Water Column/Average Depth to Water Report and Topographic Map*. Groundwater is estimated to be 205 feet below the bottom of the BGT. This was calculated using information from cathodic wells located near the site, surrounding domestic freshwater wells, and the elevation of surrounding surface water including Flat Lake. The attached topographic map show two (2) water wells approximately 1.25 miles to the southwest with a depth to groundwater of 250 feet and 465 feet respectively, a water well approximately 1.30 miles to the northeast with a depth to groundwater of 300 feet. The water wells are labeled on the topographic map with blue points. Three (3) cathodic wells were located near the Rincon Unit #169M well site. A cathodic well drilled in 1990 for the Rincon Unit #41 well site, owned and operated by Union Oil Company of California, shows that groundwater was encountered at 80 feet and the cathodic well data sheet is stamped as being accepted by the OCD in January of 1991. The Rincon Unit #41 well site is located approximately 1,865 feet to the south of the Rincon Unit #169M well site. A cathodic well drilled in 1990 for the Rincon Unit #301 well site, owned and operated by Union Oil Company of

California, shows that groundwater was encountered at 90 feet and the cathodic well data sheet is stamped as being accepted by the OCD in January of 1991. The Rincon Unit #301 well site is located approximately 2,020 feet to the east of the Rincon Unit #169M well site. A cathodic well drilled in 1972 for the Rincon Unit #139 well site, owned and operated by Union Oil Company of California, shows that groundwater was encountered at 390 feet and the cathodic well data sheet is stamped as being accepted by the OCD in May of 1990. The Rincon Unit #139 well site is located approximately 2,900 feet to the northeast of the Rincon Unit #169M well site. Flat Lake has an average elevation of 6,515 feet. This combined information gives an estimated groundwater elevation of 6500 feet. The topographic map indicates the site elevation to be 6710 feet. The BGT is buried five (5) feet below ground surface which gives a bottom of the BGT elevation of 6705 feet. The difference between the BGT bottom elevation and groundwater elevation is 205 feet.

### Resources

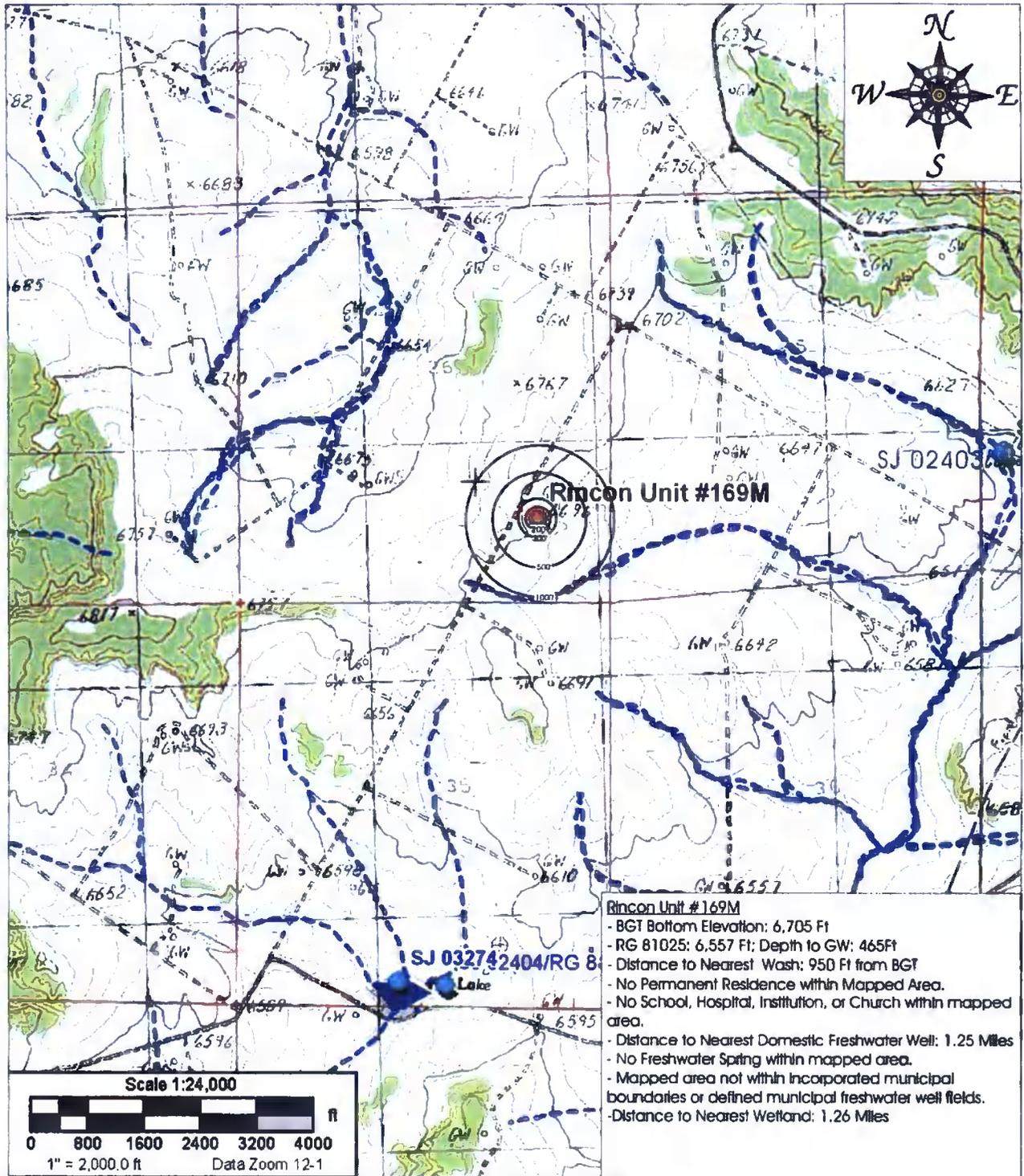
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New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technological Petroleum Recovery Research Center Webb Mapping Portal

**SITING CRITERIA COMPLIANCE  
DEMONSTRATIONS**



Source: USGS 7.5-minute Quadrangle Map - Gould Pass, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

- LEGEND**
- Below Grade Tank
  - Water Well
  - Wetland Area
  - ~ Spring or Seep
  - - - Ephemeral Wash



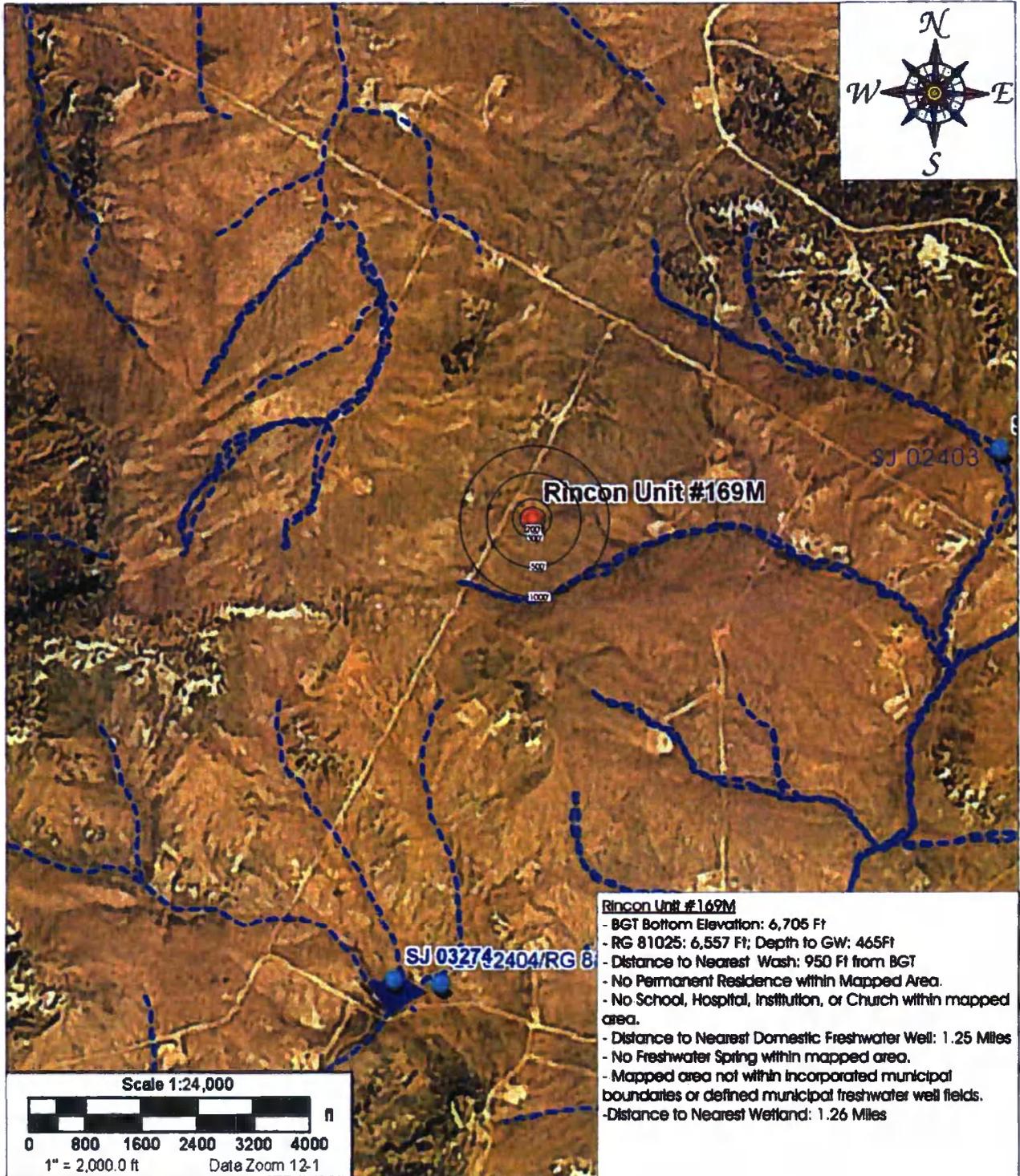
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**Topographic Map**  
Chevron North America  
Rincon Unit #169M  
Section 26, Township 27 N, Range 7 W  
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

PROJECT Number: 92270-1049 Date Drawn: 11/06/12

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**Rincon Unit #169M**

- BGT Bottom Elevation: 6,705 Ft
- RG 81025: 6,557 Ft; Depth to GW: 465Ft
- Distance to Nearest Wash: 950 Ft from BGT
- No Permanent Residence within Mapped Area.
- No School, Hospital, Institution, or Church within mapped area.
- Distance to Nearest Domestic Freshwater Well: 1.25 Miles
- No Freshwater Spring within mapped area.
- Mapped area not within incorporated municipal boundaries or defined municipal freshwater well fields.
- Distance to Nearest Wetland: 1.26 Miles

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LEGEND	
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**Aerial Map**  
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#139 30-039-06890

#301 30-039-24876

DATA SHEET FOR DEEP GROUND BED CATHODIC PROTECTION WELLS  
NORTHWESTERN NEW MEXICO  
(Submit 3 copies to OCD Aztec Office)

Operator UNOCAL Location: Unit Sec. 25 Twp 27 Rng 7

Name of Well/Wells or Pipeline Serviced Rincon Unit No. 301FC, 43 PC & 139 DK

Elevation 6647 Completion Date 9/18/90 Total Depth 300' Land Type\* F

Casing, Sizes, Types & Depths NONE

If Casing is cemented, show amounts & types used NONE

If Cement or Bentonite Plugs have been placed, show depths & amounts used  
NONE

Depths & thickness of water zones with description of water when possible:  
Fresh, Clear, Salty, Sulphur, Etc. 90' deep, damp = 5' thick, fresh

Depths gas encountered: NONE

Type & amount of coke breeze used: 300' deep with carbo 60-99.9 carbon coke breeze

Depths anodes placed: 100', 100', 120', 130', 140', 150'

Depths vent pipes placed: 0 to 300' deep

Vent pipe perforations: Laser cut slots from 100' to 300' deep.

Remarks: 3rd ground bed installed at this location.

If any of the above data is unavailable, please indicate so. Copies of all logs, including Drillers Log, Water Analyses & Well Bore Schematics should be submitted when available. Unplugged abandoned wells are to be included

\*Land Type may be shown: F-Federal; I-Indian; S-State; P-Fee.  
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NORTHWESTERN NEW MEXICO  
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Operator Union Oil Company of California Location: Unit Sec. 25 Twp 27N Rng 7WName of Well/Wells or Pipeline Serviced Rincon #139 DK Rincon #43 PCElevation 6647' Completion Date 7/28/72 Total Depth 700' Land Type\* FCasing, Sizes, Types & Depths NoneIf Casing is cemented, show amounts & types used None

If Cement or Bentonite Plugs have been placed, show depths &amp; amounts used

None

Depths &amp; thickness of water zones with description of water when possible:

Fresh, Clear, Salty, Sulphur, Etc. 390' - 400' deep 10' thickDepths gas encountered: NAType & amount of coke breeze used: type unknown 8300 lbsDepths anodes placed: 440'-645'Depths vent pipes placed: ?Vent pipe perforations: 300'Remarks: El Paso Natural Gas Co. was the operator at the time this ground bed was installed.Second ground bed installed at this location.

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DATA SHEET FOR DEEP GROUND BED CATHODIC PROTECTION WELLS  
NORTHWESTERN NEW MEXICO

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Operator UNOCAL Location: Unit Sec.35 Twp27 Rng 7

Name of Well/Wells or Pipeline Serviced RINCON UNIT NO. 41, 187, & 38

Elevation 6689' Completion Date 8-8-90 Total Depth 300' Land Type\* F

Casing, Sizes, Types & Depths NONE

If Casing is cemented, show amounts & types used NONE

If Cement or Bentonite Plugs have been placed, show depths & amounts used  
NONE

Depths & thickness of water zones with description of water when possible:  
Fresh, Clear, Salty, Sulphur, Etc. 80' deep, damp, 5' thick, fresh

Depths gas encountered: NONE

Type & amount of coke breeze used: 300' deep with carbo 60=99.9% carbon coke breeze.

Depths anodes placed: 205', 215', 225', 235', 245' & 255' deep

Depths vent pipes placed: 0 to 300' deep

Vent pipe perforations: Laser cut slots from 100' to 300' deep.

Remarks: 1st ground bed installed at this location.

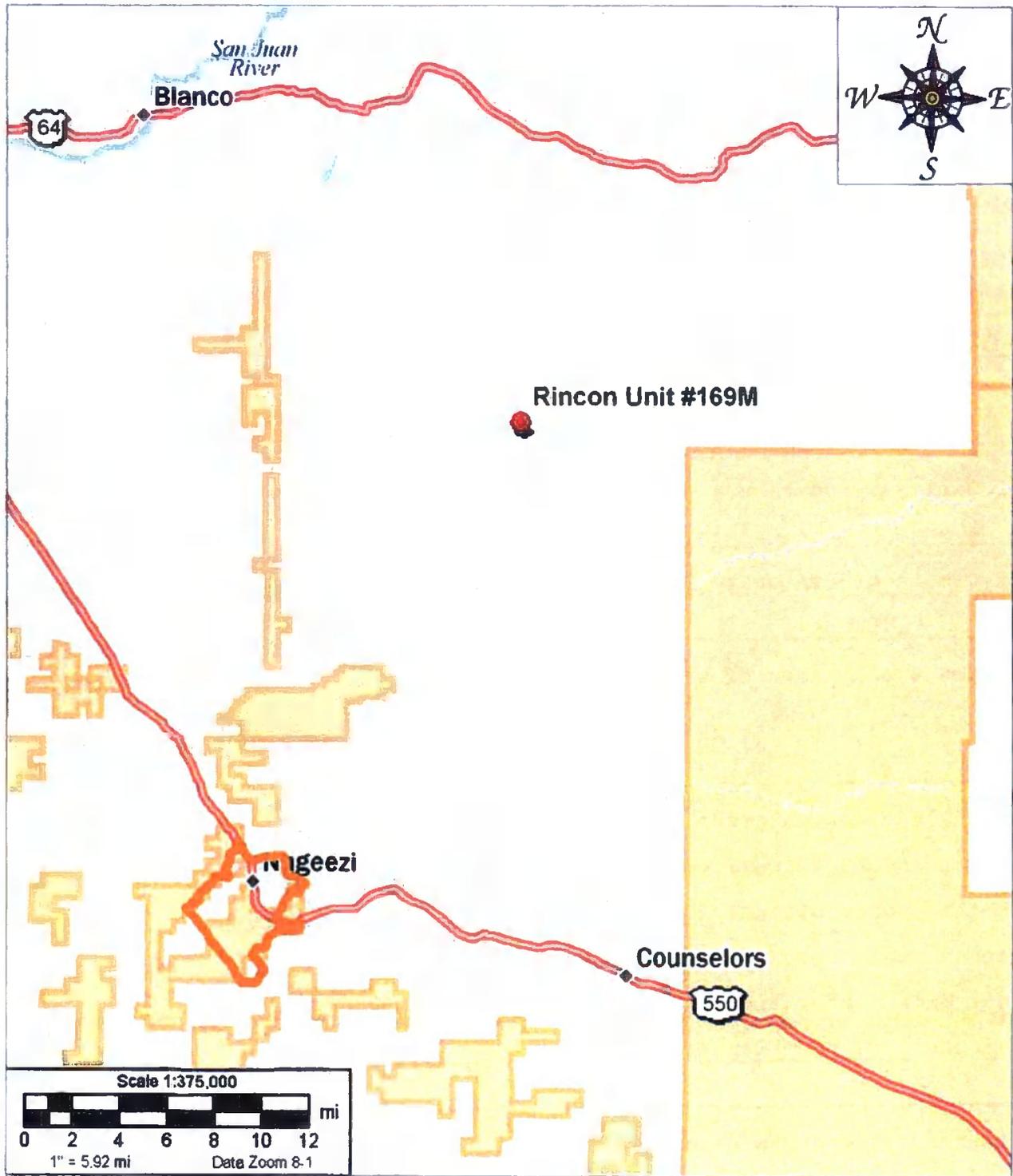
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**LEGEND**

- Below Grade Tank
- ▬ City Boundary



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**Municipality Map**  
Chevron North America  
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## Water Column/Average Depth to Water

(A CLW##### in the POD suffix indicates the POD has been replaced & no longer serves a water right file.)

(R=POD has been replaced, O=orphaned, C=the file is closed)

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

(quarters are smallest to largest)

(NAD83 UTM in meters)

(In feet)

POD Number	POD Code	Subbasin	County	Q Q Q				Rng	X	Y	Distance	Depth Well	Depth Water	Water Column	
				64	16	4	Sec								Tws
<a href="#">RG 81025</a>	CH	RA	RA	3	3	4	35	27N	07W	272236	4044920*	2008	560	465	95
<a href="#">SJ 02404</a>		RA	RA	3	3	4	35	27N	07W	272236	4044920*	2008	550	250	300
<a href="#">SJ 03274</a>		RA	RA	4	4	3	35	27N	07W	272033	4044938*	2041	450		
<a href="#">SJ 02403</a>		RA	RA	3	1	3	30	27N	06W	274714	4047115*	2083	505	300	205
<a href="#">SJ 02409</a>		RA	RA	2	2	1	01	26N	07W	273634	4044666*	2432	700	400	300

Average Depth to Water: **353 feet**

Minimum Depth: **250 feet**

Maximum Depth: **465 feet**

**Record Count: 5**

**UTMNAD83 Radius Search (In meters):**

**Easting (X): 272642.55**

**Northing (Y): 4046886.82**

**Radius: 4000**

\*UTM location was derived from PLSS - see Help

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

# National Wetlands Inventory

Chevron North America / Rincon Unit #169M

Nov 6, 2012



## Wetlands

-  Freshwater Emergent
-  Freshwater Forested/Shrub
-  Estuarine and Marine Deepwater
-  Estuarine and Marine
-  Freshwater Pond
-  Lake
-  Riverine
-  Other

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User Remarks:

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**Mines, Mills & Quarries Commodity Groups**

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

**Mines, Mills & Quarries Status**

-  Active Mining
-  Active Mining, Active Reclamation
-  Permanent Closure, Active Reclamation
-  Permanent Closure Reclaimed Awaiting Bond Release



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USGS Geologic Map

Figure:

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## USGS Geologic Map Legend

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	Tmb, Basalt and andesite flows; Miocene
	Tn, Maciniento Formation
	Tnb, Basalt and andesite flows; Neogene
	Tnr, Tertiary-Silicic to intermediate volcanic rocks
	Tnv, Tertiary-Neogene volcanic rocks
	To, Tertiary-Ogallala Formation
	Toa, Tertiary-Ojo Alamo Formation
	Tos, Tertiary-sedimentary and volcanoclastic rocks
	Tpb, Basalt and andesite flows; Pliocene
	Tpc, Tertiary-Poison Canyon Formation
	Tps, Tertiary-Paleogene sedimentary units
	Tsf, Tertiary-Lower and Middle Santa Fe Group
	Tsj, Tertiary-San Jose Formation
	Tual, Tertiary-Upper Oligocene andesites and basaltic andesites
	Tuan, Tertiary-Lower Miocene and uppermost Oligocene basaltic andesites
	Tui, Tertiary-Miocene to Oligocene silicic to intermediate intrusive rocks; dikes, stocks, plugs, and diatremes
	Tuin, Upper and Middle Tertiary mafic intrusive rocks
	Turf, Tertiary-Upper Oligocene silicic (or felsic) flows and masses and associated pyroclastic rocks
	Turp, Tertiary-Upper Oligocene rhyolitic pyroclastic rocks
	Tus, Upper Tertiary sedimentary units
	Tuv, Tertiary-Volcanic and some volcanoclastic rocks; undifferentiated
	Tv, Middle Tertiary volcanic rocks; undifferentiated
	Water
	X, Precambrian-Lower Proterozoic rocks; undivided
	Xn, Precambrian-Lower Proterozoic metasedimentary rocks
	Xmo, Precambrian-Lower Proterozoic metamorphic rocks; dominantly mafic
	Xms, Precambrian-Lower Proterozoic metasedimentary rocks
	Xmu, Precambrian-Lower Proterozoic metamorphic rocks, undivided
	Xp, Precambrian-Lower Proterozoic plutonic rocks
	YXp, Precambrian-Middle and Lower Proterozoic plutonic rocks, undivided

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USGS Karst Map

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## USGS Karst Map Legend

-  Fissures, tubes, and caves over 1,000 ft (300 m) long; 50 ft (15 m) to over 250 ft (75 m) vertical extent; in metamorphosed limestone, dolostone, and marble
  -  Fissures, tubes, and caves over 1,000 ft (300 m) long; 50 ft (15 m) to over 250 ft (75 m) vertical extent; in moderately to steeply dipping beds of carbonate rock
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  -  Fissures, tubes and caves generally less than 1,000 ft (300 m) long; 50 ft (15 m) or less vertical extent; in metamorphosed limestone, dolostone, and marble
  -  Fissures, tubes and caves generally less than 1,000 ft (300 m) long; 50 ft (15 m) or less vertical extent; in crystalline, highly siliceous, intensely folded carbonate rock
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  -  Fissures, tubes, and caves generally absent; where present in small isolated areas, less than 50 ft (15 m) long; less than 50 ft (15 m) vertical extent; in crystalline, highly siliceous inter
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  -  Fissures, tubes, and caves generally absent; where present in small isolated areas, less than 50 ft (15 m) long; less than 50 ft (15 m) vertical extent; in gently dipping to flat-lying beds
  -  Fissures and voids present to a depth of 250 ft (75 m) or more in areas of subsidence from piping in thick, unconsolidated material
  -  Fissures and voids present to a depth of 50 ft (15 m) in areas of subsidence from piping in thick, unconsolidated material
  -  Fissures, tubes, and tunnels present to a depth of 250 ft (75m) or more in lava
  -  Fissures, tubes, and tunnels present to a depth of 50 ft. (15 m) in lava
- Transparent - no karst
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MAP SCALE 1" = 2000'



PANEL 1225D

**FIRM**  
**FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP**  
**RIO ARRIBA COUNTY,**  
**NEW MEXICO**  
**AND INCORPORATED AREAS**

PANEL 1225 OF 3175  
 (SEE MAP INDEX FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT)

CONTAINS:

COMMUNITY	NUMBER	PANEL	SUFFIX
RIO ARRIBA COUNTY	250048	1225	D

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Federal Emergency Management Agency

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NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

# BGT DESIGN PLAN

# BELOW GRADE TANK (BGT) DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PLAN

SUBMITTED TO:

ENVIRONMENTAL BUREAU,

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

ON BEHALF OF:

CHEVRON USA INC., CHEVRON MIDCONTINENT, L.P., AND FOUR STAR OIL & GAS  
COMPANY

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**Chevron**  
**San Juan Basin**  
**Below Grade Tank Design and Construction Plan**

**INTRODUCTION**

In accordance with NMAC §§ 19.15.17.9(B)(4) and 19.15.17.11 Chevron (representing Chevron USA Inc, Chevron Midcontinent, L.P., and Four Star Oil & Gas Company) submits this Design and Construction Plan for below grade tanks (BGTs) in New Mexico. This Plan contains standard conditions that attach to multiple BGTs.

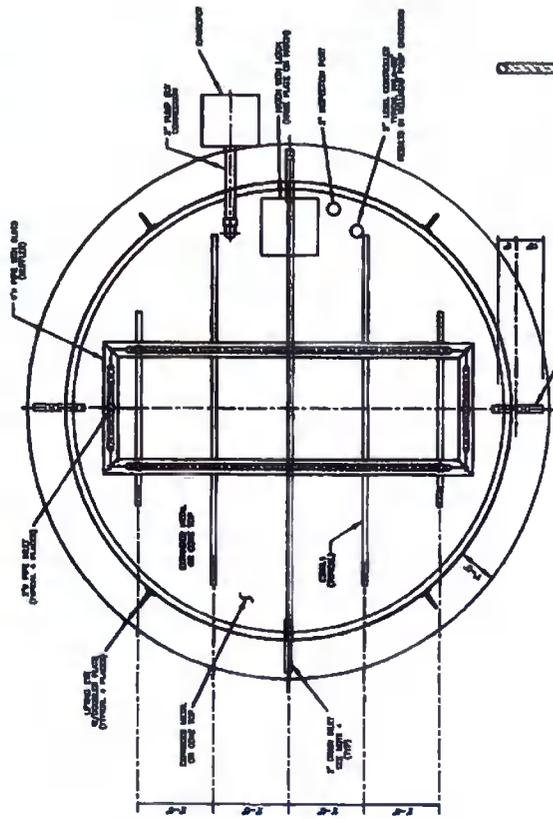
1. Chevron will design and construct a BGT to contain liquids and solids, prevent contamination of fresh water, and protect public health and the environment. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(A).
2. Chevron will post an upright sign not less than 12 inches by 24 inches with lettering not less than two inches in height in a conspicuous place on the fence surrounding the BGT, unless the BGT is located on a site where there is an existing well, signed in compliance with NMAC § 19.15.16.8, that is operated by Chevron. Chevron will post the sign in a manner and location such that a person can easily read the legend. The sign will provide the following information: Chevron's name; the location of the site by quarter-quarter or unit letter, section, township and range; and emergency telephone numbers. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(C).
3. Chevron will fence or enclose a BGT in a manner that prevents unauthorized access and will maintain the fences in good repair. Fences are not required if there is an adequate surrounding perimeter fence that prevents unauthorized access to the well site or facility, including the BGT. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(D)(1).
4. Chevron will fence or enclose a BGT located within 1000 feet of a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church with a chain link security fence, at least six feet in height with at least two strands of barbed wire at the top. Chevron will close and lock all gates associated with the fence when responsible personnel are not on-site. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(D)(2).
5. Chevron will fence BGTs to exclude livestock with a four foot fence that has at least four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced in the interval between one foot and four feet above ground level. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(D)(3). Chevron may install tubular steel cattle panels, as it determines appropriate (photo of cattle

panel fence submitted to NMOCD, 24 June 2009). As illustrated on the attach photo.

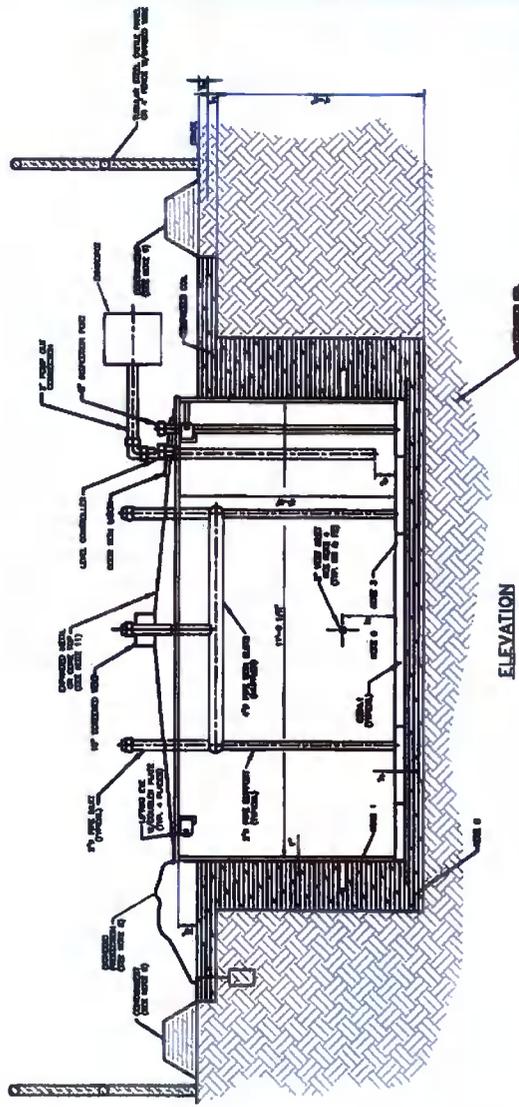
6. Chevron will screen the permanent opening on the tank top with expanding steel mesh in order to render it non-hazardous to wildlife, including migratory birds. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(E).
7. Chevron's BGTs will be constructed with the design features illustrated on the attached drawing.
8. Only double-walled, double-bottomed BGTs will be installed.
9. Chevron will use 3/16" carbon steel which is resistant to the anticipated contents and resistant to damage from sunlight. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(I)(1).
10. Chevron will construct a BGT foundation on a level base free of rocks, debris, sharp edges or irregularities to help prevent punctures, cracks or indentations of the liner or tank bottom. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(I)(2).
11. Chevron will construct a BGT to prevent overflow and the collection of surface water run-on. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(I)(3). Chevron, or a contractor representing Chevron, will install a level control device to help prevent overflow from the BGT and will use berms and/or a diversion ditch to prevent surface run on from entering the BGT. NMAC §§ 19.15.17.11(I)(3), 19.15.17.12(A)(7), and 19.15.17.12(D)(1).
12. All BGTs, in which the side walls are not open for visible inspection for leaks, will be double walled with leak detection capability. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(I)(4)(b).
13. Chevron, as the operator of a below-grade tank constructed and installed prior to June 16, 2008 that does not meet all the requirements in Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC and is not included in Paragraph (6) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC, is not required to equip or retrofit the below-grade tank to comply with Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC so long as it demonstrates integrity. If the existing below-grade tank does not demonstrate integrity, the operator shall promptly remove that below-grade tank and install a below-grade tank that complies with Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC, as illustrated in the approved drawing. Chevron shall comply with the operational requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC.

14. Chevron, as the operator of a below-grade tank constructed and installed prior to June 16, 2008 that is single walled and where any portion of the tank sidewall is below the ground surface and not visible, shall equip or retrofit the below-grade tank to comply with Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC, or close it, within five years after June 16, 2008. If the existing below-grade tank does not demonstrate integrity, Chevron shall promptly remove that below-grade tank and install a below-grade tank that complies with Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC, as illustrated in the approved drawing. Chevron shall comply with the operational requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC.

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**NOTES**

1. FABRICATOR TO PRESSURE TEST THE AREA BETWEEN THE TANK WALLS TO ENSURE LEAK-FREE DOUBLE CONTAINMENT.
2. TANK TO BE CONSTRUCTED OF 3/16" THK. ASTM A503 STEEL. ALL PIPING TO BE SCH. 40 CARBON STEEL.
3. DOUBLE WALL DOUBLE BUTT.
4. DESIGNER TO PROVIDE LOCATION OF THE EQUIPMENT ON LOCATION. ONE OF THE STUDS MAY BE CONNECTED TO THE EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL SHEET PILES AND COUPLERS. THE OTHER STUDS SHALL NOT BE USED FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE TANK INSTALLATIONS.
5. ALL INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CAPS SHALL BE SHE-WELDED BY MANUFACTURE.
6. A FLOOR BORED EPOXY FIBER CEMENT OR SIMILAR.
7. CARBON WALL CONSTRUCTION A BET EVALUATION ON A LEVEL, BASE FREE OF ROCKS, DEBRIS, SHARP EDGES OR IRREGULARITIES TO HELP PREVENT PUNCTURES, CRACKS OR INDENTATIONS OF THE LINER OR TANK BUTTOL. NMAC 18.15.17.11002.
8. EXTERNAL METAL TOP SHALL BE BOLTED, NOT WELDED.
9. EXTERNAL CORROSION PROTECTION IS OPTIONAL.
10. INTERNAL ANCHORS SHALL BE INSTALLED ORNST.
11. EXTERNAL METAL TOP WILL BE STANDARD AND SHOULD BE USED FOR THE MAJORITY OF PRT TANK INSTALLATIONS. CORN ROOF TOPS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

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BELOW GRADE TANK (BGT) OPERATING AND  
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# BGT OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE PLAN

## **Chevron**

### **San Juan Basin**

#### **Below Grade Tank Operating and Maintenance Plan**

##### **INTRODUCTION**

In accordance with NMAC §§ 19.15.17.9(B)(4) and 19.15.17.12 Chevron (representing Chevron USA Inc, Chevron Midcontinent, L.P., and Four Star Oil & Gas Company) submits this Operating and Maintenance Plan (O&M Plan) for below grade tanks (BGTs) in New Mexico. This O&M Plan contains standard conditions that attach to multiple BGTs. If needed for a particular BGT, a modified O&M Plan will be submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD or the division) for approval prior to implementation.

##### **GENERAL PLAN:**

1. Chevron, or a contractor representing Chevron, will operate and maintain a BGT to contain liquids and solids to prevent contamination of fresh water and to protect public health and environment. NMAC § 19.15.17.12(A)(1).
2. Chevron will not discharge into or store any hazardous waste in a BGT. NMAC § 19.15.17.12(A)(3).
3. If a BGT develops a leak or is penetrated below the liquid surface, Chevron will remove liquid above the damage within 48 hours, notify the appropriate division district office within 48 hours of discovery and will promptly repair the BGT. If a BGT develops a leak Chevron will remove liquid above the damage within 48 hours, notify the appropriate division district office within 48 hours of discovery and will promptly repair or replace the BGT. If replacement is required, the BGT will meet all specification included in the attached approved design drawing and comply with 19.15.17.11(I)(1-4).
4. If Chevron as an operator of a below-grade tank that was constructed and installed prior to June 16, 2008 that does not meet the requirements of Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC and discovers that the below-grade tank does not demonstrate integrity or that the below-grade tank develops any of the conditions identified in Paragraph (5) of Subsection A of 19.15.17.12 NMAC, then Chevron or their representative shall close the existing below-grade tank pursuant to the closure requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC and install a below-grade tank that complies with the requirements of Paragraphs

(1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC. NMAC § 19.15.17.12(D)(5). If replacement is required, the BGT will meet all specification included in the attached approved design drawing.

5. If Chevron as the operator of the below-grade tank that was constructed and installed prior to June 16, 2008 that does not comply with Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC and equips or retrofits the existing tank to comply with Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC, then Chevron or their representative shall visually inspect the area beneath the below-grade tank during the retrofit and document any areas that are wet, discolored or showing other evidence of a release on form C-141. Chevron shall demonstrate to the division whether the evidence of contamination indicates that an imminent threat to fresh water, public health, safety or the environment exists. If the division determines that the contamination does not pose an imminent threat to fresh water, public health, safety or the environment, the operator shall complete the retrofit or the replacement of the below-grade tank. If Chevron or division determines that the contamination poses an imminent threat to fresh water, public health, safety or the environment, then Chevron shall close the existing below-grade tank pursuant to the closure requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC prior to initiating the retrofit or replacement. NMAC § 19.15.17.12(D)(6). If replacement is required, the BGT will meet all specification included in the attached approved design drawing.
6. Chevron, or a contractor representing Chevron, will use berms and/or diversion ditches to prevent surface run-on from entering the BGT by diverting surface water run-on away from the bermed area. NMAC §§ 19.15.17.12(A)(7) and 19.15.17.12(D)(1).
7. Chevron, or a contractor representing Chevron, will not allow a BGT to overflow and will maintain adequate freeboard on existing BGTs by routine inspections utilizing pumper trucks whose routes are timed based on known production rates. Fluid is pumped out on this schedule. For newly constructed BGTs Chevron, or a contractor representing Chevron, will maintain adequate freeboard by installing level control devices that automatically shut off inflow to alleviate potential overtopping. NMAC § 19.15.17.12(D)(1) and 19.15.17.12(D)(4).
8. Chevron, or a contractor representing Chevron, will remove a visible or measurable layer of oil from the fluid surface of a BGT. NMAC § 19.15.17.12(D)(2).
9. Chevron, or a contractor representing Chevron, will inspect the BGT to assess compliance with NMAC § 19.15.17.12, Operational Requirements, at least once monthly and maintain a written record of each inspection for at least five (5) years. The approved inspection form is attached.

# Chevron: New Mexico Inspection Form for Below Grade Tanks

Inspection Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Below Grade Tank (BGT) Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the BGT have adequate freeboard to prevent overflow;	yes	no
Does the tank have visible leaks or sign of corrosion;	yes	no
Do tank valves, flanges and hatches have visible leaks;	yes	no
Is there evidence of significant spillage of produced liquids;	yes	no
Is this a single or double wall tank; _____		
Are berms and/or diversion ditches in place to prevent surface run-on from entering the BGT;	yes	no
Have visible or measurable layers of oil been removed from liquid surface fluid;	yes	no

# BGT CLOSURE PLAN

# BELOW GRADE TANK (BGT) CLOSURE PLAN

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INTRODUCTION

In accordance with NMAC §§ 19.15.17.9(B)(4) and 19.15.17.13, Chevron (representing Chevron USA Inc, Chevron Midcontinent, L.P., and Four Star Oil & Gas Company) submits this Closure Plan for below grade tanks (BGTs) in New Mexico. This Closure Plan contains standard conditions that attach to multiple BGTs. If needed for a particular BGT, a modified Closure Plan for a proposed alternative closure will be submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD or the division) for approval prior to closure.

CLOSURE PLAN PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS (NMAC §§ 19.15.17.9(C) and 19.15.17.13).

- 1) Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, will close a BGT within the time periods provided in NMAC § 19.15.17.13(A), or by an earlier date required by NMOCD to prevent an imminent danger to fresh water, public health, or the environment. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(A).
- 2) Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, will close an existing BGT that does not meet the requirements of NMAC § 19.15.17.11(I)(1 through 4) or is not included in NMAC § 19.15.17.11(I)(5) within five years after June 16, 2008, if not retrofitted to comply with § 19.15.17.11(I)(1 through 4). NMAC § 19.15.17.13(A)(4).
- 3) Chevron shall close an existing below-grade tank that does not meet the requirements of Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC, if not retrofitted to comply with Paragraphs 1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC, prior to any sale or change of operator pursuant to 19.15.9.9 NMAC.
- 4) Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, will close a permitted BGT within 60 days of cessation of the BGT's operation or as required by the transitional provisions of NMAC § 19.15.17.17(B) in accordance with a closure plan that the appropriate division district office approves. NMAC §§ 19.15.17.13(A)(9) and 19.15.17.9(C).
- 5) In accordance with NMAC § 19.15.17.13(J)(1), Chevron will notify the surface owner by certified mail, return receipt requested, of its plans to close a BGT prior to beginning closure activities. Evidence of mailing of the notice to the address of the surface owner shown in the county tax records is sufficient to demonstrate compliance. Chevron will also notify the appropriate division district office verbally or by other means at least 72 hours, but not more than one week, prior to any closure operation. The notice shall include the operator's name and the location to be closed by unit letter, section, township and range. If the closure is associated with a particular well, then the notice shall also include the well's name, number and API number. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(J)(2).

- 6) Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, will remove liquids and sludge from a BGT prior to implementing a closure method and will dispose of the liquids and sludge in a division approved facility. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(E)(1). A list of Chevron currently approved disposal facilities is included at the end of this document.
- 7) The proposed method of closure for this Closure Plan is waste excavation and removal. NMAC §§ 19.15.17.13 (E)(1).
- 8) Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, shall 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 approves. When required, prior approval for disposal will be obtained. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(E)(2). Documentation regarding disposal of the BGT and its associated liner, if any, will be included in the closure report.
- 9) Waste generated during closure will be handled and disposed of in accordance with applicable laws. NMAC § 19.15.35.8(C)(1)(m) provides that plastic pit liners may be disposed at a solid waste facility without testing before disposal, provided they are cleaned well.
- 10) Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, will remove on-site equipment associated with a BGT unless the equipment is required for some other purpose. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(E)(3).
- 11) Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, will test the soils beneath the BGT to determine whether a release has occurred. At a minimum, 5 point composite samples 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 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 0.2mg/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 50mg/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 250mg/kg; or the background concentration, whichever is greater. Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, will notify the NMOCDC Division District office of its results on form C-141. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(E)(4).
- 12) If Chevron or the division determines that a release has occurred, Chevron will comply with NMAC §§ 19.15.29 and 19.15.30, as appropriate. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(E)(5).
- 13) If the sampling program demonstrates that a release has not occurred or that any release does not exceed the concentrations specified in NMAC § 19.15.17.13(E)(4), Chevron will backfill the excavation with compacted, non-waste containing, earthen materials; construct a division prescribed soil cover; re-contour and re-vegetate the site. The division-prescribed soil cover, recontouring and re-vegetation requirements shall comply with NMAC § 19.15.17.13(G, H and I). NMAC § 19.15.17.13(E)(6).

- 14) As per NMAC § 19.15.17.13(G)(1), once Chevron has closed a BGT or is no longer using the BGT or an area associated with the BGT, Chevron will reclaim the BGT location and all areas associated with it including associated access roads not needed by the surface estate owner to a safe and stable condition that blends with the surrounding undisturbed area. Chevron will substantially restore impacted surface area to the condition that existed prior to its oil and gas operations by placement of soil cover as provided in NMAC § 19.15.17.13(H) (see below), re-contour the location and associated areas to a contour that approximates the original contour and blends with the surrounding topography, and re-vegetate according to NMAC § 19.15.17.13(I). NMAC § 19.15.17.13(G)(1).
- 15) Chevron may propose an alternative to the re-vegetation requirement of NMAC § 19.15.17.13(G)(1) if it demonstrates that the proposed alternative effectively prevents erosion, and protects fresh water, human health and the environment. The proposed alternative must be agreed upon in writing by the surface owner. Chevron will submit the proposed alternative, with written documentation that the surface owner agrees to the alternative, to the division for approval. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(G)(2).
- 16) Soil cover for closures where Chevron has removed the pit contents or remediated the contaminated soil to the division's satisfaction will consist of the background thickness of topsoil or one foot of suitable material to establish vegetation at the site, whichever is greater. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(H)(1).
- 17) Chevron will construct the soil cover to the site's existing grade and prevent ponding of water and erosion of the cover material. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(H)(3).
- 18) As per NMAC § 19.15.17.13(I)(1) and 19.15.17.13(G)(2), Chevron will seed or plant disturbed areas during the first growing season after it is no longer using a BGT or an area associated with the BGT including access roads unless needed by the surface estate owner as evidenced by a written agreement with the surface estate owner, if any and written approval by NMOCD.
- 19) Seeding will be accomplished by drilling on the contour whenever practical or by other division approved methods. Chevron will obtain vegetative cover that equals 70% of the native perennial vegetative cover (un-impacted by overgrazing, fire or other intrusion damaging to native vegetation) consisting of at least three native plant species, including at least one grass, but not including noxious weeds, and maintain that cover through two successive growing seasons. During the two growing seasons that prove viability, Chevron will not artificially irrigate the vegetation. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(I)(2).
- 20) Chevron will notify the division when it has seeded or planted and when it successfully achieves re-vegetation. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(I)(5).
- 21) Seeding or planting will be repeated until Chevron successfully achieves the required vegetative cover. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(I)(3).

- 22) When conditions are not favorable for the establishment of vegetation, such as periods of drought, the division may allow Chevron to delay seeding or planting until soil moisture conditions become favorable or may require Chevron to use additional cultural techniques such as mulching, fertilizing, irrigating, fencing or other practices. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(I)(4).
- 23) As per NMAC § 19.15.17.13(K), within 60 days of closure completion, Chevron will submit a closure report containing the elements required by NMAC § 19.15.17.13(K) including:
- i) Confirmation sampling results,
  - ii) A plot plan ,
  - iii) Details on back-filling, capping and covering, where applicable, including revegetation application rates and seeding technique,
  - iv) Proof of closure notice to the surface owner, if any, and the division,
  - v) Name and permit number of disposal facility, and
  - vi) Photo documentation.
- 24) The closure report will be filed on NMOCD Form C-144. Chevron will certify that all information in the closure report and attachments is correct and that it has complied with all applicable closure requirements and conditions specified in the approved closure plan. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(K).
- 25) As requested, the following are the current Chevron approved Waste Disposal Sites for the identified waste streams:
- Soils and Sludges
- i) Envirotech Inc. Soil Remediation Facility, Permit No. NM-01-0011
- Solids
- ii) San Juan County Regional Land Fill (NMAC § 19.15.35.8 items only, with prior NMOCD approval when required)
- Liquids
- i) Key Energy Disposal Facility, Permit No. NM-01-0009
  - ii) Basin Disposals Facility, Permit No. NM-01-005.
- 26) These waste disposal sites are subject to change if their certification is lost or they are closed or other more appropriate, equally protective sites become available. Chevron will provide notice if such a change is affected.