#### C-144

## Permanent Pit

# Closure Plan Approval

Form C-144 July 21, 2008

District I
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240
District II
1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210
District III
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410
District IV
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

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

For temporary pits, closed-loop systems, and below-grade tanks, submit to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.

For permanent pits and exceptions submit to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office and provide a copy to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.

Pit, Closed-Loop Syste	m, Below-Grade Tank, or
Proposed Alternative Method P	ermit or Closure Plan Application

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.
Operator: Dugan Production Corp. OGRID#: 006515
Address: 709 East Murray Drive, Farmington, New Mexico 87401
Facility or well name: Drip Tank #5 (By Nice #2)
API Number: N.A. OCD Permit Number:
U/L or Qtr/Qtr B Section 4 Township 30N Range 14W County: San Juan
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 36.84594 N Longitude 108.30917 W NAD: 1927 X 1983
Surface Owner: X Federal State Private Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment
2.
☑ Pit: Subsection For G of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (Taken out of commission 4-14-2008)
Temporary:
X Permanent Emergency Cavitation P&A
☐ Lined ☑ Unlined Liner type: Thicknessmil ☐ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other
☐ String-Reinforced
Liner Seams: Welded Factory Other Volume: 60 bbl Dimensions: L 10' x W 10' x D 4'
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: Thicknessmil LLDPE HDPE PVC Other
Liner Seams: Welded Factory Other Other
4.
Below-grade tank: Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
Volume:bbl Type of fluid:
Tank Construction material:
Secondary containment with leak detection  Visible sidewalls, liner, 6-inch lift and automatic overflow shut-off
☐ Visible sidewalls and liner ☐ Visible sidewalls only ☐ Other
Liner type: Thicknessmil
5. At based your Oct 22 2008 felephone conversation with King Faguelina
10/21/18
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		
X Alternate. Please specify 4'=3'Hogwire + one strand 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 or the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau of	office for	
consideration of approval.  Exception(s): Requests must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.		
10.		
Siting Criteria (regarding permitting): 19.15.17.10 NMAC Instructions: The applicant must demonstrate compliance for each siting criteria below in the application. Recommendations of accept material are provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria may require administrative approval from the appropriate or may be considered an exception which must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of a Applicant must attach justification for request. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance. Siting criteria does not apply to drying the state of the santa feet of t	priate district pproval.	
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.	Yes No	
- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells		
Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse or lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).  - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	Yes No	
Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.  (Applies to temporary, emergency, or cavitation pits and below-grade tanks)  - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA	
Within 1000 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA	
(Applies to permanent pits)  - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image	_	
Within 500 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring that less than five households use for domestic or stock 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.	☐ Yes ☐ No	
- Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality		
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	

Temporary Pits, Emergency Pits, and Below-grade Tanks Permit Application Attachment Checklist Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a che attached.  Hydrogeologic Report (Below-grade Tanks) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (4) of Subset Hydrogeologic Data (Temporary and Emergency Pits) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (5) Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 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 19.15.17.13 NMAC Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design)  API Number:  or	ck mark in the box, that the documents are ection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC 2) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC 0 NMAC direments of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
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 cheattached.  Geologic and Hydrogeologic Data (only for on-site closure) - based upon the requirements of Paragi Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations (only for on-site closure) - 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 19.15.17.13 NMAC	raph (3) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 equirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC
Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design)  API Number:	
Previously Approved Operating and Maintenance Plan API Number:  above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure)	(Applies only to closed-loop system that use
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 che attached.  Hydrogeologic Report - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (1) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.1 Climatological Factors Assessment  Certified Engineering Design Plans - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMA  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  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. 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	9 NMAC 0 NMAC C 17.11 NMAC .15.17.11 NMAC
Proposed Closure: 19.15.17.13 NMAC	ocusa plan
Instructions: Please complete the applicable boxes, Boxes 14 through 18, in regards to the proposed closure.  Type: Drilling Workover Emergency Cavitation P&A Permanent Pit Below-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 F	-grade Tank  Closed-loop System
Waste Excavation and Removal Closure Plan Checklist: (19.15.17.13 NMAC) Instructions: Each of 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  ☐ Disposal Facility Name and Pertnit Number (for liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings)  ☐ Soil Backfill and Cover Design Specifications - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection  ☐ Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  ☐ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC	n F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC tion H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC C

Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Above Ground Steel Tanks or Haul-off Bins Only: (19.15.17.13.1 Instructions: Please indentify the facility or facilities for the disposal of liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings. Use attachment if		
facilities are required.		
Disposal Facility Name: Disposal Facility Permit Number:		
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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 ser Yes (If yes, please provide the information below) No	vice and operations?	
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 NMA 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	c .	
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 sour provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria may require administrative approval from the appropriate dist considered an exception which must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval. Just demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance.	rict office or may be	
Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the buried waste.  - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA	
Ground water is between 50 and 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste  - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA	
Ground water is more than 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste.  - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ 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	☐ Yes ☐ 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	☐ Yes ☐ 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	☐ Yes ☐ No	
Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended.  - Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality	☐ Yes ☐ No	
Within 500 feet of a wetland.  - US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No	
Within the area overlying a subsurface mine.  - Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division	Yes No	
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	
On-Site Closure Plan Checklist: (19.15.17.13 NMAC) Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure plan 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  Protocols and Procedures - based upon the appropriate requirements of 9.15.17.13 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 cant 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 G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC	.15.17.11 NMAC	

Operator Application Certification:  I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application is true, accordingly.	urate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
Name (Print): Kurt Fagrelius	Title: Vice President, Exploration	
Signature: Kurt Fagralin	Date: Sept. 24, 2008	
e-mail address: kfagrelius@duganproduction.com	Telephone: _ 505-325-1821	
OCD Approval: Permit Application (including closure plan) Closure		
	Approval Date: 6 /28/08	
Title: Ew. Eginer	OCD Permit Number:	
21. Closure Report (required within 60 days of closure completion): Subsection Instructions: Operators are required to obtain an approved closure plan prior The closure report is required to be submitted to the division within 60 days of section of the form until an approved closure plan has been obtained and the	r to implementing any closure activities and submitting the closure report. f the completion of the closure activities. Please do not complete this closure activities have been completed.	
	Closure Completion Date:	
22. Closure Method: Waste Excavation and Removal On-Site Closure Method Alter If different from approved plan, please explain.	native Closure Method	
Closure Report Regarding Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop System Instructions: Please indentify the facility or facilities for where the liquids, di two facilities were utilized.  Disposal Facility Name:  Disposal Facility Name:  Were the closed-loop system operations and associated activities performed on Yes (If yes, please demonstrate compliance to the items below)  No Required for impacted areas which will not be used for future service and operation Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation) Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique	Disposal Facility Permit Number:  Disposal Facility Permit Number:  Disposal Facility Permit Number:  or in areas that will not be used for future service and operations?	
Closure Report Attachment Checklist: Instructions: Each of the following 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  Long		
Operator Closura Cartification		
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): Kurt Fagrelius	Title: Vice President, Exploration	
Signature:	Date:	
e-mail address: kfagrelius@duganproduction.com	Telephone: 505-325-1821	

#### <u>Drip Tank #5 ( by Nice #2)Permanent Pit Closure Plan–Methods, Procedures and</u> Protocols

 Comply with deadlines for closure of a permanent pit established by the State of New Mexico, Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department 19.15.17.13 NMAC, or an earlier date if required by the NMOCD in the case of imminent danger to fresh water, public health or the environment.

Existing	Permit Applc. Submittal or	File Closure Plan	Stop Use By	Close By
On June 16, 2008	Modification Request	Ву		
Temporary Pit - Unlined	Not Permtd under 19.15.17	7/16/2008	Upon drlg rig release	9/16/2008
Permanent Pit - Unlined or Lined	Not permitted or Registered with NMOCD	7/16/2008	6-16-2008	12/16/2008
Permanent Pit – Unlined	Permitted or Registered with  NMOCD	12-31-2008	Not Applicable	12-31-2010
BGT-Aprvd. Design	Not Permtd under 19.15.17	12/16/2008	fail integrity replc	
	Applc. by 9-16-2008		w/apprvd design	
BGT-Not Aprvd Design Nor Retrofit	Not Permtd under 19.15.17	12/16/2008	6/16/2013	6-16-2013
to Comply w/19.15.17	Mod. Rqust by 9-16-2008			
BGT-Not Aprvd Design Nor Retrofit	NA NA	12/16/2008	6/16/2013	6/16/2013
to comply w/19.15.17				<u> </u>
Permanent Pit-Design and Constr	Mod. Rqust by 12-16-2008	12/16/2008	fail integrity replc	60-days after cessation
Does not comply w/19.15.17	Comply w/in 18-mos of aprvl	submit w/mod request	w/apprvd design	
permitted and lined				<u> </u>
Permanent Pit-Design and Constr	Permit Apple by 12-16-2008	12/16/2008		60-days after cessation
Does not comply w/19.15.17	Comply w/in 18-mos of aprvl	submit w/permit Applc		
Registered and Lined				
Permanent Pit	Permitted under 19.15.17	60-Days prior to close		
Temporary Pit	Permitted under 19.15.17	Prior to closure	Upon drlg rig release	6-mos after rig release
BGT	Permitted under 19.15.17	12/16/2013 or prior to closure	failed integrity replc w/apprvd design	60-days after cessation

- 2. The Drip Tank #5 (by Nice #2)permanent pit is an approved design registered under rule 50, but was not permitted under rule 19.15.17. The permanent pit is not in use; it was taken out of commission on 4/4/2008 but has not been closed yet. This report serves as the closure plan for the pit.
- 3. Provide the NMOCD district office at least 72-hours notice but no greater than 1 week prior to any closure operations. Notice will include operator name, well name and number, API number, and location (unit letter, section, township and range).

- 4. Upon approval of this closure plan, provide the Environmental Bureau in the NMOCD Santa Fe office a proposed schedule for closure at least 60-days prior to closing the permanent pit.
- 5. Closure notice will be provided by certified mail to surface owner prior to closing the permanent pit. Proof of notice will be provided to the Environmental Bureau in the NMOCD Santa Fe office and attached to final closure report.
- 6. Remove all liquid from the permanent pit prior to closure and dispose of at the Dugan Production operated Sanchez O'Brien #1 SWD (permit SWD-694) located 1650 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 6, Township 24 North, Range 9 West.
- 7. All solids from the permanent pit will be excavated, hauled to and disposed of at either the Envirotech facility (permit #NM-01-0011) located in Section 6, Township 26 North, Range 10 West or the IEI facility (permit NM-01-0010B) located in Section 2, Township 29 North, Range 12 West.
- 8. Remove pit liner system, if applicable and dispose of only the pit liner material at an NMOCD approved, solid waste facility (Waste Management's Crouch Mesa facility, San Juan County, New Mexico) in accordance with subparagraph (m) of Paragraph (1) of Subsection D of 19.15.9.712.
- 9. On site equipment associated with the permanent pit will be removed unless it is needed for some other purpose.
- 10. Collect at a minimum, a five point, composite sample; also, collect individual grab samples from any area that is wet, discolored or showing other evidence of a release; and analyze for Benzene, BTEX, TPH, GRO/DRO and chlorides to demonstrate that Benzene, BTEX, TPH, GRO/DRO and chlorides do not exceed the standards as specified in 19.15.17.13.E or the background chloride concentration, whichever is greater.

Components	Test Method	Limit (mg/kg)	
Benzene	EPA SW-846 8021B or 8260B	0.2	
BTEX	EPA SW-846 8021B or 8260B	50	
TPH	EPA SW-846 418.1	100	
GRO/DRO	EPA SW-846 8015M	NS	
Chlorides	EPA 300.1	250 or Background	

- 11. The NMOCD will be notified of the testing results on form C—141.
- 12. If it is determined that a release has occurred, rules 19.15.3.116 NMAC and 19.15.1.19 NMAC will be complied with as required.

- 13. If the sampling results demonstrate that a release has not occurred, or that any release does not exceed the concentrations specified above or background concentrations, the pit will be backfilled with compacted, non-waste containing, earthen material.
- 14. Stockpiled sub-surface soil will be used to backfill pit and re-contour (to a final or intermediate cover that blends with the surrounding topography). A minimum of four feet of compacted, non-waste containing, earthen material will be used as backfill.
- 15. Stockpiled surface soil will be used as a cover over the backfilled pit and disturbed area no longer needed for production operations. The soil cover will include either the background thickness of top soil or one foot of suitable material to establish vegetation at the site whichever is greater. The soil cover will be constructed to the site's existing grade and prevent water collection or ponding and erosion of the cover material.
- 16. Disturbed areas will be seeded the first growing season after the pit is closed. Seeding will be accomplished by drilling on contour whenever possible or by other division approved methods. BLM stipulated seed mixes will be used on all Federal lands and NMOCD approved seed mixes (administratively approved if required) will be used on all State or private lands. Vegetative cover will equal 70% of the native perennial vegetative cover (un-impacted) consisting of at least three native plant species, including at least one grass, but not including noxious weeds, and maintain that cover through two successive growing seasons. If alternate seed mix is required by the state, private owner or tribe, it will be implemented with administrative approval if needed. Seeding or planting will be continued until successful vegetative growth occurs
- 17. The NMOCD will be notified within 60-days of closure of the permanent pit. The closure report will be filed on form C-144 and will include the following:
  - a. Proof of Closure Notice (surface owner and division)
  - b. Confirmation Sampling Analytical Results (if applicable)
  - c. Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number
  - d. Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation
  - e. Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique
  - f. Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation)
- 18. The NMOCD will be notified once successful re-vegetation has been achieved.