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Mr. Glenn von Gonten
Environmental Bureau
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Energy, Minerals
& Natural Resources Department
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Subject: Cotton Draw Compressor Station
Notification of Upcoming Facility Changes
Discharge Permit (GW-311)
Lea County, New Mexico

Mr. von Gonten:

DCP Midstream, LP (DCP Midstream) is providing you with the following information regarding upcoming changes being made to the Cotton Draw Compressor Station facility. Plans for the changes described below are being finalized, and construction of the equipment foundations is scheduled to commence before the end of the second week of April 2011, weather permitting. I am providing this information (following recent discussions with Leonard Lowe) in the hope that we can secure your expedited approval to proceed with the work. DCP Midstream does not believe the changes described will result in any significant modification in the potential discharge of any water contaminants, nor will any water quality standard be exceeded as a result of these changes.

DCP Midstream is planning to add an amine treatment system for the removal of hydrogen sulfide and carbon dioxide to the current facility process. The new treatment equipment (Amine Treating Train -1) will be constructed immediately east of the existing facility equipment. Additionally, a regenerative thermal oxidizer will be installed along the eastern fence line for management/disposal of the recovered hydrogen sulfide and carbon dioxide. An updated facility plot plan showing the relative location of the new equipment, as well as identifying major components of the new treatment system, is provided as Attachment 1. Dashed areas on the facility plot plan show the location of a potential second amine treatment system currently under consideration for future facility expansion work. That additional treatment system is part of a future facility expansion, should conditions warrant, and is not being constructed as part of the current expansion project that is under consideration in this notification.

To support the operation of this new system, a new 210-barrel Amine Storage Tank and two 210-barrel Demineralized Water Tanks will be utilized. These new aboveground storage tanks will be placed inside a new impermeable secondary containment berm sized to hold at least 133% of

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the Amine Storage Tank's maximum volume. A representative design drawing of a 210-barrel tank similar to the tank to be installed is included as Attachment 2.

Much of the treatment system equipment will be placed atop concrete foundations equipped with environmental drains. The concrete foundations will prevent incidental leaks of oil, amine, and other system fluids from making contact with the ground surface in the immediate vicinity of the equipment. Fluids captured by the foundation drain system will gravity flow to a new 470-gallon Open Drain Sump (which meets the NMOCD definition of a below-grade tank) before being transferred to the facility Produced Water Tank via the Oily Water Tank for future off site disposal. This system is included to prevent stormwater that may come into contact with de minimis amounts of oil, amine, and other equipment fluids from discharging from the facility via sheet flow stormwater runoff. The below-grade tank will be constructed of fiberglass with a vinyl ester corrosion barrier, and will be double-walled (tank-in-a-tank design) to provide appropriate secondary containment to minimize the potential for an inadvertent release of oil or other fluids to the surrounding environment. Four view ports will be provided on the top of the tank to provide leak detection capability and allow for visual inspection of the interstitial space and primary tank walls. Level controls will be incorporated into the tank design to provide timely, automatic emptying of the tank via an air driven diaphragm pump to prevent accidental overfilling of the tank. The pump will be activated once the level in the primary tank reaches 50% of the primary tank's volume. A drawing showing the details of the below-grade tank is included as Attachment 3.

In addition to the Open Drain Sump, a 470-gallon Amine Sump (which also meets the NMOCD definition of a below-grade tank) will also be installed. This below-grade tank will be identical in construction and operation to the Open Drain Sump described above.

All below ground piping associated with the treatment system and the below-grade tanks will be properly protected from external corrosion following procedures outlined in DCP's mechanical integrity program.

The New Mexico Office of the State Engineer Water Rights Reporting System lists one well with depth-to-groundwater data within 3 miles of the Cotton Draw Compressor Station facility. The well is approximately 2.9 miles west of the facility and has a reported depth to water of 390 feet below ground surface.

As we have discussed previously, DCP Midstream does not believe that the New Mexico Water Quality Act, NMSA 1978, §§74-6-1 to 17, and the regulations adopted under that act are applicable to compressor stations. Further, even if the Water Quality Act and regulations applied, the WQCC regulations do not require a discharge plan for this facility. The Cotton Draw Compressor Station does not have any discharges that may move directly or indirectly into groundwater. Therefore, DCP Midstream does not believe that a discharge plan is required under the WQCC regulations. Since the WQCC regulations do not require a discharge plan, DCP Midstream is under no legal obligation to modify Discharge Plan GW-311.



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PLEASE be advised that DCP Midstream's submittal of this facility information does not waive DCP Midstream's objection to the NMOCD's position regarding applicability of the WQCC regulations. An application for renewal of the Cotton Draw discharge permit was submitted to the NMOCD on September 9, 2009. As of the date of this correspondence, a draft of the renewed permit has not yet been received by DCP Midstream. Because the information contained in this correspondence was not included in the above-referenced renewal application, please consider this notification (and the information provided herein) an addendum to the previously submitted permit renewal application.

If you have any questions concerning DCP Midstream's position or the information contained within this request, please contact me at (303) 605-1936. Please send all correspondence regarding this request to me at 370 17th Street, Suite 2500, Denver, CO 80202.

Sincerely,
DCP Midstream, LP

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Keith Warren, P.E.
Environmental Engineer

Enclosures

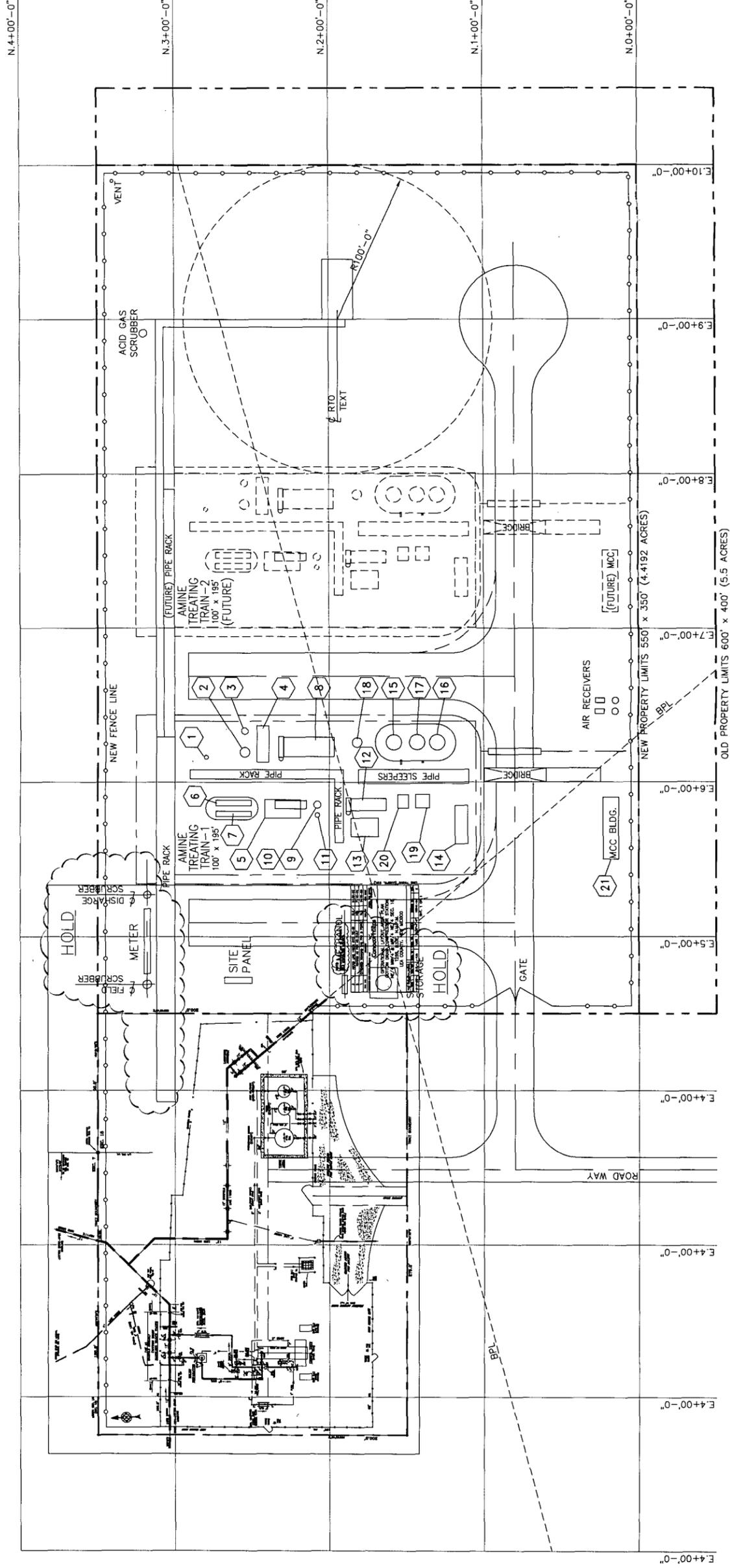
cc: Leonard Lowe, New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
Kenneth Winn, DCP Midstream
Johnnie Bradford, DCP Midstream

**ATTACHMENT 1
AMENDED FACILITY PLOT PLAN**

LEGEND: AMINE TREATING TRAIN-1

PROVIDED BY EXTERN

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|----|---|----|--|
| 1 | F-402 INLET GAS FILTER/COALESCER | 11 | E-203 AMINE REBOILER |
| 2 | T-501 AMINE CONTACTOR | 12 | A-302 AMINE STILL REFLEX CONDENSER |
| 3 | V-403 TREATED GAS SCRUBBER | 13 | EXPANSION TANK SKID (V-413, P-610, P-611, A-306, A-307) |
| 4 | FLASH TANK SKID (V-404) | 14 | H-701 HMO HEATER |
| 5 | REGEN SKID (P-609, F-411, E-202, F-405, F-410, P-604, P-605, V-408, A-303, A-304, P-607, P-608) | 15 | TK-801 AMINE STORAGE TANK w/P-621 PUMP |
| 6 | P-601 AMINE CIRCULATION PUMP | 16 | TK-802A DEMINERALIZED WATER TANK w/ P-622 PUMP |
| 7 | P-602 AMINE CIRCULATION PUMP | 17 | TK-802B DEMINERALIZED WATER TANK |
| 8 | A-301 AMINE COOLER | 18 | TK-804 AMINE SUMP w/ P-624 PUMP |
| 9 | T-502 AMINE STILL | 19 | TK-815 OPEN DRAIN SUMP w/P-625 PUMP |
| 10 | V-407 AMINE STILL REFLEX ACCUMULATOR | 20 | V-436 HMO DRAIN BLOWCASE |
| | | 21 | MCC (MOTOR CONTROL CENTER) |



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PLOT PLAN
COTTON DRAW
TREATER

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| FILE NO. COTTONDRAWMP-01 | SCALE 1"=40' | DATE 11/17/10 | DRAWN wt | DWC NO. MP-01 |
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ATTACHMENT 2
210-BARREL ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANK DETAIL

ATTACHMENT 3
470-GALLON BELOW-GRADE TANK DETAIL

FITTING SCHEDULE

| MK ITEM | DIA (D) | ELEV. | ORIE | SERVICE |
|---------|---------|-------|------|-----------|
| A | 2' | top | 45° | view port |
| B | 18" | top | 315° | manway |
| C | 4' | top | 90° | flange |
| D | 4' | 3' | 180° | flange |
| E | 2' | TDP | 180° | flange |
| F | 4' | 3' | 180° | flange |
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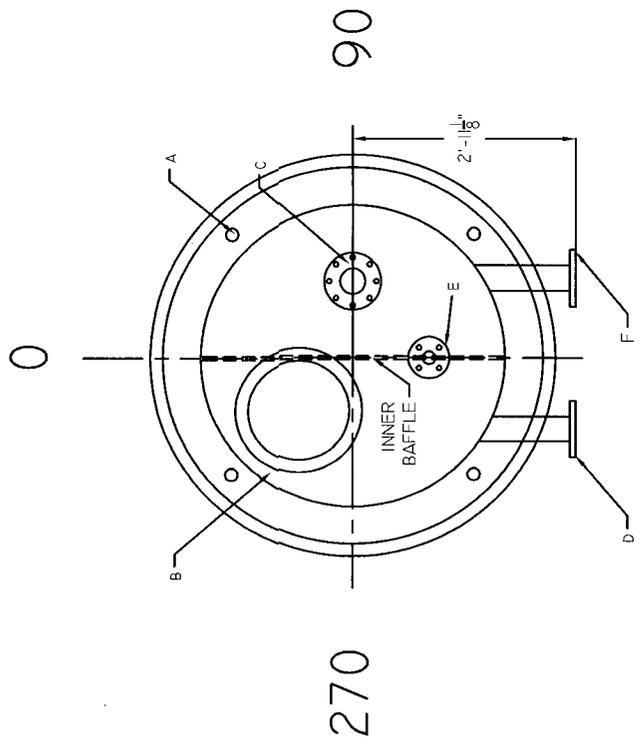
RESIN SPECIFICATION

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| LINER | VINYL ESTER |
| STRUCTURAL | GENERAL PER. POSE |
| EXTERIOR | TAN GEL COAT |

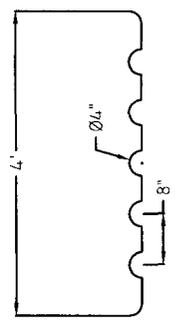
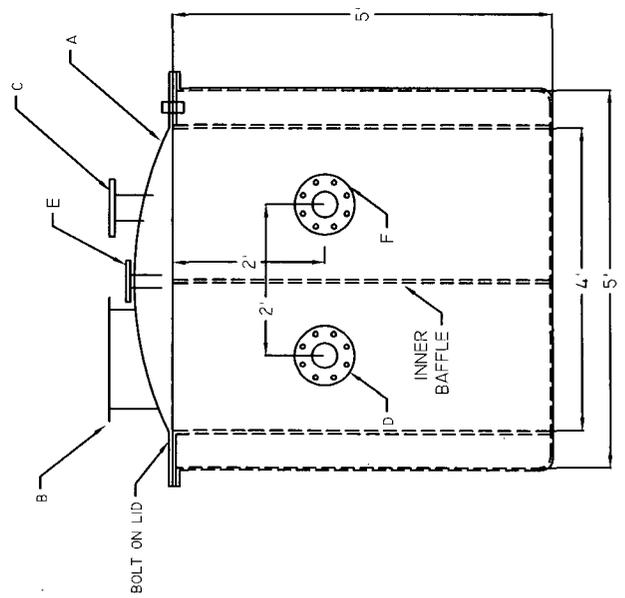
LAMINATION SYMBOLS AND THICKNESS

| SYMBOL | DESCRIPTION | THICKNESS/LAYERS |
|--------|---|------------------|
| V | ONE (1) LAYER OF WEL | |
| N | ONE (1) LAYER OF NEAS/PE | |
| W | ONE (1) LAYER OF WEL | |
| Y | ONE (1) LAYER OF 1/2" (12.7) W/AS/FL CHOPPED STRAND MAT | |
| WR | ONE (1) LAYER OF 4/8" (50.8) FIBER WOVEN ROVING | |
| FW | ONE (1) CYCLE OF FILAMENT WINDING | |
| D | ONE (1) LAYER OF DOPPELSTRAND (DUS TO G450) | |
| CA | ONE (1) LAYER OF COPPER STRAND (DUS TO G450) | |

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED
 1) INNER TANK CONSTRUCTED WITH VINYL ESTER
 CORROSION BARRIER



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| DRAWING TITLE: 4' X 5' DUAL TANK | | | | | | |
| CUSTOMER: DCP | | | | | | |
| DRAWING NO: 092409 | | | | | | |
| DATE DRAWING: 09/24/09 | | | | | | |
| TANK SIZE: 4' X 5' INNER | | | | | | |
| DRAWN BY: LUPE VASQUEZ | | | | | | |
| TANK CAPACITY: 470 GALLONS | | | | | | |
| CHECKED BY: | | | | | | |
| PART/ITEM NO: | | | | | | |
| DRAWING FILE: 092409-1 | | | | | | |
| CUSTOMER PO #: | | | | | | |
| JOB NUMBER: | | | | | | |
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