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State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-144  
March 12, 2004

For drilling and production facilities, submit to appropriate NMOC District Office.  
For downstream facilities, submit to Santa Fe office

**Pit or Below-Grade Tank Registration or Closure**

Is pit or below-grade tank covered by a "general plan"? Yes ☐ No ☒

Type of action: Registration of a pit or below-grade tank ☐ Closure of a pit or below-grade tank ☐

Operator: merit Energy Telephone: (505) 677-2327 e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: P.O. Box 300  
Facility or well name: max Friess #6 API #: 300-152-6882 U/L or Q/L or Q/L: Sec 30 T 17S R 31E  
County: Eddy Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_ NAD: 1927 ☐ 1983 ☐ Surface Owner Federal ☒ State ☐ Private ☐ Indian ☐

**Pit**

Type: Drilling ☐ Production ☐ Disposal ☐

Workover ☒ Emergency ☐

Lined ☒ Unlined ☐

Liner type: Synthetic ☒ Thickness 12 mil Clay ☐ Volume  
100 bbl

**Below-grade tank**

Volume: \_\_\_\_\_ bbl Type of fluid: \_\_\_\_\_

Construction material: \_\_\_\_\_

Double-walled, with leak detection? Yes ☐ If not, explain why not: \_\_\_\_\_

Depth to ground water (vertical distance from bottom of pit to seasonal high water elevation of ground water.)

Less than 50 feet

50 feet or more, but less than 100 feet

100 feet or more

(20 points)

(10 points)

(0 points) ☒

Wellhead protection area: (Less than 200 feet from a private domestic water source, or less than 1000 feet from all other water sources.)

Yes

No

(20 points)

(0 points) ☒

Distance to surface water: (horizontal distance to all wetlands, playas, irrigation canals, ditches, and perennial and ephemeral watercourses.)

Less than 200 feet

200 feet or more, but less than 1000 feet

1000 feet or more

(20 points)

(10 points)

(0 points) ☒

Ranking Score (Total Points)

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If this is a pit closure: (1) attach a diagram of the facility showing the pit's relationship to other equipment and tanks. (2) Indicate disposal location:

onsite ☐ offsite ☐ If offsite, name of facility: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Attach a general description of remedial action taken including remediation start date and end date. (4) Groundwater encountered: No ☐ Yes ☐ If yes, show depth below ground surface: \_\_\_\_\_ ft. and attach sample results. (5) Attach soil sample results and a diagram of sample locations and excavations.

I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that the above-described pit or below-grade tank has been/will be constructed or closed according to NMOC guidelines ☒ a general permit ☐ or an (attached) alternative OGD-approved plan ☐.

Date: 6-9-04

Printed Name/Title: Robert Rodriguez Signature: Robert Rodriguez

Your certification and NMOC approval of this application/closure does not relieve the operator of liability should the contents of the pit or tank contaminate ground water or otherwise endanger public health or the environment. Nor does it relieve the operator of its responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

Approval:

Date: 6/17/04

Printed Name/Title: Mike Brubaker / Compliance Officer Signature: Mike Brubaker