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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  
July 21, 2008

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

**DENIED**

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- 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: BC Operating, Inc OGRID #: 160825  
Address: P.O. Box 50820 Midland, TX 79710  
Facility or well name: Jitterbug Federal #1  
API Number: 30-015-36121 OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
U/L or Qtr/Qtr G Section 24 Township 24 S Range 28 E County: Eddy  
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_ NAD: ☐ 1927 ☐ 1983  
Surface Owner: ☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ Private ☐ Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

**DENIED**

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 20 mil ☒ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ String-Reinforced  
Liner Seams: ☒ Welded ☒ Factory ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Volume: ~10,500 bbl Dimensions: L 100' x W 100' x D 6'

DOCUMENTATION AS REQUIRED BY 19.15.17 [NMAC] IS INCOMPLETE FOR THIS APPLICATION.

AVAILABLE DATA INDICATES GROUNDWATER MAY BE ENCOUNTERED AT 50 FEET BGS OR LESS AT THIS SITE.

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: \_\_\_\_\_ 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: Thickness \_\_\_\_\_ mil ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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 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.

- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other 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.

(Applies to permanent pits)

- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image

☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ NA

Within 500 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring that less than five households use for domestic or stock watering purposes, or within 1000 horizontal feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in existence at the time of initial application.

- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended.

- Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; 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

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)

**DENIED**

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

☐ 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 &amp; Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map

☐ Yes ☒ No

Within a 100-year floodplain.

- FEMA map *see attached Exhibit Surface Use Plan filed w/ BLM*☐ Yes ☒ 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 *See attachments C*☒ Construction/Design Plan of Burial Trench (if applicable) based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC *See attachment A*☒ 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*See attachment B*☒ 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): JARON SIMONTitle: EngineerSignature: [Signature]Date: 8/12/08e-mail address: j.simon@usaonline.netTelephone: 432.684.9696

20.

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

OCD Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**DENIED**

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 identify the facility or facilities for where the liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings were disposed. Use attachment if more than two facilities were utilized.

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

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

Were the closed-loop system operations and associated activities performed on or in areas that *will not* be used for future service and operations?

☐ Yes (If yes, please demonstrate compliance to the items below) ☐ No

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

- ☐ Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation)  
☐ Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation  
☐ Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment A



GCI d/b/a/ SWEATT CONSTRUCTION INC.  
GENERAL DIRT WORK  
OILFIELD ROADS - PITS - LOCATIONS  
720 SOUTH TEXACO ROAD - HOBBS, NM 88240  
OFFICE (575) 393-3180 / FAX (575) 391-9895

DATE: 08/05/2008

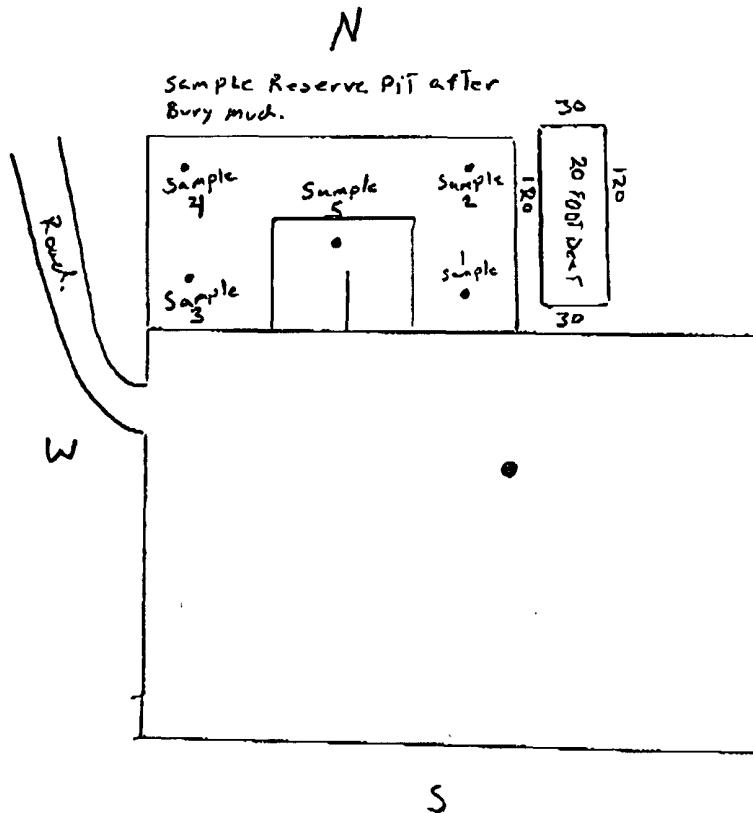
COMPANY: BC OPERATING

LEASE: JITTERBUG FEDERAL #2

LEGALS: SEC:24 T24S R28E

DESCRIPTION: DEEP BURY RESERVE PIT CONTAINS, DIG TRENCH, LINE WITH 20 MIL LINER. PLACE RESERVE PIT CONTAINS INTO TRENCH CAP WITH 20 MIL LINER DO A 5 POINT COMPOSITE SAMPLE AND ANALYZE FOR BENZENE TOTAL BTEX, TPH, THE GRO AND DRO COMBINED FRACTION AND CHLORIDES BENEATH A TEMPORARY PIT. BACK FILL USING ONSITE MATERIALS RECONTOUR RESERVE AREA AND SEEDING WITH A NUMBER 2 MIXER OF BLM. DIMENSIONS ON DEEP BURY TRENCH WILL BE ON THE NORTH EAST SIDE OF RESERVE PIT 120L X 30W AND 20' DEEP.

SUPERVISOR,  
JESSE RODRIGUEZ



## *Attachment B*

### **BC Operating, Inc. Closure Procedure for Temporary Drilling Pits**

1. De-water pit within 30 days of rig release.
2. Weekly inspection of fluid level in drilling pit after rig release date until fluids are removed. Weekly levels will be recorded in a log to be submitted to the appropriate OCD district office at time of pit closure.
3. All removed fluids will be disposed in an OCD approved manner at on of the listed OCD approved disposal facilities.
  - a. Disposal Facility: Dorstate Disposal
  - b. Disposal Facility Permit Number: NM-100
4. Within 6 months of the rig release date and after the removal of all free liquids from the temporary drilling pit, the surface owner will be notified by certified mail, return receipt requested that the operator will close the pit. OCD division office will be notified verbally that pit closure will begin.
5. All impacted contents of the temporary drilling pit will be stabilized by mixing of dry non-waste containing earthen material so that such material will pass a paint filter test.
6. All stabilized pit contents, including the synthetic pit liner will be placed into a trench cap with 20 mil liner before additional 20 mil cap is put in before covering with a minimum of 5 feet of clean cover material. The trench itself will be built so that the sides are sloped and bottom is smooth with no jagged edges. The 20 mil linear will be put into place so that the seems are parallel to the line of maximum slope.
7. Once all visually impacted materials have been removed from the temporary drilling pit, testing and analyzing of the soils beneath the pit will be conducted in accordance with 19.15.17.13, B., 1(b)(i) or (ii) whichever is appropriate to determine if a release has occurred during utilization of the pit.
8. When analysis indicates that the soils within the pit area are within the recommended actions levels backfilling will begin.
9. Backfill material will consist of non-waste containing earthen material. The cleaned out drilling pit will be filled with such material to a level which shall allow space for the addition of topsoil which will be equal to the thickness of the background topsoil or one foot whichever is greater as directed in 19.15.17.13, H (1) NMAC.

- 10. The topsoil cover will be placed on to the drilling pit area in a manner of existing grade and will prevent ponding of water and erosion of the cover material. Once the pit is filled and contoured to surrounding topography the location will be cleared of all trash and scrap materials, and the well site will be left in as aesthetically pleasing a condition as possible.**
- 11. Within 60 days of closure completion a closure report on form C-144 will be submitted to the appropriate district office. The report will contain detailed information on the deep burial, backfilling, and capping. The closure report will also include a plat of the closed pit location on a form C-105.**
- 12. Within the first growing season after the approved pit closure seeding of the pit area shall occur with No. 2 seed mixture as per BLM special drilling stipulations and in accordance with 19.15.17.13, I, (2)(3)(4)(5).**



CONTOUR INTERVAL:  
MALAGA - 10'

U.S.G.S. TOPOGRAPHIC MAP  
MALAGA



**WEST  
COMPANY**  
of Midland, Inc.

110. W. LOUISIANA, STE 110  
MIDLAND TEXAS, 79701  
(432) 687-0865 - (432) 687-0868 FAX

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
2040 South Pacheco  
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☐ AMENDED REPORT

## WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

API Number 30-015-36121	Pool Code	Pool Name
Property Code	Property Name JITTERBUG FEDERAL	Well Number 1
OGRID No.	Operator Name BC OPERATING	Elevation 2972'

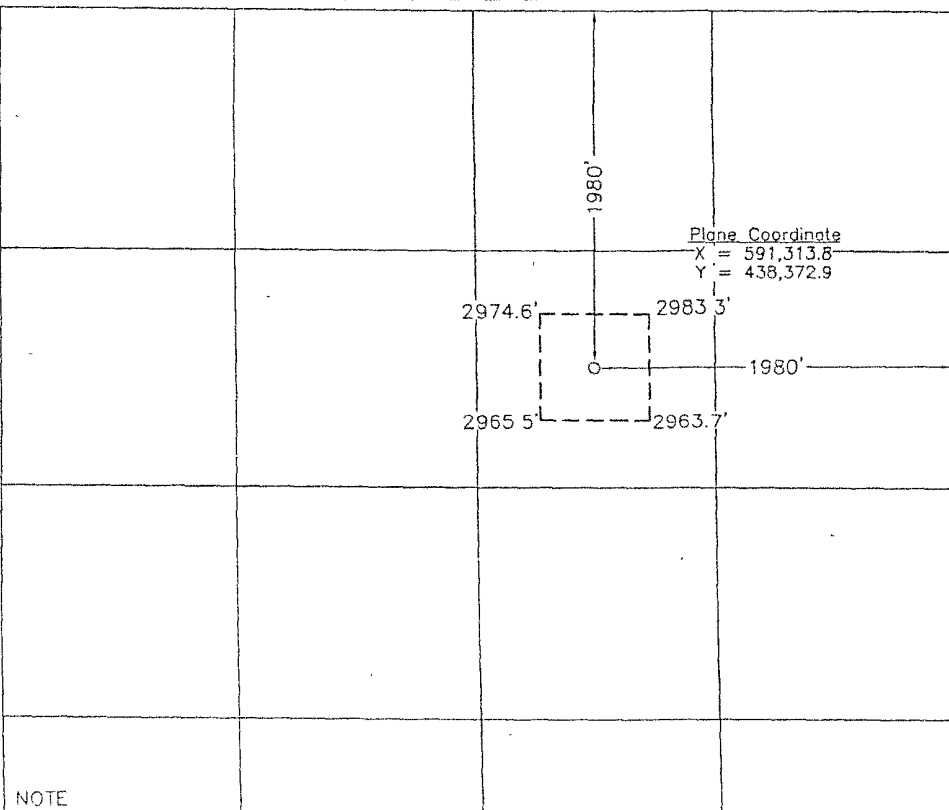
### Surface Location

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
G	24	24 S	28 E		1980	NORTH	1980	EAST	EDDY

## Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
Dedicated Acres	Joint or Infill	Consolidation Code		Order No.					

NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION

 <p style="text-align: center;">Plane Coordinate  <math>X = 591,313.8</math>  <math>Y = 438,372.9</math></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1980'</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2974.6'      2983.3'</p> <p style="text-align: center;">O      1980'</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2965.5'      2963.7'</p>	<p><b>OPERATOR CERTIFICATION</b></p> <p><i>I hereby certify the the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>[Signature]</i>  Signature</p> <hr/> <p><i>Jeffrey G. Lane</i>  Printed Name</p> <hr/> <p><i>Agent-In-Field</i>  Title</p> <hr/> <p><i>4/16/07</i>  Date</p>
<p><b>NOTE</b></p> <p>1) Plane Coordinates shown hereon are Transverse Mercator Grid and Conform to the "New Mexico Coordinate System", New Mexico East Zone, North American Datum of 1927. Distances shown hereon are mean horizontal surface values.</p>	<p><b>SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION</b></p> <p><i>I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">January 26, 2007</p> <hr/> <p>Date Surveyed _____ KMT</p> <hr/> <p>Signature &amp; Seal of Professional Surveyor</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">W. O. Num 2007-0127</p> <hr/> <p>Certificate No. MACON McDONALD 12185</p>

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
**APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL OR REENTER**

FORM APPROVED  
OMB No 1004-0137  
Expires March 31, 2007

5a. Type of work <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DRILL <input type="checkbox"/> REENTER		5 Lease Serial No <b>NM-110829</b>
5b. Type of Well: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oil Well <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Well <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Single Zone <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Zone		6 If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name <b>N/A</b>
2 Name of Operator <b>BC Operating, Inc.</b>		7 If Unit or CA Agreement, Name and No. <b>N/A</b>
3a Address <b>P.O. Box 50820 Midland, TX 79710</b>		8 Lease Name and Well No. <b>Jitterbug Federal #1</b>
3b. Phone No. (include area code) <b>432.553.7244</b>		9 API Well No. <b>Not Yet Issued</b>
4 Location of Well (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements *) At surface <b>1980' FNL and 1980' FEL</b> At proposed prod zone <b>Same</b>		10 Field and Pool, or Exploratory <b>Malaga Delaware Field</b>
11. Sec., T. R. M. or Blk and Survey or Area <b>Sec.24-T24S-R28E</b>		12 County or Parish <b>Eddy</b>
13 State <b>NM</b>		14 Distance in miles and direction from nearest town or post office* <b>~3 miles SE of Malaga, NM</b>
15 Distance from proposed* location to nearest property or lease line, ft. (Also to nearest drig unit line, if any) <b>1980'</b>	16 No. of acres in lease <b>560</b>	17 Spacing Unit dedicated to this well <b>40</b>
18 Distance from proposed location* to nearest well, drilling, completed, applied for, on this lease, ft. <b>~2500'</b>	19 Proposed Depth <b>2850'</b> <i>Reoperator (WIS)</i>	20 BLM/BIA Bond No. on file <b>ON FILE</b> <i>7/11/25/72 CR 085. BLM 7/21/07</i>
21 Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB, RT, GL, etc.) <b>2972' GL</b>	22 Approximate date work will start* <b>06/04/2007</b>	23. Estimated duration <b>20-days</b>

**24. Attachments**

The following, completed in accordance with the requirements of Onshore Oil and Gas Order No.1, shall be attached to this form

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| 1. Well plat certified by a registered surveyor  | 4 Bond to cover the operations unless covered by an existing bond on file (see Item 20 above)    |
| 2. A Drilling Plan   | 5 Operator certification   |
| 3. A Surface Use Plan (if the location is on National Forest System Lands, the SUPO shall be filed with the appropriate Forest Service Office) | 6 Such other site specific information and/or plans as may be required by the authorized officer |

25. Signature 	Name (Printed/Typed) <b>Jeffrey G. Bane</b>	Date <b>04/25/2007</b>
Title <b>Agent-In-Fact</b>		
Approved by (Signature) 	Name (Printed/Typed) <b>/s/ James Stovall</b>	Date <b>6/21/07</b>
Title <b>FIELD MANAGER</b>	Office <b>BLM-CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE</b>	

Application approval does not warrant or certify that the applicant holds legal or equitable title to those rights in the subject lease which would entitle the applicant to conduct operations thereon.

Conditions of approval, if any, are attached.

**APPROVAL FOR TWO YEARS**

Title 18 USC Section 1001 and Title 43 USC Section 1212, make it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction

\*(Instructions on page 2)

**APPROVAL SUBJECT TO  
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS  
AND SPECIAL STIPULATIONS  
ATTACHED**

**CARLSBAD CONTROLLED WATER BASIN**

**OPERATORS - FOR APDs  
SUBMIT 1 ORIGINAL AND 5  
COPIES**

**SEE ATTACHED FOR  
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

# Surface Use Plan

for

BC Operating, Inc.'s

Jitterbug Federal #1

1980' FNL & 1980' FEL (Unit Letter "G")

Section 24, T-24-S, R-28-E, N.M.P.M.

Eddy County, New Mexico

**Lease Serial # NM-110829**

For the Bureau's use in evaluating the above-captioned well, this plan is submitted with the Form 3160-3 APD. The purposes of this report are to:

1. describe the location of the proposed well,
2. highlight the construction and operation activities, and,
3. to provide a complete appraisal of the environmental effects and the magnitude of the necessary surface disturbances.

## Location:

The subject of this report is located approximately 3 miles southeast of Malaga. The attached plats show the Jitterbug Federal #1 as it has been staked in Section 24. The "Proposed Lease Road" is shown on the attached Survey Plat. **With submission of this Application, we are requesting approval for use of any Existing Lease Roads, PLUS the ~1500 of new road needed to go south into our location.** All new access roads will be completed for use as described below.

## Existing Roads:

### Directions:

See "Driving Instructions" on attached 1" = 100' Survey.

## Planned Access Road:

- |                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| A. Length and Width:   | All new lease roads will be graded in compliance with BLM standards and made a uniform width of 20', including shoulders. There are no new lease roads. |
| B. Surfacing Material: | The new access road will be constructed of material-in-place.   |
| C. Maximum Grade:      | Less than 1%  |
| D. Turnouts:           | Because all roads are essentially flat, no traffic turnouts are necessary.  |

- E. Drainage Design: The road will be constructed, or resurfaced with a 4" crown at the centerline. There are no water turnouts necessary.
- F. Culverts: None necessary.
- G. Cuts and Fills: The well pad will require about 4' of cut and fill from the southwest to the northeast. About 5" of topsoil from the pad will be stockpiled on the west side of the location for use in rehabilitation.
- H. Gates/Cattle guards: Because of the well's location, no new cattle guards are needed.
- I. Right-of-Way: There are no right-of-way applications necessary.

**Location of Existing Wells:**

There are 2 other known wells in Section 24, both operated by Dinero

**Location of Existing And/Or Proposed Facilities:**

If the well is productive, production, storage and measurement facilities will be constructed on a well pad in a manner consistent with the design of that shown in the attached "Tank Battery Schematic."

**Location and Type of Water Supply:**

Water for drilling operations will be purchased from a commercial water hauler.

**Source of Construction Materials:**

Whenever possible, Arrington plans to use material-in-place for construction. If necessary, caliche for surfacing the road and pad will be obtained from a privately owned pit and hauled to the location. Without prior approval, there are no plans to use caliche from Public Lands.

**Methods of Handling Waste Disposal:**

Drill cuttings will be disposed of in the drilling pits.

Drilling fluids will be allowed to evaporate in the drilling pits until dry.

Produced Water from any tests will be disposed of in the drilling pits.

Produced Oil from any tests will be stored in test tanks until sold.

Human waste will be handled, treated and disposed of by licensed professionals.

### **Well Site Layout:**

The 400' x 400' area in which the drill site will be located, has been surveyed and flagged. Tentative plans have the 300' x 200' drilling pad situated as shown in the attached "Drilling Rig Pad Schematic."

As stated above, for rehabilitation purposes, approximately 5" of topsoil will be stockpiled on the east side of the location.

### **Plans for Restoration of the Surface:**

After the conclusion of drilling and completion operations, all unnecessary equipment and material will be removed. Prior to filling, any unguarded pits containing fluids will be fenced. Afterwards, when the pits are filled, the location will be cleared of all trash and scrap materials, and the well site will be left in as aesthetically pleasing a condition as possible.

In the event the well is non-productive, the disturbed area will be rehabilitated to Agency requirements as expeditiously as possible.

### **Other Information:**

Topography: The regional terrain is a rolling plain, yet the drill site and access road are essentially level.

Soil: The soil at the well site is sandy clay loam with associated gravel.

Flora and Fauna: Flora consists of range grasses with some yucca and mesquite, while fauna includes reptiles, rodents and birds.

Ponds and Streams: There are no ponds or streams near the well site.

Residences and Other Structures: There are no occupied dwellings within the subject section.

Archaeological, Historical and Other Cultural Sites: Mr. Gary Navarro has made a survey (submitted separately).

Land Use: The area surrounding the well site is semi-arid rangeland used for grazing.

Surface Ownership: The wellsite is on surface owned by the U.S. Department of Interior and managed by the Interior's Bureau of Land Management. The land is used mainly for farming, cattle ranching, recreational use, and oil and gas production.

**Operator's Representative:**

Representative responsible for assuring compliance with the approved Surface Use Plan:

Jeffrey G. Bane  
I-43 Associates, Inc.  
Agent-In-Fact for  
BC Operating, Inc.  
Post Office Box 50767  
Midland, Texas 79710  
432.553.7244

**Certification:**

I hereby certify that I, or person under my direct supervision, have inspected the proposed drill site and access route; that I am familiar with the conditions which presently exist; that the statements made in this plan are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed by BC Operating, Inc. and its sub-contractors in conformity with this plan and the terms and conditions under which it is approved. This statement is subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001 for the filing of a false statement.

Date

4/25/07

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeffrey G. Bane

SPECIAL DRILLING STIPULATIONS

THE FOLLOWING DATA IS REQUIRED ON THE WELL SIGN

Operator's Name: BC Operating, Inc. Well Name & #: Jitterbug Federal # 1  
Location 1980' F N L & 1980' F E L; Sec. 24, T. 24 S., R. 28 E.  
Lease #: NM-110829 County: Eddy State: New Mexico

The Special stipulations check marked below are applicable to the above described well and approval of this application to drill is conditioned upon compliance with such stipulations in addition to the General Requirements. The permittee should be familiar with the General Requirements, a copy of which is available from a Bureau of Land Management office. EACH PERMITTEE HAS THE RIGHT OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL TO THESE STIPULATIONS PURSUANT TO TITLE 43 CFR 3165.3 AND 3165.4.

This permit is valid for a period of one year from the date of approval or until lease expiration or termination whichever is shorter.

I. SPECIAL ENVIRONMENT REQUIREMENTS

- ( ) Lesser Prairie Chicken (stips attached) ( ) Flood plain (stips attached)  
( ) San Simon Swale (stips attached) ( ) Other

II. ON LEASE - SURFACE REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO DRILLING

( X ) The BLM will monitor construction of this drill site. Notify the ( X ) Carlsbad Field Office at (505) 234-5972 ( ) Hobbs Office (505) 393-3612, at least 3 working days prior to commencing construction.

( X ) Roads and the drill pad for this well must be surfaced with 6 inches of compacted caliche upon completion of well and it is determined to be a producer.

( ) All topsoil and vegetation encountered during the construction of the drill site area will be stockpiled and made available for resurfacing of the disturbed area after completion of the drilling operation. Topsoil on the subject location is approximately \_\_\_\_\_ inches in depth. Approximately \_\_\_\_\_ cubic yards of topsoil material will be stockpiled for reclamation.

( X ) Other. Pits North V-Door East/ There also needs to be a berm placed on the north side of the pits and pad to prevent water from running across the proposed well pad.

III. WELL COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

( ) A Communitization Agreement covering the acreage dedicated to the well must be filed for approval with the BLM. The effective date of the agreement must be prior to any sales.

( x ) Surface Restoration: If the well is a producer, the reserve pit(s) will be backfilled when dry, and cut-and-fill slopes will be reduced to a slope of 3:1 or less. All areas of the pad not necessary for production must be re-contoured to resemble the original contours of the surrounding terrain, and topsoil must be re-distributed and re-seeded with a drill equipped with a depth indicator (set at depth of ½ inch) with the following seed mixture, in pounds of Pure Live Seed (PLS), per acre. If broadcasting, the seeding rate must be doubled.

( ) A. Seed Mixture 1 (Loamy Sites)  
Side Oats Grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*) 5.0  
Sand Dropseed (*Sporobolus cryptandrus*) 1.0  
Plains lovegrass (*Eragrostis intermedia*) 0.5

( X ) B. Seed Mixture 2 (Sandy Sites)  
Sand Dropseed (*Sporobolus crptandrus*) 1.0  
Sand Lovegrass (*Eragrostis trichodes*) 1.0  
Plains Bristlegrass (*Setaria magrostachya*) 2.0

( ) C. Seed Mixture 3 (Shallow Sites)  
Side oats Grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*) 5.0  
Green Spangletop (*Leptochloa dubia*) 2.0  
Plains Bristlegrass (*Setaria magrostachya*) 1.0

( ) D. Seed Mixture 4 (Gypsum Sites)  
Alkali Sacaton (*Sporobolus airoides*) 1.0  
Four-Wing Saltbush (*Atriplex canescens*) 5.0

( ) OTHER SEE ATTACHED SEED MIXTURE

Seeding should be done either late in the fall (September 15 - November 15, before freeze up, or early as possible the following spring to take advantage of available ground moisture.

Painting Requirement:

All above-ground structures including meter housing that are not subject to safety requirements shall be painted a flat non-reflective paint color, shale green, Munsell Soil Color Chart Number 5Y 4/2.

( ) Other



#### RESERVE PIT CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

The reserve pit shall be constructed entirely in cut material and lined with 6-mil plastic.

Mineral material extracted from within the boundary of the APD during construction of the well pad and reserve pits and be used for the construction of this well pad and its immediate access road only, as long as that portion of the access road it is use on remains on-lease. Removal of any additional material from this location for construction or improvement of other well pads and other access or lease roads must first be purchased from BLM.

Reclamation: Reclamation of this type of deep pit will consist of pushing the pit walls into the pit when sufficiently dry to support track equipment. The pit liner is NOT TO BE RUPTURED to facilitate drying; a ten month period after completion of the well is allowed for drying of the pit contents.

The pit area must be contoured to the natural terrain with all contaminated drilling mud buried with at least 3 feet of clean soil. The reclaimed area will then be seeded as specified in this permit.

#### OPTIONAL PIT CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

The reserve pit may be constructed in predominantly fill material if:

(1) Lined as specified above and

(2) A temporary or emergency pit may be constructed immediately adjacent to the reserve pit as long as the pit remains within the APD boundary. Mineral material removed from this pit may be used for the construction of this well pad only and its immediate access road, as long as that portion of the access road the material is used on remains on-lease. Removal of any material from the APD boundary for use on other well locations or roads must first be purchased from BLM.

Reclamation of the reserve pit consists of bulldozing all reserve pit contents and contaminants into the borrow pit and covering with a minimum of 3 feet of clean soil material. The entire area must be re-contoured, all trash removed, and reseeded as specified in this permit.

#### CULTURAL

Whether or not an archaeological survey has been completed and notwithstanding that operations are being conducted as approved, the lessee/operator/grantee shall notify the BLM immediately if previously unidentified cultural resources are observed during surface disturbing operations. From the time of the observation, the lessee/operator/grantee shall avoid operations that will result in disturbance to these cultural resources until directed to proceed by the BLM.

#### TRASH PIT STIPS

All trash, junk, and other waste material shall be contained in trash cages or bins to prevent scattering and will be removed and deposited in an approved sanitary landfill. Burial on site is not permitted.

## CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL - DRILLING

Operator's Name: BC Operating, Inc  
Well Name & No. 1-Jitterbug Federal  
Location: 1980' FNL, 1980' FEL, Sec. 24, T-24-S, R-28-E, Eddy County, NM  
Lease: NM-110829

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### I. DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- A. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is to be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness:
1. Spudding well
  2. Setting and/or Cementing of all casing strings
  3. BOPE tests
- Eddy County call the Carlsbad Field Office, 620 East Greene St., Carlsbad, NM 88220, (505) 361-2822
- B. **Although Hydrogen Sulfide has not been reported in this section, it is always a potential hazard.**
- C. Unless the production casing has been run and cemented or the well has been properly plugged, the drilling rig shall not be removed from over the hole without prior approval.
- D. If floor controls are required, (3M or Greater) controls will be on the rig floor, unobstructed, readily accessible to the driller and will be operational at all times during drilling and/or completion activities. Rig floor is defined as the area immediately around the rotary table; the area immediately above the substructure on which the draw works are located, this does not include the dog house or stairway area.

### II. CASING:

A. The 8-5/8 inch surface casing shall be set a minimum of 25 feet into the Rustler Anhydrite and above the salt at approximately 450 feet and cemented to the surface. **Drilling mud will switch to a cut brine fluid below the Rustler Anhydrite.**

1. If cement does not circulate to the surface, the appropriate BLM office shall be notified and a temperature survey utilizing an electronic type temperature survey with a surface log readout will be used or a cement bond log shall be run to verify the top of the cement.
2. Wait on cement (WOC) time for a primary cement job will be a minimum of **18 hours for a water basin** or 500 pounds compression strength, whichever is greater. (This is to include the lead cement)
3. Wait on cement (WOC) time for a remedial job will be a minimum of 4 hours after bringing cement to surface or 500 pounds compression strength, whichever is greater.
4. If cement falls back, remedial action will be done prior to drilling out that string.

**Possible lost circulation in the Triassic redbeds and the Castile Group.  
Potential for cave/karst features is medium in this area.**

- B.** The minimum required fill of cement behind the 5-1/2 inch production casing is **cement shall circulate to surface.**
- C.** If hardband drill pipe is rotated inside casing; returns will be monitored for metal. If metal is found in samples, drill pipe will be pulled and rubber protectors which have a larger diameter than the tool joints of the drill pipe will be installed prior to continuing drilling operations.

### **III. PRESSURE CONTROL:**

- A.** All blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) shall comply with well control requirements as described in Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 2.
- B.** The appropriate BLM office shall be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness the tests.
  - 1. The tests shall be done by an independent service company.
  - 2. The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.
  - 3. All tests are required to be recorded on a calibrated test chart. A copy of the BOP/BOPE test chart and a copy of independent service company test will be submitted to the appropriate BLM office.
  - 4. The BOP/BOPE test shall include a low pressure test from 250 to 300 psi in accordance with API RP 53 Sec. 17. The test will be held for a minimum of 10 minutes if test is done with a test plug and 30 minutes without a test plug.

**Engineer on call phone (after hours): 505-706-2779**

**WWI 061407**

STANDARD STIPULATIONS FOR PERMANENT RESOURCE ROADS  
CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE

A copy of the grant and attachments, including stipulations, survey plat and/or map, will be on location during construction. BLM personnel may request to you a copy of your permit during construction to ensure compliance with all stipulations.

The holder/grantee/permittee shall hereafter be identified as the holder in these stipulations. The Authorized Officer is the person who approves the Application for Permit to Drill (APD) and/or Right-of-Way (ROW).

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

A. The holder shall indemnify the United States against any liability for damage to life or property arising from the occupancy or use of public lands under this grant.

B. The holder shall comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations existing or hereafter enacted or promulgated. In any event, the holder shall comply with the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976, as amended (15 U.S.C. 2601, *et. seq.*) with regard to any toxic substances that are used, generated by or stored on the right-of-way or on facilities authorized by this grant. (See 40 CFR, Part 702-799 and especially, provisions on polychlorinated biphenyls, 40 CFR 761.1-761.193.) Additionally, any release of toxic substances (leaks, spills, etc.) in excess of the reportable quantity established by 40 CFR, Part 117 shall be reported as required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, Section 102b. A copy of any report required or requested by any Federal agency or State government as a result of a reportable release or spill of any toxic substances shall be furnished to the Authorized Officer concurrent with the filing of the reports to the involved Federal agency or State government.

C. The holder agrees to indemnify the United States against any liability arising from the release of any hazardous substance or hazardous waste (as these terms are defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. 9601, *et. seq.* or the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 6901, *et. seq.*) on the right-of-way (unless the release or threatened release is wholly unrelated to the right-of-way holder's activity on the right-of-way). This agreement applies without regard to whether a release is caused by the holder, its agent, or unrelated third parties.

D. If, during any phase of the construction, operation, maintenance, or termination of the road, any oil or other pollutant should be discharged, impacting Federal lands, the control and total removal, disposal, and cleaning up of such oil or other pollutant, wherever found, shall be the responsibility of the holder, regardless of fault. Upon failure of the holder to control, dispose of, or clean up such discharge on or affecting Federal lands, or to repair all

damages to Federal lands resulting there from the Authorized Officer may take such measures as deemed necessary to control and cleanup the discharge and restore the area, including, where appropriate, the aquatic environment and fish and wildlife habitats, at the full expense of the holder. Such action by the Authorized Officer shall not relieve the holder of any liability or responsibility.

E. The holder shall minimize disturbance to existing fences and other improvements on public domain surface. The holder is required to promptly repair improvements to at least their former state. Functional use of these improvements will be maintained at all times.

The holder will make a documented good-faith effort to contact the owner of any improvements prior to disturbing them. When necessary to pass through a fence line, the fence shall be braced on both sides of the passageway prior to cutting of the fence.

F. The Holder shall ensure that the entire right-of-way, including the driving surface, ditching and drainage control structures, road verges and any construction sites or zones, will be kept free of the following plant species: Malta starthistle, African rue, Scotch thistle and salt cedar. The Holder agrees to comply with the following stipulations:

1. ROAD WIDTH AND GRADE

The road will have a driving surface of 14 feet (all roads shall have a minimum driving surface of 12 feet, unless local conditions dictate a different width). The maximum grade is 10 percent unless the box below is checked. Maximum width of surface disturbance from construction will be 30 feet.

☒ Those segments of road where grade is in excess of 10% for more than 300 feet shall be designed by a professional engineer.

2. CROWNING AND DITCHING

Crowning with materials on site and ditching on one side of the road on the uphill side will be required. The road cross-section will conform to the cross section diagrams in Figure 1. If conditions dictate, ditching may be required for both sides of the road; if local conditions permit, a flat-bladed road may be considered (if these conditions exist, check the appropriate box below). The crown shall have a grade of approximately 2% (i.e., 1" crown on a 12' wide road).

☒ Ditching will be required on both sides of the roadway as shown on the attached map or as staked in the field.

☐ Flat-blading is authorized on segment(s) delineated on the attached map.

### 3. DRAINAGE

Drainage control shall be ensured over the entire road through the use of borrow ditches, out-sloping, in-sloping, natural rolling topography, lead-off (turnout) ditches, culverts, and/or drainage dips.

A. All lead-off ditches shall be graded to drain water with a 1 percent minimum to 3 percent maximum ditch slope. The spacing interval for lead-off ditches shall be determined according to the following table, but may be amended depending upon existing soil types and centerline road slope (in %):

#### SPACING INTERVAL FOR TURNOUT DITCHES

Percent slope	Spacing interval
0% - 4%	400' - 150'
4% - 6%	250' - 125'
6% - 8%	200' - 100'
8% - 10%	150' - 75'

A typical lead-off ditch has a minimum depth of 1 foot below and a berm 6 inches above natural ground level. The berm will be on the down-slope side of the lead-off ditch. The ditch end will tie into vegetation whenever possible.

For this road the spacing interval for lead-off ditches shall be at

☒ 400 foot intervals.

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ foot intervals.

☐ locations staked in the field as per spacing intervals above.

☐ locations delineated on the attached map.

B. Culvert pipes shall be used for cross drains where drainage dips or low water crossings are not feasible. The minimum culvert diameter must be 18 inches. Any culvert pipe installed shall be of sufficient diameter to pass the anticipated flow of water. Culvert location and required diameter are shown on the attached map (Further details can be obtained from the Roswell District Office or the appropriate Resource Area Office).

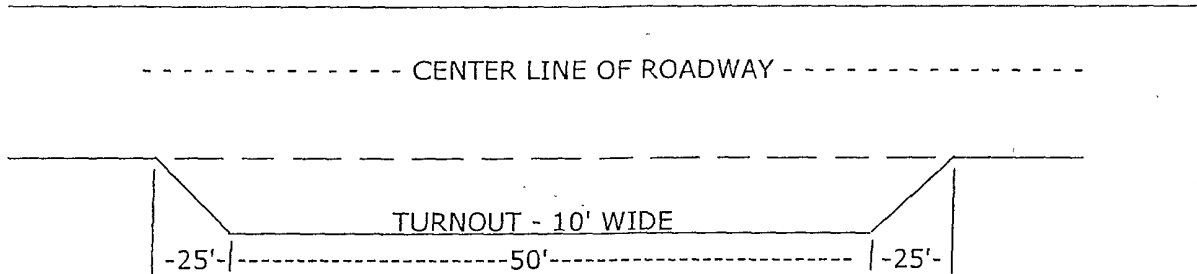
C. On road slopes exceeding 2%, drainage dips shall drain water into an adjacent lead-off ditch. Drainage dip location and spacing shall be determined by the formula:

$$\text{spacing interval} = \frac{400'}{\text{road slope in \%}} + 100'$$

Example: 4% slope: spacing interval =  $\frac{400}{4} + 100 = 200$  feet

#### 4. TURNOUTS

Unless otherwise approved by the Authorized Officer, vehicle turnouts will be required. Turnouts will be located at 2000-foot intervals, or the turnouts will be intervisible, whichever is less. Turnouts will conform to the following diagram:



STANDARD TURNOUT - PLAN VIEW

#### 5. SURFACING

Surfacing of the road or those portions identified on the attached map may, at the direction of the Authorized Officer, be required, if necessary, to maintain traffic within the right-of-way with caliche, gravel, or other surfacing material which shall be approved by the Authorized Officer. When surfacing is required, surfacing materials will be compacted to a minimum thickness of six inches with caliche material. The width of surfacing shall be no less than the driving surface. Prior to using any mineral materials from an existing or proposed Federal source, authorization must be obtained from the Authorized Officer.

A sales contract for the removal of mineral materials (caliche, sand, gravel, fill dirt, etc.) from an authorized pit, site, or on location must be obtained from the BLM prior to using any such mineral material from public lands. Contact the BLM solid minerals staff for the various options to purchase mineral material.

#### 6. CATTLEGUARDS

Where used, all cattleguard grids and foundation designs and construction shall meet the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Load Rating H-20, although AASHTO U-80 rated grids shall be required where heavy loads (exceeding H-20 loading), are anticipated (See BLM standard drawings for cattleguards). Cattleguard grid length shall not be less than 8 feet and width of not less than 14 feet. A wire gate (16-foot minimum width) will be provided on one side of the cattleguard unless requested otherwise by the surface user.

## 7. MAINTENANCE

The holder shall maintain the road in a safe, usable condition. A maintenance program shall include, but not be limited to blading, ditching, culvert installation, culvert cleaning, drainage installation, cattleguard maintenance, and surfacing.

## 8. PUBLIC ACCESS

Public access along this road will not be restricted by the holder without specific written approval being granted by the Authorized Officer. Gates or cattleguards on public lands will not be locked or closed to public use unless closure is specifically determined to be necessary and is authorized in writing by the Authorized Officer.

## 9. CULTURAL RESOURCES

Any cultural and/or paleontological resource (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by the holder, or any person working on the holder's behalf, on public or Federal land shall be immediately reported to the authorized officer. The holder shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the authorized officer. An evaluation of the discovery will be made by the authorized officer to determine appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values. The holder will be responsible for the cost of evaluation and any decision as to the proper mitigation measures will be made by the authorized officer after consulting with the holder.

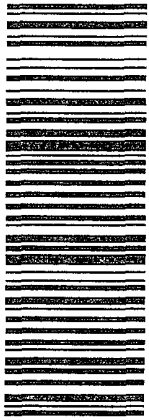


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