

2. CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES (Also refer to 3. PITS):

- A. No caliche, gravel, or other related minerals from new or existing pits on Federal land will be used in construction of roads, well sites, etc., without prior approval from BLM.
- B. Materials removed during construction must be disposed of in such manner that it does not detract from the aesthetics of the area and does not accelerate erosion. Vegetation removed during clearing operations should be placed in drainages, washed, gullies, etc., and "walked down" by crawler type tractor. If there are no drainages in the immediate area, the vegetation should be "walked down" in place. All trash resulting from construction activities will be disposed of. Any large rocks resulting from construction activities will not be piled or left in rows but will be left so they do not detract from the natural appearance of the area. Any available topsoil encountered during construction should be stockpiled for use in restoring the pit area after the pits are covered.
- C. Unless otherwise approved, all access roads should be limited to 12 feet in width. If the well is a producer, roads should be adequately drained and maintained to control erosion. Drainage facilities may include ditches, water bars, culverts and/or any other measure deemed necessary by the surface management agency.
- D. Each existing fence to be crossed by the permittee will be braced and tied off before cutting so as to prevent slacking of the wire. The opening will be protected as necessary during construction to prevent the escape of livestock and upon completion of construction, the fence will be repaired back to the original standard of the existing fence. A cattleguard will be installed in any fence where a road is to be regularly traveled. A twelve feet gate will be installed adjacent to the cattleguard when directed by the BLM authorized officer.

Note: Sec. 2-B and 2-C above apply primarily to Federal lands. If the land is privately owned, these requirements may be varied to comply with the operator-landowner agreement.

3. PITS:

- A. Mud pits will be constructed so as not to leak, break or allow discharge of liquids. Pits are not to be located in natural drainage. Any plastic material used to line pits must be removed to below ground level before pits are covered.
- B. All unguarded pits containing liquids will be fenced. All pits containing toxic liquids will be covered with a fine mesh netting (i.e., Hardware cloth) with openings being  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch or less for protection of wildlife.
- C. Liquids in pits will be allowed to evaporate, or be properly disposed of otherwise, before pits are broken. Under no circumstances will pits be allowed to be cut to be drained.