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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.

BGT 1

Pit, Closed-Loop System, Below-Grade Tank, or  
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.

1.	
Operator: <u>Chevron Midcontinent, LP</u> OGRID #: <u>241333</u>	
Address: <u>P.O. Box 36366 Houston, TX 77236</u>	
Facility or well name: <u>Rincon Unit No. 78</u>	
API Number: <u>30-039-07081</u> OCD Permit Number: _____	
U/L or Qtr/Qtr <u>Qtr/Qtr G</u> Section <u>14</u> Township <u>27N</u> Range <u>7W</u> County: <u>Rio Arriba</u>	
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude <u>36 577802°</u> Longitude <u>107 541219°</u> NAD: <input type="checkbox"/> 1927 <input type="checkbox"/> 1983	
Surface Owner: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment	
2.	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pit:</b> Subsection F or G of 19.15.17.11 NMAC	
Temporary: <input type="checkbox"/> Drilling <input type="checkbox"/> Workover	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Cavitation <input type="checkbox"/> P&A	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lined <input type="checkbox"/> Unlined Liner type: Thickness _____ mil <input type="checkbox"/> LLDPE <input type="checkbox"/> HDPE <input type="checkbox"/> PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> String-Reinforced	
Liner Seams: <input type="checkbox"/> Welded <input type="checkbox"/> Factory <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Volume: _____ bbl Dimensions: L _____ x W _____ x D _____	
3.	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Closed-loop System:</b> Subsection H of 19.15.17.11 NMAC	
Type of Operation: <input type="checkbox"/> P&A <input type="checkbox"/> Drilling a new well <input type="checkbox"/> Workover or Drilling (Applies to activities which require prior approval of a permit or notice of intent)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Drying Pad <input type="checkbox"/> Above Ground Steel Tanks <input type="checkbox"/> Haul-off Bins <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lined <input type="checkbox"/> Unlined Liner type: Thickness _____ mil <input type="checkbox"/> LLDPE <input type="checkbox"/> HDPE <input type="checkbox"/> PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
Liner Seams: <input type="checkbox"/> Welded <input type="checkbox"/> Factory <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
4.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Below-grade tank:</b> Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC	
Volume: <u>45bbl</u> bbl Type of fluid: <u>Condensate</u>	
Tank Construction material: <u>Steel</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secondary containment with leak detection <input type="checkbox"/> Visible sidewalls, liner, 6-inch lift and automatic overflow shut-off	
<input type="checkbox"/> Visible sidewalls and liner <input type="checkbox"/> Visible sidewalls only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
Liner type: Thickness _____ mil <input type="checkbox"/> HDPE <input type="checkbox"/> PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
5.	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Alternative Method:</b>	
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 Four foot, pipe frame with square wire mesh.

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.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
- Please reference hydrogeologic report and printout from iWATERS database.	
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).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
- Please reference the attached topographic map with distance rings. In addition, a field visit was conducted by Envirotech in July 2008 certifying that, at the time, there were no watercourses within the distance specified above.	
Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(Applies to temporary, emergency, or cavitation pits and below-grade tanks)	<input type="checkbox"/> NA
- Please reference the attached aerial photo. In addition, a field visit was conducted by Envirotech in July 2008 certifying that, at the time, there were no referenced buildings within the distance specified above.	
Within 1000 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
(Applies to permanent pits)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA
- Please reference the attached aerial photo. In addition, a field visit was conducted by Envirotech in July 2008 certifying that, at the time, there were no referenced buildings within the distance specified above.	
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.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
- Please reference the attached iWATERS printout. In addition, a field visit was conducted by Envirotech in July 2008 certifying that, at the time, there were no wells or springs within the distances specified above.	
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.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
The site is not within any known incorporated municipal boundaries, please reference the attached topographic map.	
Within 500 feet of a wetland.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
- Please reference the attached topographic map with distance rings. In addition, a field visit was conducted by Envirotech in July 2008 certifying that, at the time, there were no wetlands within the distance specified above	
Within the area overlying a subsurface mine.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
- Please reference the attached topographic map	
Within an unstable area.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
- Please reference the attached topographic map which includes FEMA flood map data. The map indicates the well site is outside of any known 100 year floodplains.	
Within a 100-year floodplain.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
- FEMA map	

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 NMAC  
☐ 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)

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within a 100-year floodplain.

- FEMA map

☐ 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

☐ 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 19.15.17.11 NMAC

☐ 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

☐ 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): Rodney Bailey Title: Waste & Water Group Lead

Signature:  Date: March 1, 2010

e-mail address: Baileg@chevron.com Telephone: (432) 687 7123

20.

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

OCD Representative Signature:  Approval Date: 3/5/2021

Title: Environmental Specialist OCD Permit Number: BGT 1

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 indentify 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: \_\_\_\_\_

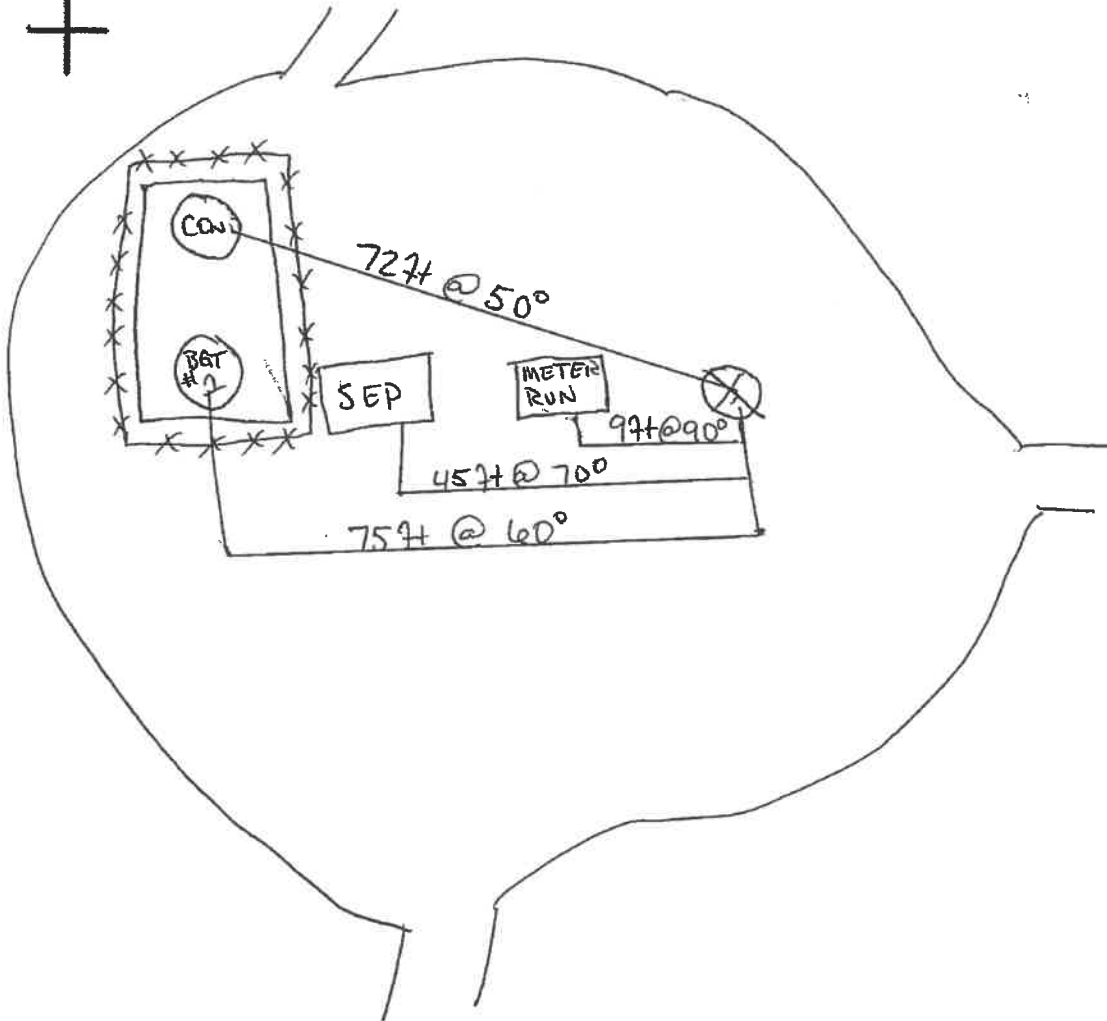
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Site Inventory Sheet

- Well Name & Number: Rincon Unit 78
- API #: 3003907035
- Lease #: NM012209
- Quarter/Quarter: G Section: 14 Township: 27N Range: 7W
- Lat: N36.577802° Long: W107.541219°
  
- Pit Tank #1: Manufacturer: N/A
- Serial #: N/A DOM: 6/94 Size NA bbl
  - If N/A – Dimensions: Diameter 87+ Height 57+
- Material: Steel X Galvanized \_\_\_\_\_ Fiberglass \_\_\_\_\_
- Tank Configuration: Double Wall X Single Wall \_\_\_\_\_ (Buried X or Exposed \_\_\_\_\_ Walls)
- Contents: Produced Water \_\_\_\_\_ Condensate X Recycled Oil \_\_\_\_\_
- Tank Top Covering: Solid/Cone-top \_\_\_\_\_ Netting X (Solid X Fiber \_\_\_\_\_)
- Secondary Containment: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_
- Fencing around berm: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_
  - Fence Type: Cattle Panel \_\_\_\_\_ Field Fence X Barbwire \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Pit Tank #2: Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_
- Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_ DOM: \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ bbl
  - If N/A – Dimensions: Diameter \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_
- Material: Steel \_\_\_\_\_ Galvanized \_\_\_\_\_ Fiberglass \_\_\_\_\_
- Tank Configuration: Double Wall \_\_\_\_\_ Single Wall \_\_\_\_\_ (Buried \_\_\_\_\_ or Exposed \_\_\_\_\_ Walls)
- Contents: Produced Water \_\_\_\_\_ Condensate \_\_\_\_\_ Recycled Oil \_\_\_\_\_
- Tank Top Covering: Solid/Cone-top \_\_\_\_\_ Netting \_\_\_\_\_ (Solid \_\_\_\_\_ Fiber \_\_\_\_\_)
- Secondary Containment: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- Fencing around berm: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
  - Fence Type: Cattle Panel \_\_\_\_\_ Field Fence \_\_\_\_\_ Barbwire \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Above-Ground Tank #1: Manufacturer: Process Equip + Service Co. Inc
- Serial #: T-2487 DOM: 1998 Size 100 bbl
  - If N/A – Dimensions: Diameter \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_
- Material: Steel X Galvanized \_\_\_\_\_ Fiberglass \_\_\_\_\_
- Contents: Produced Water \_\_\_\_\_ Condensate X (State # N/A) Recycled Oil X  
61-7138 CRUDE
- Secondary Containment: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Above-Ground Tank #2: Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_
- Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_ DOM: \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ bbl
  - If N/A – Dimensions: Diameter \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_
- Material: Steel \_\_\_\_\_ Galvanized \_\_\_\_\_ Fiberglass \_\_\_\_\_
- Contents: Produced Water \_\_\_\_\_ Condensate \_\_\_\_\_ (State # \_\_\_\_\_) Recycled Oil \_\_\_\_\_
- Secondary Containment: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Above-Ground Tank #3: Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_
- Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_ DOM: \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ bbl
  - If N/A – Dimensions: Diameter \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_
- Material: Steel \_\_\_\_\_ Galvanized \_\_\_\_\_ Fiberglass \_\_\_\_\_
- Contents: Produced Water \_\_\_\_\_ Condensate \_\_\_\_\_ (State # \_\_\_\_\_) Recycled Oil \_\_\_\_\_
- Secondary Containment: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

# Well Schematic

NORTH

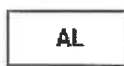


## Schematic Key:

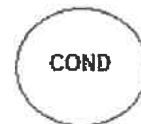
Separator



Artificial Lift



Condensate Tank



Compressor



Meter Run



Dehydrator



Well Head



Water Tank



Measure any distance 1000ft or less of the following:

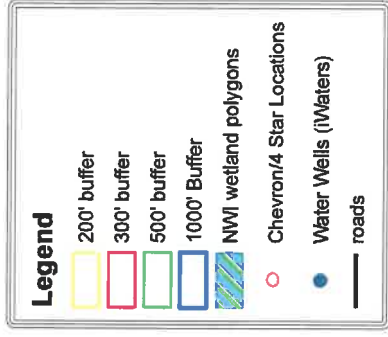
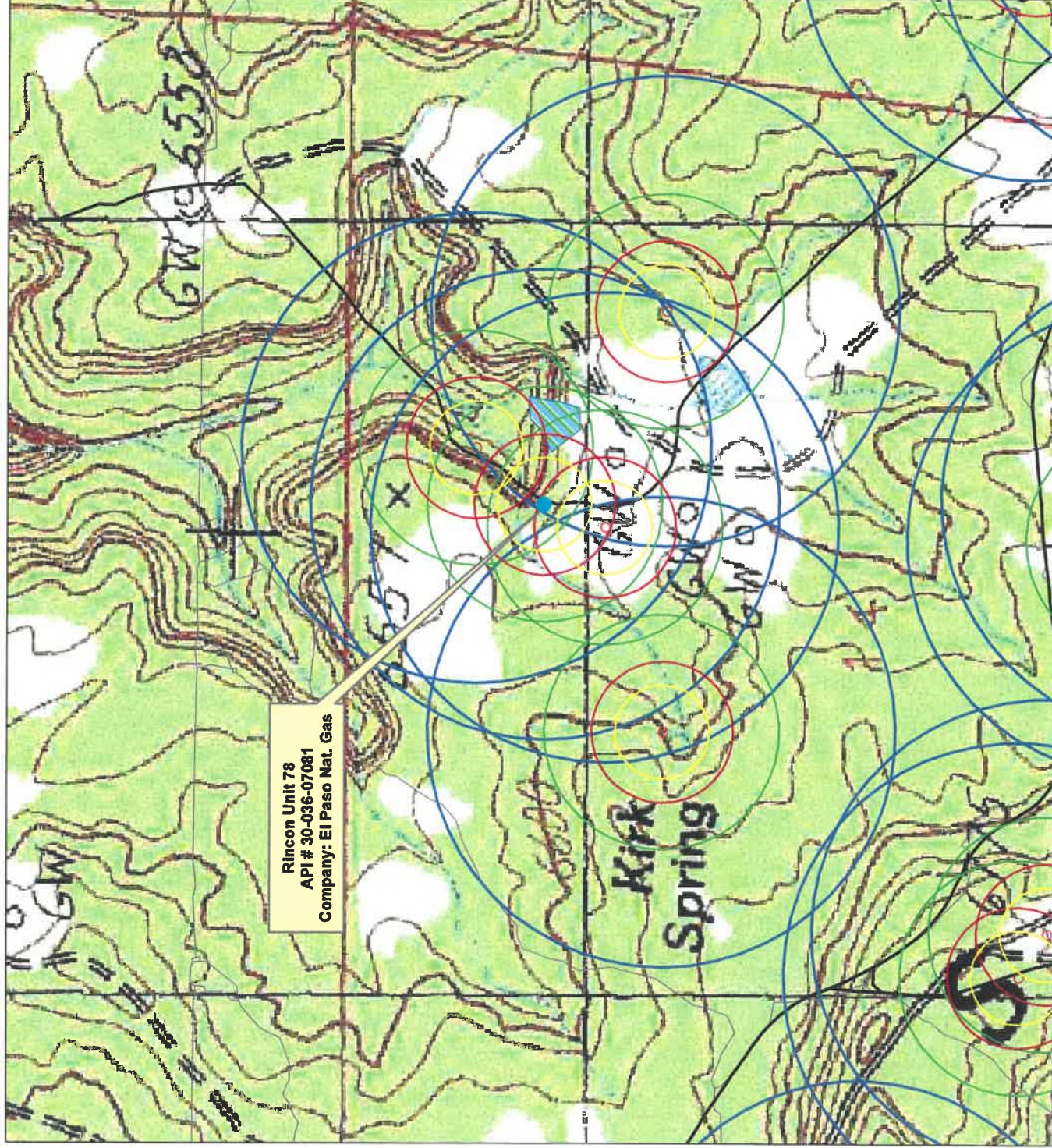
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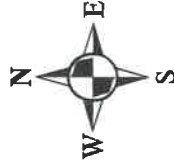
# Rincon Unit 78

## API # 30-039-07081



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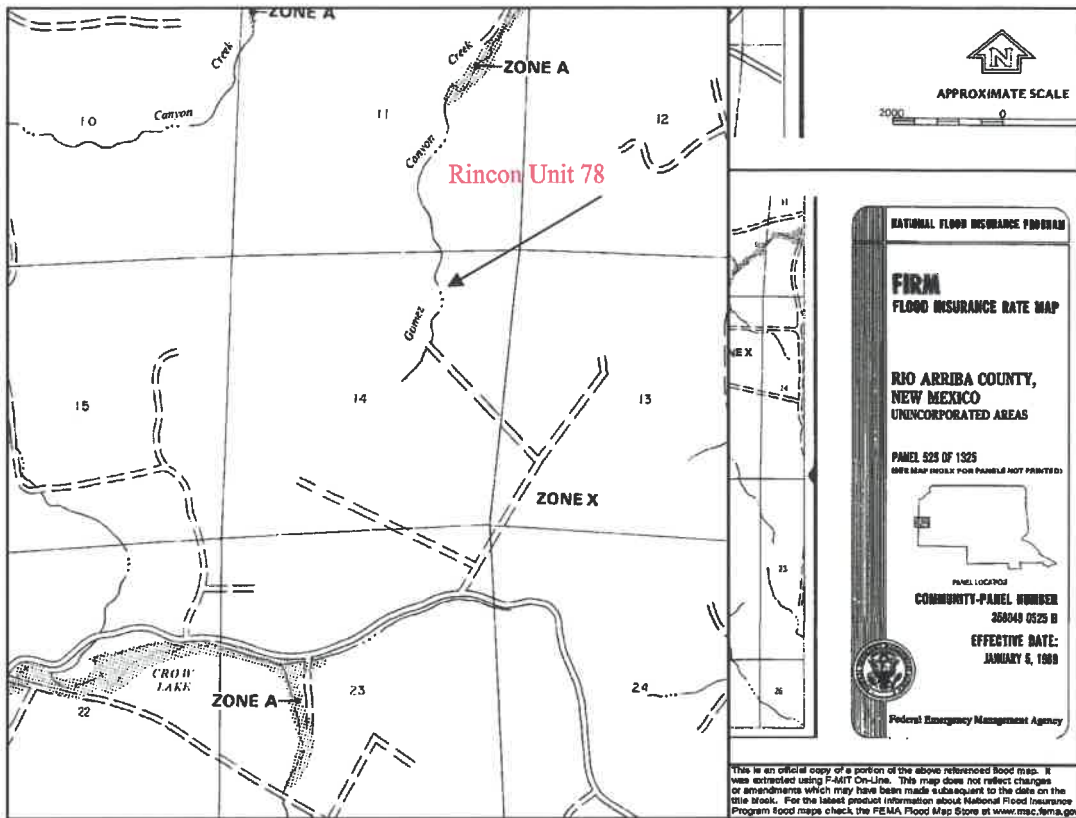
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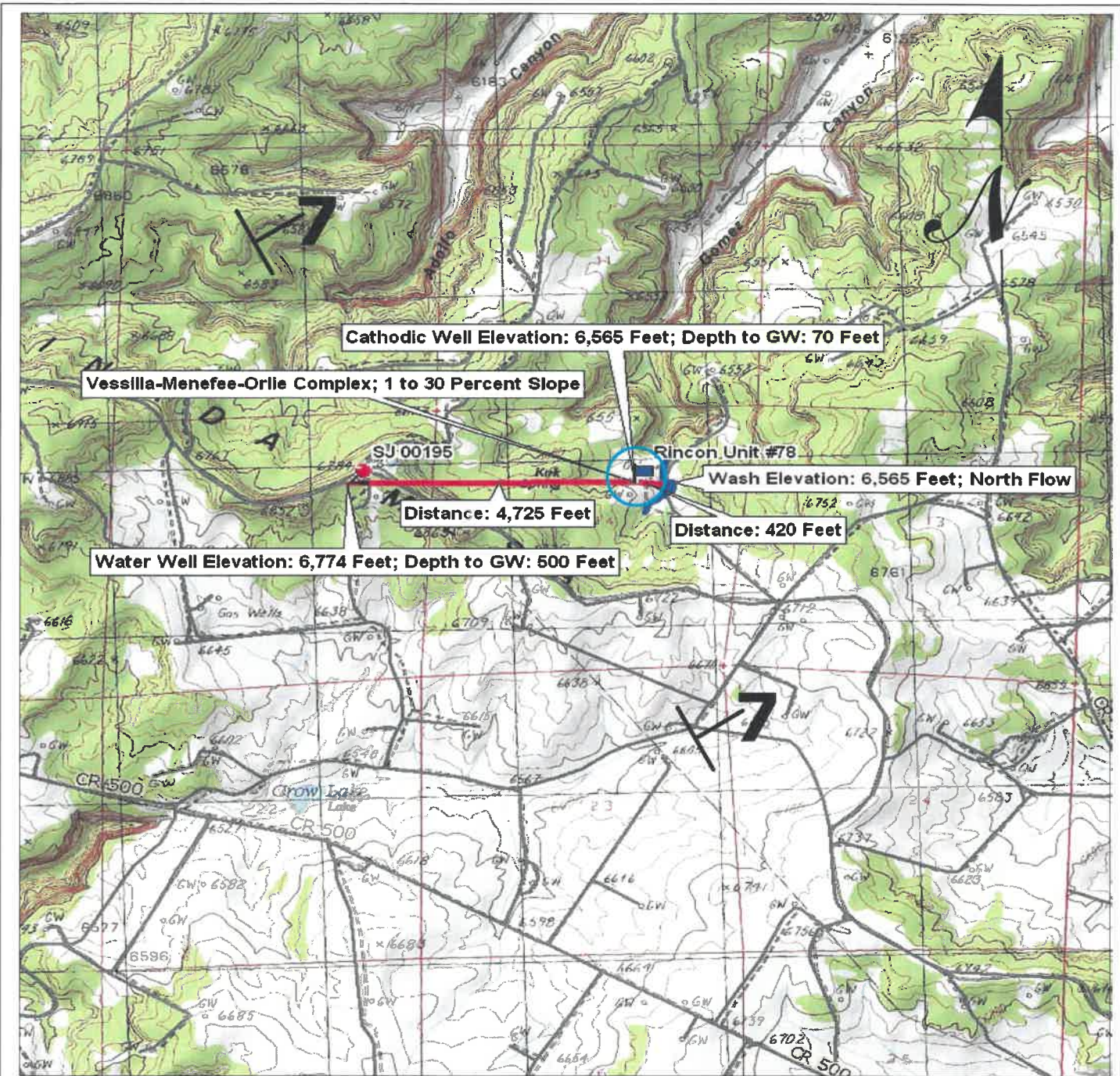


### **Rincon Unit #78 Groundwater Statement**

The attached iWATERS database search and topographic map shows a water well approximately 4,725 feet to the west with a depth to groundwater of 500 feet. This water well is labeled on the topographic map with a red point. As evidenced on the attached topographic map, the water well is at an elevation 209 feet higher than the Rincon Unit #78 well site, which is represented by a blue flag on the topographic map. The attached cathodic well data sheet for a cathodic well drilled for the Rincon Unit #78 well site in 1976 shows a depth to groundwater of 70 feet. This cathodic well data sheet is stamped as being accepted by the OCD in May of 1990. The soil type at the Rincon Unit #78 well site is a Vessilla-Menefee-Orlie complex, 1 to 30 percent slope. This soil is characterized by moderate organic material and high permeability. The nearest wash is approximately 420 feet to the east of the Rincon Unit #78 well site at an elevation of 6,565 feet. This is a north flowing ephemeral wash that only exists during periods of heavy precipitation. This wash is not a first or second order tributary of a named wash. The Rincon Unit #78 well site lies in the San Jose Formation Aquifer which dips at 7 degrees to the north-east (Frenzel, 1983); see Topographic Map for aquifer dip direction. The San Jose Formation ranges from less than 200 feet in the west and south to nearly 2,700 feet in the basin center between Cuba and Gobernador (Frenzel, 1983). These findings give definitive proof that the depth to groundwater is greater than 50 feet from the bottom of the BGT at the Rincon Unit #78 well site. All above information, excluding the aquifer dip, was confirmed by a visual inspection performed by Envirotech, Inc.

The **San Jose Formation (Tsj)** is the youngest Tertiary unit in the San Juan Basin and was named by Simpson (1948, p. 277-283). It is of early Eocene age and as early as 1875 was correlated with the Wasatch Formation in Wyoming. The San Jose is the surface formation in the eastern two-thirds of the San Juan Basin. Although largely exposed in New Mexico, the San Jose also straddles the New Mexico/Colorado State boundaries. It outcrops in its west, south and northeast boundaries in a broad, and in some places irregular, southeasterly trending band in the Blanco Canyon to Largo Canyon area. On the east side, it rises structurally and outcrops in a narrow band along the west face of the Nacimiento Uplift forming the eastern boundary of the San Juan Basin. There are several smaller, isolated remnants of the San Jose Formation west of the central exposure. The San Jose has eroded deeply in some areas and because of differential resistance to erosion of its various sandstone and shale units, produces a large thickness variance and in some places formation of very rugged topographic expression (Baltz, 1967, p. 45). In some places it erodes to horseshoe-shaped badlands and massive cliffs. The San Jose overlays the nonresistant slope-forming Nacimiento Formation (Tn). Thickness of the San Jose ranges from less than 200' at the outcrop on the west and south sides to almost 2700 feet in the the Basin center (Stone, etal, p. 25). The thickness is 1300' or less on the southern part of the Tapicitos Plateau where the San Jose structurally rises and its upper beds are eroded. In the Largo Plains area (Largo Canyon) which marks the western exposure of the preserved San Jose, more than half of the Formation was removed by erosion (Baltz, p. 46). The San Jose Formation contact is that of an angular unconformity surface with the underlying Paleocene-age Nacimiento Formation near the Nacimiento Uplift, but is slightly disconformable to conformable in the Basin center (Stone, etal, p. 25).

The San Jose Formation is comprised of four identifiable rock facies (in ascending order) called the Cuba Mesa, the Regina, the Llaves and the Tapicitos Members. These four members are only present in the far eastern part of the basin (Brimhall, 1973, p. 198). Within the preserved area, only the Cuba Mesa and Regina are widespread throughout the basin. The oldest Member of the San Jose is the Cuba Mesa (150-800 feet thick), which is largely a massive cliff-forming buff and yellow, rusty-weathering cross-bedded arkosic coarse-grained sandstone with lenticular reddish, green and gray shale beds (Baltz, p. 46). The Cuba Mesa is overlain in the southern two-thirds of the area by drab-colored variegated shale and interbedded soft to hard sandstones known as the Regina Member (100 to 1700 feet thick) and overlain in the northern one-third by a thick sequence of sandstone called the Llaves (50 to 1300 feet thick) which in turn intertongues and grades southward into the Regina. In the northeastern part of the area, the upper Llaves Member grades southward and westward into the red silty mudstones, siltstones and interbedded poorly consolidated sandstones of the Tapicitos Member (120-500 feet thick) (Stone, et al, p. 25).



## LEGEND

### ➤ Aquifer Strike & Dip

~ Emphereal Wash

○ Well Area Soil Type

Distance

Topographic Map  
Rincon Unit #78  
Sec 14, Twp 27N, Rge 7W  
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

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FIGURE NO. 1

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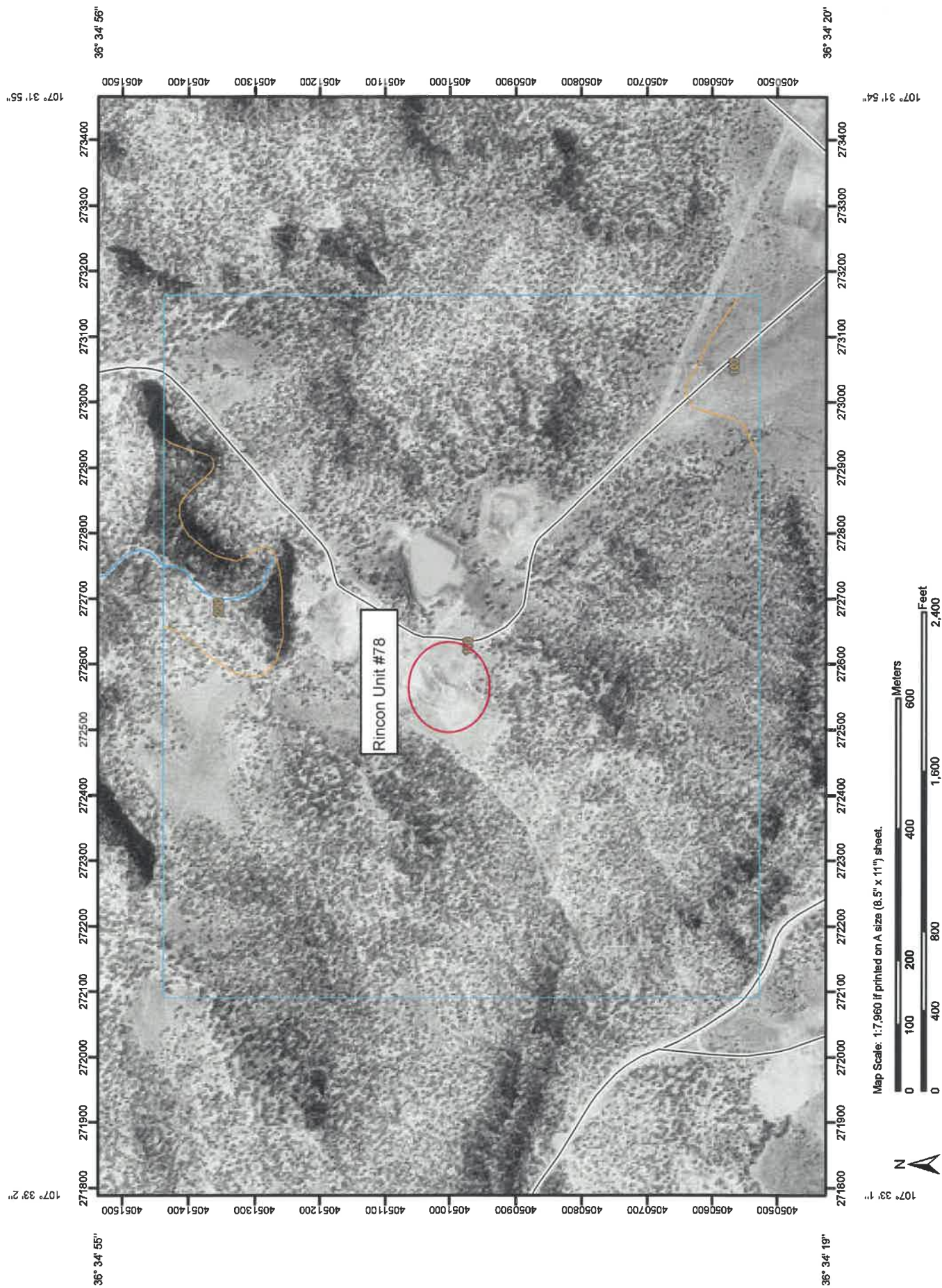
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# Soil Map—Rio Arriba Area, New Mexico, Parts of Rio Arriba and Sandoval Counties





MAP LEGEND


MAP INFORMATION


- Area of Interest (AOI)


 Area of Interest (AOI)


 Soils
- Soils


 Soil Map Units
- Special Point Features


 Blowout


 Borrow Pit


 Clay Spot


 Closed Depression


 Gravel Pit


 Gravelly Spot


 Landfill


 Lava Flow


 Marsh or swamp


 Mine or Quarry


 Miscellaneous Water


 Perennial Water


 Rock Outcrop


 Saline Spot


 Sandy Spot


 Severely Eroded Spot


 Sinkhole


 Slide or Slip

 Sodic Spot


 Spoil Area


 Stony Spot
- Special Line Features


 Gully


 Short Steep Slope


 Other
- Political Features


 Cities
- Water Features


 Oceans


 Streams and Canals
- Transportation

 Rails

 Interstate Highways

 US Routes

 Major Roads

 Local Roads

Map Scale: 1:7,960 if printed on A size (8.5" x 11") sheet.

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24,000. Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for accurate map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Web Soil Survey URL: <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov>  
Coordinate System: UTM Zone 13N NAD83

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Rio Arriba Area, New Mexico, Parts of Rio Arriba and Sandoval Counties  
Survey Area Data: Version 10, Dec 19, 2008

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: 10/13/1997

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

## Map Unit Legend

Rio Arriba Area, New Mexico, Parts of Rio Arriba and Sandoval Counties (NM650)			
Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
103	Orlie fine sandy loam, 1 to 8 percent slopes	4.0	1.6%
110	Vessilla-Menefee-Orlie complex, 1 to 30 percent slopes	228.3	94.7%
220	Rock outcrop-Vessilla-Menefee complex, 15 to 45 percent slopes	8.8	3.7%
<b>Totals for Area of Interest</b>		<b>241.1</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## **Rio Arriba Area, New Mexico, Parts of Rio Arriba and Sandoval Counties**

### **110—Vessilla-Menefee-Orlie complex, 1 to 30 percent slopes**

#### **Map Unit Setting**

*Elevation:* 6,100 to 7,200 feet  
*Mean annual precipitation:* 13 to 16 inches  
*Mean annual air temperature:* 45 to 49 degrees F  
*Frost-free period:* 100 to 130 days

#### **Map Unit Composition**

*Vessilla and similar soils:* 45 percent  
*Menefee and similar soils:* 25 percent  
*Orlie and similar soils:* 20 percent

#### **Description of Vessilla**

##### **Setting**

*Landform:* Breaks  
*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Shoulder  
*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Nose slope  
*Down-slope shape:* Convex  
*Across-slope shape:* Linear  
*Parent material:* Slope alluvium over residuum weathered from sandstone

##### **Properties and qualities**

*Slope:* 1 to 30 percent  
*Depth to restrictive feature:* 10 to 20 inches to lithic bedrock  
*Drainage class:* Well drained  
*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat):* Moderately high to high (0.20 to 1.98 in/hr)  
*Depth to water table:* More than 80 inches  
*Frequency of flooding:* None  
*Frequency of ponding:* None  
*Calcium carbonate, maximum content:* 10 percent  
*Maximum salinity:* Nonsaline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)  
*Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum:* 5.0  
*Available water capacity:* Very low (about 2.1 inches)

##### **Interpretive groups**

*Land capability (nonirrigated):* 7s  
*Ecological site:* Pinus edulis-Juniperus monosperma/Quercus gambelii/Bouteloua gracilis (F035XG134NM)

##### **Typical profile**

*0 to 1 inches:* Sandy loam  
*1 to 15 inches:* Sandy loam  
*15 to 60 inches:* Bedrock

## Description of Menefee

### Setting

*Landform:* Breaks  
*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Backslope  
*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Side slope  
*Down-slope shape:* Convex  
*Across-slope shape:* Linear  
*Parent material:* Colluvium over residuum weathered from shale

### Properties and qualities

*Slope:* 2 to 30 percent  
*Depth to restrictive feature:* 10 to 20 inches to paralithic bedrock  
*Drainage class:* Well drained  
*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat):* Very low  
to moderately high (0.00 to 0.20 in/hr)  
*Depth to water table:* More than 80 inches  
*Frequency of flooding:* None  
*Frequency of ponding:* None  
*Calcium carbonate, maximum content:* 10 percent  
*Maximum salinity:* Nonsaline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)  
*Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum:* 2.0  
*Available water capacity:* Very low (about 2.0 inches)

### Interpretive groups

*Land capability (nonirrigated):* 7e  
*Ecological site:* Pinus edulis-Juniperus monosperma/Quercus  
gambelii/Bouteloua gracilis (F035XG134NM)

### Typical profile

*0 to 3 inches:* Clay loam  
*3 to 10 inches:* Clay loam  
*10 to 60 inches:* Bedrock

## Description of Orlie

### Setting

*Landform:* Mesas  
*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Footslope  
*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Side slope  
*Down-slope shape:* Linear  
*Across-slope shape:* Linear  
*Parent material:* Slope alluvium derived from sandstone and shale

### Properties and qualities

*Slope:* 1 to 8 percent  
*Depth to restrictive feature:* More than 80 inches  
*Drainage class:* Well drained  
*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water*  
*(Ksat):* Moderately high (0.20 to 0.60 in/hr)  
*Depth to water table:* More than 80 inches  
*Frequency of flooding:* None  
*Frequency of ponding:* None  
*Calcium carbonate, maximum content:* 10 percent



*Maximum salinity:* Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 4.0 mmhos/cm)

*Available water capacity:* High (about 11.1 inches)

**Interpretive groups**

*Land capability (nonirrigated):* 6c

*Ecological site:* Gravelly Loamy (R036XB006NM)

**Typical profile**

*0 to 4 inches:* Silt loam

*4 to 14 inches:* Clay loam

*14 to 60 inches:* Clay loam

## Data Source Information

Soil Survey Area: Rio Arriba Area, New Mexico, Parts of Rio Arriba and Sandoval Counties

Survey Area Data: Version 10, Dec 19, 2008

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#151 30-639-07084

**DATA SHEET FOR DEEP GROUND BED CATHODIC PROTECTION WELLS  
NORTHWESTERN NEW MEXICO  
(Submit 3 copies to OCD Aztec Office)**

Operator Union Oil Company of California Location: Unit Sec. 14 Twp 27N Rng 7WName of Well/Wells or Pipeline Serviced Rincon #78 MV Rincon #54 PCRincon #151 DKElevation 6565' Completion Date 10/21/76 Total Depth 320' Land Type\* FCasing, Sizes, Types & Depths NoneRECEIVED  
MAY 14 1980  
OIL CON. DIV.  
DIST. 3If Casing is cemented, show amounts & types used None

If Cement or Bentonite Plugs have been placed, show depths &amp; amounts used

None

Depths &amp; thickness of water zones with description of water when possible:

Fresh, Clear, Salty, Sulphur, Etc. 70' deep Thickness unknown115' deep Thickness unknownDepths gas encountered: NAType & amount of coke breeze used: type unknown 4000 lbsDepths anodes placed: 70'-165'Depths vent pipes placed: NAVent pipe perforations: NARemarks: El Paso Natural Gas Co. was the operator at the time this ground bed was installed.GB #1, GB #2 First ground bed installed at this location.

If any of the above data is unavailable, please indicate so. Copies of all logs, including Drillers Log, Water Analyses & Well Bore Schematics should be submitted when available. Unplugged abandoned wells are to be included.

\*Land Type may be shown: F-Federal; I-Indian; S-State; P-Fee.  
If Federal or Indian, add Lease Number.

*New Mexico Office of the State Engineer*  
**Point of Diversion Summary**

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(quarters are 1=NW 2=NE 3=SW 4=SE)  
(quarters are biggest to smallest)

POD Number	Tws	Rng	Sec	q	q	q	Zone	X	Y
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**Driller Licence:**

**Driller Name:** YOUNG DRILLING

**Source:** Artesian

**Drill Start Date:**

**Drill Finish Date:**

**Log File Date:**

**PCW Received Date:**

**Pump Type:** SUBMER

**Pipe Discharge Size:**

**Casing Size:**

**Estimated Yield:**

**Depth Well:** 1633.

**Depth Water:** 500

# BELOW GRADE TANK (BGT) CLOSURE PLAN

SUBMITTED TO:

ENVIRONMENTAL BUREAU,  
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

ON BEHALF OF:

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# **Chevron San Juan Basin Below Grade Tank Closure Plan**

## INTRODUCTION

In accordance with NMAC §§ 19.15.17.9(B)(4) and 19.15.17.13, Chevron (representing Chevron USA Inc, Chevron Midcontinent, L.P., and Four Star Oil & Gas Company) submits this Closure Plan for below grade tanks (BGTs) in New Mexico. This Closure Plan contains standard conditions that attach to multiple BGTs. If needed for a particular BGT, a modified Closure Plan for a proposed alternative closure will be submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD or the division) for approval prior to closure.

## CLOSURE PLAN PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS (NMAC §§ 19.15.17.9(C) and 19.15.17.13).

- 1) Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, will close a BGT within the time periods provided in NMAC § 19.15.17.13(A), or by an earlier date required by NMOCD to prevent an imminent danger to fresh water, public health, or the environment. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(A).
- 2) Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, will close an existing BGT that does not meet the requirements of NMAC § 19.15.17.11(I)(1 through 4) or is not included in NMAC § 19.15.17.11(I)(5) within five years after June 16, 2008, if not retrofitted to comply with § 19.15.17.11(I)(1 through 4). NMAC § 19.15.17.13(A)(4).
- 3) Chevron shall close an existing below-grade tank that does not meet the requirements of Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC, if not retrofitted to comply with Paragraphs 1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC, prior to any sale or change of operator pursuant to 19.15.9.9 NMAC.
- 4) Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, will close a permitted BGT within 60 days of cessation of the BGT's operation or as required by the transitional provisions of NMAC § 19.15.17.17(B) in accordance with a closure plan that the appropriate division district office approves. NMAC §§ 19.15.17.13(A)(9) and 19.15.17.9(C).
- 5) In accordance with NMAC § 19.15.17.13(J)(1), Chevron will notify the surface owner by certified mail, return receipt requested, of its plans to close a BGT prior to beginning closure activities. Evidence of mailing of the notice to the address of the surface owner shown in the county tax records is sufficient to demonstrate compliance. Chevron will also notify the appropriate division district office verbally or by other means at least 72 hours, but not more than one week, prior to any closure operation. The notice shall include the operator's name and the location to be closed by unit letter, section, township and range. If the closure is associated with a particular well, then the notice shall also include the well's name, number and API number. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(J)(2).



- 6) Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, will remove liquids and sludge from a BGT prior to implementing a closure method and will dispose of the liquids and sludge in a division approved facility. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(E)(1). A list of Chevron currently approved disposal facilities is included at the end of this document.
- 7) The proposed method of closure for this Closure Plan is waste excavation and removal. NMAC §§ 19.15.17.13 (E)(1).
- 8) Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, shall remove the below-grade tank and dispose of it in a division-approved facility or recycle, reuse, or reclaim it in a manner that the appropriate division district office approves. When required, prior approval for disposal will be obtained. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(E)(2). Documentation regarding disposal of the BGT and its associated liner, if any, will be included in the closure report.
- 9) Waste generated during closure will be handled and disposed of in accordance with applicable laws. NMAC § 19.15.35.8(C)(1)(m) provides that plastic pit liners may be disposed at a solid waste facility without testing before disposal, provided they are cleaned well.
- 10) Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, will remove on-site equipment associated with a BGT unless the equipment is required for some other purpose. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(E)(3).
- 11) Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, will test the soils beneath the BGT to determine whether a release has occurred. At a minimum, 5 point composite samples will be collected along with individual grab samples from any area that is wet, discolored, or showing other evidence of a release. Samples will be analyzed for BTEX, TPH and chlorides to demonstrate that the benzene concentration, as determined by EPA SW-846 methods 8021B or 8260B or EPA method that the division approves, does not exceed 0.2mg/kg; total BTEX concentration, as determined by EPA SW-846 methods 8021B or 8260B or other EPA method that the division approves, does not exceed 50mg/kg; the TPH concentration, as determined by EPA method 418.1 or other EPA method that the division approves, does not exceed 100mg/kg; and the chloride concentration, as determined by EPA method 300.1 or other EPA method that the division approves, does not exceed 250mg/kg; or the background concentration, whichever is greater. Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, will notify the NMOCD Division District office of its results on form C-141. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(E)(4).
- 12) If Chevron or the division determines that a release has occurred, Chevron will comply with NMAC §§ 19.15.29 and 19.15.30, as appropriate. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(E)(5).
- 13) If the sampling program demonstrates that a release has not occurred or that any release does not exceed the concentrations specified in NMAC § 19.15.17.13(E)(4), Chevron will backfill the excavation with compacted, non-waste containing, earthen materials; construct a division prescribed soil cover; re-contour and re-vegetate the site. The division-prescribed soil cover, recontouring and re-vegetation requirements shall comply with NMAC § 19.15.17.13(G, H and I). NMAC § 19.15.17.13(E)(6).

- 14) As per NMAC § 19.15.17.13(G)(1), once Chevron has closed a BGT or is no longer using the BGT or an area associated with the BGT, Chevron will reclaim the BGT location and all areas associated with it including associated access roads not needed by the surface estate owner to a safe and stable condition that blends with the surrounding undisturbed area. Chevron will substantially restore impacted surface area to the condition that existed prior to its oil and gas operations by placement of soil cover as provided in NMAC § 19.15.17.13(H) (see below), re-contour the location and associated areas to a contour that approximates the original contour and blends with the surrounding topography, and re-vegetate according to NMAC § 19.15.17.13(I). NMAC § 19.15.17.13(G)(1).
- 15) Chevron may propose an alternative to the re-vegetation requirement of NMAC § 19.15.17.13(G)(1) if it demonstrates that the proposed alternative effectively prevents erosion, and protects fresh water, human health and the environment. The proposed alternative must be agreed upon in writing by the surface owner. Chevron will submit the proposed alternative, with written documentation that the surface owner agrees to the alternative, to the division for approval. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(G)(2).
- 16) Soil cover for closures where Chevron has removed the pit contents or remediated the contaminated soil to the division's satisfaction will consist of the background thickness of topsoil or one foot of suitable material to establish vegetation at the site, whichever is greater. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(H)(1).
- 17) Chevron will construct the soil cover to the site's existing grade and prevent ponding of water and erosion of the cover material. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(H)(3).
- 18) As per NMAC § 19.15.17.13(I)(1) and 19.15.17.13(G)(2), Chevron will seed or plant disturbed areas during the first growing season after it is no longer using a BGT or an area associated with the BGT including access roads unless needed by the surface estate owner as evidenced by a written agreement with the surface estate owner, if any and written approval by NMOCD.
- 19) Seeding will be accomplished by drilling on the contour whenever practical or by other division approved methods. Chevron will obtain vegetative cover that equals 70% of the native perennial vegetative cover (un-impacted by overgrazing, fire or other intrusion damaging to native vegetation) 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. During the two growing seasons that prove viability, Chevron will not artificially irrigate the vegetation. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(I)(2).
- 20) Chevron will notify the division when it has seeded or planted and when it successfully achieves re-vegetation. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(I)(5).
- 21) Seeding or planting will be repeated until Chevron successfully achieves the required vegetative cover. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(I)(3).

- 22) When conditions are not favorable for the establishment of vegetation, such as periods of drought, the division may allow Chevron to delay seeding or planting until soil moisture conditions become favorable or may require Chevron to use additional cultural techniques such as mulching, fertilizing, irrigating, fencing or other practices. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(I)(4).
- 23) As per NMAC § 19.15.17.13(K), within 60 days of closure completion, Chevron will submit a closure report containing the elements required by NMAC § 19.15.17.13(K) including:
- i) Confirmation sampling results,
  - ii) A plot plan ,
  - iii) Details on back-filling, capping and covering, where applicable, including revegetation application rates and seeding technique,
  - iv) Proof of closure notice to the surface owner, if any, and the division,
  - v) Name and permit number of disposal facility, and
  - vi) Photo documentation.
- 24) The closure report will be filed on NMOCD Form C-144. Chevron will certify that all information in the closure report and attachments is correct and that it has complied with all applicable closure requirements and conditions specified in the approved closure plan. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(K).
- 25) As requested, the following are the current Chevron approved Waste Disposal Sites for the identified waste streams:

Soils and Sludges

- i) Envirotech Inc. Soil Remediation Facility, Permit No. NM-01-0011

Solids

- ii) San Juan County Regional Land Fill (NMAC § 19.15.35.8 items only, with prior NMOCD approval when required)

Liquids

- i) Key Energy Disposal Facility, Permit No. NM-01-0009
- ii) Basin Disposals Facility, Permit No. NM-01-005.

- 26) These waste disposal sites are subject to change if their certification is lost or they are closed or other more appropriate, equally protective sites become available. Chevron will provide notice if such a change is affected.

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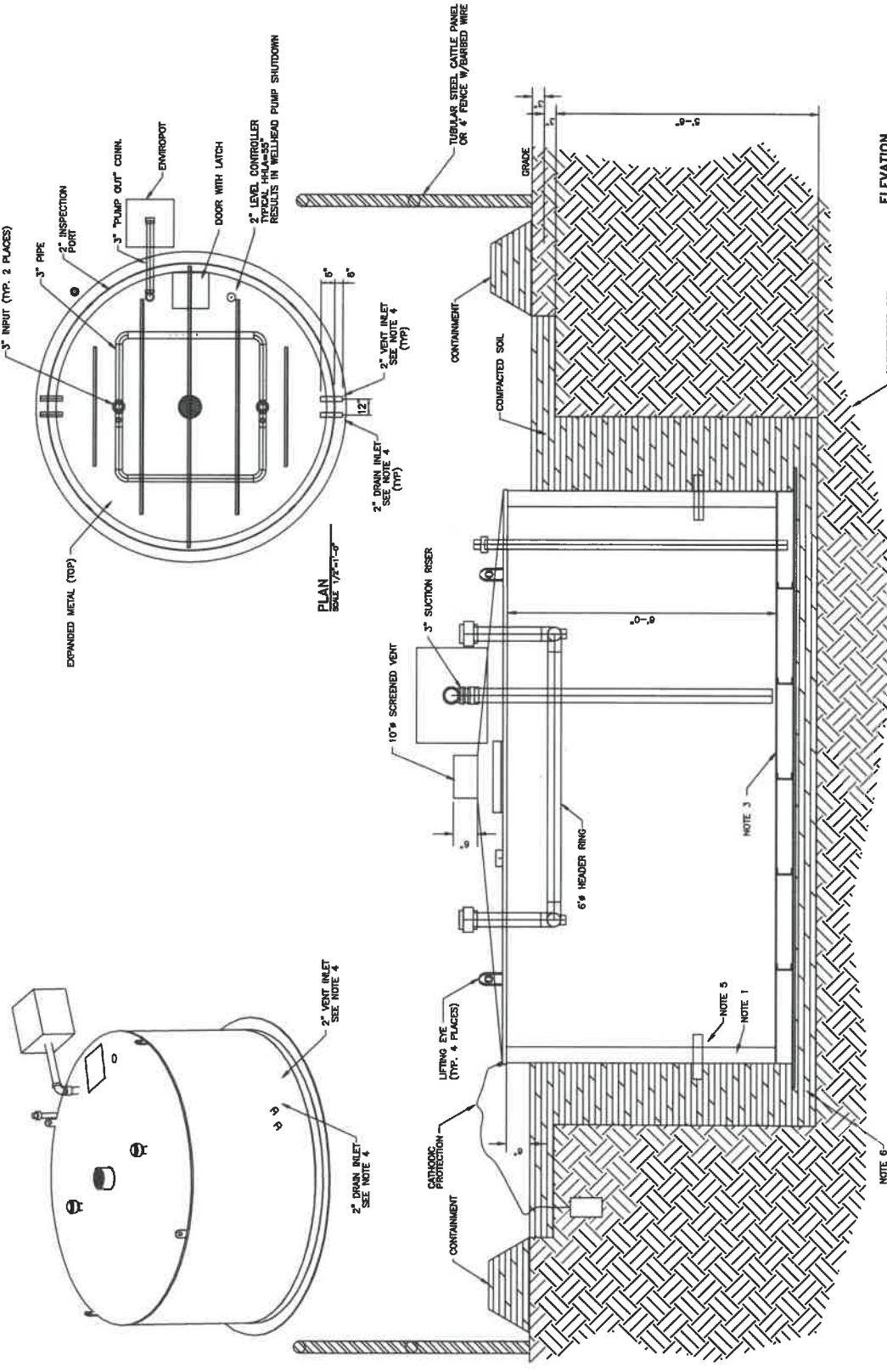
1. Chevron will design and construct a BGT to contain liquids and solids, prevent contamination of fresh water, and protect public health and the environment. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(A).
2. Chevron will post an upright sign not less than 12 inches by 24 inches with lettering not less than two inches in height in a conspicuous place on the fence surrounding the BGT, unless the BGT is located on a site where there is an existing well, signed in compliance with NMAC § 19.15.16.8, that is operated by Chevron. Chevron will post the sign in a manner and location such that a person can easily read the legend. The sign will provide the following information: Chevron's name; the location of the site by quarter-quarter or unit letter, section, township and range; and emergency telephone numbers. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(C).
3. Chevron will fence or enclose a BGT in a manner that prevents unauthorized access and will maintain the fences in good repair. Fences are not required if there is an adequate surrounding perimeter fence that prevents unauthorized access to the well site or facility, including the BGT. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(D)(1).
4. Chevron will fence or enclose a BGT located within 1000 feet of a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church with a chain link security fence, at least six feet in height with at least two strands of barbed wire at the top. Chevron will close and lock all gates associated with the fence when responsible personnel are not on-site. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(D)(2).
5. Chevron will fence BGTs to exclude livestock with a four foot fence that has at least four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced in the interval between one foot and four feet above ground level. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(D)(3). Chevron may install tubular steel cattle panels, as it determines appropriate (photo of cattle



panel fence submitted to NMOCD, 24 June 2009). As illustrated on the attach photo.

6. Chevron will screen the permanent opening on the tank top with expanding steel mesh in order to render it non-hazardous to wildlife, including migratory birds. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(E).
7. Chevron's BGTs will be constructed with the design features illustrated on the attached drawing.
8. Only double-walled, double-bottomed BGTs will be installed.
9. Chevron will use 3/16" carbon steel which is resistant to the anticipated contents and resistant to damage from sunlight. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(I)(1).
10. Chevron will construct a BGT foundation on a level base free of rocks, debris, sharp edges or irregularities to help prevent punctures, cracks or indentations of the liner or tank bottom. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(I)(2).
11. Chevron will construct a BGT to prevent overflow and the collection of surface water run-on. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(I)(3). Chevron, or a contractor representing Chevron, will install a level control device to help prevent overflow from the BGT and will use berms and/or a diversion ditch to prevent surface run on from entering the BGT. NMAC §§ 19.15.17.11(I)(3), 19.15.17.12(A)(7), and 19.15.17.12(D)(1).
12. All BGTs, in which the side walls are not open for visible inspection for leaks, will be double walled with leak detection capability. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(I)(4)(b).
13. Chevron, as the operator of a below-grade tank constructed and installed prior to June 16, 2008 that does not meet all the requirements in Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC and is not included in Paragraph (6) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC, is not required to equip or retrofit the below-grade tank to comply with Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC so long as it demonstrates integrity. If the existing below-grade tank does not demonstrate integrity, the operator shall promptly remove that below-grade tank and install a below-grade tank that complies with Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC, as illustrated in the approved drawing. Chevron shall comply with the operational requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC.

14. Chevron, as the operator of a below-grade tank constructed and installed prior to June 16, 2008 that is single walled and where any portion of the tank sidewall is below the ground surface and not visible, shall equip or retrofit the below-grade tank to comply with Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC, or close it, within five years after June 16, 2008. If the existing below-grade tank does not demonstrate integrity, Chevron shall promptly remove that below-grade tank and install a below-grade tank that complies with Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC, as illustrated in the approved drawing. Chevron shall comply with the operational requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC.



- NOTES:**
1. FABRICATOR TO PRESSURE TEST THE AREA BETWEEN THE TANK WALLS TO ENSURE LEAK-FREE DOUBLE CONTAINMENT.
  2. TANK TO BE CONSTRUCTED OF 3/16" THK. ASTM A36 STEEL. ALL PIPING TO BE SCH. 40 CARBON STEEL.
  3. DOUBLE WALL DOUBLE BOTTOM.
  4. DEPENDING ON THE ORIENTATION OF THE EQUIPMENT ON LOCATION, ONE OF THE STUFS MAY BE CONNECTED TO THE DIFFUSER. ANY OF THE FOUR 2" STUFS THAT ARE NOT CONNECTED TO THE DIFFUSER WILL BE CAPPED BOTH INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY.
  5. A FUSION BONDED FIBER GLASS LINER SHALL BE APPLIED TO THE INTERIOR OF THE TANK.
  6. CHEVRON WILL CONSTRUCT A 18" BT FOUNDATION ON A LEVEL BASE FREE OF ROCKS, DEBRIS, SHARP EDGES OR IRREGULARITIES TO HELP PREVENT PUNCTURES, CRACKS OR INDENTATIONS OF THE LINER OR TANK BOTTOM. NMAC 19.15.17.10(V2).

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