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State of New Mexico  
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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

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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

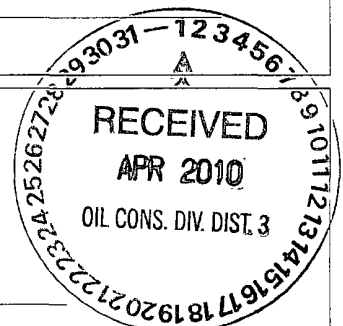
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Operator Energen Resources OGRID # 162928  
Address 2010 Afton Place, Farmington, New Mexico 87401  
Facility or well name San Juan 32-5 Unit 11R  
API Number 3003926363 OCD Permit Number \_\_\_\_\_  
U/L or Qtr/Qtr G Section 23 Township 32N Range 06W County Rio Arriba  
Center of Proposed Design Latitude 36 9667 Longitude -107 42501 NAD ☐ 1927 ☒ 1983  
Surface Owner ☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ Private ☐ Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

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☐ **Pit:** Subsection F or G of 19 15.17 11 NMAC  
Temporary ☐ Drilling ☐ Workover  
☐ Permanent ☐ Emergency ☐ Cavitation ☐ P&A  
☐ Lined ☐ Unlined Liner type Thickness \_\_\_\_\_ mil ☐ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ String-Reinforced  
Liner Seams ☐ Welded ☐ Factory ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Volume \_\_\_\_\_ bbl Dimensions L \_\_\_\_\_ x W \_\_\_\_\_ x D \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ **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 \_\_\_\_\_

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☒ **Below-grade tank:** Subsection I of 19 15 17 11 NMAC  
Volume \_\_\_\_\_ bbl Type of fluid Produced Water  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ **Alternative Method:**  
Submittal of an exception request is required Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval



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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**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)

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**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

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**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

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**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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application ( <i>Applies to temporary, emergency, or cavitation pits and below-grade tanks</i> ) - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site, Aerial photo, Satellite image	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Within 1000 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application ( <i>Applies to permanent pits</i> ) - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site, Aerial photo, Satellite image	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within 500 feet of a wetland - US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map, Topographic map, Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within the area overlying a subsurface mine - Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within an unstable area - Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society, Topographic map	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within a 100-year floodplain - FEMA map	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**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)

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**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

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**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)

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**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

**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

**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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Within the area overlying a subsurface mine - Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within an unstable area - Engineering measures incorporated into the design, NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources, USGS, NM Geological Society, Topographic map	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within a 100-year floodplain - FEMA map	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**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

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**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) Ed Hasely Title Sr Environmental Engineer  
 Signature [Signature] Date 3/29/10  
 e-mail address ed.hasely@energen.com Telephone (505) 324-4131

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

OCD Representative Signature: [Signature] Approval Date: 11/08/2011  
 Title: Compliance Officer OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

This is a modification from a closure plan to a permit due to a 19.15.17 rule amendment.

### **Design Plan – Below Grade Tanks**

The existing below grade tank was designed and constructed to contain liquids and solids and prevent contamination of fresh water and protect public health and the environment.

- 1) The below grade tank was constructed of steel that is resistant to the contents and sunlight.
- 2) The below grade tank is located on an existing Energen well and a sign is posted on location in accordance with 19.15.16.8 NMAC.
- 3) A four strand barbwire fence is constructed around the perimeter of the below grade tank with the strands evenly spaced between one and four feet from the ground. This fence is used to exclude livestock from inadvertently entering the below grade tank area.
- 4) The below grade tank is covered with netting or a screen.
- 5) The below grade tank was constructed to prevent overflow and the collection of surface water run-on.
- 6) The below grade tank was constructed prior to Rule 19.15.17 and is of single wall construction with the sidewalls are visible.

### **Operational Plan – Below Grade Tanks**

The below grade tank will be operated and maintained to contain liquids and solids to aid in the prevention of contamination of fresh water sources and to protect public health and the environment. To attain this goal, the following steps will be followed;

- 1) No hazardous waste, miscellaneous solid waste or debris will be discharged into or stored in the below grade tank.
- 2) The division district office will be notified within 48 hrs of the discovery of a leak from the below grade tank. Liquids above the leak will be removed within 48 hours and the below grade tank will be closed pursuant to 19.15.17.13.
- 3) Perimeter berms and/or ditches are constructed and maintained around the exterior of the below grade tank to prevent surface water run-on.
- 4) Oil accumulations are removed from the surface to prevent significant accumulations of oil over time.
- 5) Adequate freeboard are maintained to prevent overtopping of the below grade tank.
- 6) All of the above operations are inspected at least monthly and a log maintained.

# **BELOW-GRADE TANK CLOSURE PLAN**

## **ENERGEN RESOURCES**

### **CLOSURE STEPS:**

NOTE: Tank must be closed prior to any sale or change of operator, upon P&A of the well, if the tank fails to demonstrate integrity, or within 60 days of the cessation of the use of the tank's operation.

- (1) Notify the surface owner by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the plans to close the below-grade tank.
- (2) Notify the Aztec OCD office (Brandon Powell – 334-6178, Ext 15) verbally or by other means at least 72 hours, but not more than one week, prior to the planned closure operation.
- (3) Remove liquids from the below-grade tank. Dispose of the liquids and sludge in a division-approved facility.
- (4) Remove the below-grade tank for re-use in an above-ground setup or for disposal in a division-approved manner.
- (5) Unless the equipment is required for some other purpose, remove any on-site equipment associated with the below-grade tank
- (6) Test the soils beneath the below-grade tank to determine whether a release has occurred.
  - Collect, at a minimum, a five point, composite sample;
  - Collect individual grab samples from any area that is wet, discolored or showing other evidence of a release;

Analyze for BTEX, TPH and chlorides to demonstrate:

- Benzene concentration does not exceed 0.2 mg/kg, as determined by EPA SW-846 methods 8021B or 8260B
- Total BTEX concentration does not exceed 50 mg/kg, as determined by EPA SW-846 methods 8021B or 8260B
- TPH concentration does not exceed 100 mg/kg, as determined by EPA method 418.1
- Chloride concentration does not exceed 250 mg/kg, as determined by EPA method 300.1 or the background concentration, whichever is greater.

**(7) IF the soil analyses show that the soils meet the concentrations specified in (6) above,** backfill the excavation with compacted, non-waste containing, earthen material in a manner that will prevent ponding or erosion. If the area will not be needed for operations, reclaim the area as described in the "RECLAMATION" section.

**(8) IF the soil analyses show that the soils exceed one or more of the concentrations specified in (6) above,** notify the Aztec OCD office (Brandon Powell – 334-6178, Ext 15) and proceed per 19.15.3.116 NMAC.

**NOTE: If groundwater is encountered at any time during the closure process, the OCD office will be notified and a specific closure plan will be submitted to the Aztec and Santa Fe OCD offices for approval.**

**FINAL CLOSURE REPORT:**

Within 60 days of closure completion, submit a closure report on form C-144, with necessary attachments to document all closure activities including sampling results.

**RECLAMATION:**

If the area is not needed for operations, reclaim the area to a safe and stable condition that blends with the surrounding undisturbed area. Restore the impacted surface area to the condition that existed prior to oil and gas operations by placement of the soil cover, recontour the location and associated areas to a contour that approximates the original contour and blends with the surrounding topography and re-vegetate.

(A) Construct the soil cover to the site's existing grade and prevent ponding of water and erosion of the cover material. The soil cover shall consist of the background thickness of topsoil or one foot of suitable material to establish vegetation at the site, whichever is greater.

If the pit is located on federal or tribal surface, seeding will be deferred to BLM requirements per the BLM / OCD MOU and this will be identified on the closure report. Otherwise:

(B) Seed or plant the disturbed areas the first growing season after closing the below-grade tank. Drill on the contour whenever practical or by other division-approved methods. The goal is to 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 successive growing seasons that prove viability, there shall be no artificial irrigation of the vegetation.

(C) Repeat seeding or planting until it successfully achieves the required vegetative cover.

(D) If conditions are not favorable for the establishment of vegetation, such as periods of drought, contact the Aztec OCD office to discuss possibly delaying seeding or planting until soil moisture conditions become favorable or using additional techniques such as mulching, fertilizing, irrigating, fencing or other practices.

(E) Notify the Aztec OCD via a Form C-103 (Brandon Powell – 334-6178, Ext 15) when the area has been seeded or planted and when it successfully achieves re-vegetation.



#### Hydrogeologic Data:

##### 100-year Floodplain:

The location of the San Juan 32-5 Unit #11R well site is not within an area of a 100-year flood.

##### Site Specific:

The San Jose formation is the highest water bearing zone at this site with the exception of possible perched water. It is the youngest Tertiary bedrock unit in the San Basin. The formation occurs at the surface to a depth of 1,170' at the San Juan 32-5 Unit #11R location and ranges from 900' to 1,400' in this township and range. The only potentially unstable areas in the region are over subsurface coal mines. This tank is not located over a subsurface mine.

The Navajo Reservoir is >1000 feet to the North and is 330 vertical feet below the tank location so the highest groundwater will be at least 330' below the tank bottom. A visual inspection was also conducted to identify the possibility of water wells with windmills or other pumping equipment or other visual indications and none were observed.

#### Geologic Summary:

The San Jose is a sequence of interbedded sandstones and mudstones deposited in an alluvial and fluvial environment. The formation accumulated in broad, wet, alluvial aprons. Groundwater is associated with the alluvial and fluvial sandstone aquifers; hence it is controlled by the distribution of these sands. The San Jose can further be broken into four members: Cuba Mesa, Regina, Llaves, and Tapicitos (in ascending order). The first two, Cuba Mesa and Regina, are predominately sandstone and the latter two, Llaves and Tapicitos, are predominately mudstone.

#### Reference:

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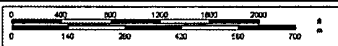
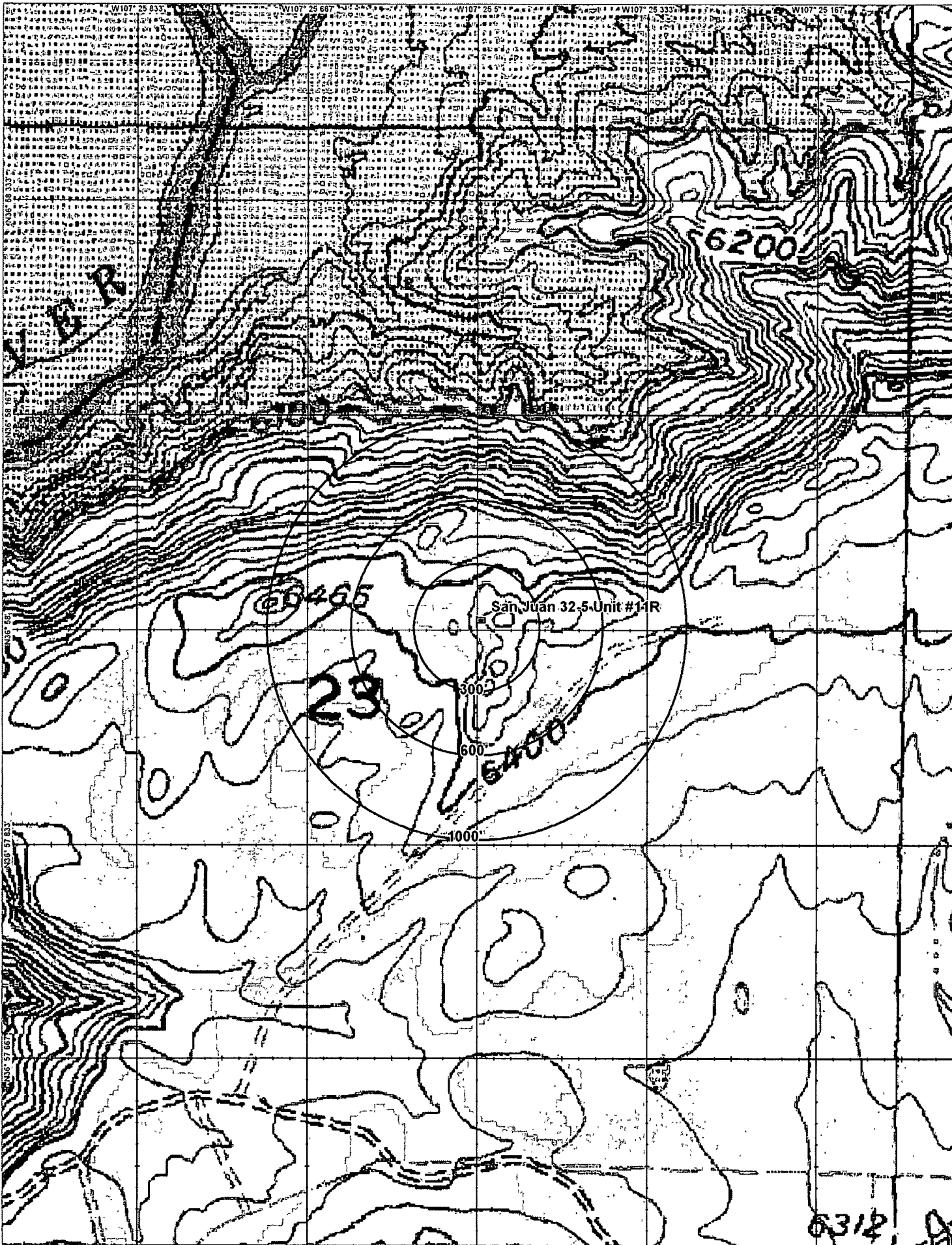
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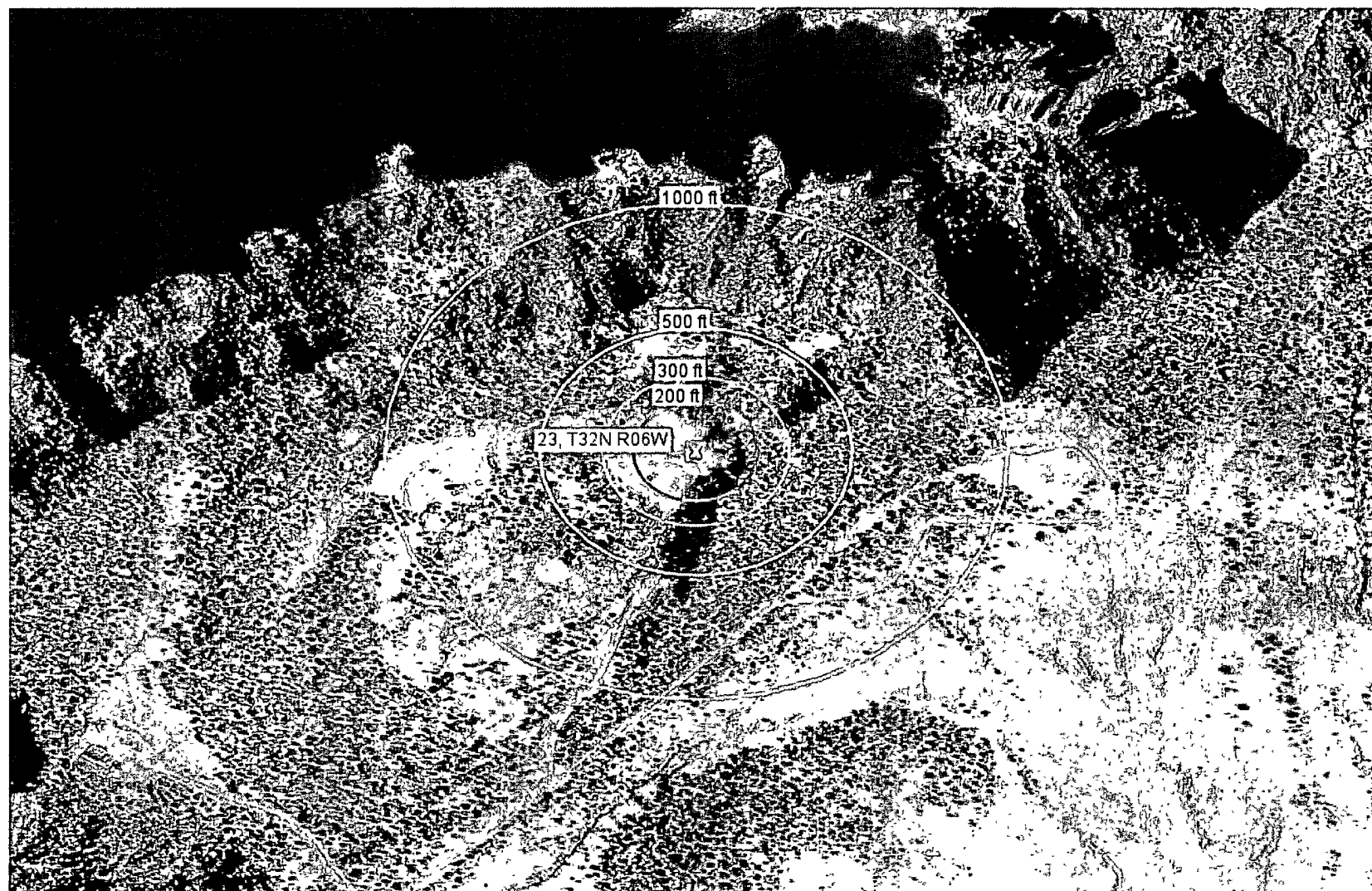
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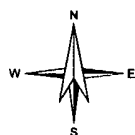
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