

District I
1625 N French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240
District II
1301 W Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210
District III
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410
District IV
1220 S St Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources
Department
Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-144
July 21, 2008

For temporary pits, closed-loop systems, and below-grade tanks, submit to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.
For permanent pits and exceptions submit to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office and provide a copy to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.

Pit, Closed-Loop System, Below-Grade Tank, or
Proposed Alternative Method Permit or Closure Plan Application

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Type of action: ☒ Permit of a pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method
☐ Closure of a pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method
☐ Modification to an existing permit
☐ Closure plan only submitted for an existing permitted or non-permitted pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method

Instructions: Please submit one application (Form C-144) per individual pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank or alternative request

Please be advised that approval of this request does not relieve the operator of liability should operations result in pollution of surface water, ground water or the environment. Nor does approval relieve the operator of its responsibility to comply with any other applicable governmental authority's rules, regulations or ordinances.

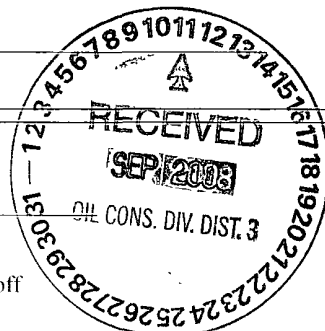
1.
Operator: McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. OGRID #: 22044
Address: 1050 17th Street, Suite 1800, Denver, CO 80265
Facility or well name: Lim #1
API Number: 30-039-24251 OCD Permit Number _____
U/L or Qtr/Qtr M Section 36 Township 24N Range 7W County: Rio Arriba
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 36.2645 N Longitude -107.53336 W NAD: ☒ 1927 ☐ 1983
Surface Owner: ☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ Private ☐ Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

2.
☐ **Pit:** Subsection F or G of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
Temporary: ☐ Drilling ☐ Workover
☐ Permanent ☐ Emergency ☐ Cavitation ☐ P&A
☐ Lined ☐ Unlined Liner type: Thickness _____ mil ☐ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other _____
☐ String-Reinforced
Liner Seams: ☐ Welded ☐ Factory ☐ Other _____ Volume: _____ bbl Dimensions: L _____ x W _____ x D _____

3.
☐ **Closed-loop System:** Subsection H of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
Type of Operation: ☐ P&A ☐ Drilling a new well ☐ Workover or Drilling (Applies to activities which require prior approval of a permit or notice of intent)
☐ Drying Pad ☐ Above Ground Steel Tanks ☐ Haul-off Bins ☐ Other _____
☐ Lined ☐ Unlined Liner type: Thickness _____ mil ☐ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other _____
Liner Seams: ☐ Welded ☐ Factory ☐ Other _____

4.
☒ **Below-grade tank:** Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
Volume: 18 bbl Type of fluid: Oil & Water
Tank Construction material: Steel
☒ Secondary containment with leak detection ☐ Visible sidewalls, liner, 6-inch lift and automatic overflow shut-off
☐ Visible sidewalls and liner ☒ Visible sidewalls only ☐ Other _____
Liner type: Thickness _____ mil ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other _____

5.
☐ **Alternative Method:**
Submittal of an exception request is required. Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval



6.

Fencing: Subsection D of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (*Applies to permanent pits, temporary pits, and below-grade tanks*)

☐ Chain link, six feet in height, two strands of barbed wire at top (*Required if located within 1000 feet of a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church*)

☐ Four foot height, four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced between one and four feet

☒ Alternate. Please specify _____ 4' Hog wire w/ top rail = 4'

7.

Netting: Subsection E of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (*Applies to permanent pits and permanent open top tanks*)

☐ Screen ☐ Netting ☒ Other _____ Expanded Metal _____

☐ Monthly inspections (If netting or screening is not physically feasible)

8.

Signs: Subsection C of 19.15.17.11 NMAC

☐ 12"x 24", 2" lettering, providing Operator's name, site location, and emergency telephone numbers

☒ Signed in compliance with 19.15.3.103 NMAC

9.

Administrative Approvals and Exceptions:

Justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17 NMAC for guidance.

Please check a box if one or more of the following is requested, if not leave blank:

☐ Administrative approval(s): Requests must be submitted to the appropriate division district or the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

☐ Exception(s): Requests must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

10.

Siting Criteria (regarding permitting): 19.15.17.10 NMAC

Instructions: The applicant must demonstrate compliance for each siting criteria below in the application. Recommendations of acceptable source material are provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria may require administrative approval from the appropriate district office or may be considered an exception which must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval. Applicant must attach justification for request. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance. Siting criteria does not apply to drying pads or above-grade tanks associated with a closed-loop system.

Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the temporary pit, permanent pit, or below-grade tank.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse or lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).

- Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

☐ Yes ☒ No

Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. (*Applies to temporary, emergency, or cavitation pits and below-grade tanks*)

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

☐ Yes ☐ No
☒ NA

Within 1000 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. (*Applies to permanent pits*)

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

☐ Yes ☐ No
☒ NA

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

- Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality

☐ Yes ☒ No

Within 500 feet of a wetland.

- US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

☐ Yes ☒ No

Within the area overlying a subsurface mine.

- Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division

☐ Yes ☒ No

Within an unstable area.

- Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map

☐ Yes ☒ No

Within a 100-year floodplain.

- FEMA map

☐ Yes ☒ No

11.

Temporary Pits, Emergency Pits, and Below-grade Tanks Permit Application Attachment Checklist: Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC**Instructions:** Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.

- ☐ Hydrogeologic Report (Below-grade Tanks) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (4) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
- ☐ Hydrogeologic Data (Temporary and Emergency Pits) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (2) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
- ☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC
- ☐ Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC
- ☐ Closure Plan (Please complete Boxes 14 through 18, if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: _____ or Permit Number: _____

12.

Closed-loop Systems Permit Application Attachment Checklist: Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC**Instructions:** Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.

- ☐ Geologic and Hydrogeologic Data (only for on-site closure) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (3) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9
- ☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations (only for on-site closure) - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC
- ☐ Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC
- ☐ Closure Plan (Please complete Boxes 14 through 18, if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: _____
- ☐ Previously Approved Operating and Maintenance Plan API Number: _____ (Applies only to closed-loop system that use above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure)

13.

Permanent Pits Permit Application Checklist: Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC**Instructions:** Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.

- ☐ Hydrogeologic Report - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (1) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
- ☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC
- ☐ Climatological Factors Assessment
- ☐ Certified Engineering Design Plans - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Dike Protection and Structural Integrity Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Leak Detection Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Liner Specifications and Compatibility Assessment - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Quality Control/Quality Assurance Construction and Installation Plan
- ☐ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC
- ☐ Freeboard and Overtopping Prevention Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Nuisance or Hazardous Odors, including H₂S, 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: TNT Disposal Facility Permit Number: 8

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): Deborah K Powell Title: Engineering Tech Supervisor

Signature: Deborah K Powell Date: 9-8-08

e-mail address: DebbyP@McElvain.com Telephone: 303-893-0933

20.

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

OCD Representative Signature: [Signature] Approval Date: 4/25/2012

Title: Deputy Oil & Gas Inspector, District #3 OCD Permit Number: _____

21.

Closure Report (required within 60 days of closure completion): Subsection K of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

Instructions: Operators are required to obtain an approved closure plan prior to implementing any closure activities and submitting the closure report. The closure report is required to be submitted to the division within 60 days of the completion of the closure activities. Please do not complete this section of the form until an approved closure plan has been obtained and the closure activities have been completed.

☐ Closure Completion Date: _____

22.

Closure Method:

☐ Waste Excavation and Removal ☐ On-Site Closure Method ☐ Alternative Closure Method ☐ Waste Removal (Closed-loop systems only)
☐ If different from approved plan, please explain.

23.

Closure Report Regarding Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Above Ground Steel Tanks or Haul-off Bins Only:

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

Disposal Facility Name: _____ Disposal Facility Permit Number: _____

Disposal Facility Name: _____ Disposal Facility Permit Number: _____

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

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

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

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

24.

Closure Report Attachment Checklist: Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure report. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.

- ☐ Proof of Closure Notice (surface owner and division)
☐ Proof of Deed Notice (required for on-site closure)
☐ Plot Plan (for on-site closures and temporary pits)
☐ Confirmation Sampling Analytical Results (if applicable)
☐ Waste Material Sampling Analytical Results (required for on-site closure)
☐ Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number
☐ Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation
☐ Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique
☐ Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation)

On-site Closure Location: Latitude _____ Longitude _____ NAD: ☐ 1927 ☐ 1983

25.

Operator Closure Certification:

I hereby certify that the information and attachments submitted with this closure report is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also certify that the closure complies with all applicable closure requirements and conditions specified in the approved closure plan.

Name (Print): _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

e-mail address: _____ Telephone: _____

All distances must be from the outer boundaries of the Section.

Operator T.H. McElvain Oil & Gas			Lease Lim		Well No. 1
Unit Letter M	Section 36	Township T24N	Range R7W	County Rio Arriba	
Actual Footage Location of Well 1250 feet from the South line and 850 feet from the West line					
Ground Level Elev. 6893	Producing Formation Gallup		Pool Lybrook Gallup Extension		Dedicated Acres 40 Acres

1. Outline the acreage dedicated to the subject well by colored pencil or hatchure marks on the plat below.
2. If more than one lease is dedicated to the well, outline each and identify the ownership thereof (both as to working interest and royalty).
3. If more than one lease of different ownership is dedicated to the well, have the interests of all owners been consolidated by communitization, unitization, force-pooling, etc?

☐ Yes ☐ No If answer is "yes," type of consolidation _____

If answer is "no," list the owners and tract descriptions which have actually been consolidated. (Use reverse side of this form if necessary.) _____

No allowable will be assigned to the well until all interests have been consolidated (by communitization, unitization, forced-pooling, or otherwise) or until a non-standard unit, eliminating such interests, has been approved by the Division.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

George B. Broome
Name

George B. Broome

Position

Geological Engineer

Company

T H McELVAIN OIL & GAS PROP

Date

July 11, 1988

I hereby certify that the location shown on this plat was placed from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision and that the same is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Registered Professional

Land Surveyor

Date Surveyed

June 4, 1988

Registered Land Surveyor

R. Howard Daggett

R. Howard Daggett

Certificate No.

9679

New Mexico Office of the State Engineer
POD Reports and Downloads

Township: Range: Sections:

NAD27 X: Y: Zone: Search Radius:

County: Basin: Number: Suffix:

Owner Name: (First) (Last) ☐ Non-Domestic ☐ Domestic ☒ All

WATER COLUMN REPORT 08/12/2008

(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	Depth Well	Depth Water	Water (in feet) Column
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SJ 01335	24N	07W	31	1						185		

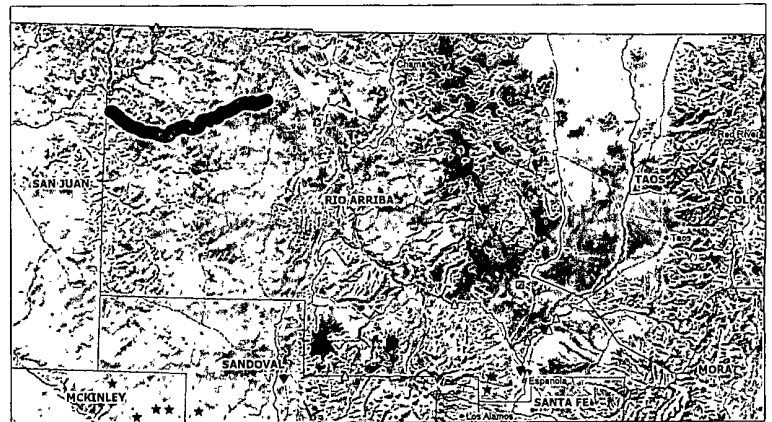
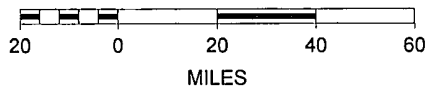
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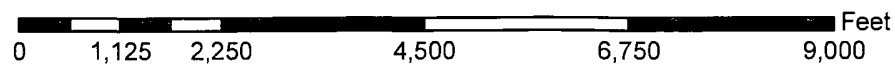
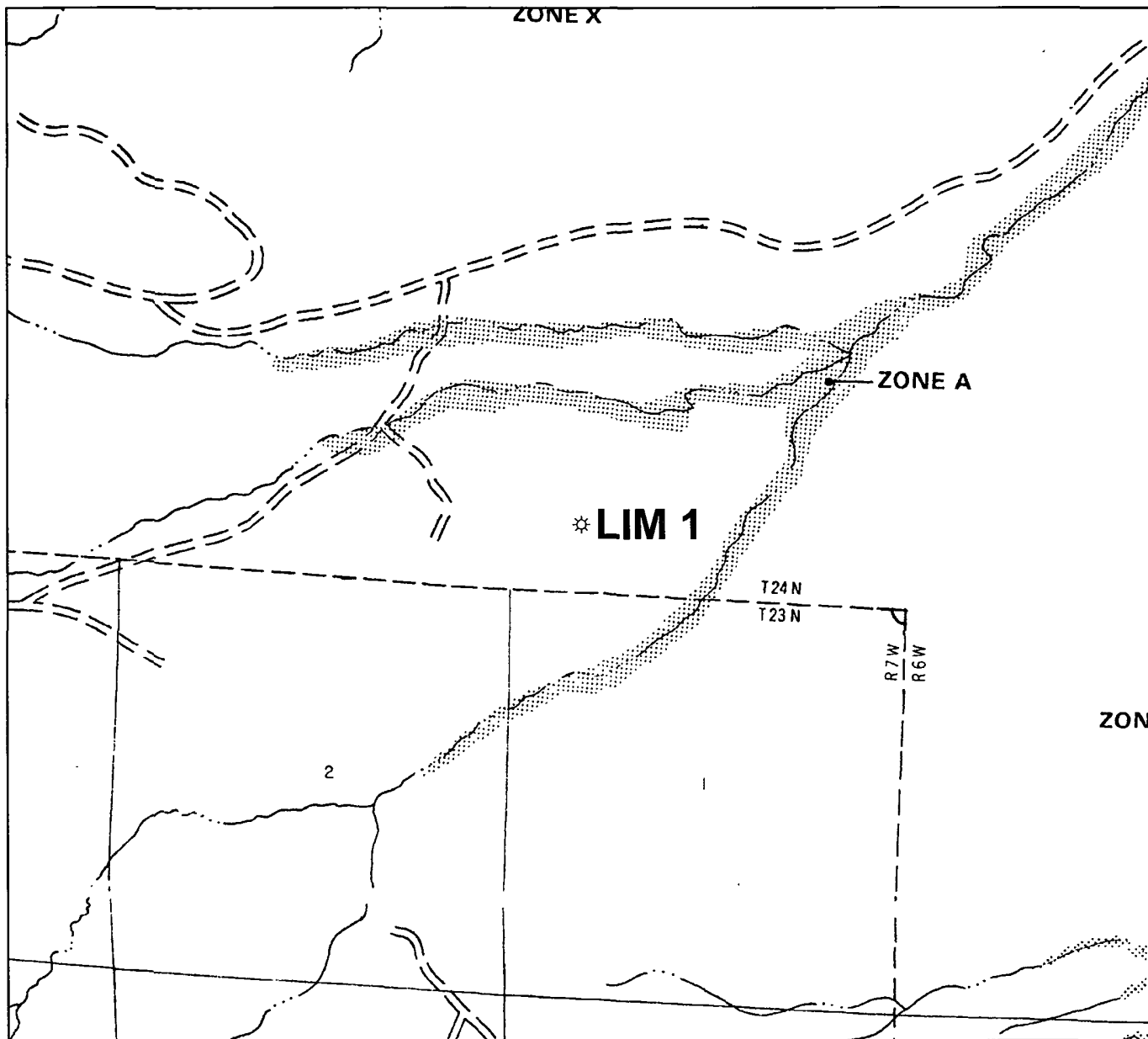
Rio Arriba Mines, Mills And Quarries Web Map

Mines, Mills & Quarries Commodity Groups

- △ Aggregate & Stone Mines
- ◆ Coal Mines
- ★ Industrial Minerals Mines
- ▼ Industrial Minerals Mills
- ▣ Metal Mines and Mill Concentrate
- Potash Mines & Refineries
- ⌘ Smelters & Refinery Ops.
- ✦ Uranium Mines

SCALE 1 : 2,371,842





NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

FIRM
FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

RIO ARRIBA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO
UNINCORPORATED AREAS

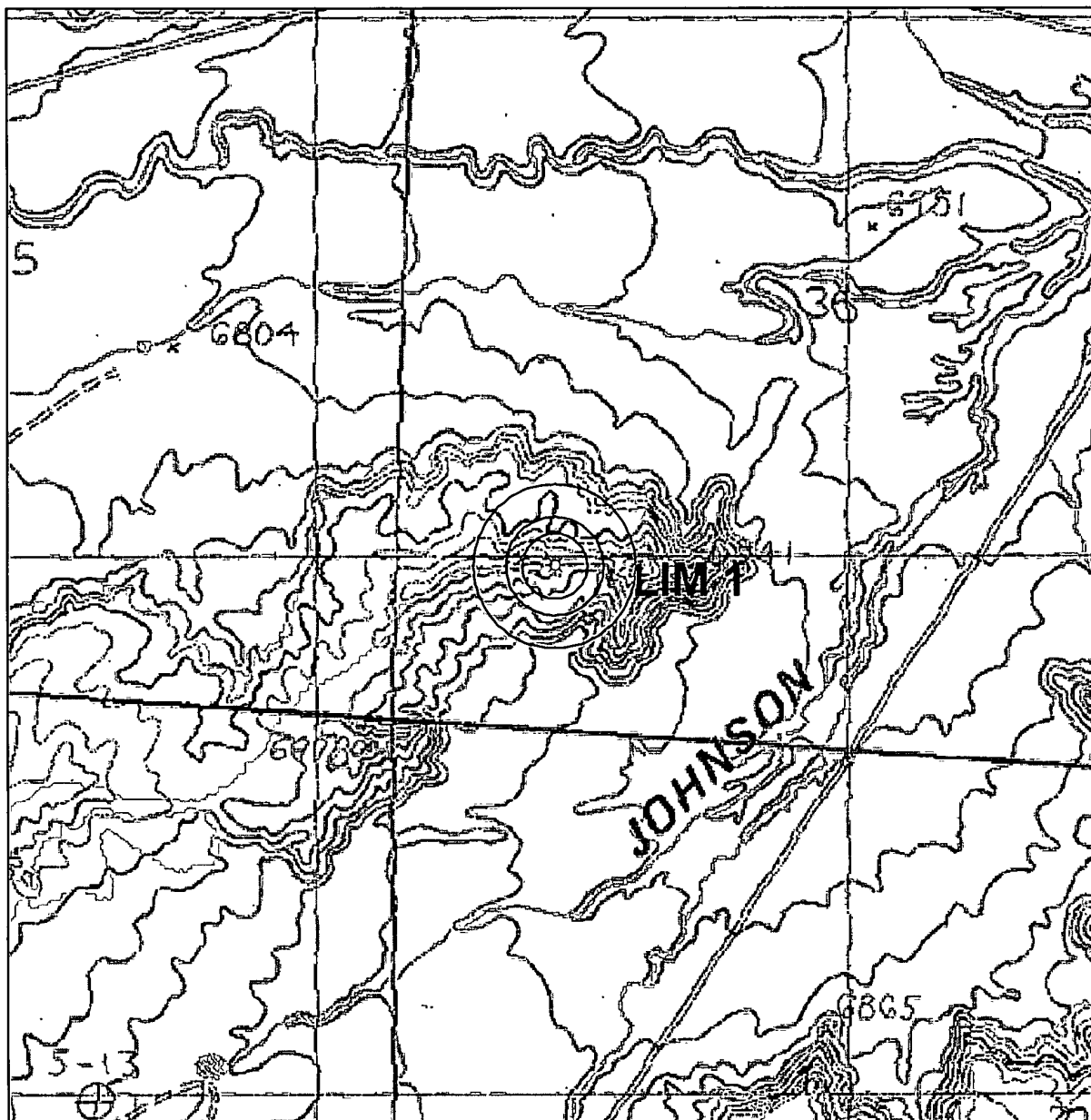
PANEL 900 OF 1325
(SEE MAP INDEX FOR PANELS NOT PRINTED)

PANEL LOCATION

COMMUNITY-PANEL NUMBER
350049 0900 B

EFFECTIVE DATE:
JANUARY 5, 1989

Federal Emergency Management Agency



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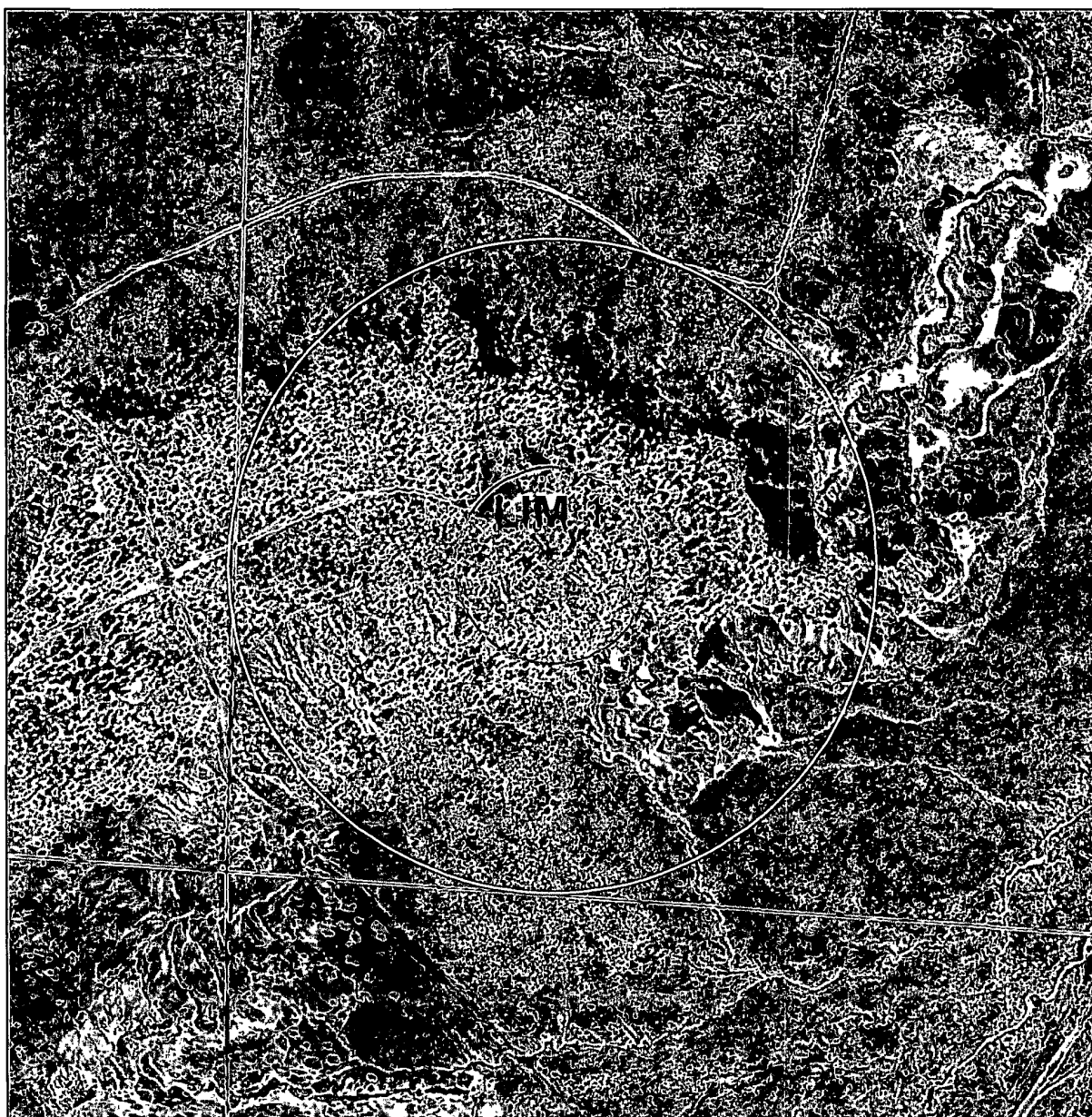
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Legend

-  McElvain Well & 200' Radius
-  McElvain Well & 300' Radius
-  McElvain Well & 500' Radius

Source: USGS 1:24,000 Scale
Topographic Map Series

San Juan Basin
New Mexico
Township 24N 7W
Section 36



1:6,000

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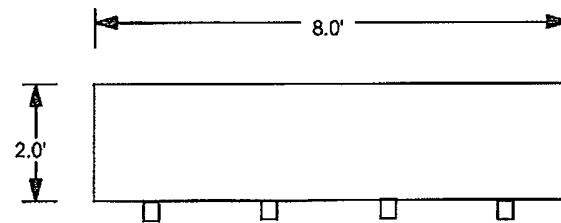
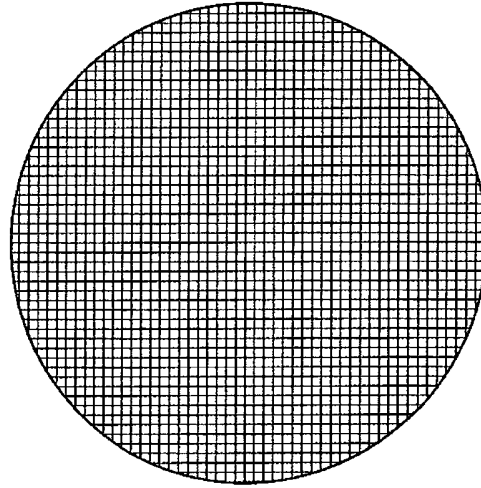
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McElvain Well & 300' Radius

McElvain Well & 1000' Radius

Aerial Source: NM Resource Geographic Information System
Program made available by the University of New Mexico
and the State of New Mexico 2005-2006 vintage Digital
Orthophoto Quarter-Quadrangles were derived from
the New Mexico Statewide Orthophotography Project.
Source imagery flown at 35,000' above average ground.

San Juan Basin
New Mexico
Township 24N 7W
Section 36



 <i>McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc</i>
8' X 2' 18 BBL Single wall Fiberglass Pit Tank on 4" sills with Wire Mesh cover
9-5-2008

Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations

The Lim #1 well is not located in an unstable area. The location is not over a mine and is not on the side of a hill. The location of the excavated pit material is not located within 300' of any continuously flowing watercourse or 200' from any other water course.

McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc.
San Juan Basin
Below Grade Tank Design and Construction

In accordance with Rule 19.15.17 NMAC the following describes the as-built construction of the Below Grade Tank on the McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc (MOG) Lim #1 well located in the SWSW of Sec 36, T24N, 7W.

As-built Installation:

1. The existing tank pit consists of an approximate 12 foot by 12 foot earth walled hole into which a 8 foot by 2 foot galvanized, single wall 18 bbl tank is installed.
2. The tank walls are open for visual inspection to identify the occurrence of leaks.
3. There is a wire mesh covering on the top of the below grade tank.
4. The tank pit is surrounded by a 30ft X 30ft X 2ft berm that is contained within a 50 ft X 140 ft berm that encloses the tank battery to prevent overflow or surface water run-on.
5. A general location sign is displayed on site.
6. The pit tank is fenced with 4 foot field fence.

McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc.
San Juan Basin
Below Grade Tank Maintenance and Operating Plan

In accordance with Rule 19.15.17 NMAC the following describes the below grade tank operation and maintenance plan for the McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc (MOG) on the Lim #1 well located in the SWSW of Sec 36, T24N, 7W.

General Plan:

1. MOG shall operate and maintain the below grade tank to contain liquids and solids and prevent contamination of fresh water to protect the public health and environment.
2. MOG shall not allow a below grade tank to overflow or allow surface water run-on to enter the below grade tank.
3. MOG shall continuously remove any visible or measurable layer of oil from the fluid surface of a below grade tank in an effort to prevent significant accumulation of oil over time.
4. MOG shall inspect the below grade tank monthly and maintain a written record of each inspection for five years.
5. MOG shall maintain adequate freeboard to prevent overtopping of the below grade tank.

McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc.
San Juan Basin
Closure Plan

In accordance with Rule 19.15.17.1 NMAC the following procedure describes the closure plan for the McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc (MOG) below grade tank on the Lim #1 well located in the SWSW of Sec 36, T24N, 7W.

Closure Requirements:

1. MOG shall close the below grade tank within the time periods provided in 19.15.17.13 NMAC or by an earlier date that the division requires because of imminent danger to fresh water, public health, or the environment.
2. MOG shall close an existing below grade tank that does not meet the requirements of Paragraph (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC or is not included in Paragraph (5) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC within five years after June 16, 2008 if not retrofitted to comply with Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC.
3. MOG shall close a permitted below grade tank within 60 days of cessation of the below ground tank's operation or as required by the transitional provisions of Subsection B of 19.15.17.17 NMAC in accordance with a closure plan that the appropriate division district office approves. The closure report will be filed on C-144.
4. All liquids will be removed from the temporary permit prior to closure and the liquids disposed of in a division approved facility.
5. MOG 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.
6. MOG will remove any on-site equipment associated with the below grade tank unless the equipment is required for some other purpose.
7. MOG shall test the soils beneath the below grade tank to determine whether a release has occurred. MOG shall collect a five point composite sample and individual grab samples from any area that is wet, discolored, or showing other evidence of a release. The 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 other EPA method that the division approves, does not exceed 50 mg/kg; the TPH concentration as determined by EPA method 418.1 or other EPA method that the division approves does not exceed 100 mg/kg; and the chloride concentration as determined by EPA

method 300.1 or other EPA method that the division approves does not exceed 250 mg/kg or the background concentration, whichever is greater. MOG shall notify the division of its results on form C-141.

8. If MOG or the division determines that a release has occurred, then MOG shall comply with 19.15.3.116 NMAC and 19.15.1.19 NMAC as appropriate.
9. If contamination is confirmed by field sampling. MOG will follow the Guidelines For Remediation Of Leaks, Spills, and Releases NMOCD August 1993 when remediating identified contaminants.
10. If the sampling program demonstrates that a release has not occurred or that any release does not exceed the concentrations specified in Paragraph (4) of Subsection E of 19.15.17.13 NMAC, then MOG shall backfill the excavation with compacted, non-waste containing, earthen material; construct a division-prescribed soil cover; re-contour, and re-vegetate the site.
11. Notice of closure will be given to the Aztec Division office between 72 hours and one week of closure via email or verbally. The notification of closure will include the following:
 - Operator's name
 - Location by Unit Letter, Section Township, and Range.
 - Well name and API number
12. All closure activities will include proper documentation and be available for review upon request and will be submitted to OCD within 60 days of closure of the blow grade tank. The closure report will be filed on C-144 and incorporate the following:
 - Details on capping and covering where applicable
 - Inspection reports
 - Sampling results
13. The site will be re-contoured to match the surrounding area. Natural drainages will be unimpeded and erosion control will be utilized where necessary.
14. MOG shall seed the disturbed areas the first growing season with a division approved seed mixture after pit closure. Seeding will be accomplished by drilling on the contour whenever possible or by other division approved methods. Repeat seeding or planting will be continued until successful vegetative growth occurs.
15. A minimum of four feet of cover shall be achieved and the cover shall include one foot of suitable material to establish vegetation at the site, or the thickness of the topsoil native to the area , whichever is greater.

16. The surface owner shall be notified of MOG's closing of the below grade tank as per the approved closure plan using certified mail with return receipt requested.

Hydrogeological Report For

Lim #1

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DIST. 3

Surface Formation:

Nacimiento Formation

Regional and Local Geology

The Tertiary Nacimiento Formation is a fluvial deposit of Paleocene age (Baltz, 1967). The Nacimiento is present at the surface in a wide swath inside the western margin of the basin from the Colorado-New Mexico state line to the south where the exposure area thins along the southern margin of the basin towards the town of Cuba, NM. From Cuba and north along the eastern margin of the basin, the Nacimiento is present at the surface as a very thin outcrop along the Nacimiento Uplift.

Much of the Nacimiento consists of shale, siltstone, and to a lesser extent limited fine- to medium-grained sandstone similar to the Cretaceous rocks of nearby regions and presumably derived by erosion from these rocks (Baltz, 1967). The Nacimiento is mainly composed of beds of clays and silts deposited in a low energy environment such as still or slowly moving water (Brimhall, 1973) or in lake-settings (Fassett, 1974). The Nacimiento's sandstone units were deposited in an environment of small, localized stream beds. Most of the sandstones extend only a few thousand feet. The Nacimiento is a non-resistant unit and typically erodes to low, rounded hills or forms badlands topography (Craig, 2001). The mudstones display popcorn weathering, characteristic of swelling clays. The slope-forming sediments are made up of poorly-consolidated sandstone, instead of shale as previously thought, possibly attributing a greater percentage of sand to the formation than previously considered (Stone et al., 1983).

The Nacimiento conformably overlies and intertongues with the Tertiary Ojo Alamo Formation in this area. Where buried, the contact of the Nacimiento with the overlying Tertiary San Jose Formation is an erosional and angular unconformity (Fassett, 1974).

Hydraulic Properties

Tertiary and Quaternary hydrologic properties, regional flow patterns and water quality do not vary significantly from unit to unit. Where pumping levels and drilling depths are economically feasible and where water quality is suitable, the San Jose, Nacimiento and Animas Formations are a source of water for public-supply, commercial, private-domestic and livestock use. Water in the San Jose, Nacimiento and Animas Formations occurs under both water table and artesian conditions. Recharge to the aquifers is from infiltration of precipitation and stream flow on outcrops, and from vertical upward leakage of water from underlying strata (Levings et al., 1990). Rates of such leakage, however, are very low except in areas of intense fracturing (Stone et al., 1983).

Nacimiento and Animas sandstone "aquifers" are neither generally continuous over large distances nor do they all crop out. They grade laterally into clays and silts (Brimhall, 1973). Transmissivity for the San Jose, Nacimiento and Animas Formations is minimal. A low yield (10 gallons per minute or less) can be expected for Nacimiento and Animas Formations. However, these formations may have relatively high transmissivities in areas of small extent (Stone et al., 1983). Reported or measured discharge from 79 water wells completed in the the San Jose, Nacimiento and/or Animas Formations ranges from 1-61 gallon per minute, median 6 gpm. The specific capacity of 12 of these 79 tests ranges from 0.03 to 2.30 gpm per foot of drawdown (Levings et al., 1990). The aquifers of Tertiary rocks yield water that is characteristically high in ions of sodium and sulfate. The removal of iron may be required (Stone et al., 1983).

Hydrology & Conclusion

A records search of the NM Office of the State Engineer iWaters database was conducted in a 4-township area centered on the section in which lies the Lim #1 well location, 27N 4W section 36. Four

wells with depth to water records were identified: 200', 400', 500', and 900'. Topography is responsible for great varying depths to water in this area. Two wells in 24N 7W were found with depth to water at 400' and 500'. Both wells were within 20'-80' of the valley floor in Crow Canyon, which lies at the base of Crow Mesa in the Escrito Field. One well in 23N 6W was located, approx. 40' above the base of Escrito Canyon, and measured a depth to water at 200'. The fourth well, in 23N 7W measured a depth to water at 900'. No water wells exist in section 36 24N 7W.

The Lim #1 well site lies on the floor of Johnson Canyon, another part of a large tributary system in this part of the San Juan Basin. Based on the other water wells in the area, all also on valley/canyon floors, depth to water in the Lim #1 is concluded to be no less than 200'.

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BGT Closure Sampling Required by NMOCD

Components	Method	Limit
Benzene	EPA SW-846 8021B or 8260B	0.2 mg/Kg
BTEX	EPA SW-846 8021B or 8260B	50 mg/Kg
TPH	EPA SW-846 418.1	100 mg/Kg
Chlorides	EPA 300.1	250 mg/Kg